

NEWS LETTER

October, 2023



October Upcoming Events

9 No School-Staff work day

16-20 Fall Spirit Week

17 Black out day

23 No School-Staff work day

23-31 Spirit Wear Sales

24 Dress to the 9s

24 End of 1st quarter

31 Super Hero Day

Message from the Director

Another month has passed and we are well underway with school. Students are settling into routines and procedures, instruction and learning is taking place, and I believe it is fair to say that everyone is enjoying the days at ACA! As we venture through the fall, we have many exciting things planned for our students and families. We were able to celebrate our first group of CRASH Value students a few weeks ago on September 22, National Rhino Day...how fitting!

Every 4 weeks we will set aside time to recognize our CRASH Value students who have shown consistent behavior representing one of our CRASH values during the designated time period. At the end of each quarter, will represent and highlight one value. This is for a student who has been an exceptional example of the value trait during the quarter. Our first quarter, we will recognize Christ-like behavior. Each day during morning meetings and during our chapel time, we intentionally teach and share the importance of our CRASH Values. Please be sure to talk with your students about how they are being an example of the CRASH Values and showing their love for others and love for Jesus.

We completed our first school field trip with PK-2nd grade. They had a great day at Back Home on the Farm. Our Activity Day group had a successful first trip to the Blue Ridge Tunnel and park. If you are looking for something fun during the Monday Professional Development Days, our next adventure will be to Staunton Bowling Lanes on October 23rd. We are thankful that you have chosen to share your child with us at ACA. Blessings for a safe and happy fall!

Vanessa Mundie



A Note from the Clinic

"Hello ACA family!

As we enter the beautiful season of fall and move into winter soon, I wanted to review some of our protocols for illness and when students can return to school.

Fever- students must be fever free for 24hrs without a fever reducer. A fever is a temperature of 100.4 or higher.

Vomiting/Diarrhea- students must be free from vomiting/diarrhea for 24hrs before returning to school.

Pink Eye- students must be on medicated eye drops for 24hrs before returning to school. If a student is seen by the doctor and is not diagnosed with pink eye, please have the doctor write a note stating the student is not contagious and may return to school. Pink eye causes the whites of the eyes to be pink or red in one or both eyes. There may be swelling or drainage. Matting can be seen after sleeping.

Strep Throat- students may return to school after being on an antibiotic for 12hrs and fever free for 24hrs. Symptoms of strep throat are sore throat, fever, and swollen tonsils. There will sometimes be white spots on the back of the throat.

Please keep children home if they aren't feeling well or have any of the above symptoms. This will help us minimize illness in the school.

Here's to a happy and healthy fall and winter season!

Mrs.Knicely"

Chapel

Chapel will be held each Wednesday beginning September 13th. We will have area pastors, youth leaders, and children's pastors leading our chapel time. Chapel will focus on our CRASH Values. All ACA students should wear the ACA school uniform on chapel days. There should be no jeans, leggings, or sweat-pants on chapel days.

Breakfast & Lunch

Students who choose to purchase breakfast or lunch at ACA will be charged at the end of each month. You should see charges on the account each week; however the full bill will not be submitted until the end of the month. There is a 15 day turnaround for all meals.

Breakfast-\$2.75

Lunch-\$3.50

Milk only-\$1.00

Extra Entree-\$1.50

Ice cream-\$1.00



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World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

"Our fall fundraiser kicked off on Tuesday, October 10th. Each student is asked to sell at least one box of chocolate. The chocolate bars are \$1 each and ACA will make a minimum of \$24 profit from each box sold. Our goal is to sell at least 100 boxes of chocolate. To encourage our students to help us reach our goal, prizes will be awarded for the following:

- ~1 box sold: voucher for school store (minimal value)
- ~2 boxes sold: voucher for school store, free ice cream
- ~3 boxes sold: \$5 school store voucher, free ice cream
- ~4 boxes sold: \$15 school store Voucher, free ice cream
- ~5 boxes sold: \$20 school store voucher; ice cream, free ACA spirit shirt
- ~Class with the most boxes sold receives a free pizza party



Welcome to the PAC -Parent Advisory Committee

We invite all parents/guardians to join us for our first Parent Advisory Committee Meeting on Monday, October 30th at 5 pm. Meetings will be held at the school. The mission of the Augusta Christian Academy Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is to provide an inclusive platform for the parent voice and involvement within the school. The organization is in place so that parents and guardians may advocate on behalf of all children, be informed in the development of ACA policies and practices, celebrate the accomplishments of staff and students, and promote and share information to our community regarding Augusta Christian Academy. The PAC is made up of volunteer parents who represent the interests of the school community and provide a valuable bridge between the school and the families it serves. Additional members of the group include administration and a teacher representative.



Why the Rhinos

ACA has chosen the Rhino to be the mascot of our school. At ACA, we want to be an unstoppable force within our community, sharing the love of Jesus. All who are in our CRASH will work to display notable character traits to help them be a successful student, making wise choices, and serving as a witness to their friends and community.

The "H" in Crash stands for Honor. Everyday, ACA Rhinos will strive to show Honor by: Treating everyone with fairness and kindness; being truthful, even when difficult; being a good representative of Jesus, yourself, your family, and your school.

The ACA School-wide behavior plan will focus on such behaviors that students and staff strive to achieve each day.



Show your SPIRIT! Spirit is coming October 16-20.

- Monday-Wacky Day
- Tuesday-Black Out
- Wednesday-Western Day
- Thursday-Decades Day
- Friday-Game Day