

CACS

hello DECEMBER

2025

MONTHLY EVENTS

Monday, Dec. 1No School
 Tuesday, Dec. 2Back to School
 Monday, Dec. 8SCRIP
 Tuesday, Dec. 9.....High School Reading Comp.
 Wednesday, Dec 10.....PTO Christmas Shoppe
 Thursday, Dec. 11Gardner's Candy Delivery
 Monday, Dec 15Christmas Concert
 Friday, Dec. 19SFU Rock Presentation
 Tuesday, Dec. 23.....2 hr. Early Dismissal
 Tuesday, Dec. 23.....Jeans Day
 Wednesday, Dec. 24 -Jan 2No School
 Monday, Jan. 5Back to School



Update – Clearfield bus riders there will be bus transportation on Tuesday, December 2nd. Clearfield School District will be in session that day.



Christmas Concert

Join us at **6:30 p.m.** on Monday, December 15 in the C&MA Church Sanctuary for the CACS Christmas Concert. Please invite extended family and friends to the concert.



COMMUNICATION

The 2025 PTO Auction is in the BOOKS! Thank you to all of the staff, students, and parents who participated in the PTO Auction. We are grateful for all of you who donated, secured donations, set-up, cooked, cleaned up, and filled in all the spots in between.

Gardner's Candy Sale... Thank you to all who sold candy for the Booster's Sale. Delivery Day is Thursday, December 11th. Money is due by Thursday, December 18th.

Christmas Early Dismissal... We will be dismissing students **2 hours early** on December 23, 2025. All students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Buses will be running.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 5 – SCRIP
 January 9 – Report Cards
 January 14 – Life Fast Forward (Gr. 8)
 January 19 – In Service – No School
 January 19 – Open House with Parent Meeting
 January 27 – Drum Tao Field Trip (Gr. 9-12)



BASKETBALL

Girls play at 5:30: Boys play at 7:00
(unless otherwise noted).

Dec. 5: Williamsport (Away)
 Dec. 8: Clymer (Home)
 Dec. 12: Centre (Away)
 Dec. 16: DuBois (Home)
 Dec. 18: Huntingdon (Away) Boys only

****Please note:** Students (6th grade and younger) must be supervised at all times during Home Basketball games. **There is to be no running or rough housing in the cafeteria, halls, or restrooms.****



A Journey through the Carols

A Christmas Concert

by the

Clearfield Alliance Christian School

Join us December 15 at 6:30 pm
at the Clearfield Alliance Church

Light refreshments to follow until 8 pm





Sounds of The Season

The CACS Christmas Concert,
showcasing KG through 12th grade, is **December**
15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Clearfield Alliance
Church Sanctuary.

- Students should dress nicely for their performance. Clothing should be dress code appropriate. (No jeans, no t-shirts, no hoodies, no hats. Dresses must be appropriate length, dress straps must follow CACS school policy and be a minimum of 2" wide, etc.)
- Students need to be at the Church by 6:15 p.m.
- Students must be in school the day of the concert. If they are absent the entire day or leave early due to illness, they may not participate in the concert.

PTO Christmas Shoppe



Dear Parents,

On **Wednesday, December 10th**, PTO is sponsoring a Christmas Gift Shoppe for all CACS students. This is a special opportunity for students to purchase Christmas gifts for family and friends. *This is not a fundraiser for PTO!* Items are purchased and sold at cost. Volunteers are needed to make this happen! We need volunteers to help shop with students (and manage the money they have to spend) and wrap gifts. We would appreciate any block of time that you can arrange in your schedule. Please complete and return the form below or scan the QR Code below to sign up.

Gifts range between \$.50 and \$5.00 each. Students will be allowed to purchase up to 5 gifts. **Please send your child's money in an envelope with their name on it and a list of people (and ages) to shop for so we can better assist your child.**

Wednesday, December 10th

Morning Shoppe	Afternoon Shoppe
8:00 – 8:40 – Grade 7	11:30 - 12:10 – Grade 8
8:40 - 9:30 – Grade 3	12:10-1:00 – Grades 1/2
9:30 - 10:10 – Grade 4	1:00-1:40 – Kindergarten
10:10 - 10:50 – Grades 5/6	1:40-2:20 – Grades 9-12



Please scan the QR Code or circle the times you are able to help and return this form by **Monday, December 8th**. Volunteers must have clearances on file. Sorry, we cannot accommodate younger siblings.

Thank you!

Print Name

Phone No.

Dear CACS Families,

We are making an important change to our tuition terminology. In the past, we have used the word **TUITION** to describe the amount families pay for their child's education at CACS. While we have worked hard over the years to keep costs as low as possible (and we will continue to do so), we have often shared that tuition does not cover the full cost of educating a student. It also does not provide the margin needed to make capital improvements or increase teacher salaries as we would like.

In reality, the cost to educate each child is higher than the tuition we charge—especially when accounting for pay-in-full discounts and family discounts. For this reason, we are shifting our terminology from **TUITION** to **EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)**.

Moving forward, this change will allow us to accurately reflect the true cost of educating a student without increasing what families pay. It also provides greater flexibility to explore a variety of revenue options and strengthens our ability to participate in the Pennsylvania Tax Credit Program (ETC) as well as other similar initiatives.

To help visualize this change, think of it like a car's sticker price. On our website, you will see documentation listing the **TOTAL COST TO EDUCATE** or full "sticker price" of a CACS education, along with the **EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION**—which is more in line with what you currently pay. Demonstrating the difference between these two amounts will allow us to qualify for additional funding opportunities from various sources.

We invite you to join us for an **Open House and Parent Meeting on Monday, January 19**, where we will discuss this change. More details will follow.

Please note: This change in terminology will not change the amount you pay (aside from small yearly increases) to send your student to CACS.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and mission.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?

The EFC is the amount that families are expected to contribute toward their child's education at CACS. It reflects what families actually pay, rather than the full cost of educating a student. Families will still be eligible for scholarships, which will be applied as awarded and will reduce the EFC accordingly.

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2. Does this mean my tuition is greatly increasing?

No. The change in terminology does not change the amount you pay. It simply clarifies the difference between what families contribute and the actual cost of education.

3. Why is CACS making this change now?

Using the term Expected Family Contribution (EFC) allows us to more accurately represent the actual cost of a CACS education. Clarifying actual cost helps position us to access additional funding sources, including expanded opportunities through the EITC program and other similar initiatives.

4. What is the Total Cost to Educate?

The Total Cost to Educate represents the full cost of educating a student at CACS, similar to a “sticker price.” This amount will be listed on our website for transparency. Families will continue to pay the Expected Family Contribution, not the Total Cost to Educate.

5. How does the EITC program benefit CACS?

The EITC program allows individuals and businesses to redirect their Pennsylvania state taxes to fund scholarships for students. The more accurately we represent our educational costs, the more effectively we can participate in this program and support our school community.

6. How do I know if I qualify to participate in the EITC program?

Individuals who pay at least \$3,500 in Pennsylvania state taxes and all businesses may be eligible. EITC participation allows you to receive a 90% state tax credit while directly supporting the CACS student body. If you are interested in learning more or know of a business that would like additional information, please contact the office—we are happy to assist you.

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Winter is just arriving, but the Clearfield Community Pool is already thinking about Summer 2026! Give your child or the entire family a great Christmas gift that will keep them entertained all summer. Through January 15, you can get 2026 memberships to the Community Pool at a significant discount off the regular preseason and in-season rates. Christmas Rates are:

Family*	\$160
Adult (19+)	\$80
Child (6-18)	\$70
Young Child (2-5)	\$35
Senior (62+)	\$55

*A family membership includes up to five (5) people all living in the same household, with a maximum of two (2) adults per family membership. Additional children living in the same household may be added to a membership at a cost of \$25 per child. The Clearfield Swimming Pool Association reserves the right to require proof that all persons listed on a family membership live in the same household. There is no charge for children under age 2.

All Christmas membership sales will be by U.S. Mail, so be sure to send in your application and payment so that we receive it before December 15. We will send your holiday gift certificate back to you before Christmas. In the spring, you can exchange your gift certificate for your membership card(s). Please complete the form on the back of this page and mail it to: Clearfield Swimming Pool Association, P.O. Box 686, Clearfield, PA 16830.

The pool is located on Polk Street, near the South Park neighborhood. It is a modern recreational facility, with a separate pool for children, a large dual waterslide and a diving board. For information throughout the year, like us at www.facebook.com/clearfieldpool.

After January 15, membership prices for summer, 2026, will be as follows:

	Rate Before Opening Day	Rate After Opening Day
Family**	\$195	\$215
Adult (Age 19 & over)	\$90	\$105
Student (Age 6 to 18)	\$80	\$95
Young Child (2 to 5)	\$45	\$55
Senior (age 62 & over)	\$65	\$75

**A family membership includes up to five (5) people ALL LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD, with a maximum of two (2) adults on the family membership. Additional children living in the same household may be added to a membership at a cost of \$30 per child before opening day, and \$35 after. The Clearfield Swimming Pool Association reserves the right to require proof that all persons listed on a family membership live in the same household. There is no charge for children under age 2.

The Clearfield Swimming Pool Association is a non-profit Corporation with 501(c)(3) charitable status and is overseen by an all-volunteer Board of Directors. All membership revenue are used entirely to operate and maintain the Clearfield Community Swimming Pool. The Clearfield Swimming Pool Association is a United Way Agency.