



IMPORTANT DATES

12/1: Tuition Due
12/21-1/4: WINTER BREAK
No School/No CAS

FAMILY FUN

Head to Delaware County for the famous Fantasy of Lights. Load your car with some cozy blankets, hot cocoa, and your favorite people! Enjoy this drive-through light show. For more information, click here: [Fantasy of Lights](#)

Looking for a Polar Express trip? Or maybe just a holiday-themed ride? Click here for information about Holiday train rides all across the state!
[Holiday Train Rides](#)

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ACTIVITIES & DEVELOPMENT

At CAS, we provide social emotional learning and development through play. Our activities offer opportunities to explore a variety of interests. Whether it's music, science, technology, drama, engineering, literacy, or math, CAS has you covered! Did you know *every* monthly calendar offers at least one activity in *all* these enrichment areas? There are also toys and games offered in each of these areas available daily as a free-play choice. We even offer physical activities multiple times throughout each day! Interacting with peers is crucial to a child's development, and CAS offers many opportunities for socializing! We promote an inclusive environment, prioritizing the health and safety of our children.

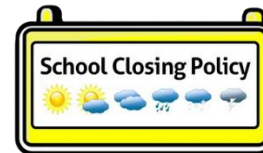


EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

We all know how unpredictable Ohio weather can be. We have to be prepared for school delays, closings, and early dismissals. Have you reviewed your family's plan with your child? CAS will close in these situations:

- If Worthington Schools are closed for the day, CAS is closed.
- If the start of school is delayed, the CAS before school program is closed.
- If elementary, middle, or high schools are dismissed early for an emergency, CAS is closed.

The policy on delays, dismissals, and closings is also available in your Parent Handbook.



If you have not yet completed a survey about your family's dismissal plan in the event of an emergency closing, please contact your Site Director to relay the information.



A SEASON OF GIVING

All CAS sites participate in community service projects throughout the year, and many choose to give during the month of December. Please be on the lookout for information about these special charities and how you can help, if you would like to. Additionally, some very special annual CAS traditions also happen this month! You might notice donation sheets at the parent table, to help provide candy for our Festival of Trees or Graham Cracker Cottages. If you're planning on donating to a local foodbank this season, check out page three of this newsletter for some helpful tips. We appreciate your generosity, and are proud to be part of such a supportive community!

FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS AT CAS, HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON





PROMOTING TOGETHERNESS: EXTENDED FAMILY FUN NIGHT

FAMILY MEMORIES

December is a time of year that can bring multiple generations together.

Growing healthy emotional bonds between generations helps children develop a sense of identity, continuity, and an understanding of their place in family history. Kids who regularly interact with older and younger generations enjoy the security of knowing they belong to an extended tribe who cares about them and each other. Below is a list of questions to ask while you're all gathered, or you can follow this link to create a more detailed family history book written by your own loved ones! [Personal Family History Book](#)

1. What is your first memory?
2. Who was/is your hero as a child?
3. What was/is your favorite thing to do as a child?
4. Who was/is your favorite teacher?
5. Who were/are some of your best friends?
6. What was your first job?
7. How did your parents meet?
8. Do you have any traditions for celebrating birthdays or holidays?
9. How did/do you celebrate New Year's Eve as a child?
10. What are 3 of your favorite songs?
11. Where is your favorite vacation spot?
12. Is there someplace you've never been, but always wanted to go?
13. Did you ever break a bone or get stitches?
14. Do you use any recipes that were passed down from older generations in your family?
15. What did/do you want to be when you grew/grow up?
16. What is the best advice you ever received?

What other questions would you like to add? Have fun sharing the history behind some of your favorite traditions!

DONATING TO A FOOD PANTRY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION GATHERED FROM THOSE IN NEED:

EVERYONE DONATES KRAFT MAC & CHEESE IN THE BOX. THEY CAN RARELY USE THIS BECAUSE IT NEEDS MILK AND BUTTER WHICH IS HARD TO GET FROM REGULAR FOOD BANKS.

BOXED MILK IS A TREASURE. KIDS NEED THIS FOR CEREAL, WHICH THEY ALSO GET A LOT OF.

EVERYONE DONATES PASTA SAUCE AND SPAGHETTI NOODLES.

THEY CANNOT EAT ALL THE AWESOME CANNED VEGGIES AND SOUP UNLESS YOU INCLUDE A CAN OPENER – OR BUY POP TOPS.

OIL IS A LUXURY, BUT IS NEEDED FOR RICE-A-RONI, WHICH THEY ALSO GET A LOT OF.

SPICES OR SALT & PEPPER WOULD BE A REAL CHRISTMAS GIFT.

TEA BAGS AND COFFEE MAKE THEM FEEL LIKE YOU CARE.

SUGAR AND FLOUR ARE REAL TREATS.

THEY FAWN OVER FRESH PRODUCE DONATED BY FARMERS AND GROCERY STORES.

THEY RARELY GET FRESH MEAT.

TUNA & CRACKERS MAKE A GOOD LUNCH.

HAMBURGER HELPER GOES NOWHERE WITHOUT GROUND BEEF.

THEY GET LOTS OF PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, BUT USUALLY NOT SANDWICH BREAD.

BUTTER OR MARGARINE IS NICE TOO.

EGGS ARE A REAL COMMODITY.

CAKE MIX AND FROSTING MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE A CHILD'S BIRTHDAY CAKE.

DISHWASHING DETERGENT IS VERY EXPENSIVE AND ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS ARE A LUXURY, AND WOMEN WILL CRY OVER THAT.

EVERYONE LOVES STOVETOP STUFFING