

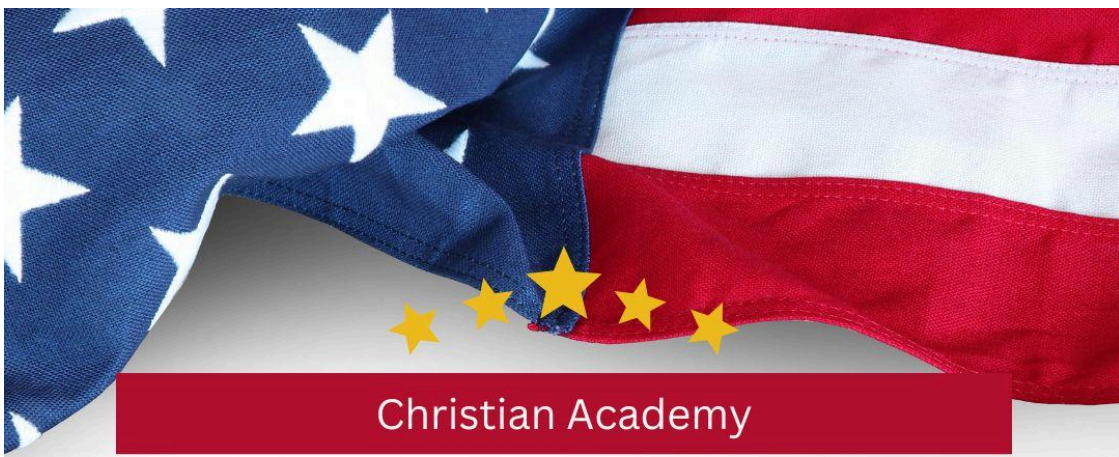


SAINTS WEEKLY

Christian Academy
News & Updates

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Volume 20

IMPORTANT UPDATES



In Observance of Martin Luther King Day

Friday, January 16th

Half Day for ALL

**(Pay attention to email with
early dismissal times)**

Monday & Tuesday

January 19th and 20th

School is CLOSED

Wednesday, January 21st

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL



*Parents in Prayer
is Back!*

Every Thursday at 7:50am

In the Prayer Garden

Come join us

Drop your prayer
request in the
Prayer Box,
located in the school's
foyer sitting area.



TUITION ASSISTANCE

IMPORTANT TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR



CA Tuition Assistance Applications are now
OPEN EXCLUSIVELY TO CURRENT FAMILIES
until April 15

(Applications open to new **and** current families starting April 16)

To qualify for CA tuition assistance, families
MUST FIRST APPLY FOR THE ESTF program
(South Carolina Education Scholarship Trust Fund)
ESTF APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED STARTING 1/15/26

See more details in the information below.
NOW IS THE TIME to fill out your ESTF
Application Online

Christian Academy Financial Assistance Timeline



COMPLETE THE SAINTS SUPPORT APPLICATION

Complete the Christian Academy application for Saints Support [here](#). Be sure to enable IRS integration for easier and faster processing.



FACTS WILL CALCULATE AWARD ELIGIBILITY

FACTS will calculate a recommended award for each family based on verified application and tax documents. That award percentage will be applied to the family portion of the tuition after ESTF has/has not been approved.



**APPLY
EARLY!**

TUITION PLAN FINALIZED/ADJUSTED

All tuition plans begin June 1st thus will need to be finalized by May 10th each year. If tuition assistance determinations are not available by that time they will be finalized without these discounts and adjusted after they become available.



1 COMPLETE ESTF APPLICATION

All families that apply for assistance from the school must first apply for the SC Department of Education ESTF Scholarships. See www.scschoolchoice.com for more info.



3 FAMILY MUST NOTIFY SCHOOL OF ESTF DECISION

All applicants for Saints Support must provide proof of submission of the ESTF application as well as written documentation of the eligibility decision to the school business office.



5 FAMILY NOTIFIED OF SAINTS SUPPORT AWARD AMOUNT

Families will receive email notification of the final Saints Support award amount. If you feel your application requires additional examination please submit a formal appeal letter to the business office. A meeting will be scheduled and additional documents may be required.

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Contact the Business Office with questions.
efritz@christianacademysaints.org

Scholarships are limited- don't miss this opportunity

Education Scholarship Trust Fund

2026-2027

\$7634 per child awarded for educational expenses

What is the Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF)?

- The Educational Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF) is a new scholarship for South Carolinians
- The scholarship gives parents more flexibility in providing their children with the education that is best for them.

What Students Are Eligible?

- Must be a South Carolina resident (K5-12th)
- Household income must meet program requirements: 500% of the federal poverty line (FPL) for 2026-2027
- Priority groups include: active military families in SC, 2025-2026 public school students & households at or below 300% FPL

Dates to Know:

NOV 1st: Renewal application opens for current students and new siblings

JAN 15th: Applications open for priority groups

FEB 9th: Applications open for all up to 500% FPL

Persons in Household	Household Income: 300% FPL 2026-2027 priority	Household Income: 500% FPL 2026-2027 eligible
1	\$46,950	\$78,250
2	\$63,450	\$105,750
3	\$79,950	\$133,250
4	\$96,450	\$160,750
5	\$112,950	\$188,250
6	\$129,450	\$215,750
7	\$145,950	\$243,250
8	\$162,450	\$270,750

What To Do Next

- Prepare supporting documents (proof of residency, proof of guardianship, proof of income)
- Visit www.scschoolchoice.com and sign up to receive ESTF updates and notification when applications are open.
- For more information, resources and direct help via email/phone, visit www.scschoolchoice.com
- Attend ESTF Info Meeting at Christian Academy- Tentatively December 1, 2025 8:30am and 5:30pm



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Financial Aid Links

Link to SC School Choice



Link to Saints Support
Application



Link to FACTS Applicant
Tutorial



Link to FACTS IRS
Integration Tutorial



LINK TO SC SCHOOL CHOICE

LINK TO SAINTS SUPPORT APPLICATION

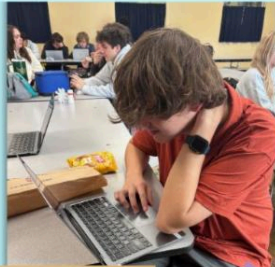
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LEARNING & GROWING



**WELCOME
BACK!**





ATHLETICS



Winter ATHLETICS



HOME GAMES BASKETBALL TRIPLEHEADER

MONDAY - JANUARY 12



@ 4:30PM

BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL RED

VS ST MICHAELS



@ APPROX 6:00PM

VARSITY GIRLS

VS COASTAL HIGH



@ APPROX 7:30PM

JV BOYS

VS COASTAL HIGH





HOME GAMES BASKETBALL

THURSDAY - JANUARY 15



@ 5:00PM

JV BOYS

VS GREEN SEA FLOYDS



@ APPROX 6:30PM

VARSITY GIRLS

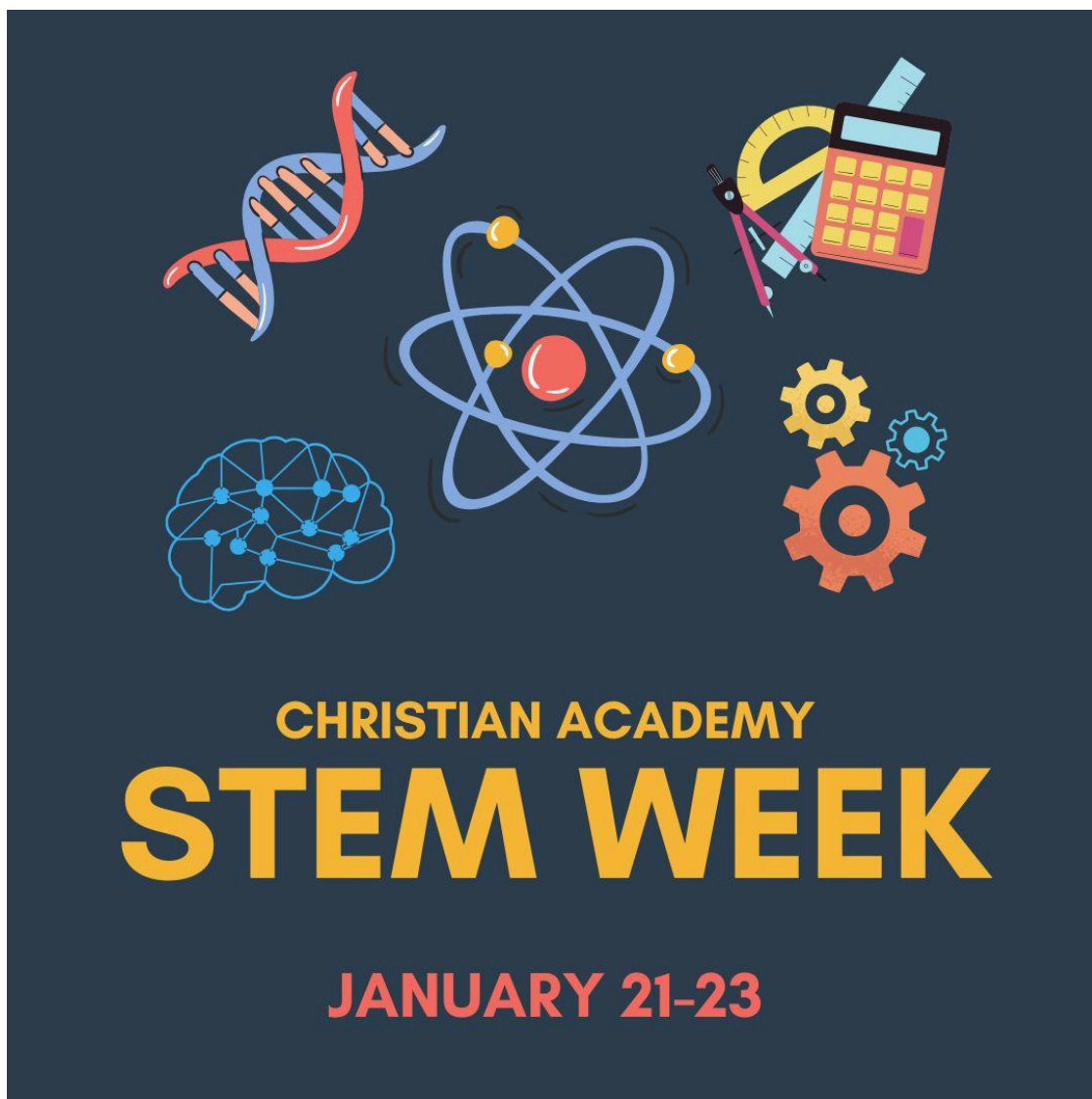
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PAVILION PROGRESS

The Saints Pavilion, being built as a part of our tennis complex, is well underway and expected to be completed by the spring tennis season. The structure will serve hundreds of other students and parents as a gathering place and shelter for school events and daily activities.

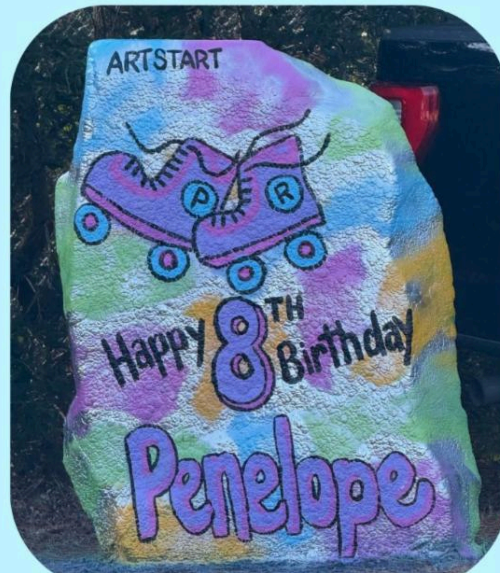
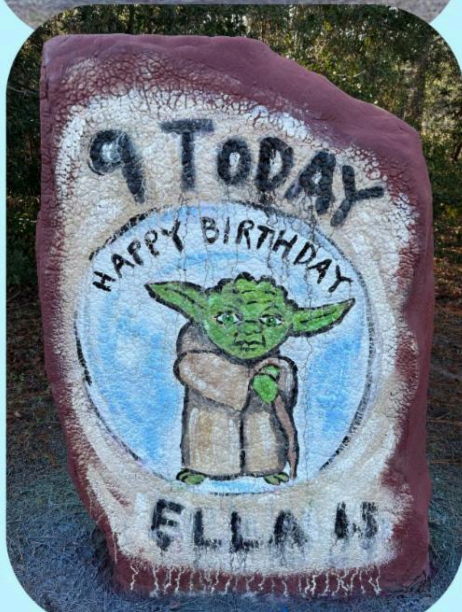
ALL ABOUT STEM



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ROCK!



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CALENDAR

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



WED JAN 14 - Report Cards Sent Home
THU JAN 15 - Upper School Advisory Groups
FRI JAN 16 - **HALF DAY ALL STUDENTS**
JAN 19 & 20 - **NO SCHOOL**, MLK DAY BREAK
JAN 21 - STUDENTS RETURN
JAN 21-23 - STEM Week

FINANCIAL INSIGHTS



SC 529 SAVINGS PLAN UPDATES

ARE YOU AWARE OF THESE RECENT CHANGES to the 529 College Savings Accounts as a result of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act in July 2025? These changes have significantly broadened how these funds can be used.

- Expanded K-12 education expenses beyond tuition, including online learning tools, tutoring, standardized test fees (SAT, ACT, AP exams), and certain educational therapies.
- Postsecondary non-degree credential programs are now eligible. This includes vocational and skilled trades such as plumbing, HVAC, cosmetology, and more.
- Professional licensure and continuing education expenses may now qualify. This could include exam fees, study materials, and CE costs for professions such as CPA, CFP®, JD, real estate, teaching, and medical licensing. This is a meaningful change and well worth exploring.

- Rollover opportunities from a 529 to a Roth IRA. While this provision originated under SECURE 2.0, it's worth revisiting. Under current rules, unused 529 funds may be rolled into a Roth IRA in the beneficiary's name, subject to certain conditions:
 - Lifetime rollover limit of \$35,000
 - The 529 must have been open for at least 15 years
 - Annual rollovers are limited by Roth IRA contribution caps in effect at the time (currently \$7,000 for a 25-year-old, for example)

NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE 529 PLAN?



A 529 plan is a tax-advantaged, state-sponsored savings plan designed to help families save for future education expenses, offering **tax-deferred growth and tax-free withdrawals** for qualified costs like tuition, books, computers, and even K-12 expenses.

Visit futurescholar.com to learn more



Christian Academy of Myrtle Beach
Advancement Office

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Ideal Graduate Profile

A Christian Academy graduate is knowledgeable in the use of technology exhibiting superior skills in its applications.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE SAINTS WEEKLY (GRANDPARENTS, RELATIVES)?

Just send us their name and email address and we'll be
delighted to add them!

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