

September 2025

The Charger

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Hello Charger Families,

The school year is underway, and we already have some great things happening at CAC! I'm truly enjoying getting to know our students, staff, and community. It's a lot of names to remember at once, but I'm making progress!

A Strong Start: Attendance and Participation

- **Attendance:** Ensuring every student is present and engaged is one of my top priorities this year. We know that consistent attendance is a key factor in academic success. Every day in the classroom counts, and being at school ensures your child doesn't miss out on important lessons and connections. CAC staff is here to support your family if you are facing any barriers to getting your student to school. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us; early communication is key to solving attendance issues.
- **Extracurriculars:** I'm also incredibly excited about our extracurriculars. It's wonderful to see so many of our students involved in clubs, sports, music, and other activities. Our seventh graders have shown amazing participation, with only five students not yet involved in an activity—we're working to get them connected soon! In eighth grade, nearly 90% of students are participating, which is an outstanding number. These activities are a vital part of the middle school experience, helping students build friendships, learn new skills, and feel a strong sense of community.

Important Information and Communication

Please remember to take care of a few important start-of-the-year items:

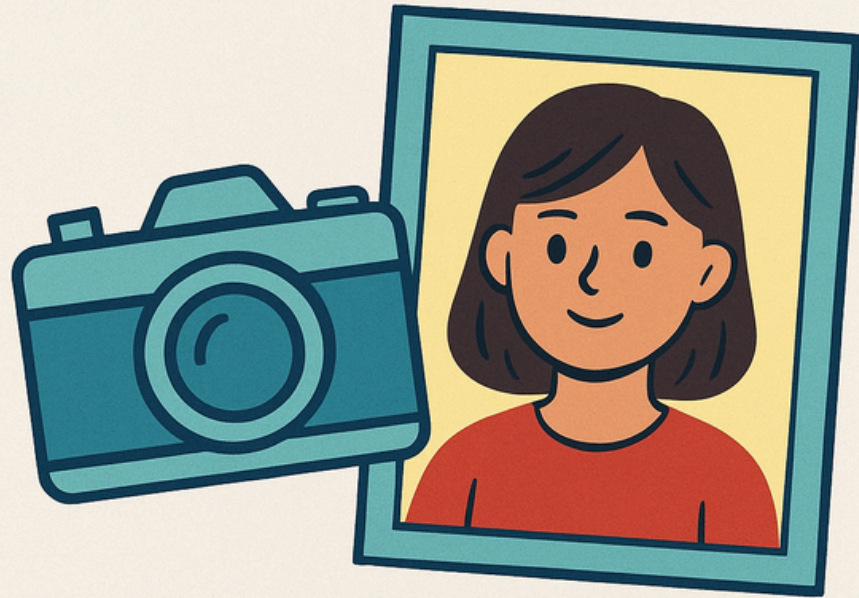
- **School Fees:** A friendly reminder to pay any outstanding school fees.
- **Picture Day:** Mark your calendars! School picture day is September 5th.
- **Upcoming Events:** Be sure to check the sports and activities page on our website for a complete schedule of upcoming games and contests this month.

Communication is key to a successful school year, and I am committed to keeping you informed. You can expect to hear from me through our monthly newsletters, regular Facebook posts, and timely SchoolMessenger reminders.

Welcome back, and I look forward to seeing you all at CAC events throughout the year.

Mike Maloun

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY



**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 5**



September 19th all schools will dismiss at 12:00. The high school homecoming parade will step off in Scranton at 1:00 pm. There will be a wide variety of Family Friendly activities at the HS starting at 3:30 after the parade. Please come and enjoy the fun of Homecoming.

Nursing News ...



Welcome to our new nurse, Mrs. Lang. Mrs Lang comes to us from LMH Where she has been working in the wound clinic. She has worked across many areas of healthcare including pediatrics. We are excited to have her joining us. Her first day on the job will be Sept. 8th. Big thank you to Mrs. Kesl, our district nurse, for working to make sure our student's nursing needs are being met here at CAC until the 8th.

Interventions Update

Kaytee Deines

Welcome back, Chargers! My name is Mrs. Deines and I am the 4th-8th grade math and reading interventionist. I, along with my team of academic coaches, support our teachers in strengthening all students' math and reading skills. 4th and 5th grade students receive specialized lessons in math and reading both in and out of the classroom twice a day. 6th-8th grade students are focusing on literacy skills this year with a new class called lit lab. All students in grades 6-8 have been sorted based on FastBridge data and diagnostic screeners into four groups to receive specialized literacy lessons. These lessons range from fluency, comprehension, phonics, and novel studies. This is a slight change from last year where only some students were able to receive these lessons, and allows students to not be pulled from an elective. In the upcoming weeks we will be taking our Fall FastBridge assessments and regroup all students based on skill needs. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

StuCo and KAY News

by Tiffany Burget and Preston Fordham

At the end of last school year, KAY applied for the Be The Spark Grant. SFTJH was awarded funds that were used to purchase a GaGa Ball pit, as well as a vending machine. In partnership with StuCo, the vending machine profits are used to give extra funds back to each grade level.

Last year, KAY raised \$500 for wounded veterans. This fundraiser will occur again this year, starting in the middle of September. Please keep an eye out for newsletters and social media posts with additional information when the time comes.



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Important: Student Count Day – September 22, 2025

You may hear us talking about Student Count Day – but what does that mean?

☞ Count Day is the day the state looks at our student attendance to determine school funding for the entire year. The number of students present directly impacts how much support and resources our district receives.

✔ What Families Need to Know:

Count Day is Monday, September 22, 2025.

To help us maximize funding, please make every effort to send your child to school on:

Friday, Sept. 19

Monday, Sept. 22 (Count Day)

Tuesday, Sept. 23

If a student is absent on Count Day, they can still be counted if they:

Attend school at least once before and once after Sept. 22.

💙 Why This Matters

More students present = more funding for our school. That means more resources, programs, and opportunities for your child.

August 2025 | by Kara Holbert

CHOIR & MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first semester of the 2025-2026 school year is in full swing, and we are so excited to get our music and choir programs started! Syllabuses for grades 6-8 were sent home last week with your student and they include all the information you'll need for the year, including important concert and performance dates.

Please review the syllabus with your student and feel free to reach out to Mrs. Holbert by email at any time with questions. We can't wait to make some amazing music this year!





Notes from the Band Room



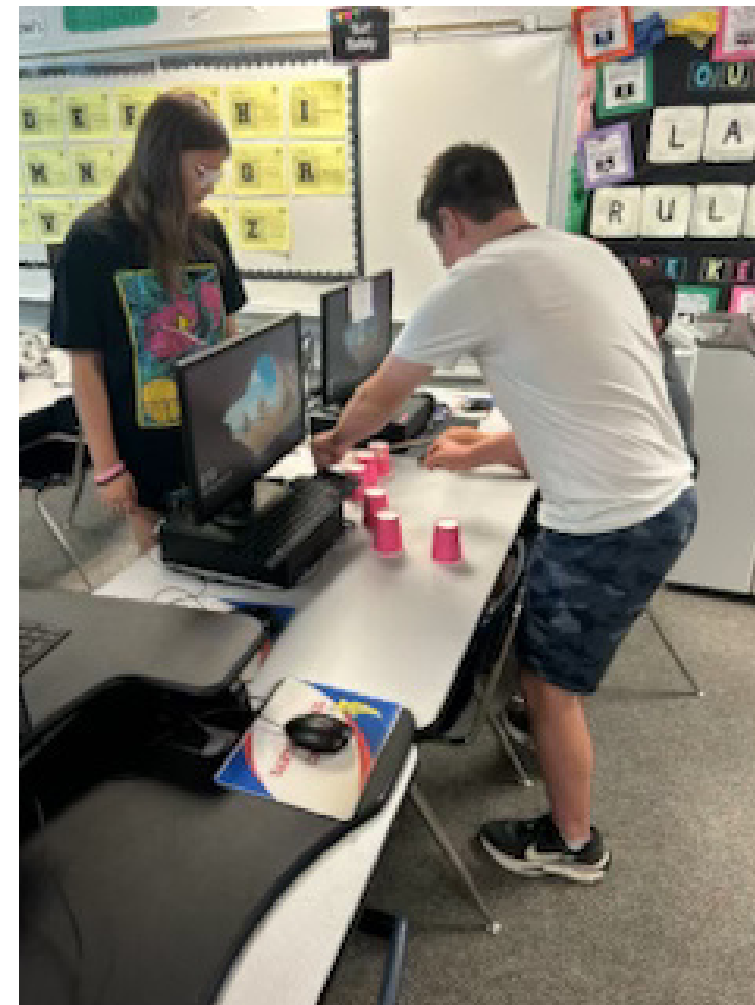
The band is off to a wonderful start this year! We are diving right back in with our playing, and have also made time to do some team building activities! We will be starting some of our concert music and first playing test within these next couple of weeks!



Technology Classes

September

Technology classes for grades 4-8 started off the school year with some team building activities and all about me. The students have started their typing lessons twice a week along with basic review of google docs based on their grade and skill level.



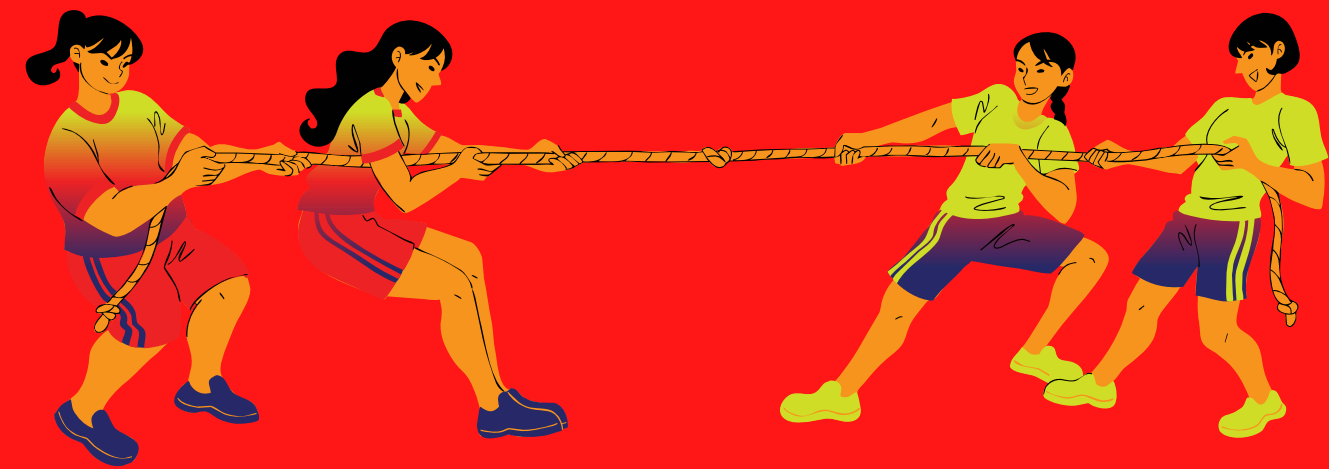


PE & WEIGHTS



The P.E./Weight Room is off and running this year. Returning teachers Garrett Staten (3rd year) and Jayson Duncan (27th year) are back at CAC teaching and co-teaching classes.

Look for fall volleyball, and football units in the gym, along with introductions to technique, lifting form, and safety in the weight room.





MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE

The start of a new school year is a time of both excitement and adjustment for students. The shift from summer freedom to a structured school routine can be challenging for both students and parents/guardians. Here are a few tips to help make the transition easier.

- **Re-establish Routines:** Getting your child used to a consistent schedule—including bedtimes and morning routines—is a great way to ease them into the new school year.
- **Create a "Launchpad" for the Morning:** Designate a specific spot near the door where your child can place their backpack, lunchbox, and any other items they need for the next day. This simple habit can prevent morning chaos and forgotten homework.
- **Talk About Their Worries:** Encourage your child to share any worries or fears they might have about school. You can talk about what they're most excited about, too!
- **Encourage Independence:** As your child gets older, empower them to take more responsibility for their schoolwork and morning routines. This can build confidence and prepare them for the increasing demands of middle school and beyond.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

AUG 2025

Fall Sports are underway! Football, Volleyball and Cross Country got a chance to showcase their teams at the Fall Sports Kickoff on August 29. Volleyball will begin their season on September 2nd vs Jefferson West. The first competition for Football and Cross Country will be September 4th with Football hosting Wellsville, and Cross Country running at Anderson County. Volleyball has 20 7th graders, and 13 8th graders this season. Football has 17 7th graders and 16 8th graders. Cross Country has 4 in each grade level. Our 7th grade participation numbers are outstanding even early on. 58 out of 63 7th grade students, 92%, are involved in either a fall sport, cheer, band or choir!

By: Austin Hershberger

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Lyric Roberts, 7th

Weights &
Mr. Duncan

My Teachers

Football

Chiefs & K-State

Tackling someone
from my knees

Chicken Wings & Chili's

The Nuggets are
good



Bella Brown, 8th

Favorite
Class/Teacher

Role Model

Favorite Sport

Favorite Team

Favorite Sports
Memory

Favorite
Food/Restaunt

Hot Take

Social Studies &
Mr. Fordham

Harper Murray

Volleyball

KU

Winning 7th Grade
League Volleyball

Mexican Food &
Raising Canes

Black Nike socks are
better than white
Nike socks

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 4 - JH Football vs Wellsville @ HS 4p

Sep 4 - Cross Country @ AC (Garnett CC) 3:15p

Sep 8 - JH Volleyball vs Prairie View @ HS 4p

Sep 9 - JH Volleyball @ Baldwin (BHS) 4p

Sep 11 - JH Football @ Anderson County 4p

Sep 11 - Cross Country @ Holton (Banner Creek) 4p

Sep 15 - JH Volleyball vs AC @ HS 4p

Sep 18 - JH Football vs Osawatomie @ HS 4p

Sep 18 - Cross Country @ Wellsville 4p

Sep 18 - JH Volleyball @ Osawatomie 4p

Sep 20 - JH Volleyball Tournament @ Perry-
Lecompton 8a

Sep 22 - JH Volleyball @ Burlington 4p

Sep 23 - JH Volleyball vs West Franklin 4p

Sep 23 - Cross Country @ Royal Valley 4p

Sep 25 - JH Football @ Iola 4p

