



GOODBYE GRADES, HELLO SHADES



The Joke Spot

By Sam Stephens

Why did the spring breakers miss their flight?

They had no spring in their step.

What spring break destination allows you to bring pet birds?

The Canary Islands.

What traveled around the world over spring break but stayed in one place?

A stamp.

Why do bees stay in their hives during spring break?

They're too busy planning their next trip!

Where is the funniest place to visit during spring break?

The mountains because they're hilly-areas.

What do fishermen play with their kids during spring break?

Go fish!

The KCA students favorite things to do over the summer

By Lucas Giacchi

- Play sports
- Swim for fun
- Tanning
- Sleeping in
- Summer jobs
- Play outside
- Camping
- Taking trips
- Glamping/ traveling for food
- Celebrating things
- Gardening
- Relax
- Competitive swim
- Hanging out with friends
- Spending time with family and friends
- Going four wheeling
- Playing video games
- Sewing
- Reading

Where Academics & Faith Unite

EVENTS

Spring Concert

by Lucas Giacchi



The Spring Concert was Thursday May 2, 2024. This concert took place at the Callaway Christian Church. Preschool students opened the concert with fun songs and danced to the music. The K-8th students sang hymns like “He lives” and “I’ll fly away”. At the end of the concert Mrs. Stephens handed out The Missouri Glory awards to the following recipients. These awards are voted on by teachers. The virtue of Knowledge went to Jemimah Osebreh, Liberty went to Kyle Davidson, Equality went to Kayleigh Miller, Law went to Lucas Giacchi, Justice went to Caylin Hughey, Fraternity went to Isabella Cason, Education went to the recipient Eli Hutchison, Progress went to Jaxton Allen, Honor goes to Audery Garcia, Truth was given to Tessa Howard, Virtue went to Ellie Miller, Temperance went to Elijah Huff, Enterprise was awarded to Mackinze Brewer, and last but not least Charity was given to Gabriel Johnson. That was a short recap of the amazing Spring Concert at KCA this year.

Tacos & Trivia Night

by Ellie Miller



KCA had a Trivia Night on April 12, 2024. They served, you guessed it, tacos and chips and salsa to all of the guests. Everyone played 8 rounds of trivia, each having its own theme such as “KCA History” or “Arts and Literature”. People worked together with their table to figure out the answers. In between rounds, the student council hosted minute-to-win-it games in which the tables could score extra points. Student council also sold treats and served drinks. After the 8th round, the scores were tallied up and the winning table was announced.

4th Quarter Spirit Days

By Caylin Hughey

The spirit days for the 4th Quarter were “Sports Day” and “Signature Day.” For “Sports Day” students wore sports gear of their favorite sports team or favorite player, a team that they play for, or just any type of sport gear. Then for “Signature Day,” students brought anything that they wanted for other students to sign like paper, water bottles, shirts, and sports balls.

SPORTS

Track

By Tessa Howard

Once again, KCA has joined St. Peter's sports team. The KCA and St. Peter track athletes have become one! Coaches are: Chelsey Flynn, Beth Snyder, and Jason Snyder.

KCA athletes are Izzy Cason, Tessa Howard, Sam Stephens, Ainsley Reinhard, Amelia Schnyder, Clara Russel, Libby Cox, and Grayson Howard. We have two teams, a 7th and 8th grade team, and a 5th grade team. Sadly, we are having a shorter season than most schools because our season started late.

The 7th/8th grade team has competed in four meets so far, and 5th grade has competed in 5. Both teams have 1 more meet to go, the championship. Championships are at Helias in Jefferson City, and are a combined 5th-8th grade meet. Overall, our track team has worked very hard and had much improvement.

KCA School Board

Tiffany Cox - President

Mike Huff - Vice President

Jesse Hutchison - Secretary

Jennifer Johnson - Treasurer

Anthony Stephens

The KCA School Board is still in search of 1-2 members to help lead our school

Upcoming Events

8th Grade Graduation

Saturday, May 18th at 2 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 28th @ 6:30 p.m.

Events Committee Meeting

Friday, May 31st @ 5:30 p.m.

Veteran's Park



OPINION PIECE

Pros of Having a Four-day School Week

By Owen Wilburn

I will be talking about some of the pros to having a four day school week.

I believe that a four-day school week is a very good way to keep the minds of the students fresh. It gives students a chance to unwind at the end or beginning of the week to be prepared for the next school week. I, as a student, appreciate the four-day school week schedule and I believe many others do too.

Another pro is that it gives teachers more time to make lesson plans for the students, which gives the teachers a better opportunity to teach better lessons for the students. It also gives students more time for their studying activities. It is a very good way for the students to get to know the material that they are learning better and be more equipped with it.

In conclusion I believe that the four-day school week is better than the average five-day school week.

The Downside of a Four-day School Week

By Caylin Hughey

A four-day school week might sound fun, but overall, it definitely has some drawbacks.

The first is the school day, because we don't have school on Fridays, making our days an extra hour longer than other schools. Other schools' days are usually done by 2:30-3:15 p.m. Our school day is done at 4:00 p.m. When our school day ends at 4:00 p.m., we sometimes don't have time to do things we want to, or, for example, on Wednesdays we usually leave school and get home around 4:15-4:30 p.m., leave for youth group around 6:00-6:30 p.m., and get back home around 8:00-8:30 p.m. That doesn't really leave a whole lot of time to do homework, take a shower, spend time with family and friends, and just relax.

The second is how we have different school schedules than other schools. For example, we may wake up on our day off and not have anyone to talk to because everyone else is still in school. So instead of waking up and Facetiming friends, or hanging out with them in person, or just having someone to talk to, you just wake up and be lonely or bored the whole day until your friends get out of school around 3 o'clock.

The third is the school week not being on the same schedule as the typical work week. Having a different schedule from the work week means it is a little bit more difficult to get to school. Your parents may start work before you leave for school. That means that you might have to get a ride with someone else that goes to your school. That also could mean additional costs because usually you offer to pay the people gas money that take your kids to school.

Even though with a four-day week you still get an extra day off each week. There are things that still make it challenging the rest of the week.

THE TODAY SAINT

8th Grade Graduation Highlight

The 2023-2024 school year is coming to an end, and this is the final year at KCA for our 8th grade class. The Newsletter class has interviewed each of the 8th graders and asked them some questions: favorite memories at KCA, advice, high school, etc. Here's what they have to say.



Jemimah Osebreh has been at KCA for 2 years. Her first and favorite memory was getting to meet all of the students and teachers and making new friends. Jemimah's favorite field trip here was when her 8th grade class took a trip to the Planetarium. Her advice for the incoming 8th grade class; Stay focused and do your work. Always try your best in school. KCA has prepared her for high school by giving her a good education. She is going to LPA for her high school years.

Kayleigh Miller has attended KCA for nine whole years. Her favorite memory from KCA is when Eli Hutchison almost got stung by a wasp in 5th grade. Her favorite field trip that she has attended was their field trip to the planetarium in 8th grade. The first memory that she ever had from here was meeting all of her friends and playing hide and seek at recess. She says that KCA has prepared her for highschool by teaching her things ahead of time that you would first learn when you get to highschool. She says that she is going to do K12 Online School at home. And lastly, her advice for the incoming 8th graders would be: "Always turn in your homework and smell the milk before you drink it."



MacKinzie Brewer has been at KCA for three years. Her favorite memory is when Kayleigh Miller put a hole in the wall. A favorite field trip she recalled is when her class went to the capitol. Her first memory is the Easter party. She says that we'll have to see if KCA has prepared her for high school. MacKinzie is going to Fulton High School.

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Gabe Johnson has been at KCA for 9 years. Gabe's favorite memory was when he brought a snake to school for a pet day. Gabe said spiritually KCA has prepared him a lot for high school. His first memory at KCA was on his first day of school when he sat on a rug and sang a song. After KCA, Gabe will attend Heritage Academy or do home school. His favorite field trip was going to the Missouri State Capitol in 5th grade. Gabe's words of advice for the incoming 8th grade class is to make sure you study and know what you're talking about. Even if it's boring, pretend you are listening and studying a lot.



Kyle Davison has been at KCA for 7 years. Kyle's favorite memory was when Eli brought a lot of candy to a field trip and went to the capitol. Spiritually KCA has prepared him for high school, but was unable to pinpoint other ways he felt prepared. His first memory was being late for school on his first day, and arriving at school during lunch. At this time Kyle does not know where he will attend high school. Going to the capitol is his favorite field trip while at KCA. Words of advice from Kyle, "Do your homework no matter what and use the time you have to get it done."

Jaxton Allen has been attending KCA for two years now, his favorite memory is meeting everyone at school, his favorite field trip was going to the planetarium in 8th grade, and his first memory was studying for a spelling test in 7th grade. One thing he learned is no nonsense. He will be attending Fulton High School, and advises the future class to get all of their work done on time.



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Izzy Cason been here for 12 years! Izzy's favorite memory came with a funny story from 5th grade with Mrs. Crawford. She said that Mrs. Crawford gave them classwork, and suddenly Eli got up and started stomping on his chair. Everyone thought that he was mad about the homework, but he was actually killing a wasp. When asked where she will attend High school, "Fulton High School baby!" Izzy says that she's been prepared to stand firm in her faith no matter what, and she's very academically prepared. Izzy's first memory went like this. "In preschool, Elijah and I were sitting on a bench outside with big balloons. Mine flew away, and Elijah had no reaction." Her favorite field trip was in Fourth grade when her class and Mrs. Leisinger went to Mrs. Leisinger's house, saw her little old church, went to a restaurant, and drove past the power plant just to snap a picture from what seemed like a mile away! Advice for the incoming 8th grade class, "DON'T LET YOUR HOMEWORK BUILD UP!" She has learned from experience that it is not fun doing homework at 11:00 the night before it's due.



Elijah Huff has been at KCA for eight years. Elijah's favorite memory is at one of the basketball games Eli shot a buzzer beater. His favorite field trip is the Alpaku Farm field trip. His first memory at KCA is faking sleeping. Elijah Huff doesn't know if KCA has prepared him for high school, I guess time will tell. Elijah Huff is going to Fulton High School. One thing Elijah Huff wants you to know is that in 8th grade you'll need to remember the formulas in Math.

Eli Hutchinson has been going to KCA for 11 years. Eli says his favorite memory at KCA was when a wasp fell on his chair in class in 5th grade. When he went to stomp on it his class thought he was stomping because he was mad about the assignment but he was stomping on the wasp. Eli says that KCA has given him a good strong head start in school. His first memory at KCA was taking naps in kindergarten with his class. He says that he is going to South Callaway for high school to participate in their sports. Eli's favorite field trip at KCA was when he went to his 4th grade teacher's house. A word of advice from Eli is that he says that you shouldn't rip up Mrs. Campbell's math books so keep them in their protective cases or else she will get mad at you.



Principal's Wrap Up

It's that time of year again, where we say goodbye to school books and homework and say hello to sunshine and swimming pools. Over the last two years we've seen various changes within the leadership, location, and faculty of KCA. We've seen the beginning of our forever home taking shape on our property and experienced the gift of being located inside of Callaway Christian Church. Every season brings change in one way or another. With summer we experience more hours of sunlight and warmer weather. With winter we experience the unpredictability of weather and spend much of our time indoors. Like the changes from summer to winter, each school year brings new joys and new challenges.

This year we experienced the sadness of losing families that have been at KCA for years and also experienced the joy of welcoming new families to KCA. This year we will send off our 8th grade class to experience a new season in their own lives. In the fall we will welcome a brand new class of Kindergartners to walk alongside through their educational journey. We look forward to walking with and watching both our past and upcoming students bloom and grow into the leaders, educators, service members, and Christ-followers they are intended to be.

So, enjoy the season you are in, whether that is summer or winter, in school or between grades, continuing on or beginning something new, find the joy!

In Christ,
Naomi Stephens

