



Important Dates in November

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8 Discipleship Habits

Image Reflecting

Living like Christ

God Worshipping

Honoring God daily

Order Discovering

Seeking God's order

Idolatry Discerning

Guarding against idols

Servant Working

Working with love

Community Building

Creating Christlike community

Beauty Creating

Making beauty for God's glory

Creation Enjoying

Rejoicing in God's creation

Look for these TtT habits throughout the Falcon Flier.

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Thinking Biblically Living Out Discipleship Daily:

At Park Christian, discipleship isn't just taught — it's lived. This year, we've been celebrating how students reflect God's story through authentic relationships and Christ-centered habits. Our eight Discipleship Habits help students connect their personal callings to God's greater story.

Elementary: Instant Encouragement, Lasting Impact

In our elementary classrooms, teachers and staff recognize students in the moment for living out discipleship habits — **Servant Working** (showing kindness), **Beauty Creating** (creating beauty), or **Community Building** (offering forgiveness).

Students receive a Discipleship Habits Sticker as a way of saying, "We see you living like Jesus." When a row is full of stickers earning a "bingo," they celebrate with pizza.

"It feels genuine — a natural and powerful way to affirm students as they live out God's story," shared one teacher.

This simple act helps students connect everyday actions to their faith in real, tangible ways.

Junior High & High School:

In grades 7–12, teachers nominate students who demonstrate the month's discipleship habit. This month the focus is **Idolatry Discerning** — turning from distractions and placing hope in Christ. October's students:

• **Isadora Slack** — known for her intentionality and integrity, living out her faith with a deep desire to honor Christ.

• **Paige Castagna** — reflecting diligence, thoughtfulness, and a quiet heart that seeks after God.

A Community Growing Together

This discipleship habit recognition isn't about reward — it's about reminding students that their faith matters in the small moments just as much as the big ones. It's about celebrating when they choose to live like Jesus — and encouraging them that they are part of God's story. We are so thankful for the way God is working in and through our students, and for the teachers and staff who faithfully disciple them every day.



THE 2025 BLUE BOOK CONTESTS ARE COMPLETE!

Congratulations to every one of you who went out and sold your Blue Books!
As a school, we sold 2,180 coupon books with a profit totaling \$27,250!

TOP WINNER'S OVERALL:

1ST PLACE

Jonas Bergsagel, Mrs. Vogt's 4th Grade

94 Books Sold and received \$100 Cash & \$60 gift card to West Acres

2ND PLACE

Oliver Gunkelman, Mrs. Reinowski's 2nd Grade

63 Books Sold and received \$50 Cash & \$60 gift card to West Acres

3RD PLACE - TIE

Clay Hubin, 7th Grade

Evelyn Isaak, Mrs. Jost's 3rd Grade

40 Books Sold and received \$25 Cash & \$40 gift card to Scheels

ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM CONTEST WINNER:

1ST PLACE | Mrs. Vogt's 4th Grade Class

160 Books Sold and received \$100 toward classroom supplies

Job well done Students!



Tennis Awards

The Shanley/Oak Grove/Park Christian boys' tennis team had their end of the season banquet; two PCS boys were recognized with awards:

Jonah Reindl was awarded MVP for the varsity team, while **Logan Castagna** earned MVP honors for the JV team.



Students Take Part in College Ensemble Day



9th Graders Build Faith and Friendship in Washington, D.C.

The 9th grade class returned from their Washington, D.C. trip full of excitement and gratitude for the experiences they shared. Students said the journey helped them grow closer to one another and build lasting friendships.

Community Building

Highlights included visits to the **Holocaust Museum**, the **Museum of the Bible**, and **Colonial Williamsburg**. Joely Christianson shared, "The best part was going through the Museum of the Bible with Pastor Ryan and hearing his perspective."

A fun surprise came when students presented **Mrs. Howe** with a **Gettysburg mug**—a thoughtful gift connected to her bucket list destination!

This memorable trip not only deepened students' appreciation for history and faith but also strengthened their sense of community and purpose in Christ.

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Honoring Our Heroes: Veterans Day Chapel

This Veterans Day, Park Christian invites the community to come together for a special chapel dedicated to honoring the courageous men and women who have faithfully served our nation. Our all-school Veterans Day Chapel will be held in the East Gym on **Tuesday, November 11, at 8:10 am**, as we pause to reflect on and celebrate their incredible sacrifices.

We are excited to welcome **Eric** and **Danelle Card**, along with alum **Kyler Card**, who will share powerful testimonies on service, sacrifice, and God's calling in their lives. Their inspiring stories will remind us of the faith, courage, and perseverance that sustain our veterans and their families.

Worship will be led by **Mrs. Andria Messelt** along with **Mrs. Kate Powers** and the **Senior High Choir**, whose voices will lift our hearts in gratitude and hope. Together, we will praise God and echo a message of peace and strength found only in Christ.

Park Christian invites veterans, families, friends, and community members to join us for this meaningful tribute. Together, let us celebrate the legacy of our veterans with faith, thanksgiving, and deep appreciation.

Mark your calendars and prepare to be inspired as we gather to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to our heroes—past, present, and future.

God Worshipping



Junior High Bible Classes: God's Word Comes to Life!

Have YOU ever read through the entire Bible? Our amazing **7th and 8th grade students** have done just that — journeying from Genesis to Revelation! This incredible accomplishment has sparked excitement, deep conversations, and personal transformation in our Junior High Bible classes.

As students read through both the Old and New Testaments, they began to discover that the Bible isn't just a book — it's alive and active. **Mr. Inion** shared how thrilling it's been to watch Scripture come alive in the hearts of his students. "It's powerful to see them excited about what they're reading — and even more powerful to see how God uses His Word to speak to their hearts and challenge their lives."

And the connections students are making? Priceless.

Caleb Erickson shared a cool moment when his grandpa preached a sermon on Jethro. "*Oh yeah! I just read about him,*" Caleb said. "It was awesome to make that real-life connection."

Mason Holte talked about binge-reading the Bible during a long car ride. "It was actually peaceful," he said — proof that God's Word can speak even on the road.

Cora Hoey reflected on how ending her day with the Bible is a perfect way to wind down. "*It is a great outlet at the end of the day,*" she said.

Our Junior High students aren't just learning about the Bible — they're living it. We're proud of their dedication, and we're excited to see how God continues to grow their faith and use them for His glory.

Way to go, students — keep digging into the Word!



A Wonderful Tradition with Our Grandparents & Grand-Friends!

What an unforgettable day we shared with our amazing grandparents and grand-friends! The excitement was contagious as students proudly introduced their guests to teachers, friends, and classrooms—offering a beautiful glimpse into their daily lives at Park Christian.

Throughout the day, students and their guests enjoyed hands-on activities together—solving puzzles and riddles, playing Skittles games, and even creating globe replicas with balloons. One favorite moment was discovering that gas once cost just **23 cents a gallon**—a fun fact that sparked laughter and surprise.

Many grandparents shared how deeply touched they were, not just by the warm welcome, but by the clear reflection of Christ in our students, teachers, and staff. Moments like these remind us of the **powerful impact of faith and family** being woven together. Seeing their grandchildren's excitement and pride in sharing their school brought joy connecting the generations.

—It is a **window** into their world!

A huge thank you to our incredible volunteers who helped make this cherished tradition a wonderful success once again. We're already looking forward to next year!



Celebrating Our Art Teachers

At the heart of our school's vibrant arts program are three incredible educators. Each brings their unique passion and talent to the classroom, helping students of all ages discover the joy of creativity and self-expression through art.

Mr. Will Rosenberg has been an enthusiastic presence for 5th - 12th grade art this year. He has been guiding students through a hands-on exploration of stenciling, color mixing, and shape layering — all leading to a powerful collaborative collage that showcases the creativity of the entire class. Student **Layton Braunberger** summed it up best:

"He makes art fun by encouraging us to just try!!"

Mr. Rosenberg's energy and encouragement have truly made a difference in helping students feel confident in their artistic expression.

Mrs. Grace Batterson has formed meaningful connections with our youngest artists. Her gentle and encouraging approach helps them see their own potential and sparks a love for creating that we know will last for years to come. Through her guidance, students are discovering that art is not just about making something beautiful — it's about expressing who they are in Christ and the unique creativity He has placed within them.

Meanwhile, **Mrs. Jen Dobbins** is bringing the magic of art into classrooms throughout elementary with her **Art on a Cart**. She embraces the challenge of moving from room to room, always with a smile and a cart full of inspiration. Jen finds joy in watching students use their God-given imagination and creativity to explore new ideas and techniques, and she encourages them to learn through the process. **Beauty Creating**

Together, these teachers are more than just teachers — they're inspirers, encouragers, and creators of opportunity. We are so grateful for the joy, passion, and creativity they bring to our school every day.



2nd & 3rd Grade Recess Bible Study

Wednesdays, during recess, our 2nd and 3rd graders gather for Bible Study to learn and grow in God's Word and see how they are a part of God's story. They love highlighting verses that share **God's promises** and practicing memory verses together. **Image Reflecting**

Julia Hermanson said, "I like to highlight God's promises because it's cool that He promised that to me!"

Isabell Badenhorst enjoys learning her memory verses, and **Rosie Jacobson** shared, "We try to invite others to join us." **Order Discovering**

We're thankful to see our students growing in faith and discovering how God's promises are true for each of them!



Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy Kicks Off with Inspiration and Excitement!

The Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy is off to a fantastic start this year, and the energy is contagious! Carefully selected by their teachers, students in grades 6–8 were nominated for their leadership potential and positive influence on campus.

To celebrate the start of this empowering journey, our young leaders gathered for a lunch where they not only enjoyed great food but also dove into meaningful discussions about what it truly means to be a leader. The message was clear and powerful: **the best leaders aren't copycats — they're originals.** Students were encouraged to embrace the unique gifts God has given them and use those talents to lead with purpose, compassion, and courage.

Mr. Burgstahler and **Mrs. Bates**, our CFA co-leaders, are thrilled to be guiding this group of future changemakers. Under their leadership, students will explore real-world leadership principles, serve their community, and grow in confidence and character.

We can't wait to see how God works through each of these incredible students. The future is bright — and it starts right here at Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy!

Servant Working



FIRST® LEGO® League – FLL

This season of FIRST® LEGO® League is set to be an experience for the ages! UNEARTHED isn't just about robots—it's about discovery, innovation, and unlocking hidden potential. Whether you're a seasoned team or a first-time builder, this year's challenge promises to spark curiosity and creativity like never before.

One of those rising stars is **Taran Ashworth**, a first-time FLL participant who's already diving into the engineering process headfirst. They're designing a robot with a clever mechanism: using a hammer to push down on a lever to open a silo—smart, resourceful, and totally inspired by real-world engineering! **Order Discovering**

Beyond the bricks and code, **FLL empowers young minds**, nurturing individual talents, **encouraging teamwork**, and promoting research-based learning. This isn't just STEM—it's the future, built by the next generation of innovators.



**Fill the Dome
collection week
November 17 – 21.**

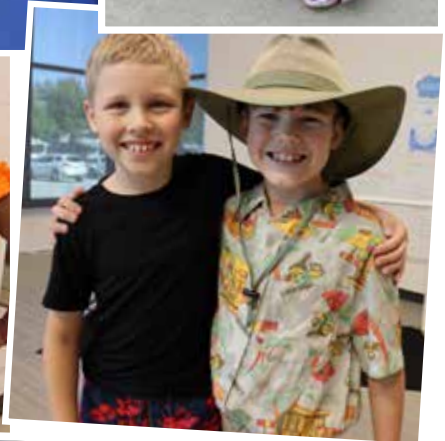


Homecoming

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We are so Thankful!

Homecoming is more than a tradition it's about coming together as a **community**. Students were dressed up, Student Council planned a fantastic Pep Fest, and there was a lot of laughter and smiles. The week wrapped up with beautiful weather under the *Friday Night Lights*, where our Falcons secured a **win against Nevis!** The cheers from the crowd, the energy on the field, the children on the playground, tailgating, Powder Puff, and Power Punch. We are so thankful to be part the Park Christian community in celebrating homecoming and the start to an awesome school year.



Teaching for Transformation (TfT)

Shining Bright for God: Miss Wibbels' First Grade Deep Hope

In **Miss Wibbels'** first grade classroom, a beautiful light shines — from the hearts of her students. Miss Wibbels' Deep Hope for her classroom is clear:

"My deep hope is that my 1st graders will know Jesus and shine His light with their words and actions."

This message isn't just a slogan on the wall — it's woven into everything she does. Rooted in the creation story, Miss Wibbels helps her students understand that God created the light and called it good. From that truth, she teaches them a powerful question: How are we bringing **God's light to the world**, and how are we **reflecting Him** for His kingdom?

One intentional and memorable way she reminds her students of this is through a gift of sunglasses! These aren't just a cute classroom accessory; they serve as a daily reminder to shine bright for Jesus. Matthew 5:16, Jesus says,

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven,"

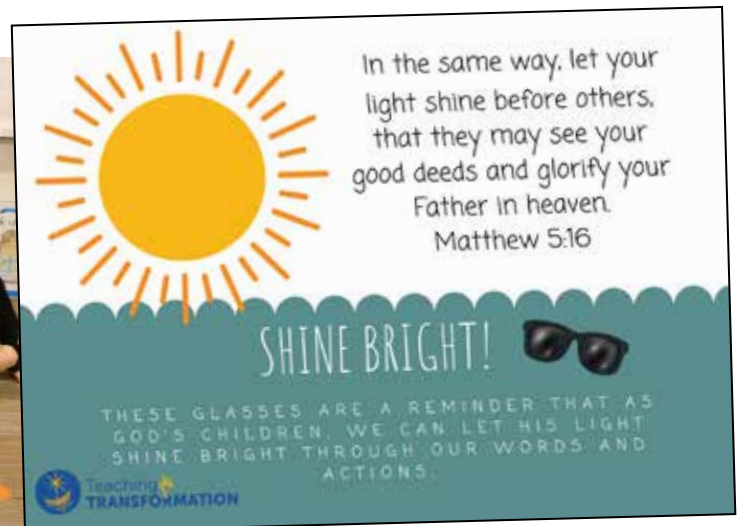
Miss Wibbels challenges her students to live lives that reflect Christ's love and truth. **Image Reflecting.**

Each day ends with a thoughtful reflection: **"How did you shine bright today?"**

Through this simple but meaningful question, students are encouraged to think about the impact of their words and actions. Miss Wibbels believes that even young hearts can be transformed by the light Christ has placed in them — and that they can bring that light to others.

As Miss Wibbels shared, "Our words and actions have an impact." And through her deep hope and daily discipleship, these first graders are learning just how brightly they can shine to impact God's kingdom.

Community Building



Kindergartners at Pumpkin Patch

