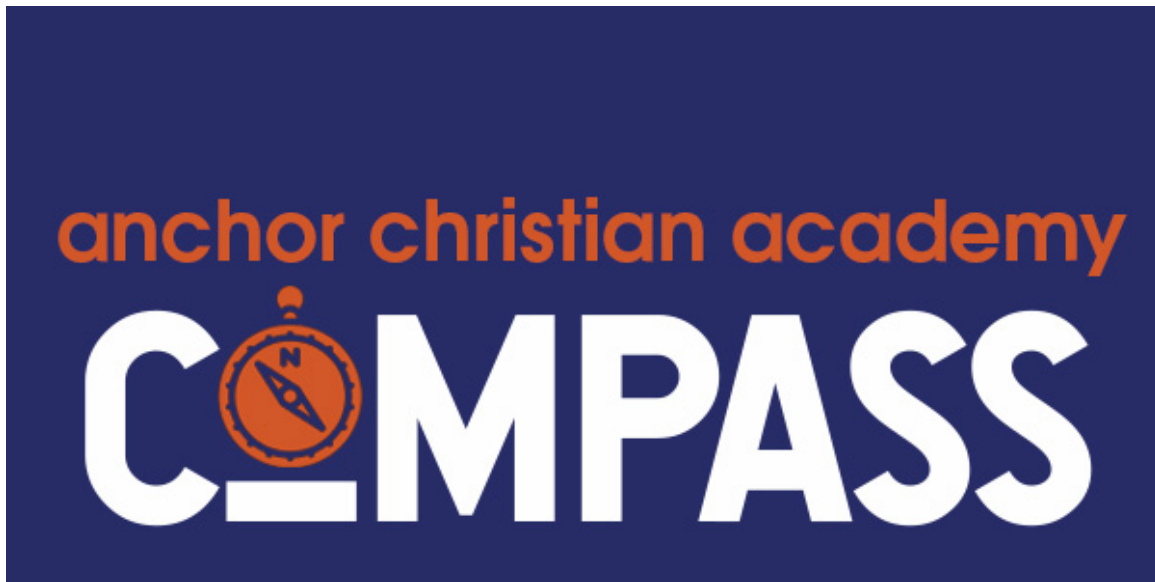


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New Announcements

Please welcome Mr. Drew Martin, who will be teaching Physical Science, Physics, and Marine Biology. We are thrilled to have Mr. Martin join the ACA Faculty team. He brings several years of experience as a Secondary Science teacher at a local Christian school.

Class Schedule - We have made some significant changes to the class schedule, which is attached. On Thursday your student will receive a copy of their specific schedule.

ACA Covid Mitigation Strategies. Please see the attached copy of the ACA Covid Mitigation Strategies. It will also be posted on the parent-only side of our website.

Back to School Ice Cream Social - tomorrow!

Who: All ACA students, faculty, and their families

What: Outdoor social gathering to celebrate the start of school

When: 6:30pm **Tuesday, August 18** - Weather Permitting (if it rains we will

cancel) New Families: please arrive at 5:30 for new family training
Where: Gingrich Family Home, 720 Hempfield Hill Road, Columbia, PA 17512
Bring: Lawn chairs

Covid: As our first event of the school year, we will need to follow the school's guidelines for Covid Mitigation. Because it is an outside event, it should be easy to maintain social distance. Masks are optional when social distancing can be maintained, but all school-age children and adults should bring a mask to wear when they cannot socially distance, especially in the ice cream line! We were so very encouraged by your response of support when we talked to each of you regarding wearing masks at school when necessary. THANK YOU for being a community that refuses to divide over this issue. You are a blessing and a great model of what Christian community can be!!!

If you did not sign up, but want to come, please email [Mrs. Hubbard](mailto:Mrs.Hubbard)

ACA Covid Release Waiver - Please sign the attached waiver and bring it with you to the first day of school on Thursday.

Volunteers needed – We are looking for a few volunteers to come during the day Tuesday or Wednesday to help with final prep for the school year. Jobs include stamping textbooks, moving items to various classrooms, hanging posters, covering books, etc. If you are available to help for a few hours from 8am – 2pm, please contact Mrs. Hubbard at lhubbard@anchorpa.org.

First Day of School this Thursday - all students and supervising parents

Schedule:

7:45 Arrival. Pick up the schedule at a table outside of the carpool entrance. Sanitize or wash your hands when you come into the building.

8:00-8:25 1st Period

8:30-8:55 2nd Period

9:00-9:25 3rd Period

9:30-9:55 BREAK

10:00-10:25 4th Period

10:30-10:55 5th Period

11:00-11:25 6th Period

11:30-12:00 LUNCH - pack a lunch, bring lawn chairs or a blanket, spread out to eat outside

12:00-2:45 Afternoon Training. Parents in church sanctuary. Students in the gymnasium.

****If you need to participate through live stream** due to health concerns, please complete the form [found here](#) by Tuesday night.

LCCS Shuttle - If you are a family that lives in the central part of the county (Leola, New Holland, Lancaster), you may find this service especially beneficial in limiting the need to drive quite as far to drop off or pick up your children at Anchor. ACA students need to be at LCCS by 7:20am. Pickup after school is at LCCS at 3:10. LCCS charges a one-time yearly fee of \$385 to ride the shuttle. If you are interested in the shuttle that is provided by LCCS, please see lccs.cc/acashuttle for more information regarding drop off/pick up times and location, shuttle cost for ACA families, and COVID-19 procedures. Please note that if you plan to use the shuttle for your child's transportation, LCCS does require that you [sign up](#). Please commit to use the shuttle before **August 20, 2020**. The shuttle will begin its normal route on LCCS's first day of school, August 24.

Health Forms and Emergency Contacts - Before school starts we need completed health forms for all students. Returning families will receive an email with a personalized link to review and update existing forms. New families should complete the link [found here](#). Please submit or update these forms by next **Monday, August 17**.

Volunteer Clearances – All adults who volunteer at ACA must have their clearances on file. We encourage all parents to obtain their clearances and file them with ACA. Detailed instructions on the process are [found here](#).

Student Dress Code & Electronics Policy – While you hit the back to school sales, please keep in mind our dress code policy. I'm attaching a copy of our Student Dress Code & Electronics Policy. Please review both carefully with your student(s). We appreciate your partnership in ensuring your student(s) arrives at school in attire that meets the dress code requirements.

Important Dates

August 18

Back to School Ice Cream Social

August 20

First Day of School

September 7

Labor Day, no school

Trip Dates

September 10-12

ACA Student Retreat

October 9

History Field Trips

High School

SAT/ACT – If your student registers for the SAT/ACT, they should use ACA's school code: CEEB# 390088

Juniors and Seniors - TAs Needed! We are looking for juniors and seniors who would like to volunteer as a teacher assistant this school year. If you have a study hall and would like to serve as a TA, please email Mrs. Mohler, rmohler@anchorpa.org with a list of three teachers or classes where you would enjoy helping as a TA. You can volunteer on Tues/Thurs or just on Mondays. You will earn high school credit and be a blessing to one of our teachers!

Reminders (from prior weeks)

Donations Needed

Please check out the donations needed on the list [found here](#). It is tremendously helpful if each family can buy one or two items from the list while you are shopping for back to school items. Please note that we are also asking each family to donate two bottles of hand sanitizer (at least 16oz). In addition, we are recommending that each student bring a small personal sized bottle of hand sanitizer to school each day for their own use. **As part of our Covid Mitigation Plan, we would like to install an air purifier in each classroom. We need 10 of these, and they were added at the bottom of the list, [found here](#).**

Public School Bus Transportation

If you plan to have your student ride the public school bus, you should have received information directly from your local school district. If you did not, please contact the district directly asap to make sure your student is on their list for transportation. Please note that all districts are requiring students to wear masks while on the buses and they will likely have more than one student per seat.

We are developing a school app!

Our app will centralize all of the commonly accessed communication tools to help you find everything you need to know quickly. We would love to have advertisers that are from our local community. so if you know of a business that

might like details on how to sponsor our app, please complete the [Suggested App Advertiser Form](#) as soon as possible.

Volunteers Needed

Central Day Volunteers - We are looking for parents to volunteer to help oversee the gym and lunch times on our school days. These will take place outside as much as possible, and because we are separating middle and high school we need extra volunteers. We ask that each family volunteer for 10 spots during the year, preferably five in the fall and five in the spring. You can [sign up here](#).

Arrival/Dismissal - We are also looking for a few volunteers who can help with arrival or dismissal one day a week for the entire school year. If you are interested in helping, please email Mrs. Hubbard at office@anchorpa.org.

Athletics Updates

Cross Country - Our Cross Country team is preparing for the fall season and Coach Clay has been hosting Run Club over the summer at LCCS. If you would like to participate in the Run Club or Cross Country, please email Mrs. Hubbard at office@anchorpa.org. Look for the reveal of our new school mascot!! (Run Club members got a preview!)

LCCS Fall Sports - We are continuing our partnership with LCCS that allows our students to play on LCCS sports teams, including fall soccer (ms/hs boys and ms girls), ms volleyball, and golf. More information will be coming soon, but if your student would like to participate they will need a PIAA physical.

Amazon Smile – If you shop online through Amazon, consider adding ACA to your Amazon Smile account. Details are [found here](#).

Forms and Ongoing Information

[Parent Resources Online](#) - the password is **19parents20**

[Planned Absence Excuse Form](#) – submit at least one week before absence to be excused

[Absence Excuse Form](#) - completed within three days of an unplanned absence

[Volunteer Clearance Instructions](#) - must be on file to volunteer in any role with ACA

[Volunteer Sign Up](#) - each family must volunteer for 5 spots in the fall and 5

spots in the spring

Easy Fundraising Opportunities

[Amazon Smile](https://smile.amazon.com) - go to smile.amazon.com and choose Anchor Christian Academy as your charity.

[School Reward Programs](#) - ACA participates in numerous school reward programs at local stores. Schools can earn thousands of dollars with these set-it-and-forget-it programs.

[Shutterfly Store Front](#) - 8% of your Shutterfly purchases go to ACA.



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