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## Mark Your Calendar

—August 26th  
Crusader Football  
7:00 pm at First Baptist -  
in Naples

—August 31st  
Upper School Pictures

—September 1st  
Lower School Pictures

—September 2nd  
TAP Meeting  
8:30 am - Cafeteria

—September 5th  
NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

—September 6th  
Upper School Back to  
School Night 7:00 pm

—September 8th  
Lower School Back to  
School Night 7:00 pm

—September 10th  
ACT Testing

—September 28th  
See You at the Pole

—September 29th  
Middle School 1-on-1's  
5-8:30 pm

—October 5th  
Picture Retakes

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

*Matthew 5:14-17*



Welcome back CSCA students and parents! The first few days of school are rolling along nicely, and the school is buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm. Last year marked the launching of our school-wide effort to move CSCA into an academic leadership position among Christian schools in South Florida. By the grace of God and through the labors of our staff, we were able to realize improvements in Mathematics, English, and Science. We also saw growth in academics that paralleled our growth in Athletics and Fine Arts.

The most impressive improvement in academics, according to the 2011 report, was in grades K-5<sup>th</sup>. In these grades the academy averaged a stanine score of "7" in Mathematics and English Language Arts respectively. Stanine scores are ratings 1 thru 9, lowest to highest. These results indicate that the average student in our elementary school is performing a full level higher than last year's results; and also a full level higher than the typical Christian school performance nationally. We jubilantly congratulate all our students for these results, and the classroom teachers whose diligence with our new curriculum, new teaching method and new testing techniques paid off wonderfully!

At the Upper School level, there was incremental evidence of improvement in Mathematics, English, and Science. Fifty percent of the students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade scored a stanine of "7" or higher in mathematics and English. Similarly, in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, the average score in mathematics and reading comprehension exceeded the national average. Our science programs are also gaining strength with Advanced Placement Biology results that indicated that seven students passed the final test.

We started this school year with gratitude to God, and with parents, students, and staff, consecrating the year to God's purpose at First Presbyterian Church last Sunday. Already we are being richly blessed with a wonderful enrollment, new teachers, new staff, new cabana style lunch areas, new paint jobs, and new courses in Christian Values, Robotics, and Trigonometry. We are moving onward and upward reaching for new heights of excellence, with hearts dedicated to fulfilling the mission of CSCA to minister to students in a Christ-centered learning community which instills the vision and practice of excellence in academics, character, and service for God's glory.

*Anthony S. Bryan*



# MENU FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 29<sup>TH</sup>-SEPT. 2<sup>ND</sup>

Log onto [renweb.com](http://renweb.com) for specific lunch options.



## Elementary & Middle School

<u>Monday</u> Beef Quesadillas	<u>Tuesday</u> Penne Pasta with Pink Sauce	<u>Wednesday</u> Turkey Corn Dogs	<u>Thursday</u> Grilled Chicken Sandwich	<u>Friday</u> Cheese Pizza
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## High School

<u>Monday</u> Beef Quesadillas	<u>Tuesday</u> Penne Pasta with Pink Sauce	<u>Wednesday</u> Greek Salad Wrap with Chicken	<u>Thursday</u> Grilled Chicken Sandwich	<u>Friday</u> Cheese Pizza or Chicken Ceasar Wrap
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## TAP Teachers & Parents

Welcome Back! What a week this has been in preparation for the New Year! This is an awesome school filled with great students, parents, teachers, and administration!

For families who are new to CSCA this year, a special welcome to you! TAP stands for "Teachers and Parents". We support the school, its faculty, and administration both financially and through the tireless efforts of many incredible volunteers. While many positions have been filled for the upcoming year, we still have several volunteer opportunities available.

As the new year begins, we encourage you to consider helping TAP by getting involved and also by making our monthly meetings a priority. Not only will your ideas and voices be heard, but you will learn about the business of CSCA and bring valuable counsel to our Team.

Our first TAP meeting will be Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:30 am in the cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you there!

As your TAP Co-Presidents we look forward to working with each of you! Please feel free to contact us:

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### First Presbyterian Church Services

Sunday, August 28  
—John 1:41-42a  
*Each One Reach One: Bringing Our Friends to Christ*  
Pastor Drew DiNardo  
10:40 a.m.

Evening, August 28  
Prayer Service  
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 31  
*Each One Reach One*  
Pastor Drew DiNardo  
7:00 p.m.



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### Parking Decals



You can get your CSCA parking decal for your family vehicles at the next TAP meeting on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 am. Any vehicle entering the CSCA property or parked on CSCA property needs to have a parking decal. Decals will be used to monitor our security.

Mr. Logan  
CSCA Security