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Reaching for the Stars!

What's Up at Calvary?

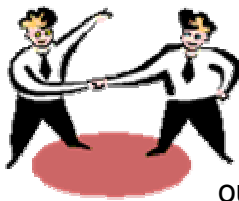
A Great First Week!

The first week of school was filled with lots of smiling faces and active learning led by our



New students **Alexandra Tennon** and **Zachary Weber** meet in **Ms. Kidda's** class

very talented teachers. Everyone had a great time cheering a number of new Crusaders and faculty at our Welcome Back Pep Rally. The Calvary Family is excited and is looking forward to a very successful school year.



Welcome to New Faculty and Staff

It is always a pleasure to welcome a former faculty member back to our school. **Ms. Tonia**

Nelson, who took a year off to be with her son, **Hayden**, has rejoined us in her old position in fifth grade. We are very excited that she has returned, and that **Ms. Missy McClellan** has smoothly transitioned from fifth to her new grade, third.

Coach "Mac" McStravick has come to Calvary after nineteen years of teaching in the Katy, and the Lamar Consolidated I.S.D.'s. He graduated from the University of Houston in 1991 with a degree in History Teaching. **Coach Mac** has coached football, basketball, track and soccer and will be a CECP teacher and coach.

Ms. Brooke Valet is not new to Calvary, having previously served as a parent volunteer, joins the staff as the full time Development Director. Calvary is fortunate to have such a talented, energetic and enthusiastic person in this position. We look forward to great things happening in development.

Dr. Jerry Daniels joins the staff of our College Prep program. **Dr. Daniels**, who completed his PhD at Texas A&M University in 1994, will be working with CECP students counseling them in how to reach their career and college goals.

Carpool and Visitor Security Procedures

Several procedures for visitors and after school pick up have been changed to ensure student safety as well as increase efficiency. Please help us to keep our environment safe and secure by remembering the following:



- Students may be picked up from one of the carpool lines or from walk up, which is located at the Austin Street Gym doors. Students should not be picked up early. Parents are not to pick up students in the corridors as this creates a congestion and supervision problem for teachers.
- When approaching the carpool student pick up area, parents are asked to turn off cell phones and

have the car ready to receive passengers (seating areas cleared, dogs leashed, doors unlocked, etc.). Please do not wave for children to approach the car.

Teachers will direct students at the time they are to load the vehicle.

Safe pick up should take just a few seconds so that others will not be waiting in line.

- Please have carpool numbers attached to the mirror clearly showing, and review your number with your child so that he/she can load when his/her number is called.
- If your child is not responding to the call to be picked up, parents may be asked to circle back so that others may approach.

The adherence to these procedures will help us to keep our children safe, and make the pick up procedures more pleasant for everyone.



Home/School Communication Increased

Thanks to a grant initiated by long-time Calvary

parent **Joey Dupuis** at

Clear Lake Lexus, our school has increased our communication capabilities with the purchase of two software products. School Reach allows us to make personalized phone calls for a variety of reasons; school wide, by grade or pre-determined groups. You may be getting reminders about special chapels, field trips or other school activities. The system can also notify parents immediately by phone of any school emergencies or closings. So check your answering machines and please make sure that we have your updated home and cell phone numbers in the front office!

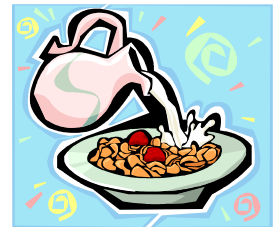
The other product will allow our teachers to post grades, progress reports and report cards to a secure web site that

parents may access using a school issued password and PIN. Parents will be able to keep up with student grades on a much more regular basis. The system is currently being customized for our school, and will be introduced to parents during the first quarter.

Finally, thanks to a gift from Calvary Church, parents, students and visitors can keep track of school and church events on the big screen monitors in the school office and parish hall. At Calvary, we want to keep you informed!

Continental Breakfast Being Offered

From now through the month of September, **Ms. Donna** is trying out a new continental breakfast program for our students and staff at Calvary. Continental breakfast will be available daily from 7:15 – 7:45 a.m. at



a cost of \$1.50. All breakfasts will consist of a main breakfast item, fruit and a drink. Students may choose from one of the following as their main breakfast item: *Bowl of Cereal*; *2 Pancakes or Waffles with Bacon*; *2 Sausage Biscuits*. A choice of fresh or canned fruit will be included as well as a choice of milk or orange juice for the beverage.

We hope having breakfast available for our students and staff will help with hectic schedules and promote a healthy start to each school day. If we find the breakfast program fulfills a need and is successful, **Ms. Donna** will continue the program beyond September.

After School Programs Offered

Currently, we have two after school programs available to our students. A new program offering this year is **Kid Fit USA**. Kid Fit is a sports fitness program that focuses on the basic skills needed

for playing baseball, soccer, basketball, flag football as well as other fun non-sports physical fitness activities. Lessons are age specific. Younger students will focus on gross motor movements such as overhand throwing, running, jumping and balance. Older classes are challenged with more advanced sports lessons, skills, drills and activities. The goal of the program is to form a solid foundation of healthy living and physical well being through sports/fitness activities in a fun atmosphere. The program will be held on Tuesdays. Fall Semester is \$150 and officially begins Tuesday, September 2nd. However, students may try Kid Fit for **FREE** next Tuesday, August 26th :

PK-K	3:35-4:05 p.m.
1 st -2 nd	4:10-4:40 p.m.
3 rd -4 th	4:45-5:15 p.m.

Returning this year is **Wilson's Dance & Tumbling** for students ages 4 to 6. The ballet portion of the program is designed to develop poise, discipline and stamina. Tap enhances timing and rhythm, and the tumbling portion of the program builds muscle strength, control and agility. In addition, the program is designed to develop the dancer's awareness of the importance of proper physical conditioning, coordination, music appreciation and performance. Classes are scheduled for Fridays beginning Sept. 5th from 3:45-4:30 p.m. Registration information for both classes is available through the school office.

Coming soon will be information about Monster Academy which will be offering gymnastic classes on Monday afternoons beginning mid-September.

Used Uniform Sale Success

Once again, **Claire Chipman**, our used uniform coordinator, organized and held a tremendously successful used uniform sale this month. The proceeds, which exceeded \$2800, go to directly benefiting school programs. A special thank you goes to the continued effort of **Ms.**

Chipman, and to two of her helpers, **Ms. Gideon** and new Calvary parent **Terri Geisendorff**.

CPTO News

Due to the generous support of Calvary parents, staff, faculty, and supporters, the CPTO has been able to further enhance the two playgrounds by purchasing playground mats that sit under each swing and at the base of each slide. These heavy-duty mats provide additional safety for our precious children by keeping holes from being dug from overuse in high traffic areas. Thank you also to **Kim Buzard's** (CPTO President) father and brother for generously donating their time and skills to install these mats.

CPTO Sally Foster/Entertainment Book Fundraiser, Sept. 2-17-This year the CPTO is trying a new student fundraiser. Students will be selling Entertainment Books full of great coupons for dining, travel, and more, as well as, Sally Foster wrapping paper. The CPTO will earn 50% of everything sold, and the students will earn great prizes. So everybody sell, sell, sell!!!

CPTO Volunteer Meeting, Sept. 2 (Tuesday), 6:30pm, Parish Hall-This meeting will be dedicated to volunteer training and a discussion of all the volunteer opportunities within Calvary. The CECP students with the assistance of parent volunteers have so graciously agreed to help us provide child care in the gym so the children will be watching a movie and having popcorn while you are at the meeting. So don't miss this opportunity to learn about all the volunteer activities within Calvary. Everyone wants to get involved and this is the best opportunity to find an activity that works best with your schedule. Also, if anyone is in charge of a volunteer activity and is looking for a few good parent volunteers please contact

Holly (mshollyh@aol.com) to sign up to speak about your volunteer opportunity at this meeting. When we adjourn the meeting we will set up stations where parents can visit with the speakers and sign up directly with them to volunteer. This will be a great meeting you don't want to miss!

Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day, Sept. 5th (Friday), 11:00-3:30

CPTO will be helping welcome Grandparents and Special Friends to Calvary to spend the day with their student. The day will start with lunch, then a special craft, a tour of their classroom, a special program, chapel and end with cookies and juice. Watch for a detailed schedule for each grade to come.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, Sept 24 (Wed), 11:00-1:00, Solarium

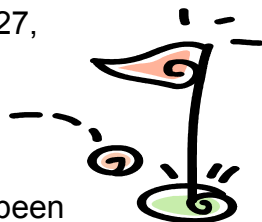
The CPTO sponsors three catered luncheons a year for the teachers and staff to let them know how much we appreciate them. This will be the first one of the year.

Working for Washington Spirit Store

The Spirit Store is currently printing more youth small and youth medium Spirit shirts to fill orders. We still have in stock sizes youth large to adult 3X. So parents and grandparents, consider ordering a spirit shirt to wear to all our athletic competitions. It's a great way to show your support for your Crusader! Order forms can be found on the website under "Parent Resources" or in the front office.

Golf Tournament

Calling all golfers! The Third Annual CES/CECP Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2008 at Pecan Grove Country Club. Begin forming your Dream Team foursome now. This tournament has been lots of fun, and generated excitement, camaraderie and funding for a number of



school programs. The tournament organizers are looking for sponsors as well as players. Be watching for additional information that will be sent home soon. Dust off those clubs!

Summer Happenings

The **Murphy family** had an exciting summer with fifth grader **Brooke** qualifying for the Southern Texas PGA junior golf. **Brooke** played in the Linksters organized golf tournaments for girls 10-12 years old. Throughout the summer she played in four tournaments. Her first tournament was at Pecan Grove CC where she placed 3rd. **Brooke** then placed 1st in the other three tournaments, which were held at Walden on Lake Conroe, Sugar Creek, and Sienna Plantation. **Brooke** is enjoying playing, and continues to improve her golf skills. We'll be watching and following this future LPGA player.

Mark Stell, CES eighth grader, received a medal this summer for being a State Finalist in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Congratulations to **Mark**...we are proud of you!

Middle School News

Coach Morris, CES/CECP Athletic Director reported a "great beginning for middle school athletics." Football is off to a super start with a turnout of twenty-one players, who have been practicing since August 4th. What a commitment! Volleyball had a fabulous turn out for our camp with Spike Sports with eighteen ladies attending. After yesterday's practice our number for the volleyball team is approaching twenty-two.

Coach Morris asks that parents please be reminded that each athlete has his/her physical on file with the school. Athletic fees will be billed this year

through our accounting department. If you have already turned in your \$75.00, your account has been credited. Football and volleyball schedules have been posted on the school calendar and on the Athletic Web Page.

Go Crusaders!!!!

Live on Wednesday
LOGOS
at **CALVARY**

PRE-REGISTER BEFORE AUGUST 24 AND RECEIVE A \$10 FAMILY DISCOUNT!

LOGOS provides a safe place for our children to learn appropriate values and to grow in loving relationships with their peers, their parents, and other caring adults. LOGOS is for first graders through high school with a special program for pre-K'ers who are siblings of LOGOS participants or CES students. It is for all of their parents, plus all of the adults of Calvary Church and School.

LOGOS is a non-denominational, mid-week program that begins after school and runs through dinner time on Wednesday nights. Following Acts 2:42, LOGOS is devoted to the apostles' teaching through Bible study; to fellowship through recreation, play, and crafts; to the breaking of bread through a family time meal; and to the prayers through worship and song.

Take time **NOW** to go to the Calvary school website, www.ces-richmond.org, and follow the LOGOS links for contact and registration information for the LOGOS program. The first LOGOS term for this year begins Wednesday, September 10.

We look forward to serving your child(ren) this year in LOGOS!

Did You Know...



...70% of our new parents attended our New Parent Orientation and Reception!?

COMING UP AT CALVARY

(Our Official School Calendar can be found on our website at www.ces-richmond.org)

Tuesday, August 26-6pm, School Board Meeting

Thursday, August 28- First Volleyball Game vs. Logos, Home, 4:30pm

Monday, September 1-Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 2- 6pm, CPTO Meeting-Volunteer Information

Thursday, September 4-First Football Game vs. Imani, 5:00pm; Volleyball, CRBS, Away, 4:30pm

Friday, September 5-Grandparents and Special Friends Day