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Merry Christmas Edition

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Our Mission:
Calvary Episcopal School is dedicated to developing the whole child by building a foundation of excellence within a Christian environment.

Around the halls of Calvary you will hear a very politically correct phrase unabashedly pro-

claimed: "Merry Christmas!" Chapel readings, Bible classes, art, music and classroom discussions revolve around the birth of Christ and the preparation for this special time of year.

One event that has become a tradition at this time of year is our annual Lessons and Carols chapel. This is a beautiful chapel service of

Christmas readings and music. Many of our faculty and staff, along with students will be

spotlighted as singers, musicians and readers. Everyone is invited to this service on Friday, Dec. 18 at 8am in the sanctuary.

The faculty and staff of Calvary wish you and your family a

Christmas filled with the joys and blessings that abound at this time of year. Merry Christmas!



Christmas Musicals Brings Joys of Christmas to CES

Under the direction of Calvary music teacher, Ms. Faith Duckworth, students in grades K-3 presented the Christmas musical, "Once Upon a Christmas Light." The stage was full of talented students who presented a beautiful musical

Christmas story.

Throughout the last few weeks there have also been

Christmas performances by fifth grade, "An All American Christmas, the three middle school

choirs performing their "Winter Hope" Concert and the CES band, which will perform on Thursday evening at 7pm.



Kinder through third grade students presenting "Once Upon a Christmas Light"

European Christmas Customs Enjoyed by Sixth Grade Students



Sixth graders shared songs, cards, candy, cookies, and many other European Christmas customs in Mrs. Haley's World Geography class.

Jake Byars explained the pickle custom from Germany and read a German poem. **Landry Chipman** created a Nativity Scene entirely made of candy and told of its origin in Italy through **St. Francis of Assisi**. **Colton, Bronson, and Tyler Ciavarra** shared La Befana, the

King Cake custom, and the English sending of Christmas cards. **Chole Gibson** filled shoes with candy just like **St. Nicholas** does on December 6. **Travis Cook, Blaine Strnadel, Bevin Harris, Lauren Millard and Micah Williams** shared many customs of the spirit of giving. Nisse, Boxing Day, St. Lucia's Day, Con-soda, Babouska, the Nutcracker, and Nochebuena are some of the other customs shared. Sixth graders have a new appreciation for many of their family traditions.



Sixth graders pose with their European Christmas projects: Top picture (L to R): **Tyler, Colton and Bronson Ciavara**

Bottom picture (L to R): **Monica Pena, Jack Pace, Elizabeth Perez, Gabriel Sanchez, Carlyne Turner and Blaine Stranadel**



CES Students Perform in Nutcracker

Four Calvary Crusaders danced in the Fort Bend Academy of Dance production of The Nutcracker this past weekend. These talented students had been working hard since September and did such a great job!

Pictured back stage waiting to perform are (L to R) **Matthew Schenek, Lauren Nowlin, Chloe Tondera and Cassidy Irwin**.



Safeguarding Classes

Safeguarding God's Children class will be held on Jan. 23, 2010 at 9am in the Parish Hall. Those wishing to take the class may register by contacting **Ms. Sawicki** in the school office. msawicki@ces-richmond.org

Reminder...if you have a certificate that is expiring, you may renew online by contacting **Missy Marek** at mmarek@ces-richmond.org.

Strategic Planning Process Continues

Shaping Calvary's Future! The Strategic Planning Brainstorming Sessions resulted in many great ideas and we would like YOUR input! Don't forget to fill out Calvary's Strategic Planning Survey to help shape the next five years of your child's future at Calvary. The Strategic Planning Survey can be found on our website (the last button on the left). To become even more actively involved, plan on attending the Work Group Meeting on Jan. 14 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Reginald Holloway Qualifies for State Geography Contest

Reginald Holloway, a sixth grader at Calvary Episcopal School, won the school level competition of the 2010 National Geographic Bee with Chris Breuer winning second place honors. The other finalists were **Hunter Bartay, Molly Jones, Shelby Kasberger, Nate Krogel, Jonathan Liang, Halle Libby, William Rector, Ben Snow, Christian Velez, Lexus Yow, and Micah Williams**. All fourth through eighth grade students were

participants. Others recognized for outstanding effort were **Elizabeth Engelbrecht, Sarah Karlberg, Cameron Thompson, Will Irwin, Jacob Liang, Zac Foltz, Jake Byars, Constance Champagne, Blaine Strnadel, Hunter Stewart, Dominique Lutten, Win Gould, Eddie Zhan, and Lauren Nowlin**.

Reginald will be administered the State Level Qualifying Test on January 21, 2010, in hopes of his qualifying

for the State National Geographic Bee to be held on April 9, 2010. One winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition which will be held May 26 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. This is the 22nd annual National Geographic Bee sponsored by The National Geographic Society and Google. Par-



ticipating in the Bee not only promotes geography education, but also fosters global citizens.

Pictured above is winner **Reginald Holloway** (L) with **Chris Breuer**, who placed second.

Fabulous Fourth Has a Busy Month

Fourth grade is much more than just reading about whatever is being studied. Students enjoy a "hands on" experience inside and outside of their classes. For example, visitors can see the great Indian cultural exhibit outside room 9. Among the collection are Cherokee blow guns, Pueblo villages, maize grinding utensils, bow and arrows, Caddo villages, Apache raid exhibits, and lots more.

Last Friday fourth graders boarded their charter bus at 6:30 am. Almost twelve hours later they returned to Calvary after having visited and studied at The Institute of Texas Cultures, the San Jose Mission and The Alamo. Students, parents and teachers returned tired, but filled with excitement and knowledge about some of the most famous landmarks in their Texas history studies.



Students "show off" their exhibits of their Texas history studies



Fourth graders, Mr. Krogel and Ms. Thompson pose in front of the San Jose Mission in San Antonio

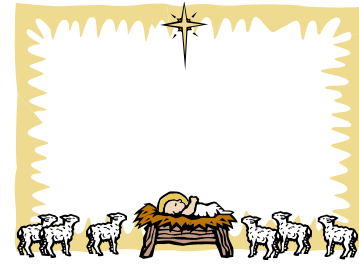
Tis the Season...For Annual Giving

Matching Gifts are an incredible way to double, even triple your donation dollars to Calvary through your employer. Last year, over a fifth of our Annual Giving Campaign Dollars came from Matching Gift dollars. Please see your human resources department for more information on Matching Gifts.

This year, funds raised from the Annual Giving

Campaign are going directly towards the bottom line of our budget to help us create the best possible environment for your children to thrive!

Remember, we can now accept payments via check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. Go to our website and click on "Ways of Giving."



Fr. Frankie on Sabbatical

A very familiar face at chapel and walking through the school will be missing for a few months. Fr. Frankie, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church and Chairman of the Calvary Episcopal School Board will be taking a three month sabbatical beginning Jan. 4. He will return to Calvary April 3. CES prays that Fr. Frankie will have a blessed sabbatical experience and wish him the best.

PK Goes Green!

Shortly before Thanksgiving, on a perfect fall day, Pre-K visited **Gary and Amy Randolph's** Tree Farm. Students had lunch under the Bradford pear trees and observed their brilliant fall colors. We took a hayride and picked lemons and oranges from trees. The children heard the story, [A Tree Is Nice](#), read by **Tom Dans**.

Later the children fed the fish at the lake. Watching them jump was especially exciting! Especially tasty were the acorns that Amy

Lowry made for the children's snack. She also made them precious bags for a Nature Scavenger Hunt, as they busily combed the grounds for sticks, pecans, acorns, and fall leaves. They decorated their bags with fall stickers.

At lunch, we enjoyed hot apple cider and we all enjoyed the fall decorated tables by Amy Randolph. It was a fun-filled, busy day! Many thanks to **Gary and Amy Randolph** and all of the parents that made this trip possible!



PKers busy collecting acorns at the Randolph's tree farm



Third Grade Celebrates Cultural Heritage Through Art

Third grade celebrated the rich cultural heritage that is the melting pot of the USA, Wednesday (December 2), by participating in a myriad of art activities. *CULTURE CELEBRATION COLLAGE* is a social studies and art cross curricular project celebrating the five major cultural groups, (African, Asian, Latino, Native American and European), contributing to the population of the United States.

Students were organized into groups and rotated through six activities mentored by teachers: **Ms. Bye, Ms. McClellan, Ms. Smith, Ms. Dennison** and third grade moms: **Ms. Cook, Ms. Gibson, Ms. Buchwalter, Ms. Jin, Ms. Gerdes, Ms. Heylman, Ms. Irwin, Ms. Pappas, and Ms. Jefferson.** Art, craft and cooking activities have been designed by **Mrs. Dennison** for a half day of multiple-intelligence

learning fun!

Activities included the All American Five Culture no-bake Cookie, Latino metal tooled angel, Chinese Calligraphy, African Kente cloth, Native American clay pot and European Gingerbread Man/Woman.

Students loved the learning packed afternoon and each had a favorite activity of the day. **Rylie**

Brown's favorite was the All American Five Culture Cookie because she proudly asserted "I'm all-American."



Trent Cook and Cassidy Irwin celebrate their cultural heritage.

A Message from the School Nurse

When a child is ill, they need sufficient time at home to recover.

It has been brought to my attention that several students have been seen on the school campus after having been sent home with elevated temperatures or have missed school due to fever or other contagious illnesses and have been seen on the campus. I would like to stress the importance of not bringing your sick child on campus if has a temperature above 100 degrees, or has an illness, such as strep throat, pink eye, etc. that has not been on antibiotics for 24 hours or longer. I am doing my best to keep our Calvary students as healthy as possible, and would appreciate the assistance of the parents in helping me do so. I understand that

when your child is ill, there is a concern of missing too much school, however, if the student returns too early, the child could still be shedding the virus that they were ill with.

When a child is ill, they need sufficient time at home to recover, so that when the child returns he/she is able to function at their best. I want to re-stress that I will strictly enforce the guideline of no child allowed back to school until has been fever free for 24 hours without any fever reducing medication, i.e. Tylenol, Motrin, Ibuprofen, Advil, or Acetaminophen. Our numbers of students out with flu-like symptoms has dramatically de-

creased, and this is with the help of our Calvary parents in adhering to our flu like illness guidelines.

I want to thank you for your efforts, but let's still be proactive when our students are sick and continue to keep them home if ill. If you have any questions, you may reach me at 281-342-3161 or email me at www.shodges@ces-richmond.org.

Sincerely,

Stacy Hodges, RN
Calvary School Nurse

CES Students are Physically Fit

Ms. Smalley, CEC Lower School Physical Education teacher, reports that fitness testing has begun for students in 1st – 6th grade. Students participate in five fitness events: curl-ups (to measure abdominal strength), shuttle run (speed and agility), pull-ups or flexed arm hang (upper body strength), V-sit (flexibility of lower back and hamstrings), and ¼ - 1 mile run/walk (endurance). According to the students scores the

Physical Fitness Program offers three levels of awards.

Presidential Fitness Awards - Recognizes youth who achieve the out-

standing level of physical fitness. These youth score at or above the 85th percentile in all five events. **National Fitness Awards** – This award is for those who score at or above the 50th percentile on all five events. Youth demonstrate a basic, yet challenging, level of physical fitness. **Participant Fitness Awards** – Those whose scores fall below the 50th percentile on one or more events receive this award for taking part in the Physical Fitness Test.

Testing is done in both fall and spring. The best score from each event will be taken to measure our students fitness levels.

Did You Know...



...CECP students placed 2nd out of the competing high schools in their food collection drive and can sculpture contest held before Thanks-



CECP students, Ms. Dennison, Ms. Lazarou and Ms. Childress with their award winning food collection sculpture

Coming Up at Calvary

For the most up-to-date events, visit our web calendar at www.ces-richmond.org



Christmas Break, Dec. 20-Jan. 4, 2010

Friday, Dec. 18-8am, Lessons and Carols Chapel in the sanctuary; 11:30, early dismissal.

Monday, Jan. 4-Staff Development, Student Holiday

Tuesday, Jan. 5-Students return to school; Basketball G 4:30 B 5:30 TCS at home

Thursday, Jan. 7-Basketball G 4:30 B 5:30 Chinquapin at

Home

Friday, Jan. 8-School Wide Spelling Bee; How the West Was One Free Dress Day

Tuesday, Jan. 12-Basketball G 4:30 B 5:30 at Clay Road

Thursday, Jan. 14-7pm, Strategic Planning Meeting-Work Groups, Parish Hall

Friday, Jan. 15-How the West Was One Free Dress Day; Q2 Ends

Monday, Jan. 18-MLK Holiday

Tuesday, Jan. 19-Teacher/Parent Conferences

Wednesday, Jan. 20-Q3 Begins

Thursday, Jan. 21-Report Cards are posted



Calvary Faculty and Staff wishes all of the Calvary Family a very Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year!