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one mission, one vision, one heart



**Holiday
Monday, Feb. 15**

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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.

Band Students Win Medals at UIL

Several 7th grade band students participated in the Lamar CISD Solo and Ensemble contest held at George Jr. High on Saturday, Feb. 6. Students had to learn a University Scholastic League (UIL) solo and perform it for a judge to grade.

A Trumpet Ensemble consisting of **Wil Carey, Jerome Hall, Christian Martinez, Eric Hutchinson, and Adrian Wiedefeld** performed "Minuet in G." They earned a First division rating (the highest rating available) and were awarded a first division medal at Chapel Monday, February 8.

Individual soloists performed for a judge a UIL graded solo (some with piano accompaniment). The soloists were: **Win Gould**, who performed "Yankee Doodle Pariddle" and earned a 1st division rating; **Hunter Stewart** who also performed "Yankee Doodle Pariddle" and earned a 1st division rat-

ing; **Erik Stockwell**, who performed "Minuetto" and earned a 1st division rating; **Jerome Hall**, who performed "Minuet in G" and earned a 1st division rating; **Adrian Wiedefeld**, who performed "Minuet in G" and earned a 1st division rating; **Wil Carey**, who performed "Minuet in G" and earned a 1st division rating; **Eric Hutchinson**, who performed "Evening Song" and earned a 1st division rating; and **Christian Martinez**, who performed "Evening Song" and earned a 1st division rating.

A great deal of work and courage was put forth by the students to compete in this contest. Congratulations to all. Congratulations is also extended to band director, **Mr. Talton** with a special thank you going to **Mrs. Stewart** for rehearsing and performing the piano accompaniments with the instrumental soloists.



Medal winners (l to r) Christian Martinez, Jerome Hall, Eric Hutchinson, Erik Stockwell, Hunter Stewart, Wil Carey and Adrian Wiedefeld (not pictured, Win Gould)

Yee Haw... "How the West Was One" Tomorrow

Friday night at 6:30 at the George Ranch Historical Park Arena IS the place to be! CPTO workers, Cath-

erine Engelbrecht, (Auction Chair) and volunteers **Amy Randolph, Shari Weber and Claire**

Clarke (CPTO President) are excited about the enthusiasm that has resulted in a large number of pre-

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Science Fair Next Week

Students are busy making last minute preparations on their Science Fair Projects, which will be judged and go on display

Feb. 10-12. After the judging, projects will go on display for public viewing on Thursday, Feb. 11, 5pm-7pm in the gym.

Science Fair ribbons will be given out at chapel on Friday, Feb. 12.

Yee Haw! (con't from page 1)

sale tickets ensuring a large turnout of CES supporters.

All parents should have received the email this week that provided last minute details about the evening and the extensive list of silent and live auction items.

Tuition raffle tickets will be available today

until 4pm or at the auction on Friday. Anyone who has not purchased their auction ticket, may still buy a ticket at the door.

Auction officials strongly urge those who are attending to get to the event at 6:30 pm, as the published schedule will be closely followed.



At the PK-2nd Grade party in honor of the Auction, students enjoy learning about how things were back at the George Ranch in the 1800's!



Stephen Breuer Spelling Bee Champ

From a field of sixteen spellers, one walked away as the 2010 Calvary Spelling Bee Champion. **Stephen Breuer**, pictured on the right, fifth grader, advances to the Fort Bend County Spelling Bee on Feb. 20 at 9am at Briscoe Junior High. **Christina Clark**, eighth grader, serves as the alternate. Congratu-

lations to both students and best wishes to **Stephen** on his quest to be the county champion.



Welcome...and Welcome Back!

Calvary welcomed four new students to begin the second semester. One new student, **Heather Hooker** (left) joined the seventh grade and comes to Calvary from Tennessee. Three former students, (l to r), **Jordan Fields**, **Kate Mann** (both ninth graders) and **Madeline DeVault** (fourth grader) returned to Calvary. We welcome them all with open arms and are glad they are with us!



Imperial Sugar...Recyclers for CES

Calvary thanks church member **Frank Plut** and **Imperial Sugar** for saving and delivering their waste paper over the past several months. **Frank** says that "By my estimates we were able to deposit approximately 6,160 pounds of paper in your containers. It has been my pleasure representing Imperial Sugar and will continue to make those deposits in the future." Thank you **Frank** and Imperial Sugar for being Friends of Cal-

Tuition at Calvary...A Value in Education

Families recently received the 2010-2011 school year tuition and fee schedule, which includes a modest increase. Those who have been a part of the Calvary family (or any independent school) have rarely (if ever) seen a new tuition schedule not include an increase. This year is no different. But, to understand the factors behind the decisions made related to tuition and fees, a number of issues must be noted.

The setting of tuition is a function of the Calvary School Board of Trustees. More specifically, the Finance Committee of the Board began working on the overall budget projections for 2010-2011 in October. (The actual budget will not be approved by the board until summer 2010.) Within these projection models, there are three basic factors that are of the most importance in determining a tuition and fee schedule: (1) the concern to make decisions that will adequately fund the needs of maintaining a high quality school while being aware of the competitive market and the financial status of current and prospective families; (2) cost of living increases that are not controlled by

the school; and (3) personnel cost projections, which are over 80% of the overall budget.

The Finance Committee, composed of Board members, **Jeff McClellan** (Board treasurer), **Christopher Gaas**, **Jason Kniss** and **Jaime Garcia**, began committee work in October, presented board workshops and made recommendations to the Board, which were approved at their meeting on January 19. There was much discussion, debate and prayer along the way.

This year's tuition and fee schedule reflects the following:

- 4% increase in the tuition from last year. This is projected to increase the budget in operational areas that were underfunded last year. For example, the faculty and staff, without exception, agreed to a salary freeze and suspension of the school contribution to their pension plan instead of the option of reducing personnel. As a result, the board was able to balance the budget with an extremely low turnover in personnel. This increase will allow the board to consider salary increases and the reinstatement of a pension

contribution for the next school year.

- The board has long been debating initiating a change in the fee structure to make the budget more streamlined while producing additional income in hopes of minimizing budget shortfalls that have had to be addressed by our Annual Giving Campaign this year:

- The prepayment discount was lowered from 5% to 3%. This change was an effort to align the discount with the investment money market and what other private schools are discounting for prepayment. The board is very appreciative of families who make a one-time payment, and feels the 3% discount remains an incentive and is highly competitive with investments such as savings plans;
- The sibling discount was increased from 5% to 7%. Again, in comparing this discount with other private schools, the board felt the increased discount would be more attractive to families with more than one child. Calvary has a very large number of multi-student families, and seeks to attract more of these families to the school;

- The re-enrollment fee was increased from \$150 to \$200 while still allowing for a \$100 discount for those who submit documents the first week of re-enrollment;

- The Student Service fee is designated to fund specific areas of the budget that support students services in the hopes that parents will not be asked for these funds throughout the year. This fee will address the continuing needs of technology, upgrading of textbooks, the class activity fee and provide a yearbook and a class picture for each student. The higher fee for CECP students is because of their use of specialized technology hardware and software for their coursework;
- The monthly service fee for those who pay tuition in installments remains at \$5 per month;
- The sports fees for middle school students have remained the same. There will be additional sports fees for CECP students if they participate in TAPPS athletics; the After School Program fees have remained the same.

The board and administration have worked diligently to keep Calvary costs to a minimum, ensuring that we continue to provide a high quality education at an affordable price. To that end, Calvary remains in the mid-range of tuition and fees of other private and parochial schools in Fort Bend County.

Calvary's Old Logo Shirts Honduras Bound

The time has finally arrived! Calvary will be sending the retired logo uniform shirts to Iglesia San Lucas, Delicias del Norte, Honduras. **The Rev. Barbara Boghatich**, who has been ministering to the people of this area for many years says "This is exciting! Thanks to all." in an email to **Mary Servantes** as they were going over the final details of the endeavor. For the past two years, Calvary Episcopal School has been collecting the old-logo uniform shirts as a service project to send to the people in **Rev. Boghatich's** area of Honduras. Both short and long sleeve shirts will be used. The people now also have the skills to alter



is this **Tuesday February 16th!**

**Doors open at 6pm, and close at 8pm
The contest will begin at 7pm**

Cost for Adults is \$6 and Children (4-11) are \$4

Tickets are on sale during lunch and after church on Sunday

We will be having our pancake eating contest once again, and this time it is open to anyone (no age or size limit!). The student who eats the most pancakes will also win an iPod Shuffle!

The adult or student who eats the most pancakes will have their name put on the new "Dancake Eating Champion" Trophy

See you on Tuesday Night!

2010 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Contest Winners

The judging for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Contest (private/parochial) was held Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at the Reliant Center in Houston. For the third time Calvary Episcopal School has swept all of the awards, two Best of Show and two Gold Medals at the middle school level at the private school judging!

Eighth graders **Nate Krogel** and **Emma Gaas** won **Best of Show Awards** and **Nick Aguirre** (8th grade) and **Julia Tape** 7th grade student, won Gold Medals for the middle school age group. **Kaitlynn Martin**, 9th grade

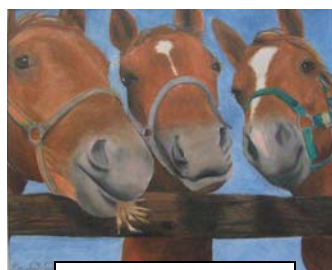
student, was Calvary's first ever entry into the extremely competitive high school competition and was named a finalist. **Chloe De-Shazo**, **Rachael Hanson**, both 8th graders, and 7th grader **Sarah Baughman** were finalists. Blue Ribbon winners were: eighth grader **Will Rector**, seventh graders **Julia Marcucci** and **Danielle Bailey**; and sixth grader **Reginald Holloway**. **Spencer Shofner**, **Shelby Kasberger**, **Ben Snow**, **Tamiya Hall**, **Bevin Harris** won Red Ribbons.

In the past nine years Calvary students have won 11 Best of Show Awards and 11 Gold

Medals. Calvary competes against forty other private schools at this show annually. Overall there are over 350,000 entries each year in the HLSR School Art Contest.



Julia Tape



Emma Gaas



Nate Krogel



Nick Aguirre



CES Art Students enjoy a trip to the Houston Museum of Fine

Facebook and Your Child: What Parents Need to Know

By Lisa Mann, Head of Middle School

It will come as no surprise to most of you readers that Facebook and other social networking sites have entered the lives of many schoolchildren across the country. As teachers and administrators, we are noticing that the trend of having Facebooks is extending to younger and younger students all the time. This is not only a bad idea—it is against Facebook policy. **No one under the age of thirteen is allowed to have a Facebook—if they do, they have lied about their age to obtain it.**

For students thirteen and older there are some positives to Facebook, as well as some negatives. If your teen has a Facebook, don't feel you need to insist that they delete it because of this article. We have seen students extend extraordinary kindness to each other on Facebook, and support each other during difficult personal struggles. Some students have messaged teachers on Facebook with homework questions! Unfortunately, some students also engage in electronic bullying, correspond with people they do not know, and use language that they would never employ if they were talking to someone in person. This is where parents must come in as monitors.

So, how do you, as parents, monitor your child's Facebook and other internet activity? The simple answer is: stay involved. If your child has a Facebook, you may want to have one as well, if only to be their Facebook friend and monitor their activity. Be sure that their privacy settings are such that you see their posts—it is now possible to edit which friends see what parts of your Facebook, and they can easily limit your access if they choose to do so. The best way to avoid this is to **insist that you have their user name and password, so that you can actually log into their account**, where all activity will be viewable, including their friend list. If this seems like an invasion of their privacy, please note: it is not like reading their diary. Students need to be aware that you will see anything they do on Facebook, because it is a public venue, and countless others will see what they do, as well.

Here are the areas of greatest concern to us as educators and as people who love your kids and want them to stay safe. Please monitor carefully, even if you are not sure it is necessary.

1. Children under thirteen using Facebook—this should not be allowed. Have them delete their account until they meet Facebook's age minimum. Virtually all of the young CES students we have seen on Facebook have "friended" much older students and others whose posts are often not appropriate for a youngster to see.
2. "Friending" people that they do not know is exceptionally dangerous. Check their friend lists regularly and ask about anyone you do not know. Even people who are known to you, but are much older, may not be appropriate Facebook friends. They ought to be able to describe a "friend" in seconds: what do they look like? Where do they go to school? How did they meet?
3. Remind your child constantly (because most simply refuse to believe this) that anything they post on Facebook or any other networking site, or that they send in chats on vehicles such as AIM, can potentially be seen by countless people. They should not say anything on the internet that they would not put on a billboard on I-59!
4. Pre-approve any photos that your child may post to Facebook. We have been alarmed by the numbers of kids posting photos of themselves in swimsuits and other skimpy apparel. Predators look for this. Also, kids post photos of other kids without their permission, and this is both dangerous and illegal.
5. Students may not use the logo or name of Calvary in any web pages they create. This is an "intellectual property" violation, and will be considered an infraction at school that can result in suspension or expulsion. (Check out the "Acceptable Use Policy" in the school handbook.)
6. Hammer home the idea that schoolwork must come before the Internet. If necessary, disconnect your internet during hours when homework should be done, or collect that I-phone until you see finished homework. Some students are taking their phones to bed and staying up very late on Facebook or texting.

Keep kids busy and engaged in meaningful, productive activity with their peers and with their families. This is the number one way to make sure they do not seek companionship on the internet with people who may pose a risk to them.

Student Achievement!

Senior Spotlight

Kudos to **Eric Boshart**, CECP Senior, for being the newest sports writer/photojournalist for the Ft. Bend Lifestyles magazine. He began his new position in the fall covering football which, due to his excellent efforts, has been extended to a spring position covering basketball as well. Be sure to pick up the latest copy of the Ft. Bend Life-

styles to catch Eric's work.

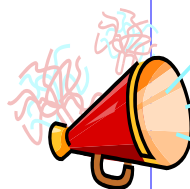
Congratulations to **Wil Carey**, seventh grader who has completed Algebra I in ALEKS math. **Wil** has begun Geometry, which he will complete this year. Next year, **Wil** will start and complete Algebra II. Great job, **Wil**, on setting your goals, establishing a plan for success, and achieving the goal ahead of schedule!

Con't from p. 3 Shirts to Honduras items to fit if necessary.

Within the next week, students will gather to size and box up the shirts to prepare for shipment. The shirts will then go from here to Arlington, VA where the non-profit group Art for Humanity has agreed to make room in a container on an ocean liner to deliver the goods to Honduras. From there, **Rev. Boghatich** will meet the shipment at the port, take possession and oversee the distribution of the shirts to students and their families. The next container bound for Honduras leaves at the beginning of March.

If you have any shirts that need to make this shipment, please bring them up to the school as soon as possible. You may contact parent volunteer Mary Servantes with any questions you might have at mary.servantes@sbcglobal.net

Did You Know...



...that through the generosity of Calvary students and parents and the kindness of our middle school athletes and coaches, Calvary will send almost \$1,000 to the Episcopal Schools in Haiti Relief Fund.

Coming Up at Calvary

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



Friday, Feb. 12-6:30pm,
"How the West Was One"
Auction

**Monday, Feb. 15-Presidents'
Day Holiday**

Tuesday, Feb. 16-TAPPS
Competition in Bryan (CECP);
6pm, Pancake Supper, Gym

Wednesday, Feb. 17-Science
Fair Begins (through Friday)

Thursday, Feb. 18-5pm-7pm,
Science Fair Exhibits Open to
Public

Saturday, Feb. 20-9am-noon,
New Student Admissions
Testing; 9am, Fort Bend
County Spelling Bee, Briscoe
Jr. High

Tuesday, Feb. 23-Progress
Reports Posted; 3:30pm,
CPTO Board Meeting

Friday, Feb. 26-Deadline for
Financial Aid Applications

Tuesday, Mar. 2-6:30pm,
CPTO General Meeting

Friday, Mar. 5-WFW \$1 Free
Dress Day

Monday, Mar. 8-Matriculation
Chapel for students who have
registered since August 31,
2009; 6pm, Choir Trip Chap-
erone Meeting

Friday, Mar. 12-Early Dis-
missal, 11:30am, for Spring
Break

The Sun
WILL shine
again and
there will
be Spring
Break!

March 15-
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Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, Feb. 17
8:05 in the Chapel

Ashes will be dispensed to those who would like to come forward. Students and parents should discuss this chapel option and make a decision to receive ashes. Students not wishing to receive ashes may stay in the pew. Chapel attendance is required

