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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.

Ash Wednesday Service to be Held in Church

Next Wednesday is Ash

Wednesday, the beginning of the forty days of prayer and preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Our chapel service on Wednesday, February 25 will be The Imposition of Ashes, when students, with parents' permission, will be invited forward to receive ashes in the form of a cross on their



foreheads. These ashes come from burning palm branches used during last year's Palm Sunday procession.

Parents are welcome to join us for the February 25 service at 8:05am. This special service will be held in the church. Parents are asked to please discuss this service with their children and let them know whether they are allowed to receive these ashes. (Students may opt out of receiving ashes, but are expected to attend the service.)

From the Library...Cupids for Those Who Love Books

As cupids and fairies flitted and flew through the hallways at Calvary, just before Valentine's Day, our masterful librarians, Mrs. Krig and Mrs. Digoy, and their trusty library angel, parent volunteer Mrs. Mizerik were putting the final touches on an incredibly successful Valentine's Day Book Club event! Thanks to everyone who participated in this fabulous tradition that brought in over \$2000 for the li-

brary and added over 150 titles to our growing collection. Special thank you to Mrs. Mizerik and all of the

Just a reminder, Calvary's annual spring book fair will kick off on March 2nd and run through March 6th. It



Eighth graders served as Special Delivery agents during Valentine Book Day.

library volunteers who made this event possible.

will be open daily from 7:30 to 4:00, with the exception of March 3rd. Our annual "Camping Night" will be held the evening of March 3rd. You won't want to miss the

delicious Coney Island Hot Dogs, semi-scary stories told by Mrs. Krig and Mr. Smith along with our talented PSIA prose students.

Welcome New Crusader!



Calvary welcomes Andrew Hedden, our newest student who joins our sixth grade.

Annual Pancake Supper Tuesday Evening

Everyone is invited to Calvary Episcopal Church's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 24th from 6 - 8 pm. This will be an all-you-can-eat "Fat Tuesday" feast! Plenty of pancakes, sausages, applesauce and beverages will be served. Tickets are just \$6 for anyone over 12 and \$4 for children under 12.

Students will remember the pancake eating con-

test from last year that challenged **Father Frankie, Mr. Smith** and



Youth Minister Brian to consuming the most pan-

cakes. Well, this year, **Brian** (last year's winner) is expanding this contest to include **anyone** who would like to challenge him. (Many students are making serious claims of being able to dethrone **Brian!**)

Tickets are on sale Monday and Tuesday during lunch periods. All proceeds go to support the youth ministries of CEC.

Reminder... the 2008-2009 yearbook will only be on sale until February 28th. We will turn our orders in on March 1st, and we will not be ordering extra copies of the yearbook this year. Our goal was to sell 200 yearbooks, and we have currently sold 148. Also, our goal for advertisements was four pages, and we have sold two pages, so you if you have not ordered a business or student recognition ad yet, please do so today. There is no better way to congratulate your child on a job well done!

Please download a yearbook order form from our website or contact Ms. Kanak at rkanak@ces-richmond.org for an order form, for more information, or for advertisement rates.

CECP Students Revisit Pioneer Days in Texas

History came alive on the college prep campus earlier this week as students were visited by two Texas History Pioneers sharing life as a pioneer through their hands-on reenactments with the CECP students. Thanks to former educators **Scott Griffin** and **Lester Reineker**, CECP

students were able to touch, smell, and in other multi-sensory ways experienced life in Texas in the 1830's, when the territory was part of Mexico.

Experiences included building fires, dressing up in authentic period costumes, viewing a variety of artifacts, learning about clothing and the reasoning behind certain features of apparel, weap-

onry, food, culture, and how their self-sufficient lifestyle caused innovation in medicine and modern day conveniences. The students truly enjoyed the reenactment and having something on which to hang their knowledge in History. Giddy-up!



"Stars of Tomorrow" Dinner and Auction Planning Meeting

What time is it? That's right, AUCTION TIME!!!!

If you are interested in helping out, in any capacity, big or small, please join us for an information packed "Stars of Tomorrow" CPTO auction meeting on Tuesday, February 24th at 8:30 in the solarium. And most importantly, update your "lunar" calendar to include April 17th, for the "Stars of Tomorrow" auction at Safari Texas.



CECP Students Providing Service and Receiving Scholarships, Recognition

CECP Student Council created American Heart Association awareness on Valentine's Day with a new tradition started. Each student who wanted to participate in Valentine exchange was to bring \$5 to donate to AHA in return for a Valentine's Collection Bag. There were plenty of festivities CECP raised over \$100 for the American Heart Association in the process. This was a service project initiated by **Elizabeth Svabic** and **Alysse Ligon**. Thank you, girls, for your dedication to raising awareness!

Friday the 13th of February proved to be lucky for CECP. This date marked another first for College Prep- participation in Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) Academic Competition at Alpha Omega Academy in Huntsville, Texas. Our students participated in seven different categories:

Number Sense, Mathematics, Calculator Applications, Spelling, Social Studies, Sciences, and Current Event and Issues. Of the seven events, we placed top 6 in all 7. Three of our students received 1st place and a position at the State competition in five categories: **Sofia Carrillo** for Spelling, **Jeffrey Guillott** in Mathematics, Calculator Application, and Number Sense, and **Matthew Stockwell** in Social Studies. **Raychel Lockwood** received 5th in Current Events and **Sofia Carrillo** placed 6th in Overall Science. **Michael Pitschmann** was a participant in Calculator Applications. TAPPS State Academic Competition will take place April 3-4th in Austin. Congratulations CECP! We sure made quite an impression for our first meet!

Caroline Miller, a CECP senior, has received an acceptance letter and a scholarship letter in the amount of \$14,000 for Houston Baptist University. We are proud of **Caroline's** award. HBU was a first choice for **Caroline** who is thrilled to have the weight of college acceptance to a choice school off her shoulders. We wish her good luck in her future journey as she will graduate from Calvary on May 19th with the other seniors **Elizabeth Svabic** and **Raychel Lockwood**.

CECP looks forward to keeping the Calvary family updated when students receive future acceptance letters and scholarship awards.



Caroline Miller, senior, is all smiles after receiving word that she received acceptance and scholarship at HBU



TAPPS Academic Meet winners, Jeffrey Guillott, Raychel Lockwood, Eric Boshart (named to All-District Basketball 2nd Team) and Sophia Carrillo are congratulated by Mr. Smith for their TAPPS accomplishments. (Not pictured, Matthew Stockwell)

What's Happening in Kindergarten?



As part of their math studies, kinder students enjoy a parade showing off their "100 day of School" projects.

As spring approaches, our young kindergarten students are budding as readers!

Ms. Buettner and Ms. Kidda indicate that all students are diligently working on their *Superkids* home readers. They are doing really well and parents and students alike are LOVING sharing their wonderful reading skills.

In math, the children are learning to distinguish between pennies, nickels,

dimes, and quarters. They are learning the value of each and how to count and combine. Our kindergarteners are also learning how to tell time to the hour and half hour. Boy, have they been busy in math!

In social studies class, the students just finished studying about **George Washington** and **Abraham Lincoln** and learned why they have been recognized as two of our greatest presidents. They are also studying

about our country as well as the national symbols of our country.

In science, our young meteorologist have been busy learning about the different types of weather, and even had a special visit with **Ms. Stafford**, our school nurse, who taught the students how to prevent the spread of germs! You can tell, our young learners have been extremely busy in our kindergarten classrooms!

Fourth

Graders learn Texas history living in the area of Texas where it all took place!

Fantastic Fourth Continues Their Study of Texas

This week in the **Fantastic Fourth** students studied the early pioneers, Stephen F. Austin and his fellow colonists, learning that where our school is located is seeped in history of this period. They

explored different types of government and emigration patterns affecting the colonization of Texas.

Mr. Krogel had the students compare our hardships of today with those the early colonist encour-

tered. In concert with these studies and to help with imagery of the time period, students read a cross curricular novel about a family moving from Germany to Texas in the mid 1800's.

Fifth Grade Jumps Into Creative Problem Solving

Mrs. Joiner and Mrs. Nelson recently facilitated a day of creative problem-solving as our fifth grade students had their first challenging experience with *Odyssey of the Mind*.

Odyssey of the Mind teaches students to learn

creative problem-solving methods while having fun in the process. By tapping into creativity, and through encouraging imaginative paths to problem-solving, students learn skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems -- great and small -- for a



lifetime. They work with open-ended tasks intended to appeal to a wide range of interests and learning styles where they learn how to identify problems, think divergently and are encouraged to think "out of the box."

Developing and enhancing flexible thinking, originality, elaboration and the

ability to work within a group to solve problems are some of the key outcomes. During this first event, students worked on a problem that stretched their writing, musical and performance skills as they worked within the time limits imposed within the problem. For a first attempt...they did a great job!

Private Education...A Good Value!

America's first schools were private schools. Its first leaders were taught in private schools, whose goal was to graduate a student capable of making a positive contribution to society. Today, private schools gladly join their newer counterpart—public schools—in creating an educational system that is the envy of the world and the hope for our continued freedom.

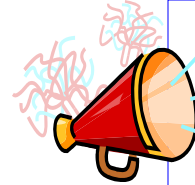
In a 1999-2000 survey by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the number one goal of private schools was academic excellence. Thanks to committed parents, motivated students and limited distractions, private schools are free to focus on quality education for the more than six million children they enroll.

More than 350 years after John Milton claimed that truth emerges from "the marketplace of ideas," the rich diversity of private schools is a staple in the marketplace of American education, and the nation is stronger for it.

Private education is good for students, good for families, and good for America.

(From Council for Private American Education www.capenet.org)

Did You Know...



...that Calvary entrance requirements are more demanding than many other private, parochial and independent schools in the Fort Bend County area?

Coming Up at Calvary

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



Monday, Feb. 23-Middle School Track Practice Begins

Tuesday, Feb. 24-Q3 Progress Report's Posted; 8:30am, CPTO Auction Meeting; 3:30pm, CPTO Board Meeting; 5:00pm, School Board Meeting; 6pm, Pancake Dinner and Eating Contest, Gym

Wednesday, Feb. 25-8:05am, Ash Wednesday Service in the church; Library Closed-Book Fair Set Up; LOGOS

Thursday, Feb. 26-Book Fair Preview

Friday, Feb. 27-Book Fair Preview; Free Dress Friday for students who have earned a "free dress" pass; 2:30, Pep Rally

Saturday, Feb. 28-PSIA Academic Contest, St. Francis Episcopal Day School

Monday, Mar. 2-Spring Book Fair Begins

Tuesday, Mar. 3-Middle School Tennis Match @ Briarwood, 3pm; 6:30pm, CPTO Meeting; 7pm, Camping Night, gym

Wednesday, Mar. 4-LOGOS

Friday, Mar. 6-Middle School Tennis Match @ Logos, 3pm

