

# What's UP! at Calvary



**February 24, 2003**

Welcome to a new informational email newsletter from Calvary Episcopal School! Each week you will receive an email from the school detailing information about the school: events, student achievements and program information. We hope this will help you to keep abreast of school news and current events. This special newsletter is for our families with email. So, if you know someone who would like to be receiving email services, please have them email [msmith@ces-richmond.org](mailto:msmith@ces-richmond.org). For the latest school calendar and update on school happenings, visit the CES website at [www.ces-richmond.org](http://www.ces-richmond.org).

## **Registration for Fall 2003**

The faculty and staff of CES recognize that you have a number of options when it comes to your child's education. We commend you for choosing CES and hope that we will continue to allow us to earn your confidence.



As you look over your contract for the 2003-2004 school year, please be reminded of a few important and unique facts about CES:

- Unlike many private schools, CES is fully accredited by the Southwest Association of Episcopal Schools, which in turn is recognized by the Texas Education Agency;
- Unlike many private schools, CES employs teachers who meet our board standards by being degreed and certified;
- Students at CES are in a safe and nurturing environment. Students are known by name, not a number;
- Our entrance requirements are selective, geared toward academically focused students;
- Our curriculum is rigorous, with teachers instructing at a grade above level;
- Our students score in the top 10% of the nation on SAT scores. For example on the complete **battery of tests**, our first graders score at the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> month; our third graders score at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level; and our seventh graders score at the Post High School level. (Spring 2002 scores.)
- A Christian environment that provides a daily chapel experience.

Signing and returning your contract will ensure your child's continued enrollment. Open enrollment begins March 3. After this date, we will begin admitting new students.

Thank you again for your continued support of CES. The faculty, staff and we look forward to serving your child's educational needs in the coming school year.

### **The Season of Lent**

We operate by four calendars at Calvary Episcopal School: the Gregorian year, school year, fiscal year and the church year.

There is a significant change upcoming in the church calendar. On March 5, we begin the season of Lent, a six-week period of spiritual discipline anticipating the festive and glorious celebration of Easter Sunday. This new season is marked by an historic and profound Ash Wednesday service.



On this day, ashes are rubbed on the forehead of people to remind us of human mortality and exhort a faithfulness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This imposition of ashes goes back to the 10th century. Its symbolism is reflected in the words spoken as the ashes are placed on the forehead in the sign of the cross, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

At the Wednesday, March 5 chapel service, we will include a service of Imposition of Ashes to mark Ash Wednesday. You and your children are invited to participate, regardless of denomination. Those who would like to come forward may. There is no doctrinal teaching necessary and no preparation other than a willingness to enter this season of preparation. That is how Lent is to be understood, not as a season of penitence, but as a season of practicing a discipline that helps us look to God in our lives. Any parent who prefers that his/her child not participate in this part of the chapel service may send a note to the office.

### **Achievement Tests Next Week**

CES students in grades 1-8 will be taking the complete battery of Stanford Achievement Tests during the week of March 3. Parents are asked to encourage students to do their very best on these tests. Make-ups will be the week before Spring Break. Kindergarten students will take the Metropolitan Achievement Test during the week of April 28.

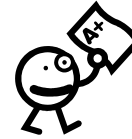


### **Basketball**

The last Boys and Girls Basketball team home game of the season is today against Texas Christian School at 4:30. Thursday the Crusaders will be at Clay Road Baptist School. The conference basketball tournament will begin on March 6. Don't miss seeing our Super Crusaders in action!

### **Quarter Ends and Report Cards**

The third quarter ends on Friday, March 7. Report cards will be sent home the following Tuesday, March 11.



### **Grandparents and Other Special People Day**

The annual Grandparents and Other Special People Day will be held on Friday, March 14. Festivities will begin at 1:30 in the afternoon. Notices are being sent home this week.

### **Fourth Grade Field Trip**

Fourth graders will be enjoying a trip to the Burke Baker Planetarium on Wednesday. Students will be leaving after chapel and will return around 2pm. Dress Uniforms are required for this field trip.



### **Calvary Bank is Open!**

The Calvary Bank will be open on Friday. Students who would like to participate should bring their deposit amount on Friday morning.



### **Fort Bend County Spelling Bee**

Denys Herfort represented CES at the Fort Bend County Spelling Bee, and he represented us well! There were sixty contestants from private and public elementary and middle schools throughout Fort Bend County. Denys made it through four rounds, and when he was disqualified by missing "chastise," there were only 16 students still standing. Way to go, Denys...there is always next year!