

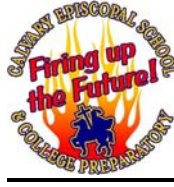


February 8, 2008

What's Up at Calvary?

**Fired Up Ending to the Annual Campaign**

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our "Firing up the Future" 2007-2008 Annual Giving Campaign.



**Over 53%** of you participated in this year's campaign, more than doubling last year's participation! We had seven grade levels exceed the 50% mark including: Pre-K, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and CECP! When you combine our family participation with our 100% Faculty/Staff participation and 100% Board of Trustee participation we raised **over \$73,700** to go directly back to helping our students, exceeding our goal by 19%!

Thank you for helping us light the way to replace the lower school flooring, refurbish the air conditioning in the library, gym and middle school building along with enhancing our audio visual equipment and lighting in the gym. You will start to see the benefit of your contributions very soon!

We would also like to thank our Grade Captains who helped support our campaign efforts – **Kevin & Kristin Council, Jeff & Melissa McClellan, Leland & Amy Irwin, Skip & Brooke Valet, Joey & Candace Dupuis, Leonardo & Gail Pekola, Andrew & Holly Huebner, David & Debi Heck, Steven & Kelly Burke, Carol Gaas and Jesus & Elmira Frias.** Even though the

official push for our Annual Campaign has ended, we continue to accept donations throughout the year. Thanks again for helping Calvary set the world on fire. Without you, we would not be the school we are today!



**School Board Selects Architect**

The Calvary School Board has been studying the possibilities for the growth of our college prep program over the past several months. After a series of workshops, board and committee meetings, the board voted at the last board meeting on January 22 to contract the services of Bailey Architects to begin the planning for a new CECP facility. The proposal is to begin a design study for a building within the current campus property. Board members, parents and students will be involved in this process over the next several months.

**Enrollment Continues to Climb!**

All indications point to another record enrollment as the registration process begins for the 2008-2009 school year. The first week of enrollment for current families broke all



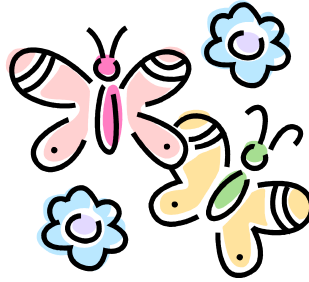
records, as we re-registered 285 of our 335 students, or 85% of our current enrollment. After the second week of

registration, our enrollment is at 300 students with one grade level already full and with a wait list. This coming week begins open enrollment...look for our numbers to soar!

### **Butterflies at Calvary**

This week in chapel, Calvary students were introduced to our new Butterfly Garden as our CECP students enacted a skit depicting the transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly. This

was all in preparation to unveil the newest addition to beautify our campus and educate our students with a butterfly



garden. The garden, which is located on the backside of the CECP building, is a reality thanks to the incredible work of volunteers **Ms. Elizabeth Jones, Ms. Judy Jones** and Enchanted Gardens. Construction includes a walkway that leads from the Family Life Center building (past the library) and the CECP building to the garden. Planting will begin at the end of February. A number of student groups will help with the planting, and families will hear later in the month how they can become involved in this wonderful project that will be enjoyed by Calvary students for many years to come.

### **Uniform Committee Makes Changes**

Many thanks are extended to the members of the Uniform Committee for their work on uniform revisions and vendor selections for the upcoming school year. These members included: parents **Kim Buzard** and **Amy Irwin**; CES/CECP students **Danielle Frias, Kate Mann, Doug Webb**, and **Anna White**; and faculty members **Colleen Sanders, Malcolm Smith**, and **Lisa Mann**. Parker Uniforms will remain our full-service

uniform vendor, with many uniform pieces also available at Speedway Shirts and Signs, Addy's Spinkerdoodles, and Land's End. Some exciting changes/revisions will include: a much cooler, all-season version of the navy pullover v-neck sweater worn by boys PreK-5<sup>th</sup>, and girls 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>; an easier-wearing dress uniform blouse for middle school girls, and the change from the four-button vest to a cardigan button-down dress sweater for middle school girls. Also, fashion-fit khaki pants have been added for girls in all grade levels, and those who have sampled them indicate they should be a big hit, as they fit more like jeans. Khaki skirts will be available as a daily wear option for girls in all grades, and girls in PreK-2 will have an additional khaki skort option that is very easy to wear and well-styled for active play. Our logo is being redesigned and will be embroidered on everything from oxford knit shirts to blazers and sweaters. A standardized dress shoe (don't worry—available many places, many price ranges) will also be unveiled. Look for a detailed uniform guide with photos to be available very soon!

### **Cash for Trash Update**

You have been bringing your trash and we can tell! Cash for Trash can boast a whopping income of \$3699.98 from August 2007 - January 2008.

AMAZING! Thanks to all who are helping in this success. Did you know that you can bring items in even when there is no contest running? We keep an ongoing list of items brought in so you WILL get credit! Please check out our page on the CES website to see what all we are collecting!

Due to loss of corporate funding, Terracycle (the plastic bottle recycling company that we use) is no longer accepting bottles. Effective immediately, we will NOT be collecting these. They are searching for new sponsorship and once that is in place

we will begin this collection again!  
Questions?? Email Heather McBride at  
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### Lower School News

#### Kindergarten Highlights

Way to go kindergarten teachers, students and parents! **Ms. Buettner** and **Ms. Kidda** report that every kinder student is now reading! This is very exciting news and deserves special recognition and congratulations to all. Students will continue their reading adventures with the Superkids series in class, and for added practice, students have all received readers for home. Our kinder students are also progressing well in math. They are now adding and subtracting and using their math skills to solve word problems...very big accomplishments! If you happen to visit kindergarten classrooms this coming week you might see students "digging for dinosaurs!" As they continue to study these magnificent creatures of long ago, they will likely have extra opportunities to visit our very own dinosaur land in the library!!

#### The Battle of San Jacinto

Fourth graders have been buzzing about their field trip to the San Jacinto Monument and Battleground this past Thursday. Students, teachers and parent chaperones had opportunities to walk the terrain and re-enact the Battle of San Jacinto. This trip was especially meaningful for **Lauren Millard** as one of her distant relatives, **Captain Millard**, lead an infantry company during this famous battle which ultimately led to Texas's independence. Students were well prepared for their battle simulation as they had re-enacted **Santa Anna's** crossing of the Brazos River at the Morton Ferry site in the classroom on Wednesday. As always, we greatly appreciate our parent chaperones who significantly contribute to the overall

success and safety of our field trip adventures.

### Middle School News

A big "high five" goes to Calvary sixth grader, **Jurnee Carter-Jones** who auditioned for and was selected to sing in the Puccini opera, **La bohème**. This famous opera, which will be performed April 11, 13m, 17, 19, 23, 26; May 1, and May 3, at the Wortham Theatre. **Jurnee**, who invites all of her friends to come to one of the performances, is enjoying the rehearsals, and learning to sing in Italian!

### Outclass News

#### Art and the 70's

Mrs. Dennison and all elementary and middle school art students have had fun getting "**Far Out**" as they decorated paddles for the auction. Students have given great thought and consideration to the 70's pop art scene and used their talents to bring some visual creativity to the Auction Night. Though the students are sad that they won't be at the auction in person, they hope their art will make a statement and inspire auction participation!

#### New Projector in Library

A special "Thank You" is extended to **Ms. Elizabeth Jones**, Calvary grandparent and library volunteer. Thanks to her generous donation to the library, students will now enjoy enhanced instruction on the new video projector system!

### College Prep News

Congratulations to junior, **Michaela Barta** for being selected for the 2008 Boston Ballet Summer Dance Program. Over 2,000 dancers auditioned from around the world and only 80 were

chosen to participate. The program extends from June 28-August 2. **Michaela** will attend this elite dance program this summer which promotes her dancing to the next level. Boston Ballet is offering her preferential treatment in the elite company based on her skill and technique at the audition. CECP is so proud of her!

CECP welcomes **Amanda Fleming** who will be joining our Calvary family on February 11 as a sophomore. **Amanda** is currently attending school in Canada and will be on American soil next week. We are excited to have her join us as she brings great energy and enthusiasm!

**Michaela Barta, Danielle Frias, Alysse Ligon, and Elizabeth Svabic** are our first group in the Calvary & Co. chapter of National Honor Society. They were "tapped" into the chapter on Tuesday, February 5th and the formal induction will happen during chapel on February 12<sup>th</sup>, which will be conducted by our NJHS officers. These candidates were selected by a five person faculty council based on Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service. Congratulations, ladies!

The high school student council is attending a leadership Winter Retreat in Moody Gardens this weekend. Please pray for the students on safe travel and abundant learning of leadership skills.

## COMING UP AT CALVARY

(Our Official School Calendar can be found on our website at [www.ces-richmond.org](http://www.ces-richmond.org))

**Friday, Feb. 8, 6:30pm, CPTO Disco Inferno Dinner and Auction, Safari Texas**; 5:00pm, Boys Gold Basketball, Briarwood;

**Saturday, Feb. 9**, 10:00am, Girls Blue Basketball, George Jr. High; 12:30pm, WHAC Basketball Tournament Championship, Girls Gold, Briarwood

**Monday, Feb. 11**, 2008 Open Registration Begins

**Tuesday, Feb. 12**, NHS Induction Chapel; All Star Girls & Boys Basketball Game at Briarwood , time TBA

**Wednesday, Feb. 13**, 4pm, LOGOS

**Thursday, Feb. 14**, Valentines Day Birthday Book Club Deliveries

**Friday, Feb. 15**, Choir Chick Fil A Night (5pm-8pm)

**Saturday, Feb. 16**, 9am-noon, Entrance Exams-Lower School/CECP Only; 9am, Fort Bend County Spelling Bee, Fort Settlement Middle School. Good Luck to **Erik Karlberg!**

**Monday, Feb. 18, Presidents' Day Holiday**

**Wednesday, Feb. 20**-4pm, LOGOS

**Thursday, Feb. 21**, 6:30pm, Middle School Dance Performance

**Saturday, Feb. 23**, Entrance Exams, all grade levels

## Did You Know...



...Calvary is the only parochial school in Fort Bend County with a daily chapel?