



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

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What's Up at Calvary?

Calvary Welcomes New Students

Calvary welcomes three new students: in Pre-K, **Thomas Petrutsas**; in 5th grade, **Anthony Sanchez**, and in 10th grade, **Rachel Lockwood**. We welcome these students as our newest Crusaders!



Registration for Fall 2008

Just when you begin a new year it is time to prepare for the 2008-2009 school year as the registration process begins. Registering students early will be more important at Calvary than ever before. Our classes are very limited in space, and current families will be given priority to re-register their children and register siblings. After this initial period, any available classroom positions will be opened to outside families. This year we have four full and wait-listed grade levels, which indicates how critical it is for current families to maintain their membership for next year. While we want to be accepting to new families, we do not want to lose any of our current students. The registration periods are as follows:

- January 24, 7pm, Prospective Student Open House
- Week of January 28, current families may re-register their children and any siblings. Siblings

would have to go through the admissions process, but would be given priority over non-Calvary families. The re-registration fee is \$150, but is reduced to \$50 during this week only. The regular re-registration fee is reinstated after this week. **It is important to note that current students who do not register during this week may be placed on an inactive list should their grade level fill, which would require that they re-register and submit to the admissions process.**

- Week of February 4, families who are registered Episcopalians (regardless of Parish) and students who are on one of the wait lists may register. The registration fee for non-wait listed students is \$200.
- Week of February 11 begins open registration. The registration fee for these students is \$200.

Prospective Student Open House

Do you have a neighbor, friend, colleague or fellow church member who is looking for a new school for his/her child? This year's Prospective Student Open House is set for Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 7pm. Prospectives who attend will be provided information about the school, get a tour of the school, meet the teachers and receive



enrollment information. Enrollment will be very limited for new students, so please let your prospective Crusaders know that the best chance at entering a new student begins with the Open House.

Calvary Wins Ronald Mc Donald House Pop Tab Container Contest

The entire elementary school and middle school art students (and **Sophia**, who is a high school student) have been working on the container project. Fifth grade brainstormed a great idea. There was a discussion about the purpose of Ronald Mc Donald House and its focus on children and families. We also discussed design principals and designs that would be fun and relatable for students. The design that was settled upon incorporates the huge red shoes that Ronald Mc Donald wears and the nursery rhyme about the children living in the shoe. Kindergarten through 4th grade and 6th grade art (each and every student) added paper mache to the cardboard frame. 3rd grade and 7th and 8th grade art students helped paint. This project sparked a lot of interest and team spirit plus it was FUN and exciting to hear that Calvary had won the contest, which was entered by a number of Houston area schools.

Calling all Disco Moms (and Disco Dads, Too)!!!

The 2008 CPTO Action is just around the corner, February 8 (please note the date change from February 1), and the auction committee is in



need of several volunteers to help cut out and laminate name tags this Wednesday morning at 8 AM.

These lava lamp name tags will be handed out to guests the night of the auction. Please bring your scissors and hole punches if you have them. There are many ways you can help with the auction and help is always needed and much

appreciated. To find out more, please call **Patty Diemert** at 281-813-6055.

The annual school auction still need lots of donations. Remember your donated items are tax deductible and all funds raised go directly to our school. Please send your item(s) or drop them off in the front office. If extra contribution forms are needed, check with the front office.

And, parents, when you underwriter a table for ten for the auction, your child(ren) will receive a free auction T-shirt. They can wear these on Spirit Days, or at the special student Disco Dance day on Feb. 1. The auction committee thanks you for your continued support.

As an addition, to support the auction, there will be a Premier Jewelry Show with proceeds benefiting the CPTO auction on Thursday, January 17, 2008 in the Solarium from 11:00am-1:00pm. Great jewelry at reasonable costs for faculty and parents! Come check it out!

Bargains at Used Uniform Sale

There will a "Used Uniform Sale" on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 11am to 7pm, in the Parish Hall. This is Parent/Teacher conference day so there is no school for the students. **Ms. Claire Chipman**, Used Uniform Coordinator, stated that the last sale generated \$2,870.00 that benefits Calvary students. If you have uniforms you would like to donate to the school, please bring them cleaned and folded to the school office. Your donations are very beneficial and greatly appreciated.

Safeguarding God's Children Training Scheduled

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas requires that all school volunteers and employees be trained in "Safeguarding God's Children." This child safety awareness training is available at Episcopal churches and schools

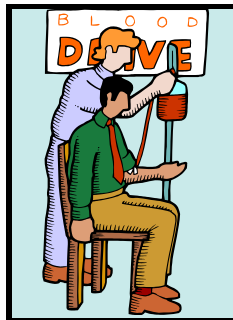
throughout the Houston area. The next training session at Calvary will be on Saturday, February 2, 9am to noon in the Parish Hall. There is no charge for the training but, registration is required. To register, please call the school office at 281-342-3161. This may be the last Safeguarding God's Children at Calvary until this summer.

Room Parent Request

Room parents are asking that parents please turn in all grade level activity fund checks for your child(ren) as soon as possible if you have not already done so. This is the activity fund check that was requested by the room parent letter last semester. If you are unsure of the amount, you may contact a grade level room parent or check with **Ms. Carrillo** in the business office. Please make sure to mark on the check in the memo line your child's grade level and write "activity fund" and your child's name. The room parents thank you so much!

Calvary Episcopal Church & School Blood Drive

As we begin a new year, please consider giving a new beginning, the gift of life to Houston area residents in need of blood. The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be at Calvary in the Family Life Center on January 27th, 2008, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. January is Blood Donor month and every one that donates blood will receive a special t-shirt! Sign up sheets will be available at the church on Sunday, Jan. 20th If you wish to sign up online and if you have donated before go to www.eblooddrive.org and click on "Find a Drive, enter sponsor code 2833, search for and select "Calvary Episcopal Blood Drive." Then schedule the time you want to donate. If you are a first time donor with Gulf Coast Regional



you will need to register on the home page. At the bottom, cck on "Not yet a donor? Make an appointment." Complete the required information and schedule your appointment. If you have questions and/or more information, please call Frank Plut at 281-490-9610 (W) or 281-342-6578 (H). EACH donation we make saves three lives! YES THREE!

Thanks to Fairfield for New Student Directories

Students recently received their new student directories. Calvary owes a special "thank you" to **Ms. Dryer** and **Fairfield Industries**. Fairfield provided all of the equipment and materials to produce our directories, which is



a significant cost savings to our school. **Ms. Dryer** recruited trusty volunteers, **Ms. Buzard, Ms. Clark, Ms. A. Jaster** and **Judy Boyd (Ms. Dryer's mom)** to put the books together. Thank you for your wonderful teamwork and for an excellent directory that will be enjoyed by all of our students and faculty.

Cash for Trash Update

Crusaders have done a **SUPERB** job bringing their "TRASH" to school so far this school year. Last year we made just over \$4000 and this year we have made **\$3157.24** and it is only January!!! A new contest will be announced before the end of the month. Please watch your email for new Box Tops Collection sheets are we are trying to reduce our imprint on the world by using less paper. Speaking of paper, as of Dec. 21, we have collected 10.4 tons of paper for recycling. That is a great start to our goal of 24 tons. This contest runs through March and if we meet our goal, we will get **\$500!!!** Keep that paper coming! Instead of curbside recycling,

throw your papers in the trunk and bring them to school. Thanks again for all of your support for Cash for Trash! QUESTIONS??? Email **Heather McBride** at Heather8MC@gmail.com

On another note from **Ms. McBride**...in November, we were given Blockbuster certificates by our local Blockbuster store for prizes for Cash for Trash. I tried to use one myself over the holidays and was told that they are invalid. If your students received one of these, please accept my apologies. I will be most happy to replace it with another prize. Simply let me know. My email is Heather8MC@gmail.com or you can catch me at school. Again, I am sorry for the inconvenience and frustration this may have caused.

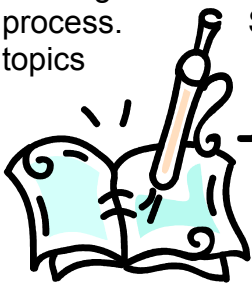
Part time Positions Available

CES/CECP is looking for a part time (10am – 1pm daily) lunch room supervisor. We are also in need of substitute teachers, as well. For additional information, please contact **Ms. Jaster** at 281-342-3161.

Lower School News

First Grade Learns Writing Process

Recently, **Ms. Baughman's** first grade students developed a composition by working all the way through the writing process. Students identified their topics and then utilized pre-writing strategies to plan and develop their ideas before they tackled the more formalized piece. This step allowed students to brainstorm ideas and organize their thoughts in advance which helped provide structure, flow and clarity to their writing. From the pre-writing stage, students proceeded to developing the first drafts of their pieces structured with an introduction, well-developed paragraphs and a conclusion. Gradually, they revised



and edited their pieces until ready for the final stage ready for presentation or publication! Watching our young first graders work their way through this process under the skillful direction and watchful eye of **Mrs. Baughman** was absolutely amazing! It appears we have some budding writers in our midst!

Middle School News

Lady Crusaders Win Second at Needville Invitational

Congratulations are extended to Calvary Girls Basketball team for taking second place in the Needville Invitational on Dec. 8. Winning three out of the four games versus bigger public schools was a tremendous feat and showed the desire and heart of our girls.



Coach Strother, players and trophy pose after the tournament (Team members Adrienne Roberts & Tammy La not shown.)

All of the games were close and exciting. Calvary beat Clute 21 – 19 in the 1st game, and came right back after 10 minutes between games to beat Stafford 25 – 24 with a last second shot. After a fun night at the dance the girls came back the next morning to lose the third game to Brazos (the tournament champions) in a very physical game where we played them close going into the 4th only down 10 – 12. In our last game vs. Needville, being down 12 points going into the 4th period 14 to 24, the girls gave a team

effort, shutting down Needville's offense, making great steals, passing unselfishly, and making clutch shoots gave us the win 28 – 26. Now it is on to the conference tournament!

Outclass News

Calvary Wins Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Contest...Again!

The judging for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Contest (for private/parochial schools) took place Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at the Reliant Center in Houston. Calvary once again captured the majority of the top prizes, winning one of two Best of Shows and both Gold Medals in the Middle School category (eight out of ten finalists). In the past seven years Calvary students have won eight Best of Show Awards and eight Gold Medals. Calvary competes against forty other private schools at this show annually.

The Best of Show winner was **Samantha Strother (8)**. **Julia Gaas (8)** and **Paige Stillen (8)** won Gold Medals. Finalists were **Rachel Snow (6)**, **Emma Gaas (6)**, **Coleman Mason (7)**, **Caroline Ullrich (8)**, and **Tyler Treadwell (8)**.

Blue ribbon winners were **Ben Snow (6)**, **Kaitlynn Martin (7)**, **Alex Standifird (7)**, **Caroline Hayes (8)**, **Alex Kuzmich (8)**, **Tammy La (8)**, **Ryann Smalley (8)**, **Coleman Stein (8)**, and **Angela Thomisee (8)**. There are over 350,000 entries each year in the entire HLSR School Art Contest. Congratulations go to these outstanding students, and of course, CES art teacher, **Ms. Dennison**.

Did You Know...



...Calvary is the fastest growing parochial school in Ft Bend County?

COMING UP AT CALVARY

(Our Official School Calendar can be found on our website at www.ces-richmond.org)

Tuesday, Jan. 15-12:30pm Middle School Dismissal (Final Exams); Basketball, Girls (4:00) & Boys (5:15) CES at TCS; 6pm, School Board Orientation and Workshop

Wednesday, Jan. 16-12:30pm Middle School Dismissal (Final Exams); LOGOS

Thursday, Jan. 17-Basketball, Girls (4:30) & Boys (5:30) SWCA at CES

Friday, Jan. 18-Q2 Ends

Monday, Jan. 21-**MLK Holiday**

Tuesday, Jan. 22-**Student Holiday-Parent Conferences**; Used Uniform Sale 11am-7pm; 6pm, School Board Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 23-Q3 Begins; WFW \$1 Donation for Free Dress

Thursday, Jan. 24-Basketball, (Blue) CES at FBBA (4:40pm), Girls Gold (4:30) & Boys Gold (5:30) Briarwood at CES; 7pm, Prospective Student Open House

Friday, Jan. 25-Boys Gold Basketball Needville Tournament @ Needville Jr. High, Time TBA; Field Trip-2nd Gr.-Moody Gardens