



CALVARY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
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What's Up at Calvary?

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Re-enrollment Period Follows Open House

Although winter weather briskly reminds of the current season, independent schools are already beginning to think about next fall! Last night our Prospective Student Open House was very well attended, with almost forty prospective new students and their parents visiting with our faculty and staff.

All of this process begins each year with a re-enrollment opportunity for our current students. Today all students will be given re-enrollment envelopes that in-

clude a 2009-2010 Enrollment Agreement.

So that our current students have the best opportunity to reserve their place for next year, and our parents receive an added incentive to return the forms to our office, the re-enrollment fee is reduced from \$150 to \$50 next week, Jan. 26-30, only! Check backpacks tonight and return those forms early next week. We look forward to everyone returning next year.

Middle School Basketball is a Trophy Year!

Middle School basketball season has ended on a tremendous note of accomplishment, good sportsmanship and skill-building. The boys' and girls' gold teams were both very successful in many

ways.

The girls' team, led by Athletic Director **Coach Morris** and assisted by **Coach Luten** finished an exciting season with a heart-stopping play-off overtime victory

over Clay Road Baptist School (the only team to beat CES girls during the regular season). This gave CES the outright championship in the West Houston (con't on page 2)



Coach Morris and Coach Luten are all smiles, as is the team as they hold their first place tournament trophy.



Coach Debbs is surrounded by a boys' team celebrating with their third place tournament trophy.

Honor Roll Chapel
Wednesday
January 28
8am
This chapel will be
in the church.

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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.

Calvary College Prep News

The girls' basketball team has won the conference and tournament championship the last three years in a row!

Middle School Basketball All-Stars Selected

Girls

- Alexandria Standifird
- Emily Kelly
- Dominique Luten
- Julia Tape (3-point contest)

Boys

- Adam Moon
- Clayton Deshazo
- Matt Digoy (3-point contest winner!)

Two CECP's students facilitated and participated in the Area Student Council Winter Retreat located at Moody Gardens in Galveston, TX. **Raychel Lockwood** and **Danielle Frias** served as Junior Counselors for the Leadership Conference of over 400 area high school leaders. Their duties included creating and leading a leadership "regatta" where each area high school engaged in learning modules and activities focusing and training on how to be a good

leader. Congratulations to **Raychel** and **Danielle** for all their hard work, time, effort, and for representing Calvary so well. The final step of this process is to attend and present at the state level at the end of March in Arlington, TX.

This year, College Prep's non-profit project partner with Youth In Philanthropy is Fort Bend Lawyers Care. Calvary is thrilled to be working with the wonderful lawyers and executives of FBLC, who provide legal

services to Fort Bend County residents who cannot afford them.

Our projects, after receiving a large grant, will entail a volunteer appreciation party, website redesign, and graveling the organization's parking lot. The CECP students are currently working on these projects and will present their efforts at a luncheon with other area high schools, non-profits and Fort Bend dignitaries on April. Good luck to the Youth in **(con't on page 3)**

Basketball (con't from p. 1)

Christian Athletic Conference (WHCAC). Last Saturday the girls beat CRBS to take first place in the WHCAC tournament, making it a two trophy season for these talented athletes.

The boys, led by Calvary first-year **Coach**

Debbs also had a great season. This year was a building year with the athletes improving their skills in every area. With a number of victories this season, the team went into the tournament knowing that they would be challenged. With a

great deal of perseverance and dedication, the CES boys finished with a third place trophy!

Congratulations to all of our athletes and coaches for a very enjoyable and successful season.

Anonymous Donor Improves Teachers' Lives

We are thankful in so many ways for the generous parents we have at Calvary, from the countless volunteer hours, which add up to several full time positions, to the support in our classrooms to the financial support and donated items, we are truly appreciative.

In this newsletter, we would like to publicly thank an anonymous donor who purchased a brand new, beautiful, high tech copier for the teacher workroom. Our other copier was getting close to retirement (over 1,000,000 copies!) and was a little finicky to say the least. The day the

copier was delivered you would have thought the "Jonas Brother's" or perhaps "the Beatles" had showed up to school. Our faculty and staff were oohing, aawwing and squealing with delight. Teachers were heard saying: "This copier has changed my life." "It has a bodacious **(con't on page 4)**



Coach Morris and Ms. Mann "lovin" on the new copier.

Pre-Kindergarten...Under the Sea

Pre-K has had a fun time studying the ocean! They have enjoyed examining seashells and trying to categorize them. They learned about the creatures of the ocean. The students learned that there is no such thing as a starfish. Instead it is really a sea star, a creature that can live in the cold depth of the ocean. It is able to roam the floor of the ocean; yet it doesn't even have a brain!

The youngsters were also amazed to discover that some of the creatures of

the ocean are the most intelligent. This includes the octopus with its excellent problem-solving abilities. They learned many of the sea creatures are a master of camouflage, hiding themselves among plants, so as not to be discovered.

One of our Calvary parents, **Mr. Lenderman**, recently visited our Pre-K class. He presented an amazing lesson and power point on the ocean! He is a scuba diver and excellent photographer.



Mr. Lenderman shares his experiences with fascinated Calvary PK students.

The pictures were so colorful and fabulous! He also brought a number of "hands-on, exciting items for the children to see and touch! He showed them

three different types of sand from his many adventures. The children are still talking about the beautiful seashells **Mr. Lenderman** gave them! We are always very appreciative of our parents' participation and contribution in our learning process! So, thank you, **Mr. Lenderman**, for giving of your time and sharing of your knowledge and experiences with our youngsters in Pre-K.

CECP News (con't from page 2)

Philanthropy members and their endeavors with Fort Bend Lawyers Care.

"When pigs fly" could be the title of our current Science endeavor in CECP. If you walk past the science lab on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, you will witness our students dissecting fetal pigs and analyzing the pig's anatomy. **Mr**

Head, CECP science lab instructor is facilitating the dissection and is walking the students through the biological make-up and duties of different body structures. One student, **Eric Boshart**, will start dissecting a cat Thursday afternoons for his Biology 2 lab credit. Our future doctors are hard at work!



Eric takes an All-Tournament shot!
Photo by Stephen Hurdle

Congratulations to **Eric Boshart**, of **CECP's basketball team**, for making the **All-Tournament team** at **Baytown Christian Academy**

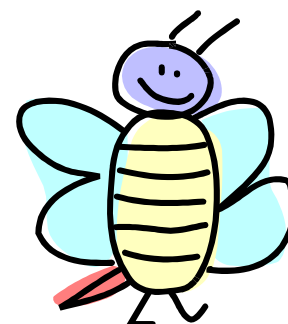
CES Spelling Bee Winner

Some of us may feel very thankful for the invention of the computer and "spell checker!" Not **Lauren Holaday**. **Lauren** feels very comfortable spelling words that you may not have even heard before, which has paid off as she won the school-wide Spelling Bee on December 17. Runner up for the bee was challenger and super speller, **Zach Dupuis**.

Lauren will now compete against spellers throughout Fort Bend County at the District Bee on Feb. 21 at Fort Settlement Middle School. We all wish Lauren the best!



Lauren Exudes Total Confidence!





**Science
Fair
Jan. 28-30**

**Our Parent
Spring
Survey
clearly
supported a
structured,
safe and
orderly
environment.**

Anonymous Donor (con't from p. 2)

stapler” and “I think I am falling in love all over again...”

There are not enough words of thanks for how grateful we are for this donation. Thank you!

Going forward, in “What’s up at Calvary,” a small section of our newsletter, “Donation Station,” will be dedicated to gently used or new items that could be donated to the school for use by our students, faculty and/or staff.

School Policy Reminders to Our Parents

With the fast pace of spring, teachers and staff are doing all that they can to maintain and protect the flow of instruction and learning. Although most parents have read the student handbook, a new semester is a good time to look at some reminders designed to benefit our students.

Classroom Disruptions

In an effort to minimize interruptions and disruptions to the classrooms within the school day, we ask the following:

- Should a student need to be released during the day, the office staff will signal the teacher, and the child will meet you in the office. Please do not go to the classroom to pick up your child.
- If an item or message needs to be delivered to your child, a member of the office staff will see that he or she

receives it. If an emergency situation occurs where you need to speak with your child directly, we will arrange for your child to speak with you in the office.

- When needing to communicate with a teacher, please schedule a time to speak with the teacher when he or she is not with students, or connect via e-mail. Not only will this help the learning environment, it will help protect confidentiality concerns as well.

Student Absences

Regular, punctual attendance at school is expected and required since it is essential to good school performance. Irregular attendance is a major cause of struggles in school. When students miss school for recreational reasons, such as family trips or non-school

sponsored activities, parents need to be aware of the following:

- Teachers will supply a list of topics or concepts covered in direct classroom instruction (either prior to or following the trip, as available), and parents will be responsible for helping their children master this content prior to the student’s return to school, or, if the topics cannot be provided in advance, as quickly as possible afterward so that the student will not fall further behind.
- Assignments (both class work and homework) that teachers CAN provide in advance MUST be turned in prior to the trip in order to avoid late grade consequences.
- The teacher will designate the due date for assignments or tests needing to be com-

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Policy Reminders (con't from p. 4)

pleted upon the student's return to school. It is important to note that some assignments, activities or experiences such as lab experiments, simulations, guest speakers, or special presentations can not be made up, which could negatively impact a student's grade average for that quarter.

- Before planning trips or scheduling

non-school related events or activities, parents are asked to remember that time in the classroom is valuable and difficult to replace. Taking children out of school puts them at a disadvantage with regard to their peers who are in the classroom benefiting from teacher led instruction.

Tardies...A New Beginning

CES attendance policy now states that students may have no more than three excused tardies per semester (not including those with a doctor's excuse). Tardies in excess of this are unexcused. With the beginning of a new semester, everyone starts with a clear slate! Starting the school day in a calm, prepared manner is of great benefit to our students.

No School for Our Furry Friends

Though we love seeing our families' treasured pets, we have to ask that they not be brought into the school or onto the grounds. We have students who suffer from severe allergies, and the presence of the animals jeopardizes their health and safety. If your pet travels with you to carpool, please keep him/her inside your vehicle as you drop off and pick up your child.

Annual Giving Increases

Our Annual Giving Campaign is making stellar progress! Thank you to all of those who have donated! We are currently at 19% parent participation. Remember, if we get to 30% participation by the end of January,

we will receive a \$5,000 anonymous donation to our Annual Giving Campaign. Special thanks to **Andrew Huebner** and **ADH Construction** for the awesome fence samples along with the fabulous star cut-outs by **Elizabeth** and **Don Jones**.

Coming Up at Calvary

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



@ home, 4:00pm

Monday, Feb. 2-Registration all week for Episcopal and Wait-Listed Families

Wednesday, Feb. 4-LOGOS

Saturday, Feb. 7-Safeguarding God's Children, 9am-noon

Monday, Feb. 9-Open Registration all week

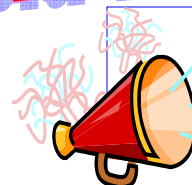
Monday, Jan. 26-Current Family Re-enrollment all week

Tuesday, Jan. 27-CECP BB @ Oaks Adventist, 5:00pm; Calvary School Board Meeting, 6pm.

Wednesday, Jan. 28-Honor Roll Chapel, 8am, Church; CECP BB @ Banff-4pm; Science Fair, through Friday, gym; LOGOS

Friday, Jan. 30-Free Dress Day for students with a Free Dress Pass; CECP BB vs Banff

Did You Know...



...former award winning Crusader artists **Breanne Carr** and **Micheala**

Aguirre won Best of Show for the LCISD judging for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Contest for high school students. They are both juniors at Foster High School. **Julia Gaas**, freshman at Foster won Special Merit (very rare for a freshman). These pieces of art will now be judged at the HLSR contest. Good luck to our former Crusaders!