



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



January 25, 2006

Entrance Standards Increased

For the first time in over ten years, the entrance standards for new students seeking to become a new Crusader increased. The Calvary School Board approved the change in standards at the School Board meeting on Feb. 22. These increases were based on the need to raise requirements for students who enter Calvary in the later years to better prepare them for our college prep program.



Although there were some minor changes in each grade level, the major changes were on the score required to pass the entrance exam. Prospective students take the reading and math sections of the SAT-10, and currently must score at the 5th stanine on each. Under the new guidelines, students entering K-2 must still score a 5, but students testing for grades 3-5 must score at the 6th stanine and those testing for 6-12 must score at the 7th stanine. The standards do not affect the status of current students, but apply to any student seeking admission for the 2008-2009 school year.

New Board Members Elected

The Calvary School Board By-Laws call for regular elections for new members of the board. The Trustee Committee is charged



with seeking out, interviewing and recommending qualified candidates. Candidates are then presented to and approved by the Calvary Episcopal Church Vestry. By-laws also require that the Board be composed of 60% church members and 40% non-church members. New board members joined the current board for their first board meeting on January 22. Calvary welcomes the following new board members: **Jennifer Craft**, non-church; **Jaime Garcia**, church member; **Tim Hillis**, church member; **Jason Kniss**, church member; and **Michael Tennon**, non-church member.

Spelling Bee Time!

It is the time of year that Calvary Super Spellers look forward to! The annual school-wide spelling bee will be held on Monday right after chapel. Classroom champions in grades 1-8 will compete to determine the spelling



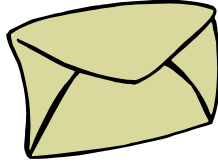
bee champion and runner-up. The champion will compete at the Fort Bend County Spelling Bee that will be held in February. Good luck to all our spellers: 1st grade, **Hannah Weber, Riley Brown**; 2nd Grade, **Cameron Thompson, Gabe Smith**; 3rd grade, **Thompson Tondera, Stephen Breuer**; 4th grade, **Anna White, Jake Byars**; 5th grade, **Danielle Beale, Colton Duty**; 6th grade, **Clay Lenderman, Win Gould**; 7th grade, **Kate Mann, Taylor Burke**; 8th

What's Up at Calvary?

grade, **Christian Langford, Eric Karlberg.**

Registration Packets for 2008-09

CES/CECP students were given their registration packets today. Parents should take time to read through the packet, sign and return the enrollment agreements before the early registration period for current families ends on Feb. 4. Besides securing a spot for next year's class, parent will enjoy a reduced re-registration fee, which is reduced from \$150 to \$50 during this week only. Since many of our grade levels will fill next year, 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 during open registration periods, which would require that they re-register and submit to the admissions process. Any questions should be referred to the school office.



Ash Wednesday Chapel

Parents and guests of Calvary students are invited to attend our Ash Wednesday chapel service on Feb. 6. There will be



The Imposition of Ashes during this service. 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. The ashes remind us of our mortality and the cost of our redemption. Parents are asked to please let your child know whether you will allow him/her to receive these ashes.

Q2 Honor Roll Chapel

Honor Roll Chapel for the second quarter will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 8:05. Students who meet the Honor Roll guidelines as stated in the student handbook will be recognized for their achievements. Parents and guests are invited to attend this special chapel.

Dress Uniform is required.

Disco Inferno Heating Up!

If you have not gotten your tickets to this year's Gala and auction, Disco Inferno,



time is running out. You can call the school office to reserve a spot at this year's big CPTO event, scheduled for Feb. 8 at Safari Texas. This year will be bigger than ever with incredible auction

items, a delicious dinner, and of course...disco dancing!

Used Uniform Sale Successful!

Thanks to **Ms. Claire Chipman**, our used uniform guru, our recent sale was once again highly successful.

Many parents shopped for great bargains, while bringing in over \$1500 for the school. Thanks to all the parents who participated by supplying donated uniforms, those who shopped and especially to **Ms. Chipman!**

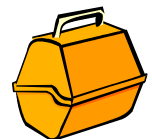


Lost and Found Items Stacking Up...

With increased days of cool weather, more and more items are finding a home in our "lost and found" areas on the stage, in the office and in the gym. Unfortunately, most of the items do not have names listed or they



contain names of previous owners (such as siblings or from the Calvary "recycled" uniform sale). This makes it



difficult for us to return articles to their rightful owner. Please take time to put your child's name, first and last, on their belongings and inside their jackets, sweaters or other clothing. It will significantly help us make correct matches when items are found, and hopefully, eliminate some frustrations for you.

Lower School News

Fourth Grade's Descriptive Writing

When you have time, check out some of our fourth grade students writing pieces



displayed around the Caddo mural in the hallway between Mr. Krogel's and Ms.

Thompson's classrooms. Ms.

Dennison's beautiful artwork served as the springboard for the students' compositions as they were charged with developing a descriptive writing from the point of view of a person, animal or object within the mural. The students' descriptive pieces are drenched in enriching vocabulary and powerful use of figurative language to help readers create the visual images in their mind. You will see life on the plains from the point of view of a rock, an arrow, a horse, etc. All are "must reads," so stop by fourth grade and take a look!

Fifth Graders Tackle The Genre Challenge

By the end of the year, fifth grade students are to have read 3 books for



each of the eight genres (Realistic Fiction, Non-Fiction Informational, Historical Fiction, Biography, Poetry, Mystery, Fantasy and

Science Fiction) for a total of twenty-four books. Though it is an end-of-year goal, we already have one fifth grade student who completed this task within the first semester! Congratulations to **Julia Tape!** Way to Go!

Third Grade Explorations

Our third grade students have been hard at work studying the different states of matter. Both hands-on experiments and demonstrations have helped students with understanding the



concepts and related vocabulary terms. Students appeared especially interested in the demonstration on evaporation and condensation. In math, the students are beginning to work with fractions and decimals. See if they can explain the terms numerator and denominator to you!

Middle School News

History Scholars Qualifiers Announced

Congratulations to the following 8th



grade students whose hard work in history has led to their qualifying to participate in the History Scholars program: **Julia**

Gaas, Caroline Hayes, Alex Kuzmich, Lauren Nemec, Adrienne Roberts, Ryann Smalley, Coleman Stein, Paige Stilen, Samantha Strother, Angela Thomisee, Tyler Treadwell, Caroline Ullrich, John Walther, Doug Webb, Katie Whitney, and Jordan Wilkins.

To qualify for the History Scholars program, students must maintain an A average in the already accelerated 8th grade history course (which is taught on a high school level), and complete a variety of in-depth history studies in addition to their regular class work. Students who complete all requirements wear a red cord at graduation and receive the honor of graduating "with highest honors in U.S. history."

College Prep News

Joanna Moon is the first CECP student to receive a college preliminary acceptance letter. (**Joanna** is our only senior!)

Joanna recently received her letter from the University of Houston. **Joanna**, who has also applied at the University of Texas at San Antonio hopes to become an early childhood teacher. She began her high school years overseas at the Jakarta International School and was a student at Foster High School last year before coming to CECP. Congratulations to **Joanna!**

Congratulations also to “Best Speakers” in Toastmaster’s International...**Jordan Haven, Michaela Barta, Alysse Ligon** and **Jarvis Hood**.

Youth Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

FEBRUARY 5, 2008
6 –8 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at this all-you-can-eat “Fat Tuesday” feast at Calvary. We’ll have plenty of pancakes, sausages, and all the fixins’!

That’s right, folks! This year, we will have our 1st annual pancake eating contest!

You don’t want to miss this!



Mr. Smith Fr. Frankie Brian

Cost is: Adults \$6, children (ages 4-11) \$4 and kids under 3 years old are **FREE**.

Contact the church office to purchase tickets.



COMING UP AT CALVARY

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

Monday, Jan. 28-2008 Registration for Current Calvary Families this week; Spelling Bee Chapel

Tuesday, Jan. 29- Q2 Report Cards; Basketball, Blue Team (4:30pm) Gold (5:30pm) HCYA at CES;

Wednesday, Jan. 30-PK Field Trip-Railroad Museum; LOGOS

Thursday, Jan. 31- 3rd Grade Field Trip to George Ranch; Basketball, Girls (4:30) Boys (5:30) Briarwood at CES

Friday, Feb. 1- 2:30pm, Student Disco Party

Saturday, Feb. 2-Safeguarding God's Children, 9am-noon

Monday, Feb. 4-2008 Registration for Episcopal and Wait-Listed Families; 2:30pm, Pep Rally

Tuesday, Feb. 5-HonorRoll Chapel, Dress Uniforms; Basketball Tournament at Briarwood, time TBA; 6pm Pancake Supper

Wednesday, Feb. 6- Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, Feb. 7-Field Trip-4th Gr.-San Jacinto Battleground; Field Trip-5th-Houston Zoo; Basketball, Girls and Boys Tournament at Briarwood, time TBA

Friday, Feb. 8- Basketball, Girls and Boys Tournament at Briarwood, time TBA; 6pm, CPTO Auction, Safari Texas Ballroom

Saturday, Feb. 9-Basketball, Girls and Boys Tournament at Briarwood, time TBA; 7-10pm, Middle School Valentine Dance