



What's Up at Calvary?

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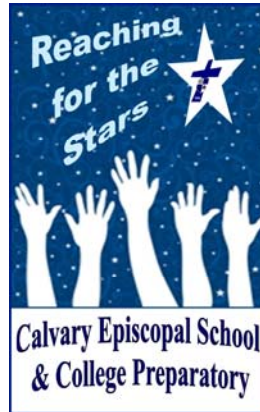
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Calvary Episcopal School and College Preparatory



Reaching for the Stars!

We are already well on our way to "Reaching the Stars" and our goals for our 2008-2009 Annual Giving Campaign. **This year we are thrilled to announce that we have received a \$5,000 donation to our campaign from an anonymous foundation referred to us by Calvary parent, Norma Petrosewicz. The catch is...we have to increase our parent participation to 30% by the end of January.** Our faculty and staff have already reached 100% participation and our parent participation has kicked off at 12%.



view is our annual giving participation to see the level of support our school has from our families and surrounding community. And now, if we all participate, we will get an additional \$5,000! The first phase of our campaign will allow us to purchase and install new fencing for our campus, replacing the chain link that is currently there. You can view samples of the type of fencing we would like to install on either side of the school at the car-pool areas.

So please, turn in those donation envelopes or go online and make a donation. It doesn't matter how much you give, just that you participate. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Brooke Valet** at bvalet@ces-richmond.org or 281.342.3161 or visit the school website and click on "Ways of Giving."

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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.

Locks of Love A Calvary "Act of Kindness"

Service to others, and acts of kindness are not just topics of one of our early morning chapels. Calvary students are known for regularly reaching out to others. Before Thanksgiving, **Chloe Tondera**, a Calvary first grader decided to donate her

beautiful blond hair to "Locks of Love," a charitable organization that uses the hair for cancer treatment patients. This announcement was part of a surprise for her dad's birthday. Thanks to Chloe for making this special gesture, and for being a

great example to all us all!



Chloe gets a trim, as Mom supervises!

Fourth Graders Get "to the Root" of Plant Cells

Fourth grade scientists enjoy their "hands-on" science experience.

Our budding fourth grade scientists got "down and dirty" learning about plants on the cellular level. Students dissected petunias to learn more about the similarities and differences of the cellular structures of plant and animal cells. Along the way they gained insight into how plants process and distribute food along with gaining a greater understanding of photosynthesis. Students also got a closer look by using the microscope to com-

pare and contrast the various plant parts. As an introduction to this lab, each student created his or her own plant cells out

of clay and viewed onion skins through a microscope. Students had fun learning in their role as future scientists!



Chief scientist, Mr. Krogel, is surrounded by assistants, George Ikott, Kaylee Richardson, Melly Guidry and Emily O'Neill

Calvary Students Shine at HLSR Art Contest

In the past eight years, Calvary students have won nine "Best of Show" and nine "Gold Medals"

Calvary art students, under the direction of art teacher, **Ms. Jan Dennison**, have a long history of bringing home top honors at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Contest, (private/parochial schools division), which was held Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at the Reliant Center in Houston. **Kaitlynn Martin**, 8th grade student, won **Best of Show** and **Rachel Snow**, 7th grade student, won a **Gold Medal** for the middle school age group. **Genaro Castro** and **Kaylyn McStravick**, both seventh grade Calvary stu-

dents, were **finalists**. Blue Ribbon winners were: sixth graders **Chase Appleby**,

Spencer Shofner; eighth graders, **Alex Standifird** and **De De Laz**. **Matt Digoy**, **Mark Stell** and **Mary Rivette** won Red Ribbons.



Ms. Dennison holds the winning art of Kaitlin Martin (l) and Rachel Snow (r)

In the past eight years Calvary students have won **nine Best of Show Awards** and **nine Gold Medals**. Calvary competes against forty other private schools at this show annually. There are over 350,000 entries total each year in the HLSR School Art Contest.

Logan Sullivan, and **Julia Tape**; seventh graders, **Nick Aguirre**, **Chloe DeShazo**, **Emma Gaas**, **Shelby Kasberger**, **Kala Kittman**,

Congratulations to our talented art students and teacher!

Used Uniform Sale Slated for Jan. 20

Ms. Claire Chipman, our used uniform volunteer, has scheduled a Used Uniform Sale for Jan. 20, (no school for parent conferences) 11 am to 7pm in the school

gym. The sale will include sprit wear, regular and dress uniforms.

This school year has been a transition year, which means

that uniforms from last year have been allowed for this year only. The new embroidered polo shirts will be required for the 2009-2010 school year.

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Middle School Happenings Mid Term Exams, etc!

CES middle school students are gearing up for midterm exams, which take place next week, January 14, 15, and 16. On these days, middle school students will be dismissed after exams at 12:30. Parents can be of great help to their children by helping them review for exams and making sure they get a good night's sleep. Each student has received a copy of his or her exam schedule.

January 20 is set aside for parent-teacher conferences. Parents who would like a conference with the middle

school team are asked to e-mail or phone **Mrs. Mann** to set up a time. (lmann@ces-richmond.org, or 281/342-3161).

When students return to begin the new semester January 21, sixth grade students taking half-year electives will switch to their spring electives (with a few exceptions). Student will be notified of their schedule changes during exam week.

Parents can help their students have a great spring semester by checking the status of uniforms and

school supplies. Make sure they still have adequate supplies of notebook paper, pens, and pencils, and that their uniforms still fit them in a manner that keeps them in dress code. Often by this time of year, girls need their skirts lengthened to stay within the dress code length, not more than two inches above the knee when standing. Also, boys and girls who have grown a lot may need new shirts to make it easier for them to stay tucked in. Socks must be ankle-high or higher.

There is much to anticipate in middle school this spring, including spring sports, the Science Fair, the Valentine's Dance, the Spring Formal, PSIA competition, and Family History Night, just to name a few. The middle school team is looking forward to another successful semester!



Middle schoolers Ayla Perez and Sarah Baughman look ready for their mid-term exams!

A Greener Cleaner Community Thanks to Third Grade

In preparation for a special upcoming presentation by "Trees for Houston," third grade students recently had an opportunity to earn extra credit in Social Studies by finding information relating to Arbor Day. Students participating in this exercise found that Arbor Day was the brainchild of **Julius Sterling Morton** who was dedicated to the planting of trees to protect our forests. Arbor Day was first cele-

brated in Nebraska on April 10, 1872, but the celebration



was so well received, it quickly spread to other states. In Texas, Arbor Day was originally celebrated in February, 1889, but over the years, the time of year for celebrating Arbor Day has changed several times. The most recent change was in 1989 when Texas legislators moved Arbor Day to the last Friday in April to better align with other states.

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*"Other holidays repose on the past
Arbor Day proposes for the future."
J. Sterling Morton*

Used Uniform Sale (con't from p. 2)

Anything with the Calvary name, however, can be worn or Sprit Day Fridays.

Because of the new uniform guidelines, the grandfathered items will be sold at "deep discounted prices."

Ms. Chipman is asking that any donations of uniforms with new logo be brought to

the school office by Friday, Jan. 16. These items are critical to a successful sale.

Needed most are polo shirts, all sizes, long and short sleeve.

Ms. Chipman invites everyone to "do a little shopping" with all funds generated from this sale being donated back to the school.

Chapel Town Hall Meeting

As regular chapel participants are aware, we have held our daily chapel in the gym during the first semester due to renovations being done to the church sanctuary. Because of these renovation schedule, growth of the student body and the size of the sanctuary, we made a decision to stay in the gym for the first semester.

During this time we have seen both pro's and con's to this arrangement. (The additional space has been nice, but many have missed the spiritual environment offered by Calvary Church.) We have also had the chance to reflect on the feedback provided from the parent survey last spring.

As we move forward, we would



like to hold a "town hall meeting" to further discuss the options the school has for chapel and its location. One option **NOT** being dis-

cussed is to eliminate chapel from the children's schedule.

This will be a preliminary meeting to discuss and look at ways to ensure our children are getting the most from chapel in relation to space and setting.

As a result of input from this town hall meeting, a committee will be formed to further look at options for our school chapel which will include clergy, students, parents, alumni, church members, faculty and staff. Please join us on January 15th at 7pm in Parish Hall for this important opportunity to share thoughts and ideas for the future. .

Prospective Student Open House



Our annual **Prospective Student Open House** is scheduled for Thursday, January 22nd at 7pm. Your good word of mouth is how the majority of our

families have found Calvary.

So if you have any neighbors or friends who are interested in learning more about our program, please invite them to attend on the 22nd.

And remember, families who refer students will receive a \$500 referral incentive!

Current Student Registration

It is hard to believe, but our current family enrollment period for the 2009-2010 year is just around the corner. You will be receiving your re-enrollment packets by January 23rd to re-enroll the week of January 26th through January 30th.

You will want to put this date on your calendar, because re-enrollment forms that are not re-

ceived during this week will mean that available spots will be open to non-school members beginning the following week.

As in the past, there will be one other incentive to re-enrolling the week of January 26...a reduced re-enrollment fee!



Accreditation Report at Next Board Meeting

Many of our Calvary family members served on the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES) Accreditation planning team, in

preparation for the SAES visit that took place last October. The final report from the accreditation team will be reviewed and discussed at our next

School Board meeting, January 27th at 6pm.

Anyone interested in the report may review it on our Calvary website, and

is also invited to attend the school board meeting, which will be held in the Parish Hall.

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On January 23rd, representatives from "Trees for Houston," sponsored by Devon Energy, will speak to our students about the importance of planting, protecting and promoting trees in our Houston area community. Since their founding in 1983, "Trees for Houston's" goal is to work with groups, corporations and organizations to plant over one million trees in and around Houston. Towards this dynamic effort, they have planted over **301,808** trees and seedlings throughout the city so far. **Mrs. Bye** and her students are well prepared for the visit, and we gratefully thank Devon Energy for their support of this event.

**Teacher/
Parent
Conference
Day is
Tuesday,
Jan. 21.**

**Have you
scheduled
your con-
ference?**

Did You Know...



...on the average ,
78% of our students
receive an Honor
Roll Chapel certificate
(next Honor Roll
Chapel, Jan. 28)

Coming Up at Calvary



Monday, Jan. 12-MS BB @ St. James, 4pm

Wednesday, Jan. 14-Middle School Early Dismissal, 12:30; LOGOS

Thursday, Jan. 15-Middle School Early Dismissal, 12:30; MS BB Tournament @ Imani TBA; Chapel Town Hall Meeting, 7pm, Parish Hall

Friday, Jan. 16-Middle School Early Dismissal, 12:30; MS BB Tournament @ Imani TBA; CECP BB @ TCS, 6:00pm; End

of Quarter 2

Saturday, Jan. 17-MS BB Tournament @ Imani TBA

Monday, Jan. 19-MLK Day Holiday

Tuesday, Jan. 20-Student Holiday, Parent/Teacher Conferences; CECP BB @ Banff, 5:00pm; Q2 Report Cards Posted; MS BB All-Star Game @ Imani, time TBA; Used Uniform Sale, 11am-7pm, gym

Wednesday, Jan. 21-LOGOS; Q3 Begins

Science Fair is
coming...Jan.
28...
...are you
ready?

