



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?

Geography Bee Winners

Seventh grader **Mark Stell** won the school level competition of the 2008 National Geographic Bee with sixth grader **Win Gould** taking second place honors.



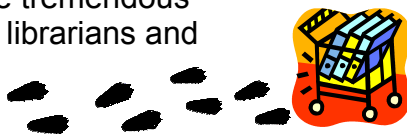
All students in grades four through eight participated in the preliminary round. The other finalists were **Hunter Bartay, Taylor Burke, Brian Byrnes, Kristen Gifford, Rebecca**

Hammond, Shelby Kasberger, Lauren Nowlin, and Caylin Wright.

Mark will be administered the State Level Qualifying Test on January 18 in hopes to qualify for the State National Geographic Bee to be held on April 4, 2008. One winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition which will be held May 20-21 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. This is the 20th year that The National Geographic Society, the world's largest nonprofit scientific and educational organization, has sponsored this competition. Congratulations to **Mark** and best wishes in the next round of competition!

Follow the Dino Tracks to the Book Fair

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of our librarians and parent volunteers our Book



Fair officially gets underway this coming week. However, there are two special events planned that will give families a sneak preview of the fair with opportunities to purchase books in advance of the big opening day.

Friday night, immediately following the Christmas Concert in the Family Life Center, doors to the fair will open giving families an opportunity to "track" across the hall to see all the book fair has to offer. This will be a great chance to get a jump start on book fair purchases and possible Christmas shopping!

Then, Sunday, December 2nd, from 10 a.m. -2:00 p.m. you are invited to join our librarians and our special "Moms of the Library" for hot chocolate and cookies and have an opportunity to buy books before they fly off the shelves when the Book Fair officially opens Monday, December 3rd.

Official Book Fair Hours:

- 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3rd through Thursday, December 6th
- 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday, December 7th

Mrs. Krig and Mrs. Digoy greatly appreciate our Calvary families for your continuous support of the library, and they look forward to seeing each of you at the Book Fair events!

One for Books... This year, one of the goals of the fair is to put more books into the hands of students and on the shelves of the Calvary library. Anyone who donates just \$1 (or as much as you would like!) gets to sign a "One for Books" slip to display in the library. All of the money collected goes directly to purchasing more books for our school collection. Scholastic will match our monetary donations raised with one book for each \$1 collected. Scholastic has made donations of up to one million books to three non-profit organizations dedicated to helping kids and families in need. They include: Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., National Center for Family Literacy, and Toys for Tots. During hurricane Katrina books were sent to that area to help with their needs.

Bedtime Story Night

Join us for our 3rd annual

Bedtime Story Night

Tuesday, December 4th

at 7:00 p.m. Research consistently indicates that reading together as a



family or in social settings stimulates and steers children into more successful readers. So, come be a part of this dino-mite night of family fun. Dress in your pajamas, grab your sleeping bags or blankets, and snuggle with your favorite stuffed animal while enjoying cookies and milk provided for the students as a bedtime treat. This is an event you do not want to miss!!

Also, at 8:00 p.m. the Book Fair will re-open giving parents an opportunity to check out the large assortment of books on sale as well as have an opportunity to visit with our incredible librarians, **Mrs. Digoy** and **Mrs. Krig**. This is a great chance to view the Teacher Wish Lists too!



Inspiring Student Achievement through Academic Competition

Over the next few weeks, students in grades 1-8 will have the opportunity to consider trying out for one or more of these PSIA academic events and possibly be selected to represent our school at the district meet on March 8, 2008 which will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Day School, 335 Piney Point, Houston, TX: Art Memory 4th-8th; Music Memory 3rd-6th; Calculator 6th-8th; Number Sense 4th-8th; Creative Writing 1st-2nd; On-Site Drawing 6th-8th; Dictionary Skills 5th-8th; One-Act Play 6th-8th; Impromptu Speaking 7th-8th; Prose 4th-8th; Listening Skills 5th-8th; Ready Writing 3rd-8th; Maps, Graphs & Charts 5th-8th; Science 6th-8th; Mathematics 4th-8th; Spelling 2nd-8th; Modern Oratory 7th-8th; Storytelling 1st-3rd; Vocabulary 5th-8th.

Our academic coaches may select only three students at each grade level to be entered at the district meet for each event, so we encourage parents to visit with their child about his/her interests and the possibilities of entering these events. Final selections will require parent approval to verify the student will be able to represent Calvary at the March 8th District Event. From the district meet, two students will advance in each contest at each grade level to the PSIA State Meet, to be held at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth on Saturday, April 26, 2008. Additional information about each contest may be found on the PSIA web site: www.psiaacademics.org or by contacting Coach Morris at CES.

Spelling Bee Time

It's that time of year where teachers begin the process of identifying their Spelling



Classroom Champions to participate in the CES Spelling Bee to be held on January 29, 2008.

Over the Christmas holidays would be a

great time to check out the study resources for this event which can be found on the interactive web site:

www.myspellit.com. Spell It is the official study guide for the Scripps National Spelling Bee program. For additional information please contact **Coach Morris** at CES.

POP TABS Service Project

This year all Calvary students are working together on a service project involving the collection of pop tabs that will ultimately benefit Ronald McDonald House.



Known as The House That Love Built[®], the Ronald McDonald House program has been helping seriously ill children and their families for decades. Each Ronald McDonald House provides a safe, welcoming and warm home away from home for children receiving medical treatment at a nearby medical facility.

Ronald McDonald Houses collect pop tabs instead of entire aluminum cans because the tabs are pure high-quality aluminum, unlike cans, which consist of aluminum and other alloys. Tabs are also easier to store than whole cans. After the tabs are collected, the local RMHC Chapter brings the collection to local recycling centers, where they are weighed to determine their value. One pound of tabs is worth 57 cents, and one gallon of pop tabs (4,175 tabs) is worth \$1.49. The recycling center then sends the local RMHC Chapter or House a check for the total value. To date, more than 400 million

pop tabs have been collected, generating more than \$4 million. Our Calvary Crusaders are determined to make a difference for those finding themselves in need of the services at the Ronald McDonald House and are actually in competition with other schools to see who can collect the most tabs! So, as you gather with family and friends this Christmas season, please remember to save those tabs for our collection!

Cash for Trash Update

You can start shopping online now for the holidays, get money for college and earn money for CES at the same time.

With the holidays approaching, it's a great time to join Upromise[®] and shop online through upromise.com. You'll find over 550 leading online retailers with special offers and outstanding Upromise college savings. Plus, when you join Upromise, you can receive this special offer:

Get \$25 in your Upromise account when you join Upromise and shop online through upromise.com by 12/31/07*.

Learn more and join for free at www.upromise.com/holidayshopping

Share the savings.

- Remember to link to Calvary Episcopal School when you are asked to pick your beneficiaries. You will be saving for college **and** helping Calvary Episcopal School earn bonuses at the same time.
- Let your friends and family in on this! They can also take advantage of this special offer. Plus, if you want to save even more for college you can have them link their earnings to your account. Remember to ask them to link to Calvary Episcopal School.

The October Box Tops Contest was a BIG success. We raised \$471.19! That is more than half of the money we raised all last year! The winning Homeroom was **Mrs. Baughman's** class and they will be enjoying an ice cream sandwich party as well as be naming our NEW BOX TOPS MASCOT! The winner for Middle School was Adam Farmer and he will be receiving a lunch from McDonalds.

Including this contest, Cash for Trash has now made \$2826.39 for the 2007-2008 school year! Way to go CRUSADERS!!

2nd Annual Golf Tournament Huge Succss!

Calvary's second annual golf tournament was another success! This event raised \$10,042, donated directly to the school. We would like to thank all the parents and friends who came out to participate, and we would like to thank the companies and individuals that offered a show of support with sponsorships. The weather could not have been better! Beautiful sunshine and cool temperatures made it fantastic golf weather. We hope everyone will plan to come out and join us again in 2008!

Live on Wednesday
LOGOS
at CALVARY

Logos Spring Semester begins Wednesday, January 9, 2008! Pre-Register by December 5, 2007 and receive a \$10 family discount (You MUST pre-register to receive this discount!) Register on-line at: <https://cec.ctsmemberconnect.net/weblink-ctrl.do?view=3&grpId=17517> and click on LOGOS registration form in the middle of the screen.

Spring term Fees: \$52 – 1st participant from a family; \$39 – 2nd participant; \$35 – 3rd participant; \$25 – each for 4th, 5th, 6th or more participants For more information,

please call Dianne Duncan 281.342.3316 or Kathy Snow 713.376.7513.

Lower School News

Second Grade News

Second grade is beginning a study of spiders in science. Part of the study will involve a cross-curriculum project where students will utilize the "Big 6" research strategies to complete a report on spiders at school. Mrs. Hamon and Mrs. Palmer invite you to come by next week to see the students' "Spider Flip Books!"



Also, second grade is getting ready for their service project, "Santa Behind the Badge," where students will collect toys for underprivileged children in the Richmond area. They will festively wrap the toys before delivering them to the

Richmond Police Department who will distribute the toys to those in need. So, please assist our second grade students as they work with our Police Department in

this heartwarming venture by contributing new toys or gifts for students the age of yours. Bring them up to school and place them on the stage in Parish Hall.



Fourth Grade Research Project

Mr. Krogel and Mrs.

Thompson indicate that "Fantastic Fourth" graders are starting their Native American research project. Students will utilize the "Big 6" strategies in their research process, and it will culminate with a two page research paper accompanied by a hand made project. All components are due on the 7th of December.



Middle School News

Middle School Choir Kicks Off Miracle on Morton Street

The middle school choir will be performing Saturday, Dec. 1 at Miracle on Morton Street in downtown Richmond. **Ms. Duckworth**, Calvary Choir teacher, says that “Calvary singers will help get the town prepared for the Santa arrival by singing ‘Here Comes Santa Claus’ while walking down the street to get everyone involved.” Students will be performing around 5:30 - 5:45. Everyone is invited to join the Calvary Choir get into the holiday sprit as our Crusaders provide a musical treat for all of Richmond.

Outclass News

Bible Class News

Mrs. Nowlin has many things planned for our students over the next few weeks.

Elementary students will be doing some re-enactments of the story of Joseph’s life (Coat of Many Colors) this week, and they will continue to learn all the books of the Old Testament in order...that’s 39 books that are very difficult to pronounce. According to Mrs. Nowlin, the students have accepted the challenge and are doing a fantastic job!



During this Christmas Season, Middle School’s focus is on mission work and spreading the love of Christ. Sixth grade will be going to the Richmond State School the week of Dec. 17th to sing and make cards with the residents while our seventh graders travel to the Kateland Square Nursing Home to sing and play Bingo with their residents the week of Dec. 10th. It has been rumored that our eighth graders are involved in a ministry here at Calvary, but “shhhhhhhh...it’s a surprise!” In every case, giving of their time and sharing their joy, our students will bring smiles to the faces and warmth

to the hearts of all involved.

Integrating Math and Art

The study and creation of tessellations will be the focus of 3rd grade art classes. This new curriculum for 3rd grade will integrate art and math to provide students with more opportunities to reach higher math *and* art skills.

Tessellations are symmetrical designs, the title being derived from the Latin word tessella which means tile. The math concepts integrated into the unit of study include: measuring, creating grids, creating a design and determining how that design can be translated, rotated and reflected to create a symmetrical design. Cultural and historical learning will also be a focus as students study the art history of European and Asian cultures dating back to ancient times. Students will explore examples of tile designs such as that of the Alhambra in Spain and learn how the Mesopotamian and Chinese cultures incorporated simple pebble designs set in plaster, American colonists sewed quilts using symmetrical designs, 20th century Dutch Artist M.C. Escher made tessellation designs extremely popular, and today, how computer graphics are making the tessellation design very feasible and even more popular. Talk with your third grader about what they are learning. See if they can incorporate the vocabulary terms associated with this unit: *Congruent parallel horizontal vertical translation rotation reflection symmetry grid*



COMING UP AT CALVARY

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

Monday, Dec. 3-Individual Photos-Make-ups (Students wishing make-ups should wear/bring dress uniforms.); Book Fair, all week

Tuesday, Dec. 4-Girls' BB (4:00), Boys' BB (5:15), Imani at CES; 7pm, Bed Time Story Night

Wednesday, Dec. 5-LOGOS

Thursday, Dec. 6- Girls' and Boys' BB Tournament at Needville, time TBA; 7pm, Christmas Band Concert, Parish Hall

Friday, Dec. 7-Girls' and Boys' BB Tournament at Needville, time TBA; 7pm-10pm, Middle School Christmas Dance

Tuesday, Dec. 11- Q2 Progress Reports

Wednesday, Dec. 12-7th Gr. Bible Class to Kateland Square; LOGOS

Thursday, Dec. 13- 7pm, Drama and Dance Classes Performance

Friday, Dec. 14- 7th Gr. Bible Class to Kateland Square