



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

November 5, 2007

### Special Chapels...You're Invited

Two very special chapels will be held later this week and next. The annual **Veterans' Day Chapel** is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 8 at 8:05am.

The chapel will be in the gym to accommodate students and guests. All veterans are invited join us as we pay special tribute to those who have served our country in one of the branches of the armed services. **(Daily Uniforms.)**



It has become an annual tradition to honor veterans in many ways here at CES, and one popular way has been through a display of posters honoring the veterans in our families. If you would like us to display a poster honoring one or more veterans in your family, please complete the poster and bring it to the school office by Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. **Mrs. Mann** and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade history students will coordinate the hanging of the posters. Please do not send any irreplaceable photos on your posters. If you made a poster in a previous year, we would be happy to display it again as well.



**Honor Roll Chapel**, which was scheduled for this Wednesday, has been rescheduled

(due to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class being on retreat) for Monday, Nov. 12 at 8:05am in the gym. Since there has been a change in our handbook regarding qualifications for receiving Honor Roll Recognition, parents and students are reminded of the requirements:

- All A Honor Roll-All A's in academic subjects
- A/B-Any combination of A's and B's in academic subjects (Spanish is considered an academic subject. For students in grades 6-8, an A or B will be required and for lower school, students will need to earn an E or S.)
- No unsatisfactory marks (U) in conduct or out classes

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for these special chapels. **(Dress Uniforms required.)**

### Welcome New Crusaders!

As enrollment continues to climb to 336 students, CES and CECP welcome the following new students:



**Katherine Whitney** - 8th Grade; **Sofia Carrillo** - 9th Grade; **Joshua Farmer** - 10th Grade; and **Joseph Robinson** - 11th Grade. **Joshua** is brother to Adam, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, and **Joseph**, who was at Calvary PK-8th returns for his junior/senior year. Welcome to you all!

What's Up at Calvary?

## Lower School News



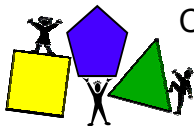
Kindergarten students (and teachers!) enjoying a beautiful fall day on a recent field trip to The Pumpkin Patch.

### Gumdrop Geometry

This past week, **Mrs. Thompson's** fourth grade students had great fun using gumdrops and toothpicks to demonstrate



their understanding of parallel, perpendicular and oblique lines as well as right, acute, obtuse and straight angles. The toothpicks served as the rays, and the gumdrops served as the anchors or vertices.



Collaborating in small groups, students next used the gumdrops and toothpicks to build a wide variety of

polygons beginning with a three-sided triangle and working all the way up to a twelve-sided dodecagon. In each case, students identified the number of sides and vertices needed for each geometric shape and explored the types of angles each shape created. During the last few minutes students had the opportunity to create their own geometric shape which proved to be quite interesting and, ultimately, very tasty!

### Pre-Kindergarten Happenings

If you had been in our hallway this past Wednesday afternoon you would have been greeted by a myriad of storybook characters ranging from Snow White to Spiderman as our PK students paraded the hallways of CES. Following the parade students enjoyed a festive celebration in the Solarium hosted by our incredible PK Room Parents! They had beautifully decorated the room with books and storybook characters and provided our PK students with a variety of tasty treats! Thank you, PK Parents!



Back in the classroom, PK students have continued working on identifying letters and recognizing sounds for A through H. We can even see evidence of some students beginning to blend sounds together. In math, students continue to work on counting with the ultimate goal of counting to 100. During calendar, students not only strive to recognize months, dates and days of the week, but also work on the concepts of "before and after" as well as "yesterday, today and tomorrow". In math, PK students enhanced both counting skills and matching one to one correspondence as they began learning how to create and read simple bar graphs.

We are so appreciative of **Mrs. Irwin**, **Mrs. Pruett** and **Mrs. Garrett**, our three teachers who stepped in to assist during **Mrs. Alspaugh's** absence these past few weeks. Though life is never quite the same as with the real thing, **Mrs. Alspaugh**, these three have done a great job following the PK curriculum road map. This next week **Mrs. Garrett** will finish her stay with us on Tuesday, **Mrs. Pruett** eagerly comes back to PK for Wednesday and Thursday. We truly appreciate the patience as well as suggestions, assistance and recommendations from our PK parents.



**Mrs. Alspaugh** is doing remarkably well and stays in touch with us almost daily! From curriculum to report cards, she has been our sideline quarterback. She is especially grateful for all of the love, support and prayers she has received from the CES family. In typical **Ms. Alspaugh** fashion, she has followed doctor's orders, and her recuperation from surgery has gone well. At this time, doctors and **Mrs. Alspaugh** plan for her to report back to class on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. We know everyone will welcome her smiling face back at CES!

### First Grade Travels To Dewberry Farms

As part of their unit of study on plants, first grade students spent a fun-filled day at



Dewberry Farms. Among many activities, they worked their way through a corn maze, participated in duck races and enjoyed

petting and feeding goats and a donkey! Though visibly tired when they returned, all who participated proclaimed it to have been a great day! Thanks to the many parents who helped with chaperoning. Giving of your time and energy definitely contributed to the trip's success. First grade wishes to especially recognize **Mrs.**

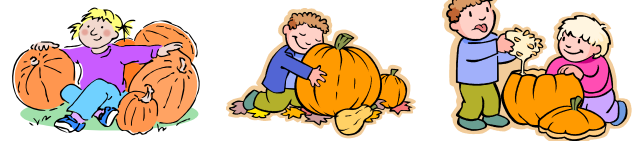


**Dzierzanowski** for planning and organizing the trip with such care. The special snack breaks were a big hit and helped everyone make it through the day! They also give a special thanks to **Mrs. Faltine** for taking pictures of the event!

### Pumpkin Comparisons in Kindergarten!

Mrs. Kidda's kindergarten class recently used their math and reasoning skills to determine that all pumpkins are not alike! Students had predicted that a larger pumpkin would have more seeds than a smaller pumpkin. To their surprise, however, they learned that was not necessarily the case. After examining the

seeds they placed them into groups of ten. The students counted by tens and added in the ones only to find that the smaller pumpkin had 433 seeds while the larger pumpkin had 369! They were determined to figure out how that could possibly be. So, upon closer examination, they observed that the seeds of the two pumpkins were also different in size, shape, and color. They also learned that the smaller pumpkin was called a "baking pumpkin." After completing all math tasks and scientific observations, the students demonstrated care for the environment by feeding the seeds to the squirrels!



### **Middle School News**

#### Poinsettia Sales Support WFW

CES 8th grade class will be selling Christmas poinsettias beginning October 30<sup>th</sup> thru November 9<sup>th</sup> as part of their fundraising for Working for Washington, their 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. The poinsettias are purchased locally from Hines Nursery.

They are healthy, beautiful, red poinsettias in 6" pots with a gold foil pot cover.



They are priced at \$10.00 each. The poinsettias come wrapped in protective sleeves and will be ready for pick up at CES on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Christmas decorating. Don't forget to order for friends and family. You can also take orders from all your favorite local businesses. They make wonderful Christmas gifts. For questions, please contact **Cindy Pace** at 281-238-4697.

## Sports Scene

As volleyball season comes to a close, we recognize and congratulate two young ladies who were chosen as Volleyball All-Stars: **Tammy La** and **Samantha Strother**.



The sound of basketballs dribbling down the courts can be heard as middle school students begin practices for the upcoming basketball season. The girls' gold team will be coached by **Coach Strother** and the boys' gold team will again be coached by **Coach Mouch**. The boys blue team is being coached by **Coach Ness**, and a coach for the girls' blue team is "in the works." We look forward to a great basketball season with our Crusaders.

## CES Middle Schoolers Reading Up a Storm!

The middle school language arts faculty proudly announces that for the first nine weeks, the middle school students took 737 Accelerated Reader quizzes, and earned 6,650 AR points! With on-line access now available to the entire database of AR quizzes, there will be no stopping us as we continue to break all previous reading records. The fact that our students are keeping up their reading in addition to working through an accelerated curriculum in their courses makes us very proud.

## **Calvary Episcopal College Prep News**

CECP students recently participated in their Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) service project with their non-profit partner, The George Ranch. Students worked at the ranch during Texian Market Days, assisting ranch workers and volunteers with the many visitors. YIP is a year long program that will join CECP students with

other volunteer opportunities at The George Ranch throughout the year.

With the first quarter of the school year just closing, we have a number of students finishing courses that, in a traditional high school, would not be completed until the end of the semester. Students in the program are preparing for thirteen course completions occurring within the next two weeks. Additionally, 85% of our students have already earned a half a credit in their current math course. Congratulations CECP scholars!

The CECP Burger Burn was a huge success. Thank you to all who contributed as we earned \$2,000 towards our Outward Bound Summer trip. Popcorn Sales have been successful and we look forward to upcoming Fridays with our sales. Again, thank you for your support.

CECP's student council is attending their first District 13 Texas Association of Student Council meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>. It is a meeting that includes a leadership component with local area high schools participating. National Honor Society application packets are going out this week so look forward to an induction in early December. Pray for our applicants as this is a quite an honor with which to be associated.



**Thanksgiving Blessings to our Calvary Family!**

### **Calling All CES Alumni and Friends**

Last October, CES launched its Alumni and Friends Group. We even held a special Alumni Chapel! Now, as a valued member of the CES family, we want to help you re-establish relationships with old friends and meet new ones with whom you already have an important history in common.

This new group will serve as a direct link between CES and its alumni and friends. All former students from any year, former CES parents, former board members, former teachers, or anyone who has had a tie to CES are welcome as members of our Alumni and Friends Group. Crusaders can share news of achievements (graduations, recognitions, marriages, births, promotions, new jobs, etc.) to be detailed in our newsletters. We hope that Crusader alumni and friends will stay connected and come back to share stories and talents.

The school is in the process of identifying and locating alumni and friends. If you keep in touch with any others, please direct them to the CES site, [ces-richmond.org](http://ces-richmond.org) and have them click on the Alumni and Friends tab!

### **Change in CPTO/School Board Leadership**

With great regrets, **Kelly Ann Burke**, our long time volunteer and second term CPTO president has resigned her position. **Steven Burke**, who serves as VP on our school board has tendered his resignation as well. Both actions were precipitated by Steven's recent health issues. I know you will join the Calvary family in keeping the Burke's in your prayers.

**Ms. Buzard**, who served as VP of the CPTO board will finish the term of president, and the school board will be seeking candidates to fill the vacated position on the school board.

### **Cash for Trash Update**

Last year (remember we only started in January), CES Cash for Trash made \$4199.01. So far this year we have made \$2715.30! Box Tops alone has brought in \$492!

### **Quick and Easy ways to help Calvary:**

**Tyson Products** make saving for CES as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Clip and save Tyson Project A+ labels from participating Tyson products.
2. Turn in the labels at CES.
3. CES redeems them for cash. Each label is worth 24¢.

**Do you GoodSearch?** Remember to use Goodsearch.com anytime you search the Internet. Select Calvary and we get a penny for every search. Just 100 of us searching twice a day would make \$730 annually for CES.

### **And...friends, relatives and businesses can help Calvary too...**

Thank you to...**Ms. Patsy Schultz**, Fort Bend County Tax Assessor and great aunt of students **Reese McBride** and **Kate Mann**, who recently donated 56 laser cartridges to CES from her office. She plans to continue collecting these throughout the year. If your company would like to collect or if you know a company that might, please email Heather McBride at: [Heather8MC@gmail.com](mailto:Heather8MC@gmail.com). We greatly appreciate your support **Ms. Schultz!**

# Did You Know...

....that with the three new students who enrolled in the CECP program, CECP has increased last year's beginning enrollment by 250%!



## COMING UP AT CALVARY

(Our Official School Calendar can be found on our website at [www.ces-richmond.org](http://www.ces-richmond.org))

**Monday, Nov. 5-Nov. 7**, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade to the Outdoor School (retreat)

**Tuesday, Nov. 6**, 4th Gr. Field Trip-San Antonio

**Wednesday, Nov. 7**, LOGOS

**Thursday, Nov. 8**, 8:05am, Veterans' Chapel and Reception-Gym

**Friday, Nov. 9**, Student Holiday, Teacher Staff Development

**Monday, Nov. 12**, Q1 Honor Roll Chapel-Dress Uniforms

**Wednesday, Nov. 14**, 8:05am, AR Chapel; PK Field Trip-Dewberry Farm; LOGOS

**Friday, Nov. 16**, 11:30am, Early Dismissal (Lunches will not be served, Extended Day will be in session.)

**Nov. 19-23**, Thanksgiving Holidays