



**October 17, 2008**

**Reaching for the Stars!**

What's Up at Calvary?

### Welcome to Accreditation Team

The Calvary family welcomes seven very special people to our school next week. As an accredited school, Calvary is being visited by an Accreditation Team from Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES). These visits happen each ten years and are a requirement of our continuing accreditation.



As many independent schools are not accredited, Calvary is proud of the standards that we meet in admissions, academics, student and parent life, personnel, finances, Christian life, athletics and extra and co-curricular activities. In all, there are thirteen areas of the school that this team will be reviewing.

The Self-Study, a two-hundred page document that describes to the team, "who we are," is the result of a collaborative effort of faculty, staff, administration, board members, clergy, and parent volunteers. This Self-Study began ten months ago, and will be used by the team as they make their observations, and ultimately their commendations and suggestions, which will come with their final report, which will be shared with the School Board and School Community.

We look forward to sharing our school with this team and know the Calvary family will want to welcome them when you see them on campus this week. The team includes: **Cindy LaPorte**, who will serve as team leader, and is Director of All Saints' Day School in Austin; **The Reverend Dean Calcote**, who is Chairman of the Diocesan Schools Commission; **Jamye Bruyere**, Head of Middle and Upper School at Trinity Episcopal School in Longview; **Liz Garrison**, Curriculum Director at Trinity Episcopal School in Longview; **Vanita Reed**, Head of School at St. James School in Houston; **Meredith Stanley** who serves as Head of School at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal School in Houston; and **Fran Barrack**, who is the SAES Director of Accreditation and School Improvement. From the students, faculty and staff, board and parents, welcome to you all!



### Working for Washington Says "Thanks!"

The 8th grade WFW class would like to humbly thank you for the success of last week's lemonade sale.



Thanks to your amazing participation, we sold over 100 bottles! And don't forget; get your reservations in for Movie Night for

students in grades PK-5. It's next Friday, October 24th, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and we promise lots of food, fun and prizes! Tickets are \$10. Reservation forms went home last week, or pick one up in the office. Again, thanks for your support!

### **Calvary Answers the Call**

As happens so often at Calvary, the generosity and service-oriented heart of our students, parents and faculty has made a difference in the lives of Hurricane Ike victims in Chambers County. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Calvary parent



Chandler and friends helped load the truck loaded with donations.

**Claire Chipman** and her daughter, eighth grader **Chandler Warren**, Calvary families have become involved in an impromptu

drive to collect items needed by these displaced citizens of Chambers County. After a visit to the storm ravaged area with her mom, **Chandler** was so moved by the devastation that she came back to school seeking approval for a campaign, and asked to speak to students at Chapel on what she had seen. Students were so motivated that soon the Parish Hall stage was filled with pillows, diapers, towels and linens, medical and cleaning supplies and cash donations of over \$650 that was used to purchase additional critical needs items. As a spin-off on the Calvary efforts, sixth grader **Julia Marcucci** inspired her Girl Scout Troop 3600 to knock on Pecan Grove doors collecting needed items and cash donations, as well.

Chambers County Donations Coordinator **Sharon Martin** and the residents of Chambers County, who did not get the publicity of the devastation in their area that other counties had gotten, have learned that they have friends in Fort Bend County: **Claire, Chandler**, State

School Superintendent **Mr. Al Barrera** (who generously provided additional state school employee donations and the truck and fuel), and needless to say, the students, parents and faculty of Calvary!



### **Calling all Parent Photographers**

Our yearbook staff is always taking pictures, but often times, some of the best photos can come from parents. We would love to have copies or digital files (preferable) of any pictures you take throughout the year. On that note...a big "thanks" to **Joan Malek**, 6<sup>th</sup> Grader **Lanie Malek's** mom, who sent us some fantastic photos from the Homecoming dance!

Currently, we are looking for football pictures. Any pictures you have would be a big help. Please email **Ms. Kanak** the digital images at [rkanak@ces-richmond.org](mailto:rkanak@ces-richmond.org) or drop off a CD or hard copies at the front office. Thanks so much for all of your help and support.

Our journalism students have published their first newspaper for the year. You will be receiving a copy of **The Crusader** early next week. We know that you will enjoy reading all of the school news from the student point of view.

### **From the Business Office**

The Business Office asks that any time you write a check to the school, please specify what/who the check is for on the Memo line (to the left of your signature). With checks being submitted to various people in charge, this procedure will help reduce the guess-work and apply the payment properly.

Also, we do not collect money in the lunch room for lunch payments. If a student purchases a lunch that is not on the monthly payment plan, parents will be billed at the end of the month.

## Did You Know...



...the faculty members who were part of the Calvary family the last time the school had an Accreditation Visit in 1999 include: Ms. "Patsy" Chapa, Ms. Carol and Mr. Jimmy Hensley (church members), Ms. Terrie Joiner, Ms. Lynn Kidda (church member), Mr. Jerry Krogel (homeroom parent), Ms. Lisa Mann, Ms. Cindy Palmer, Mr. Jose Portillo, and Ms. Pam Smalley (parent). We're glad you're still here!

## COMING UP AT CALVARY

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

**Sunday, Oct. 19**-5pm-6pm, Accreditation Team Reception, Family Life Center

**Monday, Oct. 20**-Accreditation Team Visit; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade retreat to The Outdoor School

**Tuesday, Oct. 21**-Accreditation Team Visit 7<sup>th</sup>; Grade retreat to The Outdoor School

**Wednesday, Oct. 22**-Accreditation Team Visit concludes; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade retreat to The Outdoor School; CECP Students Career Assessment; LOGOS

**Thursday, Oct. 23**-Boys Basketball after school

**Friday, Oct. 24**-WFW Movie Night, PK-5 students; Quarter 1 Ends

**Monday, Oct. 27**-**Annual Golf Tournament, Tee Off for Technology, (see school website for information and forms)**

**Tuesday, Oct. 28**-Quarter 1 Report Card; 6pm, Calvary School Board Meeting

**Wednesday, Oct. 29**-6th Gr. Retreat-Camp Allen

**Thursday, Oct. 30** - 6th Gr. Retreat-Camp Allen; Fourth Grade Caddo Day (Cross curricular social studies and art project); Kinder Field Trip-Pumpkin Patch

**Friday, Oct. 31**- 6th Gr. Retreat-Camp Allen; Free Dress Friday for students who have earned a "Free Dress" pass

**Nov. 6 and 7**-Dinner with the Headmaster (Mark your calendar for dinner one of these nights. More details to follow.)