

THE CALVARY CONNECTION



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ANNUAL CCS

ALUMNI GAMES

Thursday, Jan. 8
Volleyball - 5:30 p.m.
Basketball - 7 p.m.

Dinner provided for alumni and their families!

ALUMNI INVITED BACK TO CCS

All Calvary Christian School alumni and their families are invited back to CCS for the annual alumni games and reunion on Thursday, Jan. 8. Current CCS families are highly encouraged to come out as well, watch the games, and meet some former CCS students!

The ladies volleyball game will begin at 5:30 p.m. The mens basketball game will begin at 7 p.m. Dinner is provided for all CCS alumni and their families.

This is one of several annual events that welcomes former CCS students back to campus for fellowship. Any alumni who would like to participate in the games should contact Coach Wes at wmalone@ccsmb.com.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: DECEMBER

Each month, teachers in each department (kindergarten, elementary, middle/high school) are selected to nominate a student of the month. Students selected are those who exhibit Christlike qualities in their behavior, academics, and attitudes.

KINDERGARTEN: Gael Simoes, K3

“We love having Gael in our class. He is always obedient even though sometimes he doesn’t understand all the English words we speak to him. He is doing a great job, and it is a joy to have in class. We love you, Gael!” - Mrs. Richmond

ELEMENTARY: Julia Souza, 3rd grade

“Julia is a great student. She works hard in class and does her best. Not only does Julia excel in the classroom, but she also has a heart for the Lord. She is kind, patient, and always willing to help others. Julia is a joy to have in class!” - Mrs. Mattson

HIGH SCHOOL: Abigail Wood, 12th grade

“Abigail gives her best effort whether she is in the classroom or on the court. She is a diligent and humble student who also serves as a role model for younger students. Even when the class gets rowdy, she has consistently demonstrated patience and kindness throughout the year.” - Mr. Hazen

SENIORS ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR YARD SALE FUNDRAISER

All month long, the senior class is collecting donations of items for the annual Senior Class Yard Sale. If you have items you would like to donate, you may drop them off at the front office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. No item is too big or too small! Items that do not sell at the yard sale will be donated to Good Will.



QUICK CALVARY CALENDAR

Visit ccsmb.com/calendar-2 for updated calendar and Important Dates Calendar.

**Wednesday,
Jan. 7**

Girls Bible study, 7:30 a.m.
Middle school basketball team practice, 3:30 p.m.

**Thursday,
Jan. 8**

Q2 report cards sent home
Middle school basketball game, 4 p.m. at Palmetto Academy
Alumni Games starting at 5:30 p.m.

**Friday,
Jan. 9**

Home games for boys JV and varsity and girls varsity basketball teams starting at 4 p.m. against Maranatha. Come support your Patriots and enjoy hot concessions!

**Monday,
Jan. 12**

Signed report cards due back to homeroom teachers
Maroon Monday!
Basketball practices...

**Tuesday,
Jan. 13**

Basketball practices...
"A Day in the Country" play practice, 2:30-3:30 p.m. for Scene 2 actors

COMING UP...

- K3-K4 field trip, Jan. 14
- Middle school basketball game, Jan. 15
- Home basketball games, Jan. 16

- No school, Monday, Jan. 19 (MLK Jr. Day)
- Parent-teacher conferences, Jan. 19
- Home basketball games, Jan. 20
- 9th grade science fair, Jan. 23



STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

The elementary staff got together for some fun and fellowship during the holidays and participated in a friendly Nutcracker-decorating competition organized by Mrs. Mullins. The finished Nutcrackers were posted on Facebook for family voting, and Mrs. Marques' Nutcracker won the most votes (by 1 vote!) Mrs. Martin's soldier Nutcracker came in second place.

ALUMNI CORNER

Jordan Bishop, Class of 2020, got engaged to Alexa Mumpower on Sept. 13. The couple met at Anderson University, where Jordan graduated from in 2025 with a degree in kinesiology. He is now attending Western Carolina University, pursuing a doctorate of physical therapy. The couple plans to be married on August 7, 2026.



CCS SPIRIT WEEK IS COMING! JAN. 26-30

Calvary Christian School's Spirit Week is set for Jan. 26-30. This is a week for fostering school spirit, and for having a lot of fun! Look farther in the newsletter for the full flyer with all the details, but here are the dress-up days for students to participate in each day!

Monday: 'Merica Monday (USA or patriotic clothing)

Tuesday: Sports/Nerd Day

Wednesday: Camo/Pink Day (in memory of CCS student Jacob Causey)

Thursday: Fictional Character Day

Friday: CCS Spirit Day

The K3-5th grade classes will be doing a poster competition to be displayed at the homecoming basketball games on Friday, Jan. 30.

The 6th-12th grades will be doing a golf cart competition for a golf cart parade during half-time of the varsity boys basketball game on Friday, Jan. 30.

NINTH-GRADE SCIENCE FAIR SET FOR JANUARY 23

Every year at CCS, the ninth-grade physical science class participates in the science fair. Each student brainstorms a topic and hypothesis to research and test during the first semester. Under the guidance of Dr. Ramona Haile, the students research their topics, write a multi-page research paper, and conduct their science experiment three times.

The students prepare a presentation and compile their results to go on display at the science fair in the gym on Jan. 23. The rest of the student body is invited to walk through the display of projects and ask the ninth-grade students about their experiments and the process.

Speech teacher Mrs. Baker and English teacher Mrs. Rohr also helped the students with

different aspects of the projects, from public-speaking techniques to paper formatting.

The CCS science fair serves as a qualifying event for the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools science fair during the competition in Columbia in March. Students in senior-level science classes also have the opportunity to participate.

HEALTHY HABITS

with Mr. Roland

Bible reading: The healthiest habit of all

As we enter into a new year, much of our focus is turned toward resolutions to better one's health. While physical health is important and can increase the enjoyment and opportunities of an active lifestyle, there is something that is of far greater importance than physical health.

As Paul is writing to a young Christian named Timothy, he reminds him of this very fundamental truth. "For bodily exercise profits little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8). In this verse, Paul brings out one of God's fundamental laws for mankind. There is a place for physical health. However, in comparison to spiritual health, your spiritual health is of far greater importance.

What is the pathway to spiritual health? It must start with the daily habit of reading the Bible. God, our Maker, has given us clear instructions on how we are to function in a way that is spiritually healthy. God's Word lays out the pathway on how we can be right with Him through Jesus Christ (John 3:16, 36). Being right with God is the first step toward being right with others. When we are right with God and others, only then can we be "right" with self. Spiritual health can be defined as being at peace with God (Romans 5:1), peace with others (Romans 12:18), and peace with self (i.e., a clear conscience, Acts 24:16).

In a day where our sensitivity to mental health is increasing, we must realize that because God created the mind, mental health is dependent on spiritual health. Romans 12:1-2 teaches that as Christians, we need to be renewed in the "spirit of our minds." If we are not careful, we can prioritize physical health and ignore spiritual/mental health. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 4:16 that our physical bodies are perishing. No matter how much effort is put into physical health, time is moving each of us toward the grave. However, Paul contrasts the demise of the physical by stating in that same verse, "though the outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

So, how is your health? Your spiritual health? Have you resolved for 2026 to seek after true spiritual/mental health? Reading and following God's Word is the absolute necessity to maintaining a healthy mind and spirit.

Where can you start? Let me encourage you to read the following chapters in the Bible as you begin the new year. These chapters will encourage you to set the healthiest habit, Bible reading, as a priority in your day.

- Psalm 1 – The blessings that come to those who make God's Word a priority each day.
- Psalm 119 – Almost every verse speaks directly to the priority of God's Word.
- Psalm 19 – God's Word does an amazing work in our minds and hearts.
- Isaiah 55 – God's Word is compared to rain that causes life to thrive.

The book of Ecclesiastes was written by the wisest and wealthiest man, King Solomon. In this short book, he reminds us that there is no point to the ups and downs of life if we do not honor God with the life he has given us by obeying His commands.

Need a therapist for your mental/spiritual health? One of the best quotes I have heard goes like this – "the best therapy for mental/spiritual health is attending a church that preaches God's Word."



Mr. Roland is the principal of CCS and the pastor of Calvary Bible Church.

ICYMI: (IN CASE YOU MISSED IT)

K5-5TH GRADES

If your student was cast in the elementary play, "A Day in the Country," please check for an email sent on Jan. 2 containing important information about the rehearsal schedule, which begins Tuesday, Jan. 6.

ALL GRADES

There is an archery tournament on Saturday, Jan. 10, at St. James High School for our elementary team and individual archers. Most shooters take the range at 4 or 5 p.m. Come out and support the CCS Archery Team!

6TH-12TH GRADES

If your student was cast in the high school play "Who's Dying to Be a Millionaire?" please check for an email sent on Jan. 2 with important information regarding after-school rehearsals that begin on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

FRONT OFFICE: 843-650-2829
HANDBOOK: CCSMB.COM/ABOUT-CCS/SCHOOL-HANDBOOK

K3-K4 CLASSES

There is a field trip scheduled for K3 and K4 on Wednesday, Jan. 14. Please refer to information sent home from your teachers for more information!

ALL GRADES

There is no school or Patriots Club on Monday, Jan. 19, in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Parents may sign up with their student's teacher(s) for optional parent-teacher conferences on that day as needed.

ALL GRADES

As the weather stays cold, please help students remember the dress code for outerwear. Hoodies are not permitted (except CCS hoodies on Fridays only). Non-Calvary approved outerwear may be worn to school but should be placed in lockers or on classroom hooks during classtime.

SPIRIT WEEK!

JAN. 26-30

GET IN THE CCS SCHOOL SPIRIT AND DRESS UP
EVERY DAY DURING THE WEEK FOR A CHANCE TO
WIN POINTS FOR YOUR TEAM EACH MORNING!*



MONDAY: 'MERICA DAY



TUESDAY: SPORTS/NERD DAY



WEDNESDAY: CAMO/PINK DAY



THURSDAY: FICTIONAL CHARACTER DAY



FRIDAY: CCS SPIRIT DAY



*STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPIRIT
DRESS-UP DAYS MUST WEAR THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORMS TO SCHOOL.

DON'T FORGET TO BUY SPIRIT CHAINS FOR 25 CENTS
EACH ALL WEEK TO HELP YOUR CLASS WIN BIG!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GAMES IN THE GYM EACH MORNING.
PEP RALLY ON FRIDAY FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL!
HOMECOMING BASKETBALL GAMES STARTING AT 4 P.M.
HOMECOMING CEREMONIES STARTING AROUND 8 P.M.



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CCS Annual Golf Tournament

Wild Wing Plantation

February 21, 2026

Support Calvary by advertising your business or showing your family's support as a hole sponsor. Profits will be used for capital improvements to our education building.

Cost per hole:\$150

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Business or Sponsor Name _____ Phone _____

Sponsor Contact _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Business Card Attached? Yes No Payment: Check _____ Card _____ Cash _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ CVV _____

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Additional sponsorship opportunities are available at www.ccsmb.com!

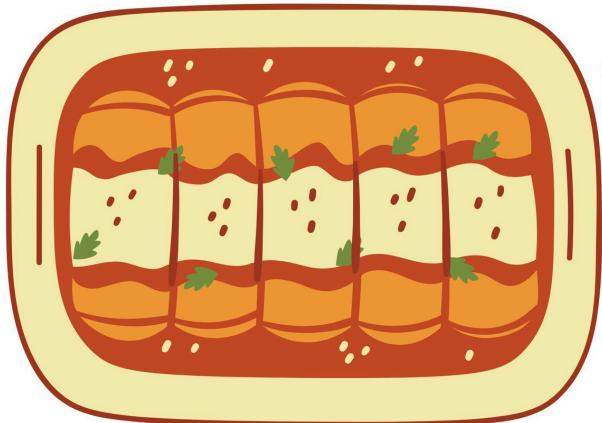
Thank you for supporting Calvary!



Calvary Café News

Jan. 6-9, 2026

The CCS lunchroom is more than a place to eat—it's a place to serve, connect, and nourish both body and spirit! Every week, our amazing team of volunteers prepares and serves healthy meals, snacks, and smiles to students and staff.



The Inside Scoop: Enchilada Bake!

Our Enchilada Bake is a comforting, well-balanced lunch made with seasoned chicken, beans, and rice, all baked together and topped with melted cheese. It's a hearty, kid-friendly meal that offers familiar flavors and satisfying portions, served with corn and a beverage to help keep students energized throughout the day.

Fun Fact

Looking for a fresh snack option? We have a new 8-oz. cucumber and carrot cup with dip!



Announcement!

We're kicking off the new year with fresh ideas, familiar favorites, and lots of excitement in the Calvary Cafe! Thank you for being part of our school family. We can't wait to serve you in 2026.

Monday, Jan. 5

No lunch service.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Enchilada Bake (Chicken, Beans, Rice, Cheese), Corn + Beverage

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Cheeseburger, Chips + Beverage

Thursday, Jan. 8

Chick-fil-A

Friday, Jan. 9

Papa John's Pizza

A la carte menu is available daily.



Volunteers NEEDED!

Prep / Snack Service Team (8 a.m. to 10 a.m.)

Wash, slice, and prepare
Assist with snack service

Serve Team (10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Assist with lunch service

Stock & Clean

(10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Restock snack / drink cart and wipe tables after each class

If you'd like to volunteer, please reach out - we would love an extra set of helping hands! Email jstraka@ccsmb.com.

