

# THE CALVARY CONNECTION



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: JANUARY

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: Carlos Montano, K4**

"Carlos is a gentle, kind, joyful, and lovely boy. He comes to school with a smile and gets along well with his friends. What I love about Carlos is his eagerness to learn more about Jesus. He is always eager to answer questions and actively participates during Bible time. It is a blessing to have Carlos in our class." - Mrs. Coreano

### **ELEMENTARY: Olive Reissman, 4<sup>th</sup> grade**

"Olive exemplifies appropriate behavior both in our classroom and out. She is a diligent learner, eager to know new things and ever willing to do her personal best. She is not afraid to study difficult subjects, and she finds joy in whatever is set before her. Her love for Jesus is evident in her humble and tender kindness toward others." - Mrs. Marquis

### **HIGH SCHOOL: Kailyn Straka, 9<sup>th</sup> grade**

"Kailyn has consistently demonstrated a sincere concern for her academics, her social relationships and her spiritual growth. She strives to do well in all these areas, even in the face of obstacles and distractions. Kailyn reminds me of Galatians 6:9, 'And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.'" - Mrs. Rohr

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## IT'S TIME TO RE-ENROLL AT CCS!

The first week of February at Calvary Christian School is traditionally re-enrollment week for the upcoming school year! Families are able to complete enrollment packets for each student using the FACTS Family Portal, and those who complete the process between Feb. 2-9 receive a discount on the enrollment fee (only \$50) and students who are re-enrolled receive a FREE CUPCAKE at school! Everybody wins!

→ Check your email for more information and the link to the FACTS Family Portal.

# SENIOR FUNDRAISING CONTINUES!

The senior class would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Spirit Chains competition during Spirit Week! With your support, they were able to raise more than \$4,500, which meant Student Body President Isaac Lowery had to make good on his promise to have his head shaved during the pep rally! The senior trip is coming up in March, so the seniors are still fundraising! Upcoming events at right →

→ Valentine's Day gift order forms will be going home Feb. 5-11, and delivery of gifts will be on Friday, Feb. 13.

→ Special Valentine's Doughnut/Jean Day on Thursday, Feb. 12. Doughnuts in the lunchroom from 7-8 a.m. and wear jeans for \$3!

## QUICK CALVARY CALENDAR

Visit [ccsmb.com/calendar-2](https://ccsmb.com/calendar-2) for updated calendar and Important Dates Calendar.

**Wednesday,  
Feb. 4**

Girls Bible study, 7:30 a.m.

Middle school basketball home game, 4 p.m.

"Who's Dying to Be a Millionaire" play practice, 3-4 p.m.

RE-ENROLLMENT WEEK!

**Thursday,  
Feb. 5**

Student prayer meeting, 7:40 a.m.

Track practice, 3:30 p.m.

Progress reports for 6th-12th

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**Friday,  
Feb. 6**

JV and varsity basketball away games at Northside, 4 p.m.

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**Monday,  
Feb. 9**

Maroon Monday!

Girls varsity soccer tryouts, 3:30-5 p.m. (7th-12th)

LAST DAY to RE-ENROLL FOR A FREE CUPCAKE!

**Tuesday,  
Feb. 10**

FGirls varsity soccer tryouts, 3:30-5 p.m. (7th-12th)

"A Day in the Country" play practice, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

## COMING UP...

- Feb. 13, Varsity boys basketball quarterfinal
- Feb. 16, no school or Patriots Club
- Feb. 20-21, basketball state tournament
- Feb. 21, CCS Golf Tournament
- March 2, open enrollment begins
- March 3, optional SAT for 10th-12th grades
- March 4, Muffins with Moms, K3-K4

## FROM THE CCS ADMINISTRATION

As CCS continues to grow, we are looking to add loving, qualified faculty and staff to our secondary English and math departments, as well as lower elementary teachers and aides. Part-time opportunities are available in our elective, fine arts, IT, and sports departments. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining our team, applications are available online at [ccsmb.com/about-ccs/faculty-and-staff/](https://ccsmb.com/about-ccs/faculty-and-staff/).

CCS administration is pleased to announce that there will be no increase to program fees for any grade level for the 2026-2027 school year. The required spiritual emphasis trip fees from 7th-12th grades have now been rolled into your program fees, yet the fees have not increased.

Please refer to the email sent on Wednesday, Jan. 28, for additional information on the tuition and fees schedule for the 2026-2027 school year.

## ALUMNI CORNER

CCS alumna and current third-grade teacher Mrs. Mattson recently announced she and her husband Wayne are expecting their third child in July, and it's a girl! The couple has already been blessed with two girls, Camryn and Charlotte, who both attend CCS in K5 and K3, respectively.



## CCS GOLF TOURNAMENT TEAMS AND VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

The 12th annual CCS Golf Tournament is set for Feb. 21 at Wild Wing Plantation, and there are a limited number of spots left for four-person teams to participate! Contact Ms. Kathy in the front office at [kanderson@ccsmb.com](mailto:kanderson@ccsmb.com) or 843-650-2829 to sign up to play.

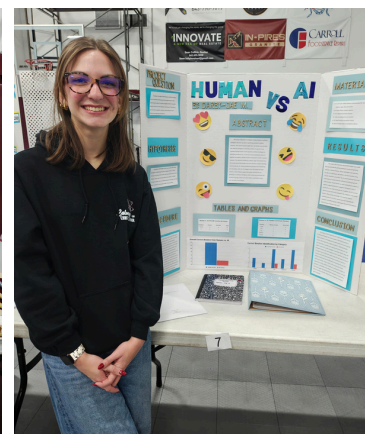
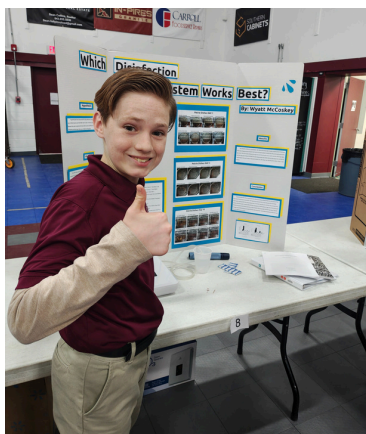
The tournament also is in need of volunteers in the following areas:

- Meet and greet
- Check-in
- Raffle

Thank you to the following sponsors of the tournament: Atlantic Communications (presenting sponsor); Baywatch Resort; Eggs Up Grill; Wraps Ink; Innovate Real Estate; MowMentum Landscaping; South State Bank; Chick-fil-A Surfside; Agru America; The Litchfield Company; Coastway Church; Big Air; Divine Dining; Premier Painting & Drywall; Sign Restore; Dependable Service Plumbing and Air.

## NINTH-GRADE SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Every year, the ninth-grade participates in the science fair. Each student brainstorms a topic and hypothesis to research and test during the first semester. The science fair was held on January 23, and the winners were announced during Spirit Week!



From left: First place: Wyatt McCoskey; second place: Lilly Evans; third place: Darby-Jae Maxwell.



# HEALTHY HABITS

with Mrs. VE

## Build strong organizational skills through daily choices

February lands us right in the middle of third quarter—when routines feel heavy, motivation runs low, and it's tempting to coast instead of finish strong. This is often when healthy habits matter most, not just academically, but spiritually too.

One simple habit I love to encourage students to start with is this: make your bed each morning. It's a small act of discipline, but it's also a moment of gratitude—gratitude for rest, for shelter, and for a new day. Let it also be a moment to talk with God. Before the rush begins, acknowledge Him, invite Him into your day, and commit your thoughts and choices to Him.

Discipline and consistency may not feel exciting, but I promise they will serve you well in every area of life, starting with the most important relationship you have—your relationship with God.

One theme comes up again and again in prayer requests with my middle and high school students: help me choose what is right and honor God—especially when it comes to time management, electronics and distractions. Scripture reminds us that “the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy” (John 10:10). Often, the enemy doesn't steal joy or purpose in big, obvious ways—but quietly, through distractions that pull us away from time with God and from responsibilities that shape our future.

This old saying came to mind as I prayed over this article:

*Watch your thoughts; they become your words.*

*Watch your words; they become your actions.*

*Watch your actions; they become your habits.*

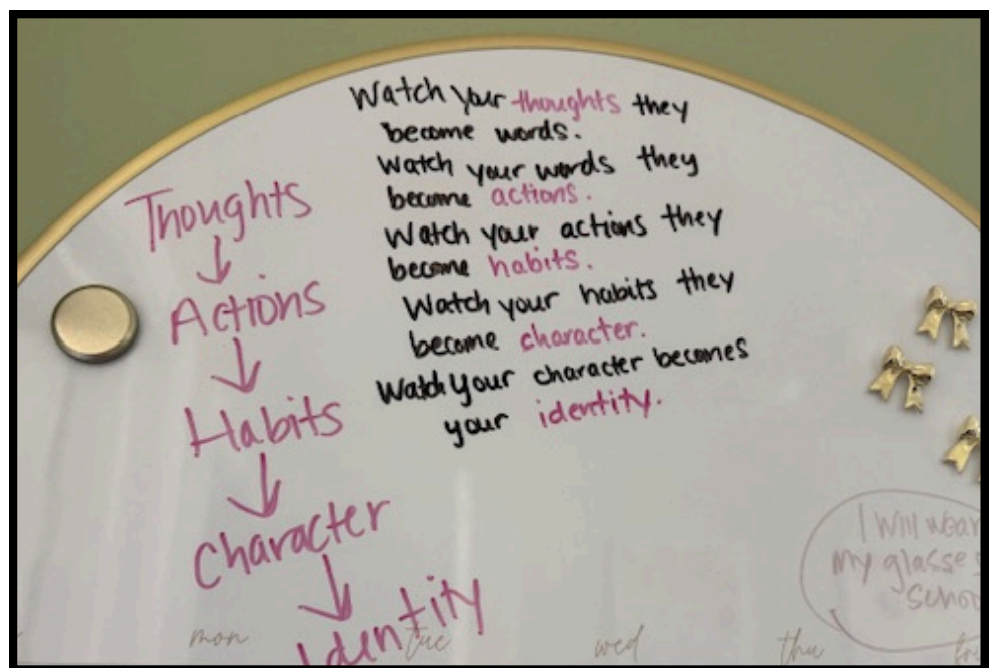
*Watch your habits; they become your character.*

*Watch your character; it becomes your identity.*

Healthy study and organization habits are built through daily choices. Focus on your responsibilities rather than distracting yourself with electronics—because distractions won't earn the grades, build the character, open the doors, or draw you closer to Christ. Jesus reminds us, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). Finish this quarter strong by choosing habits that honor God. Those choices—made daily—will shape who you become.



Mrs. VE is the study habits instructor at CCS.



# ICYMI • (IN CASE YOU MISSED IT)

## ALL GRADES

The varsity basketball teams head into playoff week Feb. 9-13, and the state tournament is Feb. 20-21. CCS will host the boys' quarterfinal game on Friday, Feb. 13, so be sure you plan to come out and support your Patriots!



## ALL GRADES

There is an archery tournament on Saturday, Feb. 14, at St. James High School for our elementary team and individual archers. Most shooters take the range at 2 or 3 p.m. Come out and support the CCS Archery Team!



## 6TH-12TH GRADES

The CCS Sports Department is excited to announce it is offering track this coming season! The first practice is Thursday, Feb. 5, for students in 6th-12th grades who are interested in being on the track team! Contact: Mr. Houck, jhouck@ccsmb.com.

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**HANDBOOK: [CCSMB.COM/ABOUT-CCS/SCHOOL-HANDBOOK](https://ccsmb.com/about-ccs/school-handbook)**

## 10TH-12TH GRADES

CCS is offering the SAT on campus on Tuesday, March 3. This is optional for 10th-12th graders; sign up to take it with Mrs. Rohr, [crohr@ccsmb.com](mailto:crohr@ccsmb.com). There is a \$65 fee.



## ALL GRADES

There is no school or Patriots Club on Monday, Feb. 16, in recognition of Presidents Day.



## ALL GRADES & FAMILIES

Spirit Week at CCS was awesome! Thank you for all of your participation in the dress-up days, the Spirit Chains competition (which 10<sup>th</sup> grade won), and Homecoming festivities!

- The senior class raised more than \$4,500 in the Spirit Chains competition, thanks to your support, so Student Body President Isaac Lowery kept his promise and had his head shaved at the pep rally on Friday (top photo; haircut by Josh Zarcone)!
- Senior Braiden Roland was named Mr. Patriot and senior Abigail Wood was named Miss Patriot.
- Mrs. Coreano won the poster competition, and the senior class won the golf cart competition!





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# 12th Annual Calvary Golf Tournament

## CLASS COMPETITION!



CCS! We need your help to make our Calvary Golf Tournament AWESOME!

What: Class competition to gather prizes or the golf tournament raffle.

When: February 2 through February 13

Who: K3-12th grade homeroom classes (K3 classes combined)

Judging: (Feb. 18) Packages will be judged based on class participation, creativity and presentation.

### PRIZES

- ☐ First AND second-place classes will enjoy an afternoon of fun with ice cream, goodie bags, movie & snacks, a dress-down (or character dress up) and fun!
- ☐ Grades K3-5 that participate receive goodie bags, extra recess time, and a dress-down day! Grades 6-12 receive a dress-down day and snacks in class for participating!

**THE PROFITS FROM THIS YEAR'S GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL BE USED TO RENOVATE AND EXPAND THE CCS EDUCATION BUILDING! ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.**

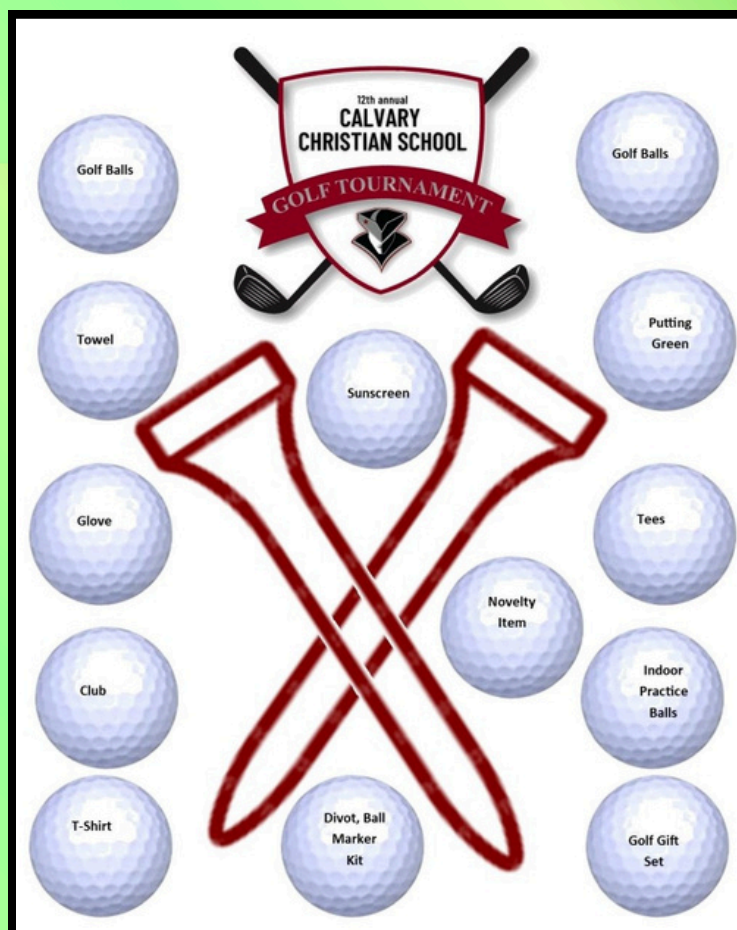
**HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CLASS WIN:  
PURCHASE ITEMS FROM YOUR CLASS TEE TREE  
(SEE EXAMPLE AT RIGHT.)**

**EACH CLASSROOM WILL HAVE A TEE TREE WITH  
TAGS LABELED WITH ITEMS THAT MATCH WITH  
YOUR CLASS THEME.**

**STUDENTS WILL CHOOSE A TAG FROM THE TEE  
TREE WITH AN ITEM TO PURCHASE.**

**(PARENTS MAY BE CREATIVE AND PROVIDE  
OTHER ITEMS ALONG THE SAME THEME, IN  
ADDITION TO THEIR ITEM CHOSEN ON THE TAG.)  
EACH TEE TREE WILL HAVE ONE ITEM, SUCH AS  
COOLER, BASKET, ETC., THAT WILL BE USED TO  
HOLD ALL THE ITEMS PURCHASED.**

**SEND IN YOUR ITEM WITH YOUR TAG TO YOUR  
HOMEROOM TEACHER BY FEBRUARY 13.**







# Calvary Café News

Feb. 2-6, 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.



## Meet Dustin! Volunteer Spotlight

Dustin and his daughter Carlee enjoy volunteering together in the Calvary Café. Carlee is a sixth-grader who is homeschooled, which gives them the flexibility to serve during the school day. Carlee attended Calvary from K3 through first grade, and their family remains connected to the school with Eli in K5, and Dustin frequently speaks at the preschool chapels. Both of them are grateful for the opportunity to serve and support the Calvary community.

## Fun Fact

No two snowflakes are exactly alike! Just like each of us! God designs every snowflake with unique detail, and He designs every child with purpose!

## Announcement!

Thank you for scanning your receipts in the Box Tops app! Let your friends and family members know they can scan and support CCS, too! Visit [btfe.com](https://btfe.com) for additional details.



### Monday, Feb. 2

Snow Day! No lunch service.

### Tuesday, Feb. 3

Chicken Bog, Green Beans, Roll + Beverage

### Wednesday, Feb. 4

Sloppy Joe, Chips & Fruit or Vegetable Side + Beverage

### Thursday, Feb. 5

Hachiya Express

### Friday, Feb. 6

Genova'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](mailto:jstraka@ccsmb.com).