

THE CALVARY CONNECTION



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES MORE THAN \$32,000 FOR EXPANSION!

We are THRILLED to announce that the 12th annual Calvary Christian School Golf Tournament raised more than \$32,000! These funds directly benefit our facility expansion project. If you were involved as a player, a volunteer, a contributor, or sponsor, your contribution made a huge difference in making this year's tournament a success, and we are grateful for you! Thank you to Wild Wing for hosting, and thank you to presenting sponsor Atlantic Communications, as well as all the other sponsors.

Winning teams:

1st place: Moore Associates (pictured)
 2nd place: Peoples Underwriters
 3rd place: Atlantic Communications

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: FEBRUARY

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.

PATRIOTS CLUB: COLTON BILODEAU

"Colton was the student who stuck out to me when I thought of who I wanted to nominate. While many students were showing similar accomplishments, Colton still stuck out as our student in Patriots Club who has shown an immense amount of growth and improvement. He is so funny, joyful, and kind. He obeys quickly but is also quick to do better next time if he makes a mistake. His heart is kind and he loves to learn about Jesus. We love you, Colton!"
 -Ms. Jordy

ELEMENTARY: PRESLEIGH GAMBLE, 2nd

"Presleigh is a wonderful student who always works hard to do her very best in class. She works hard to be focused and well prepared. Presleigh is also respectful and courteous to everyone. She is a treasure to the Lord and a blessing to me. Thank you, Presleigh!" -Ms. Brenes

HIGH SCHOOL: BRONSON SHOEMAKER, 9th

"Bronson is an excellent student because he has an excellent work ethic. He is faithful in working on his own and in seeking help when challenges arise. He isn't intimidated by hard concepts and works hard even with the easy ones. Bronson has been a pleasure to teach this year." -Ms. Myers

FINAL FUNDRAISER: SENIOR YARD SALE

The senior trip is coming up from March 11-18, but before the senior class heads out to Utah for a time of fellowship and spiritual growth, they are putting together one more fundraiser: the CCS Senior Class Yard Sale!

Come on out to campus between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, and find that thing you didn't know you needed! Thank you for supporting our CCS seniors!



QUICK CALVARY CALENDAR

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

**Wednesday,
March 4**

Girls Bible study, 7:30 a.m.

Muffins with Moms, K3-K4, 8:30 a.m.

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

**Thursday,
March 5**

Student prayer meeting, 7:40 a.m.

JV Track practice, 3:30 p.m.

**Friday,
March 6**

Last day of the third quarter

Girls varsity soccer home game, 4 p.m.

Away baseball game, 4 p.m.

Dr. Seuss Dress-up Day for K3-K4

**Monday,
March 9**

Maroon Monday!

First day of Q4

Home baseball game, 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday,
March 10**

High School Fine Arts Chapel

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

JV Track meet, Conway

COMING UP...

- March 12, Q3 report cards sent home
- March 11-18, senior trip to Utah
- March 19-20, SCACS Competition in Columbia
- March 30-April 6, Spring Break
- April 7-10, Practice IOWA Testing, K5-9th
- April 13-17, IOWA Testing, K5-9th
- April 14-16, AACS National Competition

ALUMNI CORNER

A large number of CCS alumni participated in the CCS Alumni Games back in January. The alumni games are an annual event that invites former CCS students and staff back to campus for some friendly competition, fellowship, and food. It is a wonderful way each January to kick off a new year, seeing familiar faces and catching up with everyone. Save the date for next year's alumni games on January 4, 2027!



STUDENTS REPRESENTING CCS AT SCACS FINE ARTS COMPETITION ON MARCH 19-20 IN COLUMBIA

Each year, CCS is proud to send students to the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools Fine Arts Competition to represent the school in a variety of areas, such as music, essay writing, poetry, art, and photography. These are the students who are representing CCS this year:

PIANO:

Isaac Lowery, 12th
Braiden Roland, 12th
Aaron Roland, 10th
Arthur Simons, 10th
Abhi Balachandran, 10th
Bella Haile, 10th
Kenzi Warner, 7th
Olivia Skiles, 7th
Emma Richards, 11th
Anna Richards, 8th
Gabby Watkins, 12th

ART:

Lilly Evans, monochromatic
Abhi Balachandran, oil

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Brightin Baxley, 10th

VIOLIN:

Abhi Balachandran, 10th
Lilly Evans, 9th

EXPOSITORY ESSAY:

Lilly Evans, freshman
Emma Richards, junior
Haiden Causey, junior
Preston Ragle, junior
Will Cowell, junior
Miles Knight, junior
John Gedney, junior

POETRY:

Abhi Balachandran, sophomore

REPORT CARDS/SUMMER SCHOOL/ENRICHMENT

Report cards for the third quarter will be sent home by Thursday, March 12. These need to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to school no later than Monday, March 16.

If you would like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher, please reach out to him/her directly via email to request a conference. If you do not know the teacher's email address, please contact the front office at 843-650-2829 for help coordinating a conference.

Summer school and tutoring/enrichment options will be made available for registration soon. According to the CCS handbook: "Students in grades one and two must pass reading and mathematics in order to be promoted to the next grade. Any student in grades one through eight who earns two failing grades for the year will be retained. Summer school is a requirement for students in grades seven through twelve who fail a subject that is a prerequisite for promotion to the next grade. Any student participating in Summer School must be registered at CCS for the coming school year."

CCS ATHLETICS

with Coach Wes

Winter Sports Update: Boys Basketball Finishes 3rd at States

Our winter sports season ended with a thrilling win for our boys varsity basketball team at the SCACS state tournament on February 21. Down by 20 points at one point in the game and down by 13 at halftime, our boys rallied to tie the game only two minutes into the second half. A back-and-forth battle ensued, with our boys taking the lead for good with only 30 seconds left in the game. The boys battled and played great all weekend, taking home a 3rd place finish in the state. Senior guard Jackson Haynes was named to the all-tournament team. All of our winter sports teams competed well throughout the season. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our basketball teams.

Our athletics department has partnered with a digital fundraising platform called Vertical Raise in order to assist with some upcoming enhancements to our athletics program. The fundraiser started with a fury, raising more than \$3,500 in the first 48 hours, but we need your help to keep up the momentum! Some of the planned upgrades/improvements these funds benefit:

- Continued access to a Certified Athletic Trainer: We have been blessed to have Mrs. Janine Kozick the past two years as our athletic trainer through McLeod Health. This program allows us to not only respond and treat our student-athletes who are going through injuries, but also allows us to prevent injuries.
- New sports uniforms: We would like to begin a rotation that allows each team to receive a new uniform every 3-5 years (including middle school sports!). This would ensure each team has a quality uniform that is age appropriate for a proper fit.
- Training equipment: practice balls, training aids, strength/mobility equipment, and more
- Facilities upgrades: Soccer and baseball field repairs and maintenance, volleyball net system, Backboard padding, locker room improvements, weight room equipment, and more.

The fundraiser ends March 11, so we are in the final stretch! I am asking our Calvary families to consider helping our athletics program by clicking the web link below to view our fundraising page. Then, you can help by...

- Considering a donation directly towards our athletics program
- Share the link with friends or family that may be willing to donate to our program
- If you know of a local business owner, invite them to become a corporate sponsor

Calvary Athletics Fundraiser Link

We are looking forward to a strong spring sports season as well! Girls Varsity Soccer, Boys Varsity Baseball, and our Co-Ed Middle School Soccer teams all start up within the next few days with their schedule. Here are some upcoming home games where we would love to see a big crowd cheering on our Patriot student-athletes:

- Friday, March 6- Girls Soccer Home against Maranatha, 4 p.m.
- Monday, March 9- Boys Baseball Home against Emmanuel, 4:30 p.m.

You can find the full game schedules for all of our teams as well as game results on the free version of the Gamechanger App.

If you have any questions, or want more information on how to support our athletics, please reach out to me directly at wmalone@ccsmb.com. Go Patriots!



Coach Wes is a CCS alumnus. He serves as the athletic director and boys coach for soccer, basketball, and baseball, as well as PE and math instructor.

ICYMI • (IN CASE YOU MISSED IT)

ALL GRADES

Easter Break is coming up! Mark your calendars for March 30-April 6 and enjoy a week of vacation! School resumes on Tuesday, April 7.



K3-K4

Muffins with Moms is Wednesday, March 4, at 8:30 a.m. in the lunchroom. Only one attendee per student, please!



K5-9TH GRADES

IOWA testing is coming up in April. Practice testing will be April 7-10, and testing week is April 13-17. Testing will take place during the school day, and scores will be available at the end of the school year.



March 17

Junior Class St. Patrick's Day

Pancake Breakfast

7-8 A.M. IN THE LUNCHROOM

\$7 A PLATE:
2 PANCAKES
SAUSAGE LINKS
A BEVERAGE



COACH HOUCK STARTS A JV TRACK TEAM AT CCS

Administrator and Coach Jeff Houck brought cross country to Calvary this past year, and now he's starting a JV track team!

Athletes: Eli Moore, 9th; Gabby Collins, 7th; Lila Cowell, 7th; Adelyn Ragle, 6th; Mariah Clark, 6th; Wyatt McCoskey, 9th; Emme Bruegger, 6th; Aubrey Mason, 6th; Sydney Haile, 6th; Wesley McCoskey, 7th; Jonathan Zuhlsdorf, 6th; Samuel Coreano, 6th.



The team practices Tuesdays and Thursdays and has its first meet on March 10 in Conway!



CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHEERLEADING

*Info
Meeting*



**For all rising 5th-8th graders
interested in trying out
for cheerleading**

March 19, 2026

CCS Chapel

3:30 PM



Coaches

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Mattson

Summer Educational Opportunities

Enroll in summer school or a refresher course to prepare for 2026-2027 and avoid the "summer slump."
Complete the form and return to the CCS office before May 15. A \$50 deposit is required at sign-up,
and the full balance is due the first day of the course.



REGISTRATION:

Circle the option(s) at left that you would like to register for, including which dates.

Student name: _____

Grade in 2026-2027: _____

Parent name: _____

Contact: _____

Total cost based on selections*: _____

*Please note that unused ESTF funds may be used toward summer school or summer tutoring.

MATH/SCIENCE SUMMER SCHOOL

Rising 6th-8th grades

June 1-June 26

8 a.m. to noon

\$650

Mr. Casey Malone

LITERATURE/GRAMMAR SUMMER SCHOOL

Rising 6th-8th grades

July 6-July 31

8 a.m. to noon

\$650

Mr. Casey Malone

MATH TUTORING

Rising 7th-12th grades

June 1-July 31

(except June 22-July 3)

Morning times flexible

\$30/hour

Ms. Susanna Myers

LITERATURE/GRAMMAR TUTORING

Rising 7th-12th grades

June 1-July 31

Times flexible

\$30/hour

Mrs. Caroline Rohr

Per the CCS Handbook: "Any student in grades one through eight who earns two failing grades for the year will be retained. Any student in grades nine through twelve who fails a core subject or non-elective will be required to obtain a passing grade in order to graduate. Summer school is a requirement for students in grades seven through twelve who fail a subject that is a prerequisite for promotion to the next grade. Any student participating in Summer School must be registered at CCS for the coming school year."

Office use only:

Payment: _____

Date received: _____

Amount: _____

Initial: _____



Calvary Café News

March 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.



Staff Spotlight: Jennifer Wood!

This week we are so grateful to spotlight Jennifer Wood! Jennifer is a proud Calvary alumna and now has three daughters attending Calvary – a beautiful full-circle story. Her heart for this school runs deep. From the lunchroom to the concession stand to nearly every school event, Jennifer works tirelessly behind the scenes. She prepares meals, organizes snacks, and helps make sure every function runs smoothly. Her dedication blesses not only the children, but also the parents and staff who are served through her hard work. Jennifer truly embodies what it means to serve with excellence and love. Calvary is better because of her faithful commitment. We are so thankful for you, Jennifer!

Fun Fact

March 2 is the birthday of Dr. Seuss! He wrote more than 60 books and even invented many silly words we still use today.

Announcement!

We would love your input! As we plan future lunch menus for Calvary Café, we are inviting both students and parents to share their ideas and favorite dishes. Is there something new you'd love to see on the menu? Let us know! We value your feedback and want to continue serving meals our students enjoy.

Monday, March 2

Crispy Chicken Wrap, Chips, & Fruit or Vegetable Side + Beverage

Tuesday, March 3

Cheeseburger, Chips + Beverage

Wednesday, March 4

Italian Beef Sandwich, Chips + Beverage

Thursday, March 5

El Cerro Grande

Friday, March 6

Genova's Pizza

A la carte menu is available daily.



Volunteers NEEDED!

Serve Team
(10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
Assist with lunch service



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

Café Kindness Corner

This week we are celebrating our amazing Clean-Up Crews in 2nd-5th grade! After lunch, these students worked together to pick up every last crumb from under their tables. They didn't rush or complain – they took their job seriously and were so proud of the work they did when they finished! Because of their teamwork and responsibility, our café stays clean and welcoming for everyone. Thank you for showing leadership through serving others! We are so proud of you! ✨