

THE CALVARY CONNECTION



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

MAY



- 1-2 | Baseball State Tournament
- 14 | High School Fine Arts Production
- 15 | 7-12 Awards Banquet
- 18-19 | Piano Recitals
- 20-22 | Final Exams/half-days
- 20 | K3-K4 Awards Ceremony, 8:30 a.m.;
- K5 Awards Ceremony, 10 a.m.
- 21 | Last day of school for K3, K4, K5
- 21 | K5 Graduation, 9:30 a.m.
- 22 | Last day of school for 1-12
- 22 | Elementary Awards Chapel, 10 a.m.
- 22 | Senior Graduation, 6 p.m.
- 25 | Memorial Day (offices closed)
- 26-27 | Teacher Workdays
- June 1 | First day of Summer Day Camp

MAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

May is a month full of events for everyone at Calvary, from K3 students through seniors! Please pay close attention to the May calendar above and make sure you have pertinent dates marked on your calendars now so you don't miss a beat when May gets here!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: MARCH

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: SKYLAR KOVACS, K5

"Skylar is an excellent listener who pays close attention and follows directions with a positive attitude. She shows kindness to those around her and is a wonderful example to her classmates. Most importantly, she loves Jesus and it shows through her actions every day. Skylar is a joy to have in class!" -Ms. Hole

ELEMENTARY: BRYAN NEVES, 5th

"Bryan demonstrates Christ-like character and academic excellence daily. He cheerfully helps with tasks around the room, supports his classmates, completes assignments with diligence, and maintains a humble and loving spirit. It is a joy to be Bryan's teacher, and I am so excited for how God continues to work through him!" -Mr. Malone

HIGH SCHOOL: JACOB CRAFTON, 11th

"Proverbs 4:13 says, 'Take fast hold of instruction, let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.' This verse highlights the importance of being an active and attentive student, and that is Jacob. He is constantly at the center of participation and exemplifies leadership by paying attention to even the littlest of details. He continuously displays a positive attitude and is quick to share helpful insights with his classmates." -Mr. Coreano

NEW CHEER SQUAD AT CCS HOSTING CAR WASH

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Mattson have collaborated to bring cheerleading back to Calvary! Girls in 5th-8th grades were invited to try out before spring break, and now the squad is together and ready to work!

They have a car wash planned for this Saturday at CCS from 9 a.m. to noon and would love to see you, give your car a good wash, and tell you all about the new cheer program!



QUICK CALVARY CALENDAR

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

Friday,
April 10

IOWA practice testing continues all week

Home baseball and girls varsity soccer games starting at 3:30 p.m.

Monday,
April 13

Maroon Monday!

IOWA testing begins for grades K5-9

Middle school soccer game, away

Tuesday,
April 14

IOWA testing continues for grades K5-9

AACS National Competition at Bob Jones

Away baseball game

Home girls soccer game

Wednesday,
April 15

IOWA testing continues for grades K5-9

7-12 Girls Bible study, 7:30 a.m.

AACS National Competition at Bob Jones

Doughnuts with Dads, K3-K4, 8:30 a.m.

Thursday,
April 16

Student prayer meeting, 7:40 a.m.

IOWA testing continues all week

Home middle school soccer game

Life Skills field trip

COMING UP...

- April 22, 6th-12th Field Day
- April 23, K3-5th Field Day
- April 24-25, girls soccer state tournament
- April 27-May 1, Teacher Appreciation Week
- April 29, K3-K4 trip to Alligator Adventure
- April 30, Elementary Fine Arts production
- May 1-2, baseball state tournament

ALUMNI CORNER



Two recent CCS graduates are playing baseball at the collegiate level:

Right: **Cody Crafton**, Class of 2023, plays third base at Bluefield University. He currently is in the top 10 in conference for runs driven in.

Left: **Cayden Kennedy**, Class of 2024, plays first base at Bob Jones University. He is majoring in business.

Both men played baseball for CCS when CCS won back-to-back state championships in 2023 and 2024.



SENIORS ISAAC LOWERY AND BRAIDEN ROLAND ADVANCE TO AACS NATIONAL COMPETITION FOR PIANO

Isaac Lowery and Braiden Roland, both seniors, performed at the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools Fine Arts Competition in March and placed first, earning them a spot to represent the state of South Carolina at the national championship April 14-16 at Bob Jones University. Isaac Lowery placed first



in the classical piano solo category for Level IV, and Braiden Roland and Isaac placed first in the classical piano duet category for Level IV. This is the second

time Isaac will be representing CCS at the national championship; he competed his sophomore year in the same category, finishing fourth.



SUMMER PROGRAMMING AT CCS ENROLLING NOW

Even though school is not in session in June and July, Calvary still has a lot going on!

- Summer Day Camp for students in rising K4-6th grades (email crohr@ccsmb.com)
- Summer school (required for certain students to advance)
- Summer tutoring (optional for students in rising K5-12th grades)
- Vacation Bible School, June 22-26

To sign up for summer school or summer tutoring, please see the registration form included in this newsletter, or contact the front office for more information.

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."

HEALTHY HABITS

with Mr. Mullins

Tips for parents: Raising children to be good stewards

Raising children to be wise stewards of money is one of the most practical and lifelong gifts a parent can give. In a world where financial decisions are increasingly complex, teaching kids early about money management builds confidence, responsibility, and independence that will serve them well into adulthood. From a Christian perspective, these lessons go even deeper—helping children understand that everything we have ultimately belongs to God, and we are directed in scripture to manage it faithfully.

Luke 16:10 reminds us that “whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much.” This principle applies to how children learn to handle money. Starting small—through allowance, chores, and small savings goals—gives them the opportunity to practice faithfulness in manageable ways. Teaching them to divide money into categories such as tithing, saving, spending, and giving reflects the biblical model of stewardship and generosity. It is also important to teach children a proper understanding of money itself. The Bible warns in 1 Timothy 6:10 that “the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.” Money is not evil, but an unhealthy love or obsession with it can lead to poor choices and misplaced priorities. Helping children develop a healthy, God-centered view of money protects them from greed and encourages contentment.

As children grow, introducing them to a bank account can be a valuable step. A savings account helps them learn how to manage and protect what God has provided. Parents can use this opportunity to discuss Proverbs 21:5, which highlights that “the plans of the diligent lead to profit.” Reviewing account balances and setting savings goals together reinforces the biblical principles of discipline and intentionality. It also helps them value the purchase. Do you remember the first valuable thing you purchased? For me it was a car. I detailed that 1980 Oldsmobile every weekend; it was the cleanest rust bucket around, and it was mine!

For teenagers, a joint checking account and debit card can provide hands-on experience with everyday financial decisions. Because debit cards use money already available, they help reinforce the concept of living within one’s means. This aligns with Hebrews 13:5, which encourages contentment and warns against the love of money.

When discussing credit cards, parents have a unique opportunity to teach both practical and spiritual lessons. Explaining how borrowing and interest work can be paired with Proverbs 22:7: “the borrower is slave to the lender.” This verse helps teens understand the seriousness of debt and the importance of using credit wisely. If a teen becomes an authorized user on a parent’s account, it should be with clear expectations and accountability. On the plus side, this will start establishing their credit score which has rapidly turned into an important aspect of daily adult life.

Beyond banking tools, the most important lessons come from daily example. Children watch how their parents handle money—how you budget, spend, save, and give. Modeling generosity is especially powerful; Acts 20:35 says, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Ultimately, teaching children about money is about more than finances—it’s about shaping their hearts. When children understand that they are stewards, not owners, they begin to see money as a tool to serve God and others. By combining practical financial skills with biblical truth, parents can equip their children to live responsibly, generously, and faithfully.

This piece was not only written to prepare children for financial success, but also guide them toward a life that honors God in every area—including how they manage what He has entrusted to them. I hope it helps!



Mr. Mullins is the finance manager at CCS. He owned an automotive business in Michigan before moving to South Carolina.

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ALL GRADES

Field Days are coming up!

6th-12th | April 22
K3-5th | April 23

Look for details from your student's homeroom teacher coming soon!

K3-K4

Doughnuts with Dads is Wednesday, April 15, at 8:30 a.m. for K3-K4. Only one attendee per student, please!

The K3-K4 field trip to Alligator Adventure is coming up on April 29, as well, so be on the lookout for that information coming home!

K5-9TH GRADES

IOWA testing week is April 13-17 for K5-9th grades. Testing will take place during the school day, and scores will be available at the end of the school year. See below for adjusted schedules for 6th-9th grades that week.



SNO-CONES

APRIL 22 APRIL 23

The junior class is selling sno-cones, drinks, and snacks during Field Days! Bring a couple of dollars in cash so you can enjoy some snacks and treats during the day!

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR CCS TEACHERS THIS MONTH!



There are two opportunities for you to show some love and appreciation for your CCS teachers this month:

- **Teacher Luncheon:** Every other month the CPA blesses our teachers and staff with a provided lunch. This month's meal is BBQ! Those who would like to contribute can sign up at this link. Items may be brought to school during morning carline or dropped off in the front office by 10 a.m. Friday, April 17.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week, April 27-May 1:** This is a week every year that the CPA dedicates to showering teachers with appreciation by providing meals, snacks, and other treats all throughout the week. If you are interested in helping with this initiative, please reach out to CPA President Adrienne Coggin at cogginadrienne@gmail.com.

IOWA TESTING SCHEDULE FOR STUDENTS IN 6TH-9TH GRADES

- No computer or speech for 9th grade until Friday. No computer for 6th-8th grades all week.
- 7th grade will flip 2nd and 8th periods on Tuesday and Thursday (testing 2nd hour, history 8th hour)

Grade	Monday (4/13)		Tuesday (4/14)		Wed (4/15)		Th (4/16)		Fri (4/17)
6	5th hour with Mrs. VE <i>Written Expression</i> Room 27		Mrs. VE 5th hour <i>Science</i> Room 27	Mrs. Baker 6th hour <i>Reading</i> Comp lab	5th hour with Mrs. VE <i>Social Studies</i> Room 27		Mrs. VE 5th hour <i>Computat. Vocabulary</i> Room 27	Mrs. Baker 6th hour <i>Math</i> Computer lab	Mrs. VE 5th hour <i>Spelling Capitalization Punctuation</i> Room 27
7	4th hour with Mrs. Baker <i>Vocabulary and Computation</i> Computer lab		Ms. Cassidy 2nd hour <i>Writing</i> Room 32 (Study hall and history flip 2nd and 8th periods)	Mrs. Baker 4th hour <i>Social Studies</i> Computer lab	4th hour with Mrs. VE <i>Math</i> Room 6		Ms. Cassidy 2nd hour <i>Reading</i> (SH and history flip periods)	Mrs. VE 4th hour <i>Science</i> Room 6	Mrs. Baker 4th hour <i>Spelling Capitalization Punctuation</i> Computer lab
8	Mrs. Warner 1st hour <i>Reading</i> Room 6	Mrs. VE 6th hour <i>Science</i> Room 26	Ms. Myers 1st hour <i>Math</i> Room 6	Mrs. VE 6th hour <i>Social Studies</i> Room 26	Mrs. Baker 1st hour <i>Writing</i> Comp lab	Mrs. VE 6th hour <i>Spelling Capitalizat. Punctuation</i> Room 26	6th hour with Mrs. VE <i>Vocabulary and Computation</i> Room 26		Coach Wes/Ms. Myers 1st hour <i>Math make-up time</i>
9	Mrs. Baker 2nd hour <i>Reading</i> Computer lab	Mrs. VE 4th hour <i>Vocabulary Computation</i> Room 26	Mrs. Baker 2nd hour <i>Writing</i> Computer lab	Mrs. VE 4th hour <i>Verbal Quantitative Nonverbal</i> Room 26	Mrs. Baker 2nd hour <i>Math</i> Computer lab	Ms. Kathy 4th hour <i>Verbal Quantitative Nonverbal</i> Room 27	Mrs. Baker 2nd hour <i>Science</i> Computer lab	Ms. Kathy 4th hour <i>Verbal Quant. Nonverbal</i> Room 26	Mrs. VE 4th hour <i>Social Studies</i> Room 26

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FIRST HALF OF 2026-2027 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

AUGUST

TBD | Tryouts for Boys Soccer and Girls Volleyball
 10-14 | Teacher In-Service Week
 17 | Student Orientation (required for all students)
 • 11:30 a.m. | K3-K5
 • 2 p.m. | 1st-5th
 • 3:30 p.m. | 6th-8th
 • 5 p.m. | 9th-12th
 18 | First Day of School and Patriots Club
 25 | Back-to-School picnic, 4-6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

1-4 | Spiritual Emphasis Trip to the Wilds (required for 9-12 grades)
 7 | Labor Day (no school or Patriots Club)
 25 | See You at the Pole
 24-25 | SCACS Educators' Convention (no school or Patriots Club)
 28-30 | Spiritual Emphasis Trip to the Anchorage (required for 7-8 grades)
 TBD | Ready Let's Read Book Fair

OCTOBER

TBD | PSAT (grades 9-11)
 16 | Grandparents Day
 16 | End of First Quarter
 17 | Cross Country State Meet
 22 | Q1 report cards
 26 | Teacher Workday (no school or Patriots Club); Parent-Teacher Conferences; SAT (10-12)
 30-31 | Volleyball and Soccer State Tournaments

NOVEMBER

3 | Election Day (no school or Patriots Club)
 7 | CPA Fall Festival
 2-13 | Annual Food Drive
 24 | Thanksgiving Celebration (half-day for students; no Patriots Club)
 25-27 | Thanksgiving Holiday (no school or Patriots Club)

DECEMBER

4 | 6th-8th Winter Social
 10 | Fine Arts Christmas Program
 11 | Senior High Winter Formal
 15-18 | Semester Exams
 17 | Kindergarten Christmas Program (tentative)
 18 | End of Second Quarter, half-day
 19-4 | Christmas Holiday (no school or Patriots Club)

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

April 13-17, 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.

Food Spotlight: Burger Day!



It's burger day in the café—one of our students' favorite days of the week! Our burgers are served hot, fresh, and full of flavor, making them a satisfying and comforting lunch option. Even more special, each burger is freshly grilled outside by one of our amazing volunteers, adding that delicious, just-off-the-grill taste everyone loves. Whether your student enjoys it plain and simple or dressed up with their favorite toppings, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Burger day always brings a little extra excitement to the lunch line, and we love seeing the smiles it brings! Don't forget to pair it with a side and a drink to make it a complete meal.

Fun Fact

Americans eat more than 50 billion hamburgers every year—that's about 3 burgers a week for every person!

Announcement!

To help us serve your students smoothly and keep our lunch line running efficiently, please place all lunch orders by noon the previous school day. Ordering ahead allows our team to prepare fresh meals, stay organized, and make sure every student is taken care of. Thank you for helping us make the Calvary Café a great experience! 🍀

Monday, April 13

Soft Beef Taco (Lettuce, Cheese), Corn + Beverage

Tuesday, April 14

Cheeseburger, Baked Beans, Chips + Beverage

Wednesday, April 15

Crack Chicken (Ckn, Bacon, Cheese) & Rice, Green Beans, Roll + Beverage

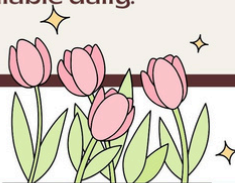
Thursday, April 16

El Cerro Grande

Friday, April 17

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

We are so grateful for the incredible volunteers who serve in our café each day. From preparing meals to helping keep the space clean and welcoming, their kindness and willingness to serve make such a difference. Your time, heart, and dedication do not go unnoticed—thank you for being such a blessing to our school community! 🍀

“Be kind and compassionate to one another.” – Ephesians 4:32