

THE CALVARY CONNECTION



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WHO'S DYING TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?



THURSDAY, MAY 14, 7 P.M.

The junior and senior high drama classes have been working diligently all year long to bring "Who's Dying to Be a Millionaire?" to the CCS stage. The production, directed by Mrs. Weber, is set for Thursday, May 14, at 7 p.m. We know you are just "dying" to see it!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: APRIL

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.

ELEMENTARY: ABIGAIL GRICE, 3rd

"Abigail is a hard-working student who is always ready to learn. She is kind and respectful, and she is always willing to lend a helping hand. She exemplifies 'putting others before yourself' on a daily basis. It is truly a joy to have Abigail in my class this year." -Mrs. Fernandez

ELEMENTARY: MATIAS CASTANEDA, 1st

"Matias has shown so much growth in stepping out of his shyness and confidently sharing his answers during class discussions and games. He is an amazing friend to everyone and always brings a positive attitude to our classroom. He is a hard worker and consistently shows kindness and compassion towards others, reflecting Christ-like characteristics." -Mrs. Marques

HIGH SCHOOL: EMME BRUEGGER, 6th

"Guided by her faith and led by the Spirit, Emme consistently demonstrates kindness, humility, and a willingness to serve others. Her academic abilities are exceptional, but it is her character that truly sets her apart (Philippians 2:3-4). Emme is a remarkable young lady whose integrity, intelligence, and Christ-centered heart make her an invaluable student at CCS." -Mrs. VE

AWARDS CEREMONIES SET AS END OF YEAR APPROACHES

One of the events that students look forward to each year are the various awards ceremonies that take place for each group of grades: K3-K4, K5-5th, 6th-8th, and 9th-12th. While we recognize that the awards we give are not permanent awards and that we should be looking forward to our eternal rewards in heaven, we take time each year to acknowledge the hard work, successes, service, and talents of our students. God gave each student unique talents and abilities, and annual awards ceremonies are a time to celebrate students who are striving to be good stewards of these gifts.

Awards Ceremonies Schedule:

- K3-K4 | Wednesday, May 20, 8:30 a.m.
- K5 | Thursday, May 21, 9:30 a.m. (during K5 graduation)
- 1st-5th | Friday, May 22, 10 a.m.
- 6th-8th | Tuesday, May 19, 11 a.m.
- 9th-12th | Tuesday, May 19, 10 a.m.



MAY AND SUMMER CALENDARS

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

MAY

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

SUMMER

June 1-26 | Summer School Session I
 June 10 | First half of 2026-2027
 program fees drafted
 June 22-26 | Vacation Bible School,
 9 a.m. to noon
 July 2-3 | Campus closed for July 4
 holiday; no Summer Day Camp
 July 6-31 | Summer School Session II
 July 10 | Second half of 2026-2027
 program fees drafted
 July 31 | Last day of Summer Day Camp
 August 3-7 | Campus closed
 August 10-14 | Teacher in-service week
 August 17 | Student Orientation
 August 18 | First day of school!

Bailey
Abigail Wood
Ashley
Rivya Warner
Thank You
JACKSON HAYNES
Briden Roland



Andie Johnson
Anna Dias
Gabby Watkins

<FOR YOUR SUPPORT>



The CCS Senior Class of 2026

WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

WE SINCERELY EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR GENEROSITY DURING OUR FINAL YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL. AS WE ENDEAVOR TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH THE WORLD, WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND CHRIST-LIKE EXAMPLES. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE HELPED US CREATE LASTING MEMORIES AS WE PREPARE FOR OUR FUTURES. WE AIM TO CARRY FORWARD THE LESSONS WE HAVE LEARNED, STRIVING TO BE SALT AND LIGHT IN OUR GENERATION AND INSPIRE THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW.

HEALTHY HABITS

with Coach Warner

Take control over technology this summer

Scientific research has repeatedly shown the use of technology to hijack our brain's reward system, creating patterns of consumptive and addictive behaviors. The impact on our children has affected the way they learn and what motivates them. As Christian parents, we must recognize that modern technology can create complacency in our children by controlling their habits and passively feeding gratification. Patterns of use among teens are associated with rising levels of mental health issues like anxiety, depression, attention difficulties, malformed identity, impulsivity, lack of purpose, and hypersexuality/body image. When the mind is not healthy, the body displays symptoms such as immune dysfunction, gastrointestinal disease, eating disorders, circadian dysregulation, and social ineptitude.

Historically, satisfaction came through real-world experiences formed in relationships, shared work, physical activity, and face-to-face communication that formed purpose and belonging. Today, many of those reward pathways are activated, instead, through screens. Children are forming identities saturated in comparison, unrealistic performance demands, instant feedback, harmful algorithms, validation, and self-idolization. Interactions in daily life are being eroded; the result is isolation, medication, violence, and sometimes suicide. Instead of using their time solving the normal issue of boredom, adolescents are receiving endless input without any output required.

Human beings are designed for connection, purpose, and meaning. This is displayed for us in the Holy Trinity; we are created to bear His image. Scripture calls us to be deeply relational and grounded in truth. Deuteronomy 6 and 1 Corinthians 10 instruct us to speak truth in our daily lives; to talk, walk, eat, work, and live in a way that reflects God's design for sacrificial love and redemption. When technology crowds out interactive moments, the result is not just distraction, it is displacement. The space where meaning is formed becomes filled with constant noise, doubt, and inadequacy.

The war has not been lost, though. Christian parents are called to renew their minds and prove the will of God to be true and to think of things that are pure, honorable, trustworthy, and virtuous (Romans 12 and Philippians 4). Are we teaching our children to do the same? If you have found yourself trapped by technology like I have, this is my encouragement to you: Our God is powerful to heal and redeem our lives. Ephesians 3:20 says, "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us." This summer, I challenge you to take control of what lures and distracts you and your children from the work of the kingdom of God, from becoming who God created you to be.



Coach Warner teaches girls PE and anatomy and physiology at CCS. She is a registered nurse also employed at Tidelands.

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ALL GRADES

All families are invited to attend CCS Senior Graduation on May 22 at 6 p.m. in the Robert S. Weeks Activity Center. Come give the Class of 2026 a CCS send-off!



K3-K4

The Awards Ceremony for K3 and K4 classes is May 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Those parents are invited to attend.

May 21 is the last day of school for all K3, K4, and K5 students.

ALL GRADES

All students and families are invited to the end-of-year strings and piano recitals of our music students.

Piano | May 18 and 19, 6 p.m.
Strings | May 21, 6 p.m.

LAST CHANCE TO ENROLL IN CCS SUMMER DAY CAMP!



Calvary Christian School offers a full-day summer camp for rising K4 through 6th-grade students in a fun and safe environment led by people who love God and love children!

Options:

- 4-5 days a week: full-time (\$150/week)
- 3 days a week: part-time (\$120/week)
- 1-2 days a week: part-time (\$90/week)

Camp operates from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Fridays starting the first week of June. Pick-up/drop-off time is flexible according to your needs! Campers are split up into age-appropriate groups (littles (K4/K5), middles (1st and 2nd), and bigs (3rd-6th) for a variety of activities throughout the day, always starting each camp day with group assembly and Bible class.

Activities include:

- Summer academic enrichment
- Art and crafts class
- Computer skills
- STEM activities
- Physical education activities
- Game room with puzzles, board games, and arcade games
- Two snacks and drinks provided daily
- Water activities
- Educational and fun/hands-on experiences with local organizations like the library and Horry County Museum

CCS Summer Day Camp is staffed by CCS teachers and staff and directed by Mrs. Rohr.

*New this year to summer camp is one week of Vacation Bible School organized by Calvary Bible Church!

Register for camp by emailing crohr@ccsmb.com.
Registration fee is \$135.

EXAM SCHEDULE FOR STUDENTS IN 6TH-12TH GRADES

Time	Tuesday, 5/19					Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:10-8:17	Homeroom					8:10-8:17	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom
8:20-9:55	6th-7th grades		8th-12th grades			8:20-10:00	1st Period Exam	4th Period Exam	3rd Period Exam
	Regular 1st and 2nd hours		7th hour exam						
10:04-10:48	6th-8th grades		9th-12th grades			10:00-10:17	Break	Break	Break
	Regular 3rd hour		Awards Chapel						
10:51-11:36	6th-7th -8th	9th-10th	11th	12th		10:20-12:00	2nd Period Exam	5th Period Exam	6th Period Exam
	Awards Chapel	Regular 4th hour Regular 5th hour	8th hour exam						
11:40-12:26									
12:26-12:48	Lunch								
12:51-1:36	Regular 6th Period (Yearbook students w/Mrs. Rohr)							Grad. Practice (Seniors 12:15 -1:15)	Grad. Practice (Srs. & Teachers) 12:30-2:00
1:40-3:10	Yearbook Reveal and Signing in the Gym								

*PLEASE NOTE MAY 20-22 ARE HALF-DAYS FOR ALL STUDENTS!**

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

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>TBD Tryouts for Boys Soccer and Girls Volleyball</p> <p>10-14 Teacher In-Service Week</p> <p>17 Student Orientation (required for all students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30 a.m. K3-K5 • 2 p.m. 1st-5th • 3:30 p.m. 6th-8th • 5 p.m. 9th-12th <p>18 First Day of School and Patriots Club</p> <p>25 Back-to-School picnic, 4-6 p.m.</p>	<p>1-4 Spiritual Emphasis Trip to the Wilds (required for 9-12 grades)</p> <p>7 Labor Day (no school or Patriots Club)</p> <p>23 See You at the Pole</p> <p>24-25 SCACS Educators' Convention (no school or Patriots Club)</p> <p>28-30 Spiritual Emphasis Trip to the Anchorage (required for 7-8 grades)</p> <p>TBD Ready Let's Read Book Fair</p>	<p>TBD PSAT (grades 9-11)</p> <p>16 Grandparents Day</p> <p>16 End of First Quarter</p> <p>17 Cross Country State Meet</p> <p>22 Q1 report cards</p> <p>26 Teacher Workday (no school or Patriots Club); Parent-Teacher Conferences; SAT (10-12)</p> <p>30-31 Volleyball and Soccer State Tournaments</p>	<p>3 Election Day (no school or Patriots Club)</p> <p>7 CPA Fall Festival</p> <p>2-13 Annual Food Drive</p> <p>24 Thanksgiving Celebration (half-day for students; no Patriots Club)</p> <p>25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school or Patriots Club)</p>	<p>4 6th-8th Winter Social</p> <p>10 Fine Arts Christmas Program</p> <p>11 Senior High Winter Formal</p> <p>15-18 Semester Exams</p> <p>17 Kindergarten Christmas Program (tentative)</p> <p>18 End of Second Quarter, half-day</p> <p>19-4 Christmas Holiday (no school or Patriots Club)</p>

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.

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."

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.

Office use only:

Payment: _____

Date received: _____

Amount: _____

Initial: _____



Summer

Enrichment Programs

We are offering tutoring this summer at CCS. Please choose the option that best meets your student's needs and contact the instructor to sign up. If you have questions, please contact the instructor directly. Tutoring is one-on-one with the instructor. Payments must be made in advance; missed sessions can be rescheduled with 24 hours' notice.

Get Ready for K5!

Get Ready for 1st Grade!

Mrs. Callie Mullins

\$35/hour or \$20/half-hour

cmullins@ccsmb.com

Get Ready for 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Grade!

Ms. Sandra Brenes

\$35/hour or \$20/half-hour

sbrenes@ccsmb.com

Reading and Spelling Barton System (Orton Gillingham)

Ms. Sandra Brenes

\$35/hour (twice a week)

sbrenes@ccsmb.com

Subject tutoring

Math/Reading/English/Science/History

Ms. Sandra Brenes (1st-4th)

\$35/hour or \$20/half-hour

sbrenes@ccsmb.com

Mrs. Callie Mullins (K4-1st)

\$35/hour or \$20/half-hour

cmullins@ccsmb.com

Mr. Casey Malone (5th-8th)

\$35/hour or \$20/half-hour

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