

# Calvary News and Notes

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This is just a short newsletter to update parents on the events going on at Calvary. Please don't hesitate to E-mail me at [principal@calvarylhs.org](mailto:principal@calvarylhs.org) or call me at 681-5491 if you have any questions or comments. I would sincerely appreciate if you did not receive this newsletter at your preferred E-mail address that you would send me an E-mail from that account so that I can add you to my mailing list. Although not as personal as a phone call, E-mail provides me an excellent communication method because of its speed, cost, and time savings.

## **Notes from the Principal**

### ***God's Rich Blessings on Calvary***

The Lord has really showered us with His blessings and grace this year at Calvary. This school is really an amazing place filled with wonderful students and excellent staff. This new building has given us an ideal location for our current needs. Our student growth has been wonderful, from 9 last year to 23 students this year. We have been blessed to learn from and with a foreign exchange student from South Korea and also one from Taiwan. We have our first sports team in Calvary's history. Our community continues to show interest in our school, and we have many individuals and congregations supporting us with their prayers, efforts, and treasures.

This group of students has shown an amazing maturity in many ways. They have accepted responsibility for taking care of our facility and keeping it clean. It is wonderful to have so many students picking up after themselves and their fellow students. The students have shown exceptional kindness to their peers and are truly models of proper citizenship in obeying most of the rules for our school (i.e. dress code, cell phones, academic honesty, proper language...) Many students have stepped forward to lend a hand when we need to set chairs up or take them down, as well as many other tasks that become so much faster and easier with extra hands.

God has truly favored Calvary by providing excellent staff. I thank God each day for these amazing people that I work with. They show tremendous love for the students, dedication to their work, talent at their tasks, and are truly a joy with whom to work. Our three newest members to the Calvary team are Mr. Bill Hawley (Math and Guidance Counselor), Mrs. Suzanne Luther (Art), and Mrs. Judy Ehrhardt (secretary). The core of Calvary's staff is unchanged with Mrs. Denise Crider (History/Government & English/Grammar), Mrs. Maritza Navarro (Spanish), and Mr. Kevin Golden (Bible Class) each accepting the task of teaching all levels of classes in their area. And finally, we are thankful to be able to add coaches Mr. Deven McDonald (volleyball) and Mr. Derek Lear (basketball) to serve as the first sports coaches in Calvary's history. Each of these part-time staff members has contributed to Calvary's quality through expertise and hard work.

Thank you for all of the ways that you have worked to make Calvary what it is today. Thank you for your bold commitment to Christian education, your time and talents as you help us prepare our facilities and continue to raise funds, your prayers for our ministry which God hears each day, your personal witness to members of our community, and your daily struggle to play the divine role as parent.

### ***End of First 3 Weeks***

This packet contains progress reports for many of your student's classes. These reports are created at the end of the first three weeks and then again at the end of the first six weeks in each quarter. Some of the reports in this packet may be positive reports which the teacher has chosen to include displaying your student's aptitude or improvement. However, the chief intention of these reports is regular and descriptive communication about your student's performance in classes where his/her current grade is below an 80% (B). At the time of these reports, the students are 1/3 of the way through this nine-week quarter. That gives students plenty of time to improve in the areas in which they are struggling. However, it also means that students must persevere in their other classes; good grades must be maintained.

## **Upcoming Events**

### ***Active Parent Group Meeting – Thursday, September 21***

Please don't forget to mark your calendars to join us here at Calvary at 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, September 21. All parents/guardians of current Calvary students are encouraged to join us as we will be planning for upcoming events for our school. There will be great fellowship and prompt dismissal by 7:00 P.M. Please make an effort to come and join us for this event.

### ***Apple Sale Forms Due – Tuesday, September 26***

Please continue to sell apples for the Active Parent Group fundraiser. We do need order forms turned in to the school office on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Apples should then be picked up at Calvary on Saturday, October 7, between 1:00 and 4:00 P.M. If you need additional forms, please ask me right away.

### ***Student & Staff Pictures – October 3***

More information about student picture day will be coming home soon, but I wanted to take this opportunity to make sure the event is on your calendar. Students will have classes as normal for the majority of the day, and pictures will occur in the middle of the day. After the pleasing results from Jen's Photography last year, we have chosen to use her again.

### ***McTeachers Night – October 3 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.***

Calvary is thankful to have been recognized for the local McDonald's McTeachers Night. This fundraising event will occur on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at the 1425 Missouri Blvd location. This location is *between* Enterprise Rent-A-Car and the State Highway Department across from Super Ds. McDonalds will donate a portion of all sales between 4:00 and 8:00 P.M. Please spread the word to those who are close to you. This is an excellent opportunity for us, and we are very thankful for the support of the community.

## **Other News**

### ***JV Girls Volleyball***

Practice for the inaugural season of Calvary Lutheran Lions volleyball got under way on August 7th with the attendance of 7 girls. As the summer activities began to wind down, attendance rose up to 9 girls, which is the current number of players participating. We had our first scrimmage against Trinity Lutheran School's Blue and Gold teams on September 5th. We played a total of 4 games: 2 against their Blue team and 2 against their Gold team and split 1-1 with each team. The girls, with only 2 weeks of practice under their belt as a full team, showed a lot of heart and great chemistry as they played a very strong Trinity team. The next match on the schedule is a match at Stover on September 25th at 6:30.

### ***Art Inside the Park***

On Friday, September 15th, CLHS students traveled to Memorial Park for the annual Art Inside the Park exhibit. The students were introduced to the work of eight professional artists including Jean Lowe of Encinitas, California; Max Streicher of Toronto, Canada; Scott Hug of New York, New York; and several mid-Missouri artists including Terry Martin, Thomas Cobian, Bob McGhee, and Jim Calvin.

Students were exposed to a wide variety of styles and ideas. At most of the exhibits, the artists were present to interact with the viewing audience and to provide insight into the important, but not always so obvious aspects of the art work such as "What was the inspiration for the project?" and "What were some of the challenges and possible obstacles along the way?". Art Inside the Park allowed students to witness the artistic process as well as the product.

### ***GoodSearch – Internet Search Engine***

You are encouraged to do your Internet searching through a Yahoo-related service called GoodSearch. Set your home page for <http://www.goodsearch.com/> or add it to your favorites for the search engine you use, and you can benefit our school. GoodSearch will make a donation of about 1 penny for every search done through their website. You can select Calvary Lutheran High School as the charity you support, and the regular business you conduct on the web will benefit us at this school.

### ***Toner Cartridges & Mosers Grocery Store Receipts***

These items are being collected at school as fundraising items. Have your student bring them to the office.