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one mission, one vision, one heart

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Our Mission:
Calvary Episcopal School is dedicated to developing the whole child by building a foundation of excellence within a Christian environment.

Middle School Students Give Parental Advice

Middle school students write on a variety of topics daily in their English and other classes. Often, they write on topics not related to their subject areas, but teachers ask students to explore their own experiences and provide responses to thought-provoking topics. **Ms. Mann** recently gave her seventh grade English students an assignment: "What will be your expectations when you have children of your own?" The following are some of their thoughts:

CHORES

"My kids would have to fold the towels, do dishes, feed and walk the dog, take out the trash, clean their rooms, and take turns watering the plants."

"I just want them to wash the dishes, clean bathrooms, take out the trash, pick up their rooms, etc. When I ask a child to look after their siblings, I expect the siblings to be bathed, fed, and put in bed by the time I get back from who knows where."

HOMEWORK

"If I were an adult, my son would have the rules of "no electronic device use until ALL homework is done, and I've checked it."

"If I was an adult, some rules of my house would be "finish your homework before TV, computer or video games—School is your first priority."

GRADES

"I wouldn't get mad at my kid if a grade slipped. I would find the problem and help fix it."

"My kids would have to do the best they can. I will give them every opportunity to achieve. If one of my kids makes all A's and then another is making B's and C's, but both of them are trying their hardest, I will not get upset, but they must have a passing grade."

"They need to get good grades, but I would not punish them for a little slip-up."

EXPOSURE TO MOVIES/ INTERNET

"If they want to see a movie,
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Thanksgiving Eucharist Chapel

Each year Calvary has an Eucharist Chapel after Easter. In response to one the recommendations to come from our SAES accreditation visit last year, we have expanded the number our Eucharist Chapels. Our next

Eucharist Chapel will be on Friday, Nov. 20, a Thanksgiving Chapel. The service will be held in the sanctuary at 8am. Everyone is invited to chapel and may come to receive com-

munion. This should be discussed within each family. Attendees may choose to receive communion, remain in the pews during communion or come forward for a blessing.



Sound Advice from 7th Graders

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I have to approve it. I don't need a child seeing or hearing inappropriate things. No cursing in the house, or unnecessary websites."

ALLOWANCE

"I would give him an allowance of about two dollars every time he does a chore as well as he can. I would want my child to learn how to handle money and how important it is to save."

"My kids would have more responsibility than I do. I think my kids would need to learn to work for what they want

and if they don't work for it, they don't want it enough."

"I would give my kids an allowance if they work hard. I would probably pay them a dollar for every year they are old, with extra for more effort."

BEHAVIOR

"My discipline system will not be spankings or physical punishment. It will be taking stuff away and getting the point across some way other than hitting....How I discipline my children will all depend on what each and every child needs. I want all my kids to feel

equal and not think that I have favorites.

"I will teach them not to be picked on and how to handle kids that are trying to get them to do things that they're not supposed to....My kids would be really good people and know how to live life when I'm gone. I know they will be sad, but I won't want that to stop them from being leaders in the world."

Sounds like some pretty good advice!

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Third Grade Studies Tessellations-Curriculum Connections

The study and creation of tessellations will be the focus of 3rd grade art classes for November. This art class inspired curriculum for 3rd grade will integrate art and math to provide students with more opportunities to reach higher math *and* art skills.

Tessellations are symmetrical designs, the title being derived from the Latin word tessella which means tile.

The math concepts which will be learned from their



study includes the following: measuring, creating grids, creating a design and how that design can be translated, rotated and reflected to create a symmetrical design. Cultural and historical learning

includes the art history of European and Asian cultures dating back to ancient times. Mesopotamian and Chinese cultures incorporated simple pebble designs set in plaster, the Alhambra in Spain is a fine example of tile design, American colonists sewed quilts using symmetrical designs, 20th century Dutch Artist M.C. Escher made tessellation designs extremely popular, and today computer graphics are making the tessellation design very feasible and even more popular. Escher was a

mathematician as well as an artist.

The tessellation study focus is on art history and its connection to math and art. Each third grader will create his/her own tessellating *Leaf* and use it to create a Thanksgiving placemat.

Thanks to her creativity and desire to connect art to the core curriculum, **Ms. Dennison** is always looking for ways to show how art is relevant to almost anything that students study.

Calvary Spirit Night at the Rosenberg Chick Fil A!

Our first spirit night of the year raised \$82 for Calvary Episcopal! Way to go Second Grade! **Mrs. Hamon** and **Mrs.**

Palmer's classes tied for 1st place! All second grade students will receive a Chick Fil A Icedream coupon. Congrats to **Mrs. Rector's** homeroom for taking 2nd place and **Mrs. Alspaugh's** class

for getting third place!

Our next Chick Fil A Spirit Night will be held Tuesday, November 17 from 3:00-10:00 p.m. at the Rosenberg Chick Fil A. Be sure to give your teacher's name with your

order. The Student Council will be working with Calvary students to determine how to use the Chick Fil A donations. Look for the Chick Fil A cow during pick up on Tuesday!

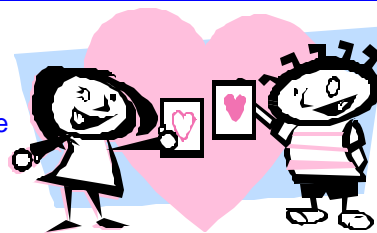
Annual Giving at Calvary-The Power of One!

One Heart, One Mind, One Vision! Our 2009-2010 Annual Giving Campaign has been kicked off by our incredible faculty and staff who have already reached 100% participation in their pledges and donations to the Annual Giving Campaign. Our School Board is not too far behind with 91% participation. And we know we can count on our parents to reach a high level of participation too!

Why is participation so important to our Annual Giving Campaign? It shows the community, greater Houston area, foundations and endowments that our parents, faculty, staff and alumni can come together and truly believe in the mission of our school and the impact it has daily on over three hundred children's lives. Foundations, endowments and grants look at these numbers

because it sends a strong message about the conviction of the Calvary Community. Financially, our Annual Giving Campaign is the cornerstone of all fundraising at Calvary. Without this campaign, we could not afford to maintain the quality program that you have become accustomed to at CES. As with most private institutions, tuition only covers a portion of your child's education, 81% in fact. The remaining 19% must be obtained through in-kind donations, grants, community donations, foundations, our endowment; the fundraising efforts of our CPTO and of course our Annual Giving Campaign.

As with many of our families and companies during this tough economic time, we will certainly face



a budget shortfall if we do not exceed our primary goal of

\$50,000 and make headway towards our secondary goal of \$100,000. This year, all funds from our Annual Giving Campaign our going directly to our bottom line. Our faculty and staff graciously pulled together as one and made the commitment to weather this storm together and sacrificed their annual raise and the school's contribution to their retirement plans. This saved us from having to cut positions and compromise our program.

We have now made making donations even easier by being able to make your donation ONLINE through PayPal! We now accept all major credit/

debit cards including Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover along with e-checks, bank transfers and PayPal payments.

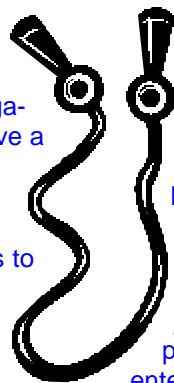
Also, be sure to check with your employers about Matching Gift donations. In past campaigns, almost 1/6th of our donations came from Matching Gifts!

For more information, check out the link on our website, http://www.ces-richmond.org/ways_of_giving_-_annual_giving_campaign.htm, and be on the lookout for information headed to your mailbox. Or, email Brooke Valet at bvalet@ces-richmond.org for more details. So again, we ask that each family prayerfully considers a gift to our Annual Giving Campaign that will help us come together and feel the power of "ONE!"

Student Council Recess Equipment Drive

Do you have extra basketballs, soccer balls, or other sports equipment cluttering up your garage? If so, we have a place for them!

The Calvary Student Council hopes to provide each elementary school class with a set of balls to be kept at school and used at recess.



Footballs, volleyballs, kick balls, basketballs, soccer balls, jump ropes, etc will provide lots of recess entertainment for our students. New sports equipment will also be

accepted.

Each class will also need a plastic Rubbermaid type bin to keep their sports equipment in, so any that you can spare will be appreciated!

Please leave donations in the bin in front of the Parish Hall stage.



Students Tackle Advanced Math With Online Courses



Nate Krogel (l) and Eddie Zhan take a break from their math studies.

The future is now at Calvary! Our online math course, ALEKS math, is producing fantastic results across the board, but specifically, two of our students have jumped in with both feet and are reaping tremendous success from all of their hard work.

Eighth grade students **Eddie Zhan** and **Nate Krogel** are well in to Algebra III! **Nate** worked through the summer and completed Geometry in September, and **Eddie** started Geometry at the start of the school year and has just successfully taken his final assessment and passed.

Both students are now deep in to Algebra II. What a tremendous success!

ALEKS math is an online program that constantly assesses students' progress while introducing new concepts as the students master elements of each section of the course. The program is based on a learning pie, which is divided into sections of material the students must master to successfully complete the course. Only those topics the students are prepared to tackle based on prior knowledge and mathematical proficiency are available for the students to access. Once mastery

is proven through periodic assessments, that portion of the pie is shown as mastered, however, the concept will continue to reappear on assessments to ensure the students retain mastery of the idea.

Parents are sent an initial student assessment and personal plan at the beginning of the year, and they then receive updates at least twice a quarter with detailed information outlining where the student is in the course, a description of the minimum and personal weekly goals, and a copy of their learning pie and assessment log.

Eight middle school stu-

dents are currently taking ALEKS math, and all eight have mastered over 50 percent of the material. Most of the students have mastered in excess of 60 percent of the material.

All of our high school students are enrolled in ALEKS math, and have all been able to complete the basic math courses and enroll in and complete higher level math courses, such as Pre-calculus, Calculus, and Statistics.

Congratulations to all of our ALEKS math students who are working so hard, and a special "Great Job!" to **Eddie** and **Nate**. We are very proud of all of our ALEKS math students.

Texas History Alive in 4th Grade

Coming soon to a hallway near you. The Native Cultures of Texas exhibit will show you how they lived. See the artifacts. See the dioramas. See the weapons they used to hunt Buffalo. Fantastic Fourth will display their projects soon in the Upper Elementary hallway. If you miss it you will have to go all the way to the Smithsonian in Washington D.C. to see such a display.

Yearbook Week is Coming

November 30th through December 4th, student who purchased a 2009-2010 yearbook will be highlighted and rewarded throughout the week. The week will kick-off with a commercial in chapel that the yearbook staff has created. The rest of the week will include a contest for the class that purchased the most number of books, voting on the yearbook cover, and the Big Day, 80's Day on Friday. Anyone who purchased a yearbook will be able to jump back to the

fashions and styles of the 80s.

Order your book today, and be part of all the excitement. You can order online at www.jostensyearbooks.com or download an order form from the CES website.

Region Band Qualifiers

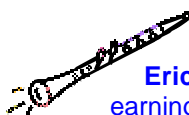
CES had 12 students compete against 266 students from for the Region 13 Jr. High Bands. Schools competing in the competition were: Briscoe Jr. High, Lamar Jr. High, George Jr. High, El Campo Jr. High, and Bay City jr. High./

Congratulations to CES All-Region Band qualifiers: **Eric Stockwell** for earning 16 chair in the all-Region Band. He

was 16 out of 33 clarinet students. Also qualifying was **Danielle Petrosewicz**, earning 2nd chair in the all-Region Band. She was 2nd out of 22 flute students.



Both students will perform a concert on Saturday, November 14 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Terry High School Auditorium. Congratulations to these two outstanding students!



Kindergarten Happenings

The kindergarten students are enjoying festive fall activities. They used scientific skills to gather and explore the changing fall leaves. Lessons were learned about why and how leaves change colors. The children are engaging themselves in literature through the read-

ing lists, library book bags and introductory Superkids readers. The students have mastered the letters and sounds and are blending to read words. Our class is counting down the first one hundred days of school with fun math activities. We are writing

numbers to 100, and counting by 1's, 5's, and 10's to one hundred. In the classroom you will find the students busy problems solving by using their addition and subtraction skills. We are proud of our children's success in kindergarten thus far!

**Kinder
students
are
becoming
Super
Readers!**

Yearbook/Journalism Students Begin Photography Studies

The Yearbook/Journalism class is going to start an exciting, new project that will expose them to a new world of photography.

This is an opportunity for the students to capture their ideas of what is beautiful or fun or scary. Each person may and should have a slightly or completely different idea of how others would define a picture.

Photojournalism or photography in general is a method of sharing the thoughts and emotions of a given set of circumstances through images. Students will share with the viewer what they see without the use of words.

This is a very powerful and moving method of communication.

Students are asked to capture their versions of eight different emotions or points-of-view. Some examples of emotions would be joy/happiness, friendship, love, sadness, peace, concern/worry, strength/power, faith/spirituality, beauty, pride, hope, or patriotism. Examples of points-of-view would be environment, politics, war, religion, safety, freedom, or liberty.

Students are also asked to take one additional picture of their choice that will be printed in both

color and black and white. Further, the students will take additional pictures of from the following "views": birds eye view (looking down on the image); bottoms up view (looking up at the image); side view (looking at the image from the side); back view (looking at the image from the back); and curvy view (looking at the image at a weird angle).

Students will create an electronic portfolio which will include a summary of the entire project that outline a brief description of photojournalism including the impact of photojournalism on history and the power to evoke emotions;

a title and description of each photo; a discussion of how color versus black and white can change or improve the power of the photo; a discussion of how angles can change the point of view or perspective of the photo; an explanation of what your were trying to capture; and a conclusion. Each photo will be displayed on a separate page with it's title.

This project will be serve double duty, as the photos will be printed and displayed at the CES Annual Auction for purchase.

Thanksgiving

CECP News

“Mixing” it Up at CES
Calvary had a successful “Mix It Up” campaign this



year thanks to the students of CES. CECP’s student council led the National Campaign this year and allowed students to wear different shoes

and socks and sit with others that they normally don’t sit by during lunch-time. It was a great effort and we had a lot of students sign the petition. Yeah Calvary!



Countywide Food Drive Spearheaded by CECP Youth In Philanthropy Group

This Saturday at Sugar Land Town Center, CECP will work with other youth in a county-wide food drive sponsored by Minute Maid and Kroger. Students have coordinated numerous events that will transpire into a large canned food drive hosted on the steps of Town Center.

There will be face painting, moonwalk, and various activities along with a patriotic-themes can sculpting contest led by our own **Kaitlynn Martin**. If CECP wins, we will receive a \$1,000 grant towards a non-profit of our choice. We hope to see you out there from 10-5pm delivering cans as we help Katy Ministries and Helping Hands fill their pantries before the holidays.

Calvary Episcopal Church Presents An Advent Festival of Lessons and Music featuring The Fort Bend Boys Choir

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

Calvary Episcopal Church, Richmond, Texas and The Fort Bend Boys Choir, under the direction of Artistic Director and Founder, Mr. William R. Adams, will present this worship service on Sunday, December 13, 2009. The service will begin at 6 p.m. The doors to the church will be opened at 5:30. There is no admission and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. A love offering will be collected for the ministry of the church.



The Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas, Inc. was founded in 1982 with 45 initial members by Mr. Adams. The organization has grown into five performing ensembles with 200 choristers. The members are selected from the local area by audition and enter either the Training, Town or Tour choir. Membership is open to boys whose voices have not yet changed. The choir was organized to give boys with special musical abilities and interests an opportunity to perform more challenging choral literature from classical selections to folk music. The group combines the freshness and enthusiasm of childhood with artistic maturity, something that can only be achieved through serious work. Boyish energy is channeled into dedication to excel, team effort and hard work. For other children, the boys serve as models of purposeful work and high achievement. For adults, they are inspirational reminders of human possibilities.

Calvary Episcopal Church is celebrating its 150th anniversary as a parish in Fort Bend County. Calvary was established and the first church building dedicated in 1859 within a block of what is now the Fort Bend County Courthouse. In 1954, the church building was moved to the present location. Calvary Episcopal School was opened as a kindergarten in 1956.

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Poinsettias are coming!!

Pre-Order Sale Only

Nov. 2 through Nov. 19

Order yours today!

Delivery on Dec. 1st

WFW

Make reservations for the

Christmas Choir Dinner

Friday, December 4th

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

*** before the elementary choir concert ***

We will be serving

Lasagna or a Chick-Fil-A child's plate

Pre-Order only!

Return by November 19

Author Kelly Bennett Visits CES

Children's book author, **Kelly Bennett** gave two presentations to our Calvary students on Thursday, November 5. She delighted both PK-3rd and then 4th-8th grade with her storytelling performance, information on how to become an author, and her dancing too! Besides being incredibly entertaining, she was such a nice person as well. What a wonderful day it was for our students here at Calvary!



A postcard was just received

by **Ms. Bennett** that reads:

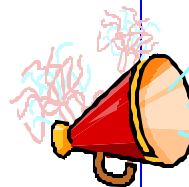
Dear Ms. Digoy, Staff & Students:

Thank you for treating me to a delightful day at Calvary Episcopal! Y'all made me feel very welcome and inspired me with your interest and great questions!

*Happy Storytelling,
Kelly Bennett*



Did You Know...



...Calvary Church cooks and delivers almost 800 meals for local shut-in residents on Thanksgiving day. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please call the church office at: **(281) 342-2147.**

Coming Up at Calvary

For the most up-to-date events, visit our web calendar at www.ces-richmond.org



Tuesday, Nov. 17- 4:30pm, BB @ Damon; Chick Fil A Night; CPTO Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day

Wednesday, Nov. 18- PK Field Trip-Randolph Tree Farm

Thursday, Nov. 19- 7pm, 5th Grade Choir Christmas Program; Crusader Boys BB Tour-

nament

Friday, Nov. 20- 8am, Holy Eucharist Chapel; Crusader Boys BB Tournament; CECP/8th Gr. Shadow Day; Early Dismissal-11:30

Saturday, Crusader Boys BB Tournament

Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Holidays

Monday, Nov. 30- BB at Damon

Tuesday, Dec. 1- BB, Clay Rd at CES; Progress Reports Posted

Thursday, Dec. 3- 2nd

Gr. to Cinderella-Foster High School; BB at Logos Prep

Friday, Dec. 4- Middle School Christmas Choir Concert and Dinner

Tuesday, Dec. 8- BB Gat Pine Drive

Friday, Dec. 11- 3rd Gr. Field Trip-Main Street Theatre; BB at Briarwood; WFW \$1 Free Dress Day

Monday, Dec. 14- 6pm, Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 15- 6:30pm, CPTO Meeting

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving

Nov. 23-Nov. 27

