



Upcoming Events:

Summer Office Hours

Starting June 6:

9:00-1:00

July 2 - 13:

School Offices Closed

June 11-14:

Girls Basketball Camp

2nd-7th; 8th-12th

Boys Basketball Camp

2nd-7th; 8th-12th

June 25-28:

Soccer Camp

2nd-7th; 8th-12th

June 25-29:

Lighthouse Drama Camp

K-2nd; 3rd-6th

July 16-20:

Lighthouse Drama Camp

3rd-6th; 6th-12th

July 23-27:

Lighthouse Drama Camp

6th-12th

August 8-10:

Volleyball Camp

6th-12th

August 28:

Preschool Open House

September 4:

School Begins

September 14:

Eaglemania All School

Picnic and Open House

To Begin With ... The Power of Meaningful Tradition

What does the 1902 coronation of Britain's Edward VII (son of Queen Victoria) have in common with millions of American high schools in June? Here is a hint.

Earlier this week I was walking in our flag foyer and heard a familiar melody wafting from the band room. As if on command, my steps fell to the slow cadence of the tune. A passerby said with a smile, "Wow... we know it's the end of the school year when we hear that song." I smiled and began walking normally again. What was the song? Here are some more hints? It was written by Edward Elgar in 1901, and was first used officially in the U.S. in 1905 when Elgar was given an honorary doctorate at Yale University. It was later used by Princeton, Columbia, and the University of Chicago. Soon the song became synonymous with graduation itself. More than a century later, thousands of high schools and colleges play "*Pomp and Circumstance*" as their graduating class enters the auditorium. It is a classic example of a time-honored tradition, in that it is universally practiced for reasons long-forgotten.

Some traditions have far greater meaning, but the good ones give hope for the future while connecting with the past. They lend a cadence to the otherwise routine patterns of life.

Through the years, our CCS students have begun and observed various institutional traditions. These are not merely ruts in our calendar, but meaningful shared experiences from generation to generation of students.

This year, a new tradition began at the end of each quarter. At the end of the day Friday, we empty all the chairs from the chapel to create a standing-room-only worship space for all grades together. The lower grades sit cross-legged at the front and the rest of the students and staff stands as the Praise Team leads a 30-minute program. Each time, this event makes me laugh and cry. What a wonderful blend of voices (see examples on CCS Facebook). What a beautiful reminder of what CCS is all about.

At the end of the service, the upperclassman form a tunnel toward the back door and all the young kids file out. That is a tradition within a tradition.

Last week at this school-wide praise service, I explained some of these thoughts to the students. I said, "You know what I call it when high schoolers sing the songs they remember with you guys down front? I call it 'backstitching,' letting the threads of memory go back, hold on, and move forward with time. This kind of 'backstitching' gives strength to the fabric of CCS. Traditions do that, they 'backstitch' past to present." I then said something that shocked the seniors at the back of the room.

I said, "Guess what year these kindergarteners will graduate from CCS, Lord willing? This is the Class of 2030." A gasp went around the room. The kindergarteners had no idea what I was talking about, but the seniors later told me they felt suddenly old. Why? Because many of them remember like yesterday when they were in kindergarten, and now they are headed off to college. One girl said, "Mr. K that's not nice. I'll be 31 years old when they graduate."

I also pointed out a very special fact. "Guess what? When these kids are graduating in 2030, Calvary Christian Schools will be celebrating its 50th Year! We opened in 1980. So these 5-year-olds, this Class of 2030, will usher in our Golden Anniversary."

So here they are: the CCS Class of 2018 and the future Class of 2030. Please pray with us for God's continued blessing on this place each time you hear the notes of "*Pomp and Circumstance*" and all the other songs of praise that echo through these halls.

Tom Kapanka
CCS Administrator



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As we conclude another great school year at CCS, we also conclude another school board year and have to say good-bye to one of our board members whose term ends on June 30. Thank you to Carrie Hamilton for being willing to serve over the past year. She will be missed. She was an instrumental part of the Development Committee and its implementation of Calvario coffee, our own unique blend. We welcome Pastor Mike Wetzig to the board this year and anticipate his presence to help us advance the mission at CCS, "Partnering with parents to equip students toward personal excellence and the pursuit of God's purpose for their lives." We also thank Deron Nelson and Patrick Colunga for placing their names on the ballot. The election was very close and this slate of candidates was superb. Congratulations to Joy Assaad and Roman Wilson for winning another year on the board. God has given us 10 excellent board members for the upcoming school year. Please pray for us that we would work together as a team for the glory of God and protection of our mission at CCS. Please also pray for our June meeting when we discuss the school budget for SY2018-19 and potential projects that need to be done.

The new board year begins on July 1 and we anticipate a great start with our annual board orientation on July 11. At that meeting we will select the officers for the new board year and will determine committee assignments. This year we will be utilizing more "ad hoc" committee members, who can help our committees function better and more efficiently. Please consider this opportunity, if asked, to serve the school. We know there are many of you who could add valuable input to our Executive, Development, Finance, and Education Policy committees. Annually the board will set the full board meeting schedule for the upcoming year and these dates will be shared with all when available.

Finally, let me thank those of you who attended our most recent Annual School Meeting on May 5. The board hosts these annually to report to our families, donors, and stakeholders. It is always a good meeting with good fellowship and information. The board will be looking at possible alternative options for the 2019 meeting, as Saturday mornings in May seem to hold conflicts for too many folks. Perhaps an earlier date, right after Winter sports are done, may work better. Thank you to all of you for your support, love, prayers, and encouragement for the school and the board. We are all a team on a mission together to make CCS the greatest choice for Christian education in West Michigan!!

All because of Christ,

Dr. Tom Watkins,
CCS Board President

We have gone digital!

We will now be sending out the CCS newsletter via email!

If you would like to add someone to our email list to receive the newsletter only, please call the office at 231-865-2141 or email Julie Beals at beals@calvaryeagles.org.

Hard copies of the newsletter will be available outside the school office.

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Kindergarten - Class of 2030



CCS K-12 Quarterly Worship Chapel

We love our K-12 worship chapel services where we all come to sing songs of worship and praise together. Along with our regularly scheduled once a week chapel services, we have scheduled this special time together once a quarter.



2018 West Michigan Showcase

Calvary Christian Schools students participated in Showcase again this year!

Academic Representative:

Christine Meyer

Athletic Representatives:

Zach Zehr and Rebekah Kozicki

Literary Representative: Audrey Walker

Visual Arts: Christine Meyer

Performing Arts solo: Audrey Walker

Performing Arts Group: Jessica Assaad, Luke Anhalt, Erynn Fullmer, David Osburn, Kelsey Richards, and Zach Zehr



Class of 2018



Senior Class Trip to Orlando Florida



Valedictorian -
Christine is the daughter of Scott Meyer and the late Lynne Meyer. She has attended CCS for 7 years. Christine will attend Spring Arbor University in the fall to study accounting. Her favorite verse is Romans 8:28.



Salutatorian -
Jessica is the daughter of Haney and Joy Assaad. She has attended CCS for 11 years. Jessica plans on attending Spring Arbor University to major in biology pre-med and then pursue pediatric oncology. Her favorite verse is 1 Peter 5:7.



Toby is the son of Greg & Agnes Swanson and Dirk Eichhorst. He has attended CCS for 12 years. Toby plans to attend Baker College to study video game development. His favorite verse is 2 Corinthians 4:16.



Haven is the daughter of Dean and Judith Borghi and the late Marjorie Borghi. She has attended CCS for 4 years. Haven will attend Lake Superior State University in the fall to study Biology to become a zoologist or a Wildlife biologist. Her favorite verses is 1 John 4:16.



Rebekah is the daughter of Gary and Debbie Kozicki. She has attended CCS for 4 years. Rebekah plans on attending Muskegon Community College and then transferring to Northpoint Bible College to pursue a degree in Worship Arts. Her favorite verse is Isaiah 41:10.



Seth is the son of Jeff and Alison Mckee. He has attended CCS for 7 years. Seth will attend Muskegon Community College to major in business and minor in music. His favorite verses are Matthew 6:33-34.



Sydney is the daughter of Troy and Barbee Ritsema. She has attended CCS for 9 years. Sydney plans on attending Grace College and Seminary in Winona Lake Indiana to study veterinary medicine specializing in veterinary ophthalmology. Her favorite verse is Exodus 14:14.



Audrey is the daughter of Tim and Kelly Walker. She has attended CCS for 12 years. Audrey will be attending Muskegon Community College to begin a degree in family/child social work. Her favorite verse is 1 Corinthians 2:2.



Erynn is the daughter of Timothy and Rebecca Fullmer. She has attended CCS for 13 years. Erynn plans on attending Spring Arbor University to study biology pre-med before attending medical school to become a surgeon. Her favorite verses are Colossians 3:23-24.



Cecelia is the daughter of Michael and Lisa McGahan. She has attended CCS for 7 years. Cecelia will be leaving in September for Hong Kong where she will be serving with Youth with a Mission. In the fall of 2019, Cecelia will attend Muskegon Community College to begin her general education courses. Her favorite verse is Philippians 2:5.



Cloe is the daughter of Scott and Christine Morse. She has attended CCS for 6 years. Cloe plans on attending Muskegon Community College for her general education courses before transferring to Ferris State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in music industry management. Her favorite verses are 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.

CCS Participates in Muskegon County Law Day



Calvary Christian Schools had eight students participate in the Muskegon County Bar Association Law Day Speech contest Friday, April 27. Congratulations to Calvary Christian students Erynn Fullmer for winning first place (\$2000 scholarship), Jessica Assaad for taking third place (\$500 Scholarship) in the 12th grade division and to Alexandria Assaad for taking 3rd place (\$100 gift card) in the 9-11th grade division.

Spiritual Emphasis Day

The High School speaker for the day was Pastor Cal Wisen. He challenged our HS students that their relationship with Christ must be personal. He compared Joash from 2 Chronicles 24 to Daniel. Joash became King of Israel at the age of seven. He was guided and taught by a God fearing Priest named Jehoida. As long as Jehoida was alive Joash pleased God, but when the priest died Joash did what was right in his own eyes. The truth of God's word never became Joash's. Daniel was enslaved in a foreign country at an early age, but he fully believed in God. His commitment to God's word was evident when he requested a different diet challenging the King's young servants. Even though Daniel was away from his teachers, he stood firm because of his commitment to God at a young age. Following two very thought provoking lessons and singing songs of worship together, the HS students went to see the movie God is Not Dead Three: A Light in the Darkness.



Our 6-8th grade students watched the movie A Case for Christ. During the movie they were answering thought provoking questions. At the close of the afternoon, the middle school broke up into small groups for follow up discussions.

Muskegon Museum of Art exhibit

These CCS students were chosen to represent CCS in the "Expressions 2018" Muskegon Museum of Art Regional Student Art Exhibit. This annual exhibit highlights the best of the K-12 student artists within Muskegon County. The artwork of these four fine students is currently on display in the Walker gallery of the Muskegon Museum of Art, and was on exhibit through the end of April.



Kamea Sutherland,
Grade 7



Haven Borghi, Grade 12



Marcie Schreur, Grade 10



Seth Geiger, Grade 7

Welcoming Grandparents to CCS Elementary Production of Peter Pan Jr.



Grandparents had a great time visiting the classrooms, checking out the 5th grade country reports, looking at classroom art projects and buying goodies from our CCS bake sale.



Middle School & High School Spring Band and Choir Concert



To Everything There is a Season



National Honor Society Officers Inducting the New 2018 Members



Elementary Speech Meet Winners

Each elementary student chose a poem, Bible passage or a short story to recite to their classmates and their families. What a great experience for each of these elementary students! They all did such a great job!



CCS 6th and 7th Grade Fun Day at Silver Lake!

A huge thank you to Parrot's Landing for hosting them! They all had such a great day!



CCS 8th Grade Trip to Chicago!

One of their many stops in Chicago...Museum of Science and Industry.

Varsity Golf



Matt Anderson, Alexander Ferguson, and Raj Grewal received medals for scores that landed them in the top 5 golfers in the Alliance Conference Golf Tournament. Alexander Ferguson and Raj Grewal are the first 8th grade golfers to ever earn a golf medal in the Alliance Conference. Coach Bill Dukes and Coach Mark Anderson are excited about building a strong CCS Golf Team in the years ahead.

Varsity Track & Field



Congratulations to all of our spring sports teams! As all of their seasons are coming to an end, we want to acknowledge that each and everyone of these athletes have worked so hard, have beaten their personal records, have gained so much more knowledge and skill of their game, have been a great support to the rest of their teammates and most importantly have been wonderful examples of Christ. We have such a great group of students here at CCS and such a great group of athletes.

Girls Varsity Soccer



Elementary Running Club



Help Us Cross the Finish Line!

We have worked hard to near the end of our Playground Renovation and Expansion Project, one of the most successful family/student led fundraising efforts ever mounted at CCS.

Over the past year, students and parent groups have hosted events raising nearly \$35,000 so far. As a boost to that good news, and in an effort to help us install this summer, the playground equipment company donated 10% off the cost in May. That means we can now complete this project with only an additional \$10,000! The new playscape will be erected beside the existing stand-alone slides, swings and bars (which will be repainted to match the new equipment).

If we can raise the remaining \$10,000 in tax-deductible cash, checks, or PayPal donations, we can schedule installation for the first week of August. Would you please consider helping make the displayed picture below a reality? We look forward to sending you pictures of all of our preK-5 students enjoying this fun, safe, and beautiful playground!



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CCS Chess Club

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The best day of fourth grade is Market Day! Every student makes a product to sell to the third, fourth, and fifth grade classes. The students plan what they will make, the costs and supplies needed, and they make a poster to advertise their product. Each of the students earns "economic dollars" for doing acts of kindness for a few weeks prior to market day that they may use to purchase other classmates products. The students work hard to make their items. Each student sells out of their product, adds up their gross income, subtracts expenses and determines their net profit. This is a great ending to our Economic unit that teaches us about running a business, writing checks, supply and demand, and other economic terms.



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