



## Upcoming Events:

**June 5:** Summer Office  
Hours Begin 9:00 a.m. -  
1:00 p.m.

**June 3-6:**  
Boys and Girls Basketball  
Camp

**June 10-14:**  
Performing Arts Camp  
-Broadway Kids  
-Acting & Improve

**June 17-21:**  
Performing Arts Camp  
-Broadway Teens

**June 24-27:**  
Boys and Girls Soccer  
Camp

**July 29-31**  
Girls Volleyball camp

**July 1-12:** CCS School  
Office Closed

**September 3:**  
1st- 12th Grade Back to  
School

**September 4:**  
Kindergarten Back to  
School

## *To Begin With: Life Comes Full Circle*

Life often seems circular. For most American children the first set of circles is the rhythm of school years from elementary to middle school to high school. Then comes the first transitional spin from high school to life beyond as the final days of "senior year" drop off like tulip petals to the ground.

I graduated from high school in 1974. At that time, America was still singing a very popular Coke commercial called "I'd like to teach the world to sing" by an English pop group called "The New Seekers." They had another popular hit in 1972 called "Circles." Here are the first two Stanzas:

*All my life's a circle  
Sunrise and sundown  
The moon rose through the nighttime  
Till the day break comes around  
All my life's a circle  
But I can't tell you why  
The seasons spinning round again  
The years keep rolling by*

*It seems like I've been here before  
I can't remember when  
But I've got this funny feeling  
That I'll be back once again  
There's no straight lines make up my life  
And all my roads have bends  
There's no clear-cut beginnings  
And so far no dead-ends.*

(Listen to the whole song at the blog version of this article at [www.calvaryeagles.org](http://www.calvaryeagles.org))

Three weeks ago, my wife and I were bopping around Orlando with the CCS Class of 2019 on Senior Trip. As we traveled from iconic park to park each day, the kids played Spotify songs from their phones. The girls did the same thing in their van. (BTW, the boy-girl split just happened naturally because of numbers. They all get along just fine.) On most days,

the music was an eclectic mix, but on the way to "Animal Kingdom," a day that included "The Lion King Show," my van-full of boys suddenly started singing fluently in Zulu. I will say that CCS has an excellent Foreign Language Program,, but until that moment, I did not know they had learned to sing in Zulu.

Nants ingonyama bagithi Baba  
[Here comes a lion, Father]

Sithi uhm ingonyama  
[Oh yes, it's a lion]

That's just the intro. You know the rest, but you've never heard "The Circle of Life," until you hear the CCS boys of 2019 singing it at the top of their lungs on their way to the Animal Kingdom. Here are the words:

*From the day we arrive on the planet  
And blinking, step into the sun  
There's more to see than can ever be seen  
More to do than can ever be done  
There's far too much to take in here  
More to find than can ever be found  
But the sun rolling high  
Through the sapphire sky  
Keeps great and small on the endless round  
It's the Circle of Life  
And it moves us all  
Through despair and hope  
Through faith and love  
Till we find our place  
On the path unwinding  
In the Circle  
The Circle of Life*

(Listen to the whole song at the CCS blog)

For all you *Lion King* fans, the "live" version comes out on July 19, but I digress....

My point is that throughout history, man has spoken of life in terms of repeating circles. We see it in the Bible, too. It is true in a literal sense. Even when man's science spoke of a flat earth, the Bible spoke of a created round earth. Isaiah 40:22a says, "It is He who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers..." But the figurative sense of a circular "repeating" history of man is also implied in the Bible.

In Ecclesiastes 1:9, we read :  
"What has been is what will be,/ and what has been done is what will be done,/ and there is nothing new under the sun."

On the third day of Senior Trip, my van-full of boys began a long trip home from Clearwater. It was dark, and the boys were tired. One might think they would all fall asleep, but no. Heading east from Tampa, a play list of praise and worship songs began, and for the next 1 hour and 45 minutes, we sang praises together all the way to Orlando. I'll never forget it. What a blessing to have a man from the Class of '74 singing praise with the Class of '19. Calvary is a place where such things happen.

So my word to our seniors is this: There are times when life feels circular, like each day is just "wash, rinse, repeat." Some call it a rut. Some call it *déjà vu*. But as I begin my twentieth year at Calvary, I call the cycles of our student life a wonderful circle worth repeating. We love to hear of our CCS students continuing on for the Lord, and for many to hear of marriages and kids, and what a joy to have alumni children enroll at CCS! We regularly see alumni come back to make sure the CCS circle is unbroken. They love to know the traditions and calendar events unique to CCS continue, but more importantly they are glad to see our focus remains on "He who sits above the circle of the earth."

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Paul reminds us in I Corinthians 12 that, "God has combined the members of the body" so that "its parts should have equal concern for each other." He goes on to say, "now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it." God views each part of the body as important and equal. He values each of us and we should share His value of others. One of the ways the CCS culture is **remarkable** is that **we value each other**. As we see others in the body as Christ sees us, His love pours out through us and we help to build the body up. We do this together to enhance the remarkable culture of CCS and create a movement of goodness for all. As we look inside ourselves and allow God to change us for His glory, we will be better equipped to add to the **remarkable** culture and inspire others to do the same. So let's **believe** the best in each other and **want** the best for each other and **expect** the best from each other.

One of the ways we enhance our **remarkable** culture at CCS is through excellent leadership. I believe that the 2019-2020 school board does just that. We are so pleased to welcome new board members Patrick Colunga, Brian Michelli, Amanda Moblo, and Deron Nelson. These newly elected school board members will each serve 3 year terms. The four bring excellent gifts, talents and passion to the board. They are excited to begin their new roles in July and further advance our school's mission of "Partnering with parents to equip students toward personal excellence and the pursuit of God's purpose for their lives." I also want to thank two stalwarts of the board who have chosen to retire after June. Jim Verboncouer and Ken Wolffis have been faithful, sacrificial leaders on the board for many years and we will miss them.

The board will seek to communicate better than ever with our school family this year. As always, we welcome any school family member or interested party to attend our full board meetings. These are usually conducted every other month, with the full board schedule for the upcoming year being confirmed in July. Every board meeting has 15 minutes at the beginning of the agenda designated as a Parent Forum. This is an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and concerns publically with the board. Our meetings are usually held in room D101. Please pray for the board to have wisdom, unity, and vision for the school. May the Spirit direct us. We anticipate a great school year in 2019-2020, as already God has answered our prayers and provided for our needs in some very unique ways. More on that later, but realize that He who began a good work at CCS almost 40 years ago will be faithful to complete it in US!!

Let's all choose to be **REMARKABLE** for God and add value to each other and our school culture. Have a sensational summer and best wishes to all our graduates-that they would continue to grow in their faith and passion for God. We are so proud of all of them and will miss their presence in our school building. Come back and visit often! Parents of Seniors, you are important to us. We hope you continue to be involved in our school family.

May God bless our entire CCS family!  
Dr. Tom Watkins, CCS Board President

### We have gone digital!

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

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## CCS Kindergarten - Class of 2031

"These children have become so precious to me! I am so thankful for the opportunity to have been their teacher. I have loved watching them grow and enjoyed every day I had with them!"

- Mrs. Sarah VanTine





# CCS Seniors - Class of 2019



## Senior Chapel...

We will miss our seniors!



Senior Chapel...a day for seniors to share, reflect and thank teachers, family and friends for what God has done in their lives during their school years here at Calvary. Such an exciting day for them as they anticipate graduation, but at the same time a very emotional day for them and so many others.

## Senior Trip to Florida



## Mrs. Deb Stenberg Retires...



Middle School Science and English teacher retires after teaching at CCS for 27 years. She will be missed by so many students, parents, teachers and staff. Thank you Mrs. Stenberg for sharing your love of teaching to so many.



# Class of 2019



## **Luke Benjamin Anhalt — Valedictorian**

Luke is the son of Dr. Jeff and Samantha Anhalt. He has played varsity soccer for 4 years and was captain of the team for 3 years. He also played varsity basketball for 4 years and was captain for 2 years. During his athletic career at CCS, he was awarded Team MVP, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference and All State Honorable Mention in soccer and All District Team MVP (Defensive) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference in basketball. He has been a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years, currently serving as the President of NHS for Calvary Christian Schools. He has also been on student council for 4 years, serving as president during his junior and senior years. He was also voted Homecoming King 2019. He has participated in community service programs at school, including No More Sidelines and serves in his church by participating in Night to Shine, mission trips to Guatemala, as well as running the lights for church. He participated in Showcase for 2 years, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Group Performance in Showcase 2019. He was also an academic representative at the 2019 Showcase. Luke plans on attending Spring Arbor University in the fall to play soccer and to study pre-med in hopes of becoming a surgeon. Luke has attended Calvary for 12 years. His favorite verse is Psalm 147:3.



## **Rena Marie Malek — Salutatorian**

Rena is the daughter of Peter and Jan Malek. She is a member of the National Honor Society, currently serving as secretary. She played soccer for 3 years and was a captain on the soccer team. She has participated in choir, student council and the school worship team. She was also a 2-time participant in Law Day. She was voted Homecoming Queen in 2019. She has gone on mission trips to Honduras and Chicago with her church and has helped with highway-beach clean-up, food trucks, tutoring and Day to Shine. Rena plans on attending Liberty University in the fall to pursue a degree in nursing. Rena has attended Calvary for 7 years. Her favorite verse is Joshua 1:9.



## **Nicholas Benito Cadena**

Nick is the son of Dave Cadena and the late Dr. Nancy Cadena. He has played varsity soccer for 4 years, varsity basketball for 1 year, varsity golf for 2 years and high school band for 4 years. He has participated in community service programs at school including No More Sidelines and highway clean-up and served in his church by participating in Night to Shine. Nick plans on attending Baker College in the fall to pursue a degree in culinary arts. Nick has attended Calvary for 14 years. His favorite verse is John 11:35.



## **Brionna Alaine Johnson**

Brionna is the daughter of Jerod and Emily Johnson. She played varsity volleyball for 4 years, was voted 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference and was also the team captain. She played varsity basketball for 2 years and was voted 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-State. She also played varsity soccer for 4 years. She is a member of National Honor Society. She has participated in community service programs at school including No More Sidelines, highway clean-up and helping with the food truck. Brionna plans on attending Grand Valley State University in the fall. Brionna has attended Calvary for 4 years. Her favorite verse is Isaiah 54:10.



## **Emily Elizabeth May**

Emily is the daughter of Charles and Rebecca May. She was the captain on the soccer team and was voted MVP. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She has participated in community service projects, such as the "Love in Action" food truck and highway-beach clean-up. Emily plans on attending Grand Valley State University in the fall. Emily has attended Calvary for 14 years. Her favorite verse is 1 Peter 5:7.



## **Jacob Wayne McFarren**

Jacob is the son of Brian and Shelley McFarren. Jacob has played varsity basketball for 4 years, varsity soccer for 4 years and varsity track for one year. He was voted 1<sup>st</sup> Team All District for soccer for the 2018 season. He also participated in Muskegon County 4H for 10 years. His community service includes Night to Shine, No More Sidelines and mission trips to Mexico. Jacob plans on studying criminal justice at MCC with the goal of either going into the police academy or transferring to a 4-year university before going into the police academy. Jacob has attended Calvary for 14 years. His favorite verse is Matthew 19:26.





### **David Caleb Osburn**

David is the son of Steve and Dawn Osburn. He performed twice in the West Michigan Student Showcase, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Group Performance in Showcase 2019. His community service includes highway-beach clean-up, and volunteering on his church and school worship teams. David plans on attending Muskegon Community College in the fall to study music and graphic design. David has attended Calvary for 11 years. His favorite verse is Psalm 28:7.



### **Riley Nicole Payton**

Riley is the daughter of Matt and Shawn Payton. She is a member of the National Honor Society and played soccer for 3 years. Her community service includes highway-beach clean-up, tutoring, helping with the food truck, and working in the nursery at her church. Riley plans to attend Muskegon Community College in the fall to pursue an associate's degree in nursing. After that, she would like to transfer to Grand Valley State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing with the goal of becoming a travel nurse. Riley has attended Calvary for 7 years. Her favorite verse is I Peter 5:6-7.



### **Corbin Michael Spencer**

Corbin is the son of Jason and Cheri Spencer. He has participated in choir and drama. He hosted the school's Christmas Spectacular. He also won a creative writing award. Corbin plans on attending Muskegon Community College in the fall to pursue a degree in communications and to become a writer. Corbin has attended Calvary for 1 year. His favorite verse is Romans 12:9.



### **Emily Joy Wesner**

Emily is the daughter of Andrew and Jane Wesner. She was a member of the National Honor Society. She played varsity soccer for 5 years, was team captain for 2 years and was voted 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Jordan Moriah Poindexter**

Jordan is the daughter of Lymeaka Poindexter and Jermaine Poindexter. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Her community service includes beach-highway clean-up, tutoring, youth advisory council for 4 years, and volunteering at her church. She has also participated in dance and as a dance assistant for 4 years. Jordan plans on attending college in the fall to pursue a dance major B.F.A. with business. Jordan has attended Calvary for 4 years. Her favorite verse is Isaiah 58:11.



### **Kristina Nicole Warren**

Kristina is the daughter of Jim and Robin Warren. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She played on the varsity basketball team for 2 years and received All Conference Honorable Mention. She also played on the varsity volleyball team for 2 years and the varsity soccer team for 3 years. She was captain of the basketball team, volleyball team and soccer team. She participated on the school worship team. Her community service includes "Love in Action" food truck, No More Sidelines, I-Serve, tutoring, church nursery and church Vacation Bible School. Kristina plans on attending Muskegon

Community College in the fall for 2 years and then transferring to Grand Valley State University for 2 years to pursue a degree in graphic design. Kristina has attended Calvary for 14 years. Her favorite verse is Lamentations 3:22-23.



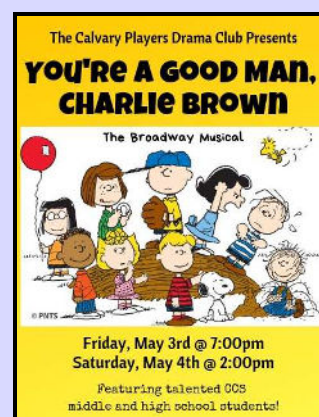
### **Zachary Lee Zehr**

Zach is the son of Dr. Jeff and Gladys Zehr. He is a member of the National Honor Society and student council. He played varsity soccer for 5 years, was the captain for 3 years, and was voted 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference All-District for 2 years. He played varsity basketball for 4 years and was the captain for 2 years. He participated in Showcase for 3 years, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Group Performance in Showcase 2019. He was also an athletic nominee for 2 years in Showcase. His community service includes tutoring, No More Sidelines, chapel leader and volunteering in worship at his church. Zach plans on attending Olivet Nazarene University in the fall to play soccer and to become a chiropractor. Zach has attended Calvary for 13 years. His favorite verse is Psalm 59:16.



# You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

## featuring The Calvary Players Drama Club



## West Michigan Student Showcase 2019

Pictured below are the CCS performance 3rd place winners at the West Michigan Student Showcase. They performed "Even If" by Mercy Me.



### CCS Student Showcase Representatives:

Group Performance: Zach Zehr, Luke Anhalt, David Osburn, Matthew Anderson, Kaleigh Nesbitt, Kelsey Richards (pictured left)

Solo Performance: Kaleigh Nesbitt

Visual Arts: Alex Assaad (pictured above)

Athletic Representatives: Emily Wesner and Zach Zehr

Academic Representative: Luke Anhalt

## CCS 8th Grader excels at Regional History Bee

Seth Geiger, an 8th grader at CCS, competed in the Regional History Bee in Detroit. He competed in 3 buzzer rounds and qualified for the championship round where he finished in 2nd place. He also qualified for the National & International History Bee. The National will be held in Chicago in June.





## CCS Participants in the Muskegon County Bar Association Annual Law Day

Calvary Christian Schools once again had an outstanding showing at the Muskegon County Bar Association's Annual Law Day on Friday, May 3rd. All Muskegon County schools, public and private, were invited to compete, and this year's winning students marks more than a decade running of Calvary Christian students being represented on the winner's stand. Over \$10,000 of scholarships have been won over this time by Calvary students.

This year, Calvary students took 3 of the top 4 places in the 9th - 11th grade speech contest! CCS 6th grader, Demetri Lawrence, took 2nd place in the Middle School Essay contest. Winning 1st place in the speech contest was Calvary junior Kaleigh Nesbitt, winning 3rd place was Calvary sophomore Ben Gerst, and taking 4th place was Calvary junior Alexandria Assaad. Congratulations to our high achieving Calvary Christian School students and their advisor, Mr. Foutz!



## The Wizard of Oz performed on Grand Parents Day featuring our 1st-5th Grade Elementary Students.





# “MHSAA Elite 8”

## Girls Varsity Basketball Team Wins Regional Final Game!

Calvary Christian Schools girls basketball season had a record setting year, winning the Conference, District, and Regional championships on the way to the MHSAA Quarterfinals. Three players have been recognized with All State honors. Congratulations to Kelsey Richards (First team), Lizzie Cammenga (Honorable Mention) and Brionna Johnson (Honorable Mention).



The girls basketball players and coaches would like to thank the Calvary family for the incredible support and encouragement this season. Pictured right is the school wide prayer time and send off as they loaded the bus for the trip to Regionals. God has blessed this school and our team immensely and we are very grateful!

## 2018-2019 CCS National Honor Society Members with the 2019-2020 Inductees



The National Honor Society cultivates a commitment to Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service. Juniors and seniors with a GPA of 3.5 or above are eligible, and they must participate in our student tutoring program as well as community service projects over and above the regular requirements for all CCS high school students.



Not pictured: Emily Wesner and Nick Ritsema



## Elementary Running Club



We had 63 students participate in Running Club this year! We worked on running fundamentals as well as increasing our endurance and distance. We ended our season with a Fun Run and many families came out to cheer for their runners! After our run, we celebrated with a picnic dinner. Our verse for this year was 2 Timothy 4:7. The kids did a great job of exemplifying this verse throughout the season!

## *CCS Spring Sports Teams*

### Varsity Track



### Girls Varsity Soccer



### CCS 8th Grade Class Year End Trip to Chicago



### Varsity Golf





# Calvary Christian School

## Craft Show

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