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Calvary Christian Schools has moved forward to secure our future together. In an effort to continue our faithful stewardship of our resources, and to remain faithful to His ministry with a kingdom-mindedness that is wholly worthy of earthly effort, we have sold our building and have entered into a long-term lease back to us with Harvest Church that will see us far into the future.

When we reflect on the significance of the events that have happened in this building and also Calvary's first building downtown, the list is long. To scratch the surface, consider: we've held graduations - both kindergarten and high school, concerts for Christmas and Spring, musicals and plays, parent-teacher conferences and teacher appreciation weeks. We've also hosted basketball tournaments and Bible conferences, 5ks and fundraisers. We've held our collective breath during free throws and PKs, and kept quiet during chemistry exams and chess clubs. We've seen dunk tanks at Eaglemania, slam dunks at basketball games, and bounce houses at the spring carnival. Our students have prayed at Spiritual Emphasis Days and praised during All-School Worship. We've eaten together at banquets, volleyball games, pancake breakfasts, and culture days in Spanish class. Students have learned to conjugate verbs, craft rubber-band cars, and draft essays. They've won buzzer beaters and speech meets, Student Showstoppers, and Law Days for the American Bar Association. Coaches have mentored athletes, shaped character, tended wounds, and even once saved a life. Students have made mistakes, cultivated friendships, forgiven enemies, met future spouses, and committed to career paths.

Most importantly, they've heard (and shared) the gospel, and been thoroughly equipped to respond to God's call for their lives. We value our history, and the significance of the places in which these things occurred, and I want to reassure you that our commitment to the mission of our school is firm for the future.

Will you pray that God will continue to use Calvary to be a witness of Christ's transformative power in the lives of His people in West Michigan and beyond?

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Partnering with parents to equip students for personal excellence and the pursuit of God's purpose for their lives.

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**FROM THE
ADMINISTRATOR
OF CCS**

Each year, students spend about 1,260 hours in school and 16,380 hours—almost two full years—over the course of a typical K–12 educational career. When families count the cost of a tuition-based Christian education, and when they consider their many options for school for their kids, the choices can be overwhelming.

If we look far back into the history of education, we find students learning at home at their parents' table, often with a Bible as their only textbook to learn to read. Later, community schools emerged, with parents and communities building a dedicated space and bringing in teachers to instruct their children, and learning happened in a classroom, with peers who were not just family, and a teacher who wasn't mom or dad. We have all probably visited a one-room schoolhouse, where students of all ages learned under one roof. Universal free public education emerged in the early 19th century, and instruction changed again. Grade specific classrooms and separate schools for elementary, middle and high school students grew to meet the changing times and families' needs. The educational landscape also saw a rise in Christian and non-public schools, especially in the mid-20th century in response to cultural and societal shifts.

Why the history lesson? In 2025, parents have more choices than ever. Universal public education is still available, Christian and non-public schools are within driving distance of most families, and homeschooling is on the rise. We live in a time when every historical educational context ever available is an option for parents to consider. So, why are we here? Why do families, overwhelmed with choices, choose Calvary? I think it is because we have struck the right balance. Calvary's distinctly Christian education offers strong academic preparation, meaningful relationships with peers and staff, teaching with a Biblical worldview, a high view of God and a priority to teach His Word, and a commitment to partnering with parents. I believe it truly is a place where families will find the best of all educational contexts and their children will be well-equipped to serve and follow God. Will you PRAY for God to bring new families to join our Calvary community for the '25-'26 school year? - Samantha Anhalt, CCS Administrator

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I'm writing to share some exciting updates on my professional growth and how it will continue to benefit our students. It's truly a privilege to be part of equipping them for their future. This past year has been one of significant development, and I'm proud to share a few highlights:

- I became a Certified FAFSA Specialist, enhancing our ability to guide students and families through the financial aid process.
- I completed the Counselor Bootcamp with NACCAP, gaining valuable insights and strategies for college counseling.
- I also received training as an AP Test Coordinator and Standardized Testing Coordinator, which will streamline our testing procedures and support for students.

These accomplishments directly contribute to our commitment to providing comprehensive guidance and support as students navigate their academic and career paths. Looking ahead, I'm excited about further opportunities for learning and program development:

- In June 2025, I'll be attending the Wheaton Academy Institute International Student Program Intensive, which will be invaluable as we grow our international student program.
- I also plan to participate in the College Board Counselor Summer Institute on College Admissions and more, ensuring I'm up-to-date on the latest trends and best practices in college admissions.

My ongoing focus is to continue developing a robust career development program. This initiative aims to thoroughly prepare our students for their unique life paths, whether that involves higher education, vocational training, or entering the workforce. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to empower our students for all that lies ahead. - Kelly Walker, Student Services

A TIME OF THANKFULNESS, EXCITEMENT, & TRANSITION

- **Mrs. Chris Stewart** (after 21 years), and **Mrs. Julie Beals** (after 21 years) have both decided to retire from Calvary Christian Schools. They will be truly missed not only in their roles but also for their steady and faithful presence in the building. Both of these women have served the Lord with gladness and the Calvary family has been blessed by them. Please stop in and greet them before our last day in the building on June 13.
- We have been privileged to have **Mrs. Millie McDonald** teaching our elementary music this year! Mrs. McDonald will not be returning in the fall because she will be welcoming a new baby in a few months! We will miss her but wish her joy in her new role as mom!
- We are happy to announce that **Mr. Justin Auten** will be expanding his role at CCS by adding elementary music in the fall. Mr. Auten has already been bringing his expertise to our middle and high school choir and we know the elementary students will love him!
- We will be adding elementary drama for our K-5 students next year and we couldn't be happier to expand **Mrs. Mandy Keeler's** drama classes to include them!
- When we come back next school year, you will notice that our elementary classes will be on the front of the building in the D wing and our middle/high school classrooms will be on the back side of the building in the C wing. This will put all of our younger students, including daycare, preschool, and kindergarten together in one wing with the 1st - 5th grades and we are excited about that change.
- We are excited to continue our partnership with **Fruitport District Library** in the fall! Please visit them this summer and check out their summer reading program!
- We are eager to expand our Dual Enrollment program offerings and university partnerships such as **Spring Arbor University** - watch for more details in the fall!
- Our Student Services Coordinator, **Mrs. Kelly Walker**, is eager to have students and parents visit our new Student Services Center, opening in our upstairs offices in September!

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CLASS OF 2025



Valedictorian, Zachary Lee McFarren

Zachary is the son of Brian and Shelley McFarren. He attended Calvary Christian Schools for 14 years. Zachary's favorite verse is Romans 8:28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. His student activities at CCS included National Honor Society, where he served as vice president, Student Council, serving as president, tech and vocals on the worship team and teacher's aide. Zachary participated in basketball for 3 years, football for 1 year, soccer for 3 years, and track for 5 years, which he was also a captain for. His community service activities included highway cleanup, Kids Food Basket, Winter Storage for Muskegon County Fairgrounds, Love, Inc., and volunteering at Unity Christian Music Festival. His church activities included serving in the Hand to Hand ministry. Zachary plans to attend Cornerstone University to pursue a degree in ministry.



Salutatorian, Dawson Daniel Steven LaBrenz

Dawson is the son of Don and Denise LaBrenz. He attended Calvary Christian Schools for 15 years. Dawson's favorite verses are James 2:14-18 - What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. His student activities at CCS included National Honor Society; Student Council, serving as president for both. He was a teacher's aide for 4 years, on the worship team, and performed in "Newsies, Jr." with the CCS Drama Club. Dawson's community service activities included highway cleanup, Kids Food Basket, and volunteering at Unity Christian Music Festival. His church activities included running the sound board. Dawson plans to begin his education at Muskegon Community College and will pursue a degree in architectural engineering.



Robert Nathaniel Castillo

Robert is the son of Chris and Tansa English. He attended Calvary Christian Schools for 8 years. Robert's favorite verse is John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. He was in the Hospitality and Food Management program at the Muskegon Career Tech Center, where he was in competitions, received first place and has also received his ServSafe Managers Certification. Robert participated in varsity basketball for 2 years. His community service included highway cleanup and Kids Food Basket. Robert plans to develop his career in culinary arts.



Micah Henry Fritzemeier

Micah is the son of Dean and Karen Fritzemeier. He attended Calvary Christian Schools for 4 years. Micah's favorite verses are Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. He was in the Auto Service Technology program at the Muskegon Career Tech Center, where he received ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certifications. Micah also participated in choir, varsity golf at CCS, and tech for chapel. His community service included highway cleanup and Kids Food Basket. Micah plans to pursue a career as a diesel mechanic.



Matthew Scott Holland

Matthew is the son of Scott and Tracie Holland. He attended Calvary Christian Schools for 1 year. Matthew's favorite verse is Romans 8:28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. His student activities at CCS included playing electric guitar on the worship team. Matthew participated in varsity soccer and varsity golf. His community service activities included highway cleanup, Kids Food Basket, and volunteering at Unity Christian Music Festival. His church activities included Vacation Bible School, and kids' service tech, among other things. Matthew plans to take a gap year to work and earn a private pilot's license before studying aviation science at Western Michigan University.



Joseph Dean Parrott

Joseph is the son of Travis and Sara Parrott. He attended Calvary Christian Schools for 9 years. Joseph's favorite verse is Joshua 1:9 - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." His student activities at CCS included tutoring, playing guitar on the worship team, and teacher's aide. His community service activities included highway cleanup, Kids Food Basket, yard work and volunteering in the library. Joseph plans to attend Palm Beach Atlantic University to study business.



Bradley Charles Richards

Bradley is the son of Brad and Joy Richards. He attended Calvary Christian Schools for 14 years. Bradley's favorite verses are Romans 7:24-25 - What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. His student activities at CCS included National Honor Society, Class President for 2 years, sports team captain, and worship team leader. Bradley participated in basketball for 5 years, track for 5 years, football for 2 years, soccer for 1 year, and cross country for 1 year. His community service activities included highway cleanup, Kids Food Basket, Feed America Food Truck, and volunteering at Unity Christian Music Festival. His church activities included serving on the worship team. Bradley plans to attend Cornerstone University to pursue a degree in business and Creativity and Innovation Honors Institute, as well as earning a real estate license and also participate on the track and basketball teams.



Quinn Ivan Swanson

Quinn is the son of Jeff and Monica Swanson and Colleen Swanson. He attended Calvary Christian Schools for 5 years. Quinn's favorite verses are Matthew 7:13-14 - Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. His student activities at CCS included teacher aide, student council and worship team. Quinn participated in basketball for 5 years, was the team captain for 3 years, track for 1 year, football for 1 year, golf for 1 year. His community service activities included highway cleanup, Kids Food Basket, and volunteering at Unity Christian Music Festival. He also traveled to Honduras for mission trips. Quinn plans to pursue a career with the fire service.

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WINTER SPORTS

4th & 5th Girls Basketball: CCS 4th and 5th grade girls had many great opportunities to enjoy the fun and competition of playing basketball by competing in the Lakeshore League. The team included Aria Carlson, Alexa Case, Everlee Detamore, Stella Koval, Mazie Michelli, Annabelle Baxter, Evelyn Cunningham, Bri Harris, Rebekah Holland, Molly Lockwood, Eloise Moblo, and Matilda Moblo. A special thanks to Coaches Mike Harris and Nick Lockwood for all their work.

4th & 5th Boys Basketball: We were very happy to have Coach Theresa Lahti assisted by Kaite Austin as our coaches for the team. The boys played in the Lakeshore League and ended their season with 4 wins and 3 losses. They learned to work together, improved their shooting, and worked hard to achieve their winning season. Players included Blake Austin, Kyler Austin, Halden Workman, Wesley Butts, Gaige Toth, AlvieJack Foreman, Lucas Lahti, Dagen Sherman, and August Case.

6th & 7th Boys Basketball: Calvary Christian Schools 6th grade boys were coached by Matt Keeler and Brian Engel. It was fun watching the boys play and it was great to see the improvement throughout the season. The sixth grade players included David Colunga, Camdin Engel, Westry Keeler, Jeremiah Knowles, Jacob Richards, Westin Toth, Ari Wilke, and Jack Wilke. The 7th grade players included Brayden Brown, Decklan Detamore, Will Lahti, Peter Riker, and Iverson Richards. We look forward to watching this team as they develop their skills in the years ahead.

8th Boys Basketball: Our 8th grade boys basketball team has many talented players and it was fun to watch them play. This team is a well rounded team with some tall players, some fast players, and some players that are developing their outside shot. The 8th grade boys team was coached by Jeremy Case and included Levi Butts, Elliot Case, Wyatt Case, Ryan Childerhose, Nathan Lahti, Drake McWilliams, Sully Moblo, and Chase Toth.

JV Boys Basketball: The second half of the basketball season the 8th grade boys added sophomore Caleb Miller to the team & played JV basketball. This next level of basketball presented some very tough competition for the mostly 8th grade team, but they continued to play hard and grow their skills throughout the season. Mike Harris stepped in to coach the team and we are thankful for all his work with the boys. We look forward to watching them grow & develop in the years ahead.

Middle School Girls Basketball: The MS team was 6th, 7th, & 8th grade girls, and included the following players: Claire McPherson, Ella Newmyer, Alaina Cory, Natalie Gurr, Heidi Lockwood, Sophia Michelli, and Kendal Shields. Rick Maine and Erin Maine worked together to coach the team. The team had a lot of fun, many highlights, and many learning and growing experiences. We look forward to watching this group of girls grow and develop their basketball skills in the years ahead.

High School Girls Basketball: Bill Mann, Barry Ghezzi, and Courtney Carlson all worked together to coach the Varsity Girls Basketball Team. The girls had some great wins and a lot of fun memories. This team had guards that could hit the 3 point shot and also a great inside game. It was fun to watch the girls play and we look forward to another exciting season next year. The team included the following players: Freshman Abby Colunga, Sophomore Michayla Assaad, Sophomore Tierney Bruins, Sophomore Sophea Ghezzi, Sophomore Marin Keeler, Junior Cassie Dodd, Junior Liberty LaBrenz, and Junior Hailey Mastbergen.

High School Boys Basketball: The HS boys basketball team, due to a lack of players, formed a Co-op with Muskegon Catholic. Bradley Richards and Quinn Swanson joined the team and had an outstanding season. Quinn was hindered from playing over half of the season due to injury but still had a huge impact on the team. Bradley was able to compete all season and ended up being the All-Time Leading Scorer for Career Points in Muskegon County. He was awarded Most Outstanding Player of the Year for his team and Associated Press All-State honors. Despite his injuries, Quinn was awarded Offensive Player of the Year for the team.

SPRING SPORTS

Middle School Baseball: The CCS Middle School Baseball Team had an exciting year and recorded the first two wins for the CCS Baseball program. The season included good depth with the pitchers, some great hitting with two home-runs and two triples by Nathan Lahti, and great sportsmanship by the team throughout the season. Coaches Tyson Lahti and Dan Butts appreciated the prayers led by the players before the games, and the good attitudes of the players during the season. The players included Drake McWilliams, Sully Moblo, Will Lahti, Gage Moore, Brayden Brown, David Colunga, Peter Riker, Jeremiah Knowles, Iverson Richards, Elliot Case, Wyatt Case, Levi Butts, Nathan Lahti, Chase Toth, Westin Toth, and Anthony Young.

Middle School Track: CCS had two MS track participants, Camdin Engel and Capri-Ann Ledyard. Brendan Hamilton coached the team and saw great improvement during the season. Both Camdin and Capri-Ann set school records.

Middle School Golf: We were excited to have 4 golfers for the Middle School Golf Team this year. The team included Gage Moore, Deklan Detamore, Camden Statler, and David Colunga. Coach Riker was able to introduce the boys to the game of golf and teach them a foundation to build on to become competitive golfers as they move up to the high school.

High School Girls Soccer: We were able to co-op with Muskegon Catholic Schools for girls varsity soccer again this year. Michayla Assaad had a great season!

High School Golf: We were blessed to have Coach Riker return to coach our Varsity Golf team, and he was assisted by Mark Opherman. The team players included Senior Micah Fritzscheier, Senior Quinn Swanson, Senior Matt Holland, Junior Cameron Lockwood, Freshman James Riker, 8th grader Sully Moblo, and 7th grader Peter Riker. Highlights of the season included James Riker being able to qualify for the regional tournament and watching the boys learn and grow in their golf skills. Coach Riker is excited about the younger players returning next year and building upon the skills they learned this year.

High School Track: We were pleased to have Brendan Hamilton return to coach our track team and Ruth Kramer return as the assistant coach. The high school team saw some outstanding performances and a record-breaking year. Team members included Chase Austin, Liberty LaBrenz, Zach McFarren, and Bradley Richards. Liberty LaBrenz broke the school records in shot put and discus and finished 4th at Regionals. Zach McFarren broke the school record in shot put and discus, was the Conference Champion and Regional Champion in shot put and discus, and took 8th place in state in discus. Bradley Richards was Conference Champion, Regional Champion, State Champion, and qualified for Nationals in High Jump. His 6'10 1/4" jump was the best jump in the state of Michigan for all levels of high school and now holds the Muskegon County record.



Bradley Richards, MHSAA State Champion with a high jump of 6' 10 1/4". He now holds the Muskegon County record in high jump and also the most points in a varsity basketball career with 2,487 points.

Zach McFarren, earned 8th place at State with a discus throw of 147' 1" and holds the CCS record in shot put and discus.



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