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In his well-known book, *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, Dr. Seuss asks, "How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?"

Theodor Seuss Geisel definitely could have been talking about the last few weeks of school, because time certainly has flown! We have officially wrapped up the year! We've celebrated student achievements - in academics, arts, and athletics. We've traveled to parks and playgrounds. We've visited zoos, museums, and galleries. We've scored goals, run bases, and set new school records. We've taken classes online, hosted special guests in our classrooms, and sat in historic theaters. We've painted and sculpted and 3D printed. We've learned to write our names for the first time, crafted our first full sentences and paragraphs, and written in-depth essays for Advanced Placement exams. We've dipped our toes in the Creek Bank and we've cut Footloose. We've tried new things, made mistakes, and discovered new favorite authors. We've learned to play instruments and discovered new authors. We've navigated disappointment and heartbreak. We've messed up. We've apologized. We've extended grace. We've learned to be more helpful and humble. We've made new friends and we've grieved the loss of loved ones. We've worshipped in chapel, attended after-school bible study, committed our lives to Christ, and been baptized.

Our teachers have closed their plan books for the summer, students have cleaned out their desks and lockers, and we've started our summer office hours. No wonder we are all ready for a day at the beach! We've done a lot this year! I think we've all earned some relaxation (and maybe a trip to Norm's)!

I'm honored to work alongside such wonderful staff that makes all of this possible! It is a privilege to stand on the front lines and be part of what God has done here at Calvary Christian Schools this year. It is equally exciting to plan for another great school year in the fall. We are praying for God's favor. We are seeking His guidance. We are unwilling to take a step without Him. As we reflect on the 2025-2026 school year, will you join me in praising God for His provision and kindness? And will you join me in asking His blessing on our school family this summer - for refreshment and some sweet time enjoying His beautiful creation and the slower pace of June, July, and August? Michigan summers just can't be beat! Take it all in! I look forward to hearing all your summer stories in September!
- Samantha Anhalt, Head of Schools

NOT JUST A BOREDOM BUSTER---

Did you know that reading one minute per day exposes the reader to roughly 8,000 words per year and reading five minutes per day gets you to about 282,000 words per year? However, reading a solid twenty minutes every day exposes the reader to a staggering 1,800,000 words per year! Those 20-minute readers typically score in the top 10 percent among their peers on standardized tests, while the 5-minute readers score at about 50 percent among peers, and the 1-minute readers. They are typically out-scored by 90 percent of their peers!

As we start making summer plans, we hope yours will include a summer reading program! Check out your local library for their fun programs! Also, did you know that Barnes and Noble has a free program for the summer? Click here: <https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/bnstores/books/pdfs/2026/2026-Summer-Reading-BN-Journal-eng.pdf> ...or stop in the school office or their store to pick up a sheet. When you finish, you get a free book!

- The Fruitport District Library has Family Storytimes with Miss Lesa on Fridays at 11 am.
- The Muskegon District Library Consortium <https://madl.org/summer-reading/> and Spring Lake District Library's Summer Reading Program, Unearth a Story, runs from June 1 - July 31. It will be completely online through a program called Beanstack. Beanstack is accessible on a computer at sllib.beanstack.org or on a mobile device as an app called "Beanstack Tracker." Prizes* for all ages include:
 - **Read for 10 days:** Earn a free single scoop cone from The Front Porch.
 - **Read for 25 days:** Earn a macaron from Grand Finale and a 20 oz Icee from Wesco.
 - **Read for 40 days:** Earn a free book of your choice.
 - Plus a chance to win grand prizes like....Gift cards to local businesses, toys and games, and more!
- The Loutit District Library in Grand Haven is offering The Grand Adventure summer reading program. Click here <https://www.loutitlibrary.org/summer-reading/> or visit their website for instructions. They are using Beanstack, too!

Great spots for summer reading? How about a hammock, a beach chair, a porch swing, a treehouse, a pool float, or a road trip!

FUN FACTS: OUR STUDENTS READ A LOT THIS YEAR!

- Kindergartners **LEARNED** to READ this year!
- 1st graders read a lot together, & even did their first novel study! Ask a former first-grader about Balto!
- 2nd graders did 14 book studies and 1 novel study.
- 3rd graders read 11 novels together.
- 4th graders read 15 books as a class and on their own.
- 5th graders read 8 novels as a class and another 16 each on their own
- 6-8th graders read 4 novels per grade.
- 9th - 12th read 5 novels each and our middle and high school students checked out a whopping 60+ novels from classroom shelves!

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CLASS OF 2026



Chau Hong Diem Nguyen

Chau Hong Diem Nguyen is the daughter of Ngan Du and Chuong Nguyen. She attended CCS for three years. Activities included serving as NHS Vice President, one year of tutoring, and two years as a teacher assistant. She participated in choir for one year. Service included a charity trip to Cambodia and volunteering for Feed America, Love Inc., and Binh Duong. Her favorite verse is Joshua 1:9. Future plans are to attend the University of South Florida for biochemistry to become a pharmacist.



Jordan Joseph Richards

Jordan Joseph Richards is the son of Joseph and Amy Richards. He attended CCS for 14 years. Activities included student council, two years in NHS, two years as a teacher assistant, and two years of tutoring. Sports included three years of varsity soccer. Music and drama included four years of drama, five years of band, and five years of tech. He went on a mission trip to Jolo, West Virginia. Service included Feed America, Kids Food Basket, Love Inc., Love in Action, four years of VBS, and No More Sidelines. He spent five years as a children's ministry teacher/assistant and five years as a Kids Corner camp leader. His favorite verse is Philippians 4:8. Future plans include an internship at Baker Engineering and attending Michigan Tech for Chemical Engineering.



Alyssa Marie Brown

Alyssa Marie Brown is the daughter of Alden and Heather Brown. She attended CCS for several years. Her activities included serving as a teaching assistant and working in concessions. She played basketball and volleyball in 5th and 6th grade. Service work involved Grace Gardens, Love Inc., church nursery, and VBS. She attended a Reformed Youth Services (RYS) program in Kentucky. She has a mission trip to Maine scheduled for July. Her favorite verse is Daniel 2:21. She plans to take a gap year to work.



Cameron Nicholas Lockwood

Cameron Nicholas Lockwood is the son of Nicholas and Laura Lockwood. He attended CCS for 14 years. Activities included NHS, one year as a teacher assistant, audio/visual for chapel, and the Career Tech Center for Machining/Engineering Technologies. He played golf for four years. Music and drama involvement included four years of flute in the school band and two years on stage and tech crew. He participated in service trips to Kentucky, Detroit, and Italy. Volunteer work included Love in Action, Kids Food Basket, Feed America, and Love Inc. He served five years in church audio/visual ministry. His favorite verse is Galatians 2:20. He plans to attend MCC for two years to study Information Technologies or Web Development.



Caleb Michael Miller

Caleb Michael Miller is the son of Mike and Janet Miller. He attended CCS for two years. Activities included concessions, Bible study, and yearbook. Music and drama involvement included the worship team and three major theatre roles. He has a mission trip to Detroit scheduled for July. Community service included Love Inc., Kids Food Basket, and Love in Action. He served three years in Child Evangelism Fellowship. His favorite verses are Romans 12:1-2 and Matthew 5:14. Future plans involve attending Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for a Youth Ministry degree.



Alaina Marie Engel

Alaina Marie Engel, daughter of Brian and Marie Engel, has attended CCS for three years. Her favorite verse is 1 Peter 1:6-7. Alaina served as Student Council president and was a member of NHS, while also participating in Bible study leadership and concessions. Her music and drama involvements included choir, worship team, stage management, and tech. She dedicated time to Camp Ao-Wa-Kiya as a counselor, lifeguard, and worship leader, and served in kids' church and the Fruitport youth group. Her community service included Unity Music Festival and Spiritual Emphasis Day. Alaina plans to attend Moody Bible Institute to major in Communications and pursue a career in event planning.



Liberty Alise LaBrenz

Liberty Alise LaBrenz is the daughter of Don and Denise LaBrenz. She attended CCS for 15 years. Activities included four years of student council, two years in NHS, two years of teacher aid, concessions, Bible study, tutoring, and yearbook. Sports included basketball captain, four years of track and field, and three years as a basketball camp assistant. Music involvement included worship team and one year each in band and choir. Service included Feed America, Unity Music Festival, Kids Food Basket, highway clean-up, Grace Gardens, and No More Sidelines. Church ministries included VBS, tech team, and babysitting for small group Bible studies. Her favorite verse is 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Future plans are to attend Muskegon Community College to complete general education courses.



Hailey Nicole Mastbergen

Hailey Nicole Mastbergen is the daughter of Logan and Jessica Mastbergen. She attended CCS for three years. Activities included student council, NHS, teacher aid, concessions, Bible study, and yearbook. She played girls varsity basketball for two years. Music and drama included three years of drama club, two years of orchestra, one year of band, one year of choir, and worship team. Service included volunteering at Camp Ao-wa-Kiya, hurricane fundraiser awareness, Feed America, Love Inc., Kids Food Basket, No More Sidelines, The Penguin Project, Grace Gardens, and Unity Music Festival and kids ministries at her church. Her favorite verse is Jeremiah 29:11. Future plans involve a gap year to work.

Congratulations to our CCS Graduates **CLASS OF 2026 WITH THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2038**



ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CLASSES AT CCS

Here at Calvary Christian Schools, we are thrilled to offer a number of AP (Advanced Placement) courses. These classes are considered to be college-level classes, and are graded on a 5 point scale (as opposed to the traditional 4 point scale). The students who take these classes also have the opportunity to take the AP exam at the end of the school year. These tests are given by the AP Central for Education organization, and are graded on a 1-5 scale. If a student receives a score of 3 or higher, they may be eligible to receive college credits from the college or university of their choice. Students that took an AP Exam this past May can expect to have their test scores for their respective classes by the middle of July.

The AP Classes that we currently offer at Calvary Christian Schools are:

AP Chemistry, AP Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, AP Computer Science, AP Literature and Composition, AP Language and Composition

Coming in 2026-2027 - AP Government

Coming in 2027-2028 - AP US History & AP World History



8th Grade Trip to Ark Encounter

The 8th grade trip preparation started with a visit to the Muskegon Fab Lab where the students designed and printed their own hot pink T-shirts to wear on the trip. Wednesday May 27 the trip began! First stop - the Indianapolis Zoo to see many of the creatures that God created. The 8th graders then spent the night at Potter's Ranch, a Christian wilderness retreat. Thursday, May 28, the 8th graders visited Ark Encounter in Kentucky and learned all about the faith of Noah and God's promise. It was an amazing experience that the 8th graders will take with them as they enter high school next year!



Rick Maine Retires after 20 Years at CCS!

It is never easy to say goodbye to one who has been such an integral part of a family. Rick has been a steady presence, offering godly leadership, wise counsel, humble service, and determination to honor God with his life. Rick joined in the school's commitment to be a beacon of Christ's transforming power in our community. Rick does not seek glory or accolades, and he certainly never worked to promote himself. Instead, his deepest desire was to disciple kids and to make Jesus' name known at our school and the schools we played over the last two decades.

He will be missed in the classrooms, the hallways, the school buses, and on the athletic fields he loves. We know his heart for Calvary means we will still see him around these halls or standing on the sidelines at games, cheering on the Eagles he loves!



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