

CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter

Elementary / Middle School



Back to School 2018—2019 Newsletter

Announcements & Reminders

Dates to Remember:

- **Thurs, 8/30** = New Parent Orientation at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten parents may drop off their student's classroom supplies at this time.
- **Tues, 9/4** = Required PK—2nd Grade Student Orientation from 9 — 10:30am
- **Tues, 9/4** = Optional 3rd—8th Grade Student Orientation from 9 — 10:30am
- **Wed, 9/5** = First Day of School
- **Thurs, 9/20** = Back to School Night at 7pm in the classrooms & Multi-Purpose Room
- **Fri, 9/21** = Golf Outing School Fundraiser
- **Mon, 9/24** = Picture Day
- **Wed, 9/26** = See You at the Pole
- **Thurs, 9/27** = 8th Grade Retreat final payment of \$100 due

MS Summer Math Packets

For our MS students, math packets are due at each student's first math class of the school year. Students should bring their completed packets, with work shown, to their first math class to obtain credit for the assignment.

Class School Supply Lists

Class school supply lists can be found on Sycamore under the "Documents" section. If you do not see your class on the list, you must click on "All Documents" to get to the "Supply" folder for the entire school.

MS Cross Country & Coed Soccer

Information regarding MS Cross Country and Coed Soccer is on Sycamore under the "Documents" section. If your MS student is going to participate on a team, please read through the Fall Sports Registration Form, and return the appropriate forms and fees ASAP to the Main Office. Your student cannot practice with a CCS team until the appropriate forms and fees are obtained.

Pick-Up Line

Pick-up Line is available for returning students and any new siblings starting the first day of school. New families that would like to be a part of the pick-up line need to contact Angela Durkin at ADurkin@ccsnj.net

Ordering Hot Lunch

Hot lunch will begin the week of 9/17. Ordering for hot lunch is done through Sycamore two weeks in advance of the lunch cycle. Ordering will open on Thurs, 8/30 and close on Wed, 9/5. Payment, along with your printed order form, is due in the Main Office on Fri, 9/7.

Parent/Student Handbook

Our 2018-19 Elementary & MS Parent/Student Handbook will be emailed to all CCS families before the first day of school. It contains important procedures about CCS that every parent and student should know. Please read it at your earliest convenience.

Submitting Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

To submit prayer requests and praise reports to the prayer team throughout the school year, email hecaresministry@ccsnj.net. Please specify if the request is for staff only or can be shared in the monthly newsletter.

Volunteer Opportunities with our S.T.E.A.M. Program

We are looking for parents who would like to help with our after-school S.T.E.A.M. offerings. If you are interested in assisting with additional S.T.E.A.M. classes for our students or in supporting the program through additional funds, please contact Mrs. Kalli at LKalli@ccsnj.net.

High School Internship Program

If you are a professional interested in taking on one of our HS interns, please contact Mrs. Murray at Guidance@ccsnj.net. There are wonderful students awaiting a chance to serve in this capacity.

Notification of Address Change

If your family moves, a new B6T must be submitted to the Main Office. No address changes on Sycamore can be made until we receive this form.

LOOKING FORWARD to the coming school year



Mr. Spinosi
Superintendent

Brothers and Sisters,

I want to take a moment to tell you how blessed we are to serve your family at Calvary Christian School. The expectations for the coming

year are high and parental support has been extremely encouraging.

As a father of six, I empathize with the spiritual and financial challenges of parenthood. I assure you that the staff at CCS recognize and appreciate both the sacrifices made and the trust placed in us to care for your child.

Through Education by Discipleship, we seek to provide a quality academic experience for each student that comes through our doors. And most importantly, we desire to partner with you in laying a strong spiritual foundation that will serve your child as he/she weathers the storms of life.

Please join me in praying that CCS will be used to anchor your child to the immovable Rock of Our Salvation, Jesus Christ.

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Mr. Simon
School &
High School
Director

**"Train up a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not depart
from it." Proverbs 22:6**

Welcome to a new year at Calvary Christian School. I am humbled that the Lord has called me to serve as School Director of this Christ-centered educational institution after 25 years in public education.

For the last 7 months, I have had the pleasure of getting to know this staff and I can tell you, their love for the Lord and their passion to pour into these children is REAL. Their qualifications and experience would translate to success anywhere, but their calling is to serve HERE. Our students and our entire school community bears the fruit of their faithfulness to that calling.

As a Christian School, we strive for excellence not only in discipling our students' hearts through biblical training and an integrated Christian worldview, but also for excellence in educating their minds with academic rigor, support for diverse learners, and thorough preparation for success in college and career. On behalf of the entire administration, faculty, and staff, that is our promise to you.

We are partners in this educational process and our success depends on open communication and a willingness to share 'praise and polish' with a loving heart in the spirit of Matthew 18. I encourage parents and students to actively engage whenever possible. In addition to all of the opportunities organized by the school, our parents and volunteers plan social events, fundraisers, and educational programs. The more involved you are as a parent, the more you will be swept up in that Lion Pride!

Please join us on opening day, September 5th, in the Calvary Chapel Old Bridge main sanctuary at 8:30 am. We will spend time in prayer, seeking God's blessing over the school year, which will be followed by a parent social in the lobby. I look forward to meeting you there and at every other possible opportunity throughout the year. We covet your prayers daily as the enemy will surely attack, but thanks be to God, He who is in us is greater than he who is in the world!



Mrs. Kalli
Elementary &
Middle School
Director

Welcome to a new year at Calvary Christian School! Once again, we are seeking God's guidance in developing new and exciting programs for our students. We are concentrating our efforts on a number of areas.

As always, our focus is on the spiritual and mental growth of our students. Our spiritual emphasis this year is on humility. We will build upon the themes we have covered in the past two years and continue to teach biblical principles that will counter any bullying attitudes among our students. We began two years ago by teaching them to live their Christianity with the theme, "Live It." Last year, our theme was "Stand in the Gap," where we encouraged them to pray for and protect each other. This year, we want our students to learn to have the humility of Christ and the strength to step up and be Christ-like in all their ways.

Concerning academics, we will be instituting the following new programs. The Wilson program will be an academic addition to our elementary school. This curriculum concentrates on phonics and decoding. For our 8th grade students, we are rolling out a new curriculum called The Foundations in Algebra, which will be instituted for the standard mathematics class. This will be offered as a precursor to 9th grade Algebra I. We are excited about this new offering because it will provide our students with a superior foundation in algebraic knowledge.

The S.T.E.A.M. program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) is another area where we are looking to expand opportunities. This year, we will be holding our science fair and thus our teachers will be incorporating S.T.E.A.M. challenges in the classroom in preparation.

Thank you to Mr. Kirk Hayes for offering to teach our CyberPatriot class/team for our middle school students for another year. This amazing program will have our students attending the state competitions and possibly qualifying for the national completion. The students will learn about cyber security and work with Mr. Hayes, who is a cyber security specialist. What an amazing opportunity!

These are just a few of the highlights for the upcoming school year. Please continue to lift us up in prayer as we seek God's wisdom and guidance in the nurturing and training of His precious children.



Mr. Tomasso
Middle School
Bible Teacher

I am so enthused about this upcoming school year! I am excited for my new position as the Middle School Bible teacher and chapel coordinator. Knowing the richness of joy that comes from a life of redemption in Jesus and being in a teaching position where I can freely express this joy, I am very eager for this school year to start. From teaching history and Bible to leading and organizing chapels, I get the blessed opportunity of seeing Jesus at work!

I covet your prayers as this year God has put on my heart to focus on our Savior Jesus Christ and the simplicity of the Gospel. This will be the primary focus of our chapels. With that said, Micah 6:8 has a special place in my heart. It reveals the simplicity of the Gospel and the importance of walking humbly with God, which in turn molds and shapes us more and more into the image of Christ. I am excited to see how Jesus works in the lives of our students as we focus simply on Jesus and the Gospel. My prayer is that our students will allow Jesus to mold and shape them into His image.

Again, I am very excited to have the opportunity to teach God's Word and to be a witness to the faithfulness of our God. Furthermore, what equally excites me is having the opportunity to have fellowship with our Middle School students. Early in my walk with Jesus, when He had mercifully reached His redemptive hand into my life, He placed me into ministry within my church's children's ministry and then, after a few months, into the Junior High Ministry. This was one of the most fun times of my life; serving at the Youth Group and in ministry on Sundays. With that said, I sincerely look forward to being a part of Middle School ministry once again. I can't wait to meet all of our students and parents as well! I am very thankful, excited, and humbled to serve God for another school year at CCS.