

Wednesday March 19, 2025



CALVARY CONNECT

Up Coming Events

Wednesday, March 19th:

- Boys Volleyball Boys Volleyball Practice ·
-3p-5:30pm

Thursday, March 20th:

- Boys Volleyball Boys Volleyball Practice · 3p-4:45pm
- Calvary Partner Prayer ·
8:30am – 9am

Friday, March 21st:

- Chapel

Saturday, March 22nd:

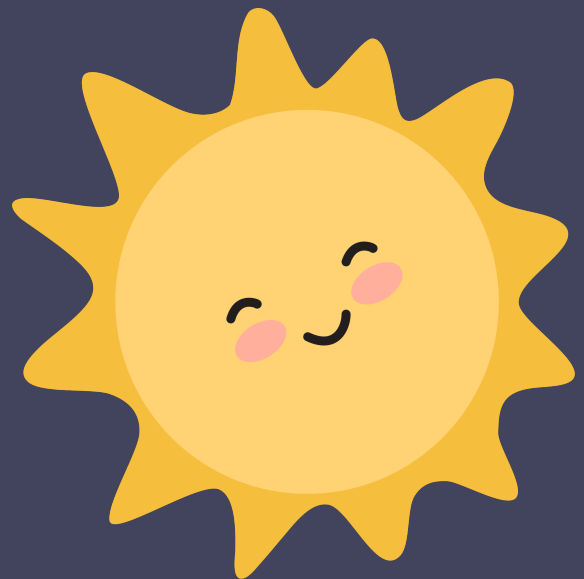
- Boys Volleyball Tournament
at Illiana High School-12pm

Monday, March 24th:

- Track & Field Tryouts
· 3p-4:45pm

Tuesday, March 25th:

- Track & Field Tryouts
· 3pm-4:45pm



Up Coming Events

**SPRING
BREAK**

**Spring break is March 31st-April 4th.
Classes resume April 7th**

Photo of the Week



Calvary Academy Lunch Program

The following lunch options are served w/fruit & juice:

- Turkey & Cheese Wrap
 - Ham Sub
 - Meatless Salad
 - Grilled Chicken Noodle Bowl (Grades 3rd-8th only)
- Orders are taken March 20th - 26th and lunch delivered March 28th.

Go to the site ([D&K Soul Food](#)) and select Lunch Menu in the upper right corner.



Calvary Academy Registration Fee (per child)

March 24th - April 11th

\$100.00

Starting April 14th

\$200.00

Extended Day Program

Reminder:

If you are dropping off your child at Extended Day in the mornings, please park your car in the parking lot and escort your child to the extended day doors. Your car cannot be left in the drop off lane for your safety.

Students must be accompanied by an adult to attend all games. Students are not allowed to sign in and out. Only authorized adults can use the tablet to sign in and out.

When someone other than the parents picking up your child from Extended Day, please make sure they have the Parent I.D. number.

Calvary Partner Prayer



PARENTS AND FAMILY OF STUDENTS! JOIN US FOR...

CALVARY **PRAYER PARTNERS**

THURSDAYS - 8:30-9AM

**will meet in the extended day room.*

Band Announcements

Thursday, March 20th: Jazz Band rehearsal: 7:50am

Spring Concert Date: Tuesday, May 13th at 7pm.





Life is full of decisions. Every day, we are faced with countless choices—big and small. Some choices seem insignificant, while others carry eternal weight. One of the greatest questions in life is whether to follow Christ. This decision is not left to chance; it is an intentional, personal choice that God lovingly invites us to make. Why Did God Put the Tree in the Garden? One question people often ask is, “If God didn’t want Adam and Eve to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, why did He put it in the garden?” The answer reveals the heart of God’s love for us. God didn’t create us to be robots, programmed to obey Him without question or choice. He created us in His image, giving us free will—the ability to make decisions. By placing the tree in the garden, God gave Adam and Eve the opportunity to exercise their free will. He gave them the choice to trust Him and follow His ways. If God had removed the tree, He would have removed their ability to choose, making them unable to truly love and obey Him out of their own desire.

This principle is echoed in Deuteronomy 30:19, where God says to His people:

“This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.” (Deuteronomy 30:19, NIV) God sets the choices before us, but it is up to us to choose. Love, obedience, and faith cannot exist without the freedom to decide.

Chance vs. Choice

Chance is something that just happens. It’s random and beyond our control. But choice is intentional—it requires deliberate action and thought. Following Christ is not something that happens by accident or by chance. It is a conscious decision to surrender our lives to Him and trust Him as our Savior.

Jesus Himself spoke about this choice when He said:

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23, ESV)

This verse shows that following Christ requires daily intention. It’s not something that happens passively.

Choosing Christ means turning away from sin, denying ourselves, and walking in obedience to Him.

A Loving Invitation

God’s desire is for everyone to choose life by following Him. His love is evident in the fact that He gives us this choice rather than forcing us to obey. John 3:16 reminds us of how far God went to give us this opportunity: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, ESV)

God sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins so that we could have the chance to choose eternal life. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6), but He doesn’t force us to follow Him. The choice is ours.

Reflect and Respond

As you reflect on this devotion, ask yourself: What choices am I making today? Am I choosing to follow Christ intentionally, or am I letting chance and circumstances dictate my life? Remember, every moment is an opportunity to choose life and walk in obedience to God.

Take a moment to pray and ask God to help you make choices that honor Him. Thank Him for the gift of free will and for His grace that empowers you to follow Christ.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for creating me with the ability to choose. Thank You for loving me so much that You didn’t make me a robot but gave me the freedom to make decisions. Help me to choose life, to choose good over evil, and to choose to follow Christ every day. Strengthen me to make intentional decisions that align with Your will. I surrender my life to You and ask for Your guidance in all that I do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Conclusion

God’s love is evident in the freedom He gives us to choose. The choice to follow Christ is the most critical decision we will ever make. It’s not left to chance, but offered as a loving invitation. Will you choose life today? Will you choose to follow Christ? The decision is yours.

Thank you,
Veronica Boyd