

Wednesday January 22, 2025



CALVARY CONNECT

Up Coming Events

Wednesday, January 22nd

- Girls Basketball practice/Picture Day-3pm-4:45pm

Thursday, January 23rd:

- Girls Basketball Away vs. Calvin Christian
- 6th-3:45pm
- 7th-4:45pm
- 8th-5:45pm

Friday, January 24th:

- Chapel
- Competition Cheer Practice- 3pm-4:45pm
- Girls Basketball practice
7th-8th Grade Only-3pm-4:45

Saturday, January 25th:

- Competition Cheer Practice
9am –1pm

Monday, January 27th:

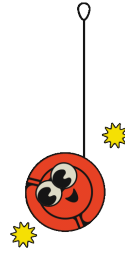
- Girls Basketball practice
3pm-4:45

Tuesday, January 28th:

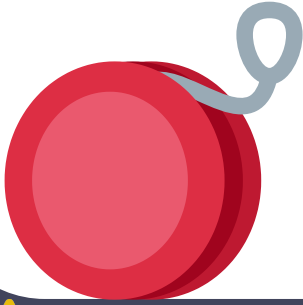
- Girls Basketball practice
3pm-4:45pm



The Ned Presentation for 4th-8th Grade Sale



Yoyo sale is happening now till this Friday, January 24th. Please have your students come to the office to purchase, cost is \$10-\$18



WEATHER

Please make sure your child comes with their winter coats, hats, and gloves. Please be mindful of uniform dress code on pg. 9 of the Calvary Academy Student/Parent Handbook. Girls must wear white or burgundy tights, or knee-high socks. Joggers/sweatpants or leggings are not allowed in the building-they are able to wear outside for recess but must be removed before going back to class.

Boots and snow pants are to be worn outside during recess but please make sure the students bring their tennis shoes to change into.

Even in the cold months, we believe outdoor recess is as important and valuable part of the student's day at Calvary Academy. With that in mind, we ask that you consider the temperature and weather conditions when assisting your child with clothing for the day. When the temperature is 10 degrees or warmer, recess will be scheduled. The 10 degrees is either the current temperature, or the wind chill number. Therefore, when temperatures are below 10 degrees (with or without the wind chill), recess will be canceled page 22.



Thank you for your understanding.



HIRING

Extended Day

Our extended day program is looking for candidates who love children and are passionate about working with them after school, Monday- Friday, from 3 PM to 6 PM. If interested, please contact Mrs. Chappell at mchappell@calvary-academy.com. Thank you!



SPIRIT WEAR STORE IS OPEN!!

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Please see the website below to order your new Spirit Wear. Store **OPENED**, Monday, January 13, 2025 and **CLOSES** Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 11:59pm. Items shipped to Calvary Academy and available on Feb 13th.

Go to the online store at
<https://calvaryacademyspiritwear2025.itemorder.com>

*Personalization available on the back

If you have any questions, please email jmcguire@calvary-academy or text/call Robyn at 815.603.5809

Band Announcements



JAZZ BAND

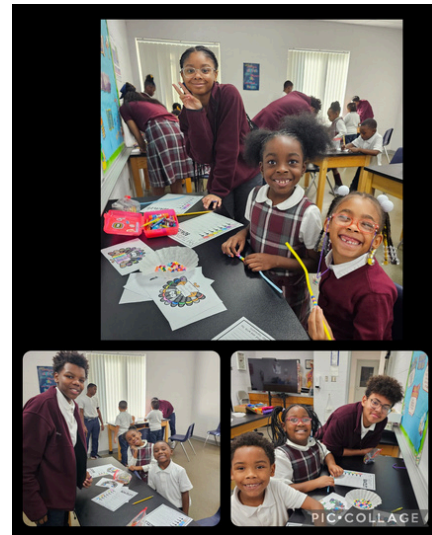
Jazz band will not meet for the month of January. Jazz Band will resume on Thursday, February 13th at 8am.

Auditions are open for any 6th through 8th grade band members who were not in jazz band first semester but are interested in joining. Students can find audition information posted to their google classroom. Auditions must be submitted by Tuesday, January 28th. Students in jazz band first semester DO NOT need to audition.

SOLO CONTEST

Solo contest is only three weeks away. Contest is scheduled for Saturday, February 8th!

Photos Of The Week





Bible Verse:

“You long for something you don’t have, so you commit murder. You are jealous for something you can’t get, so you struggle and fight. You don’t have because you don’t ask. You ask and don’t have because you ask with evil intentions, to waste it on your own cravings.”

James 4:2-3 CEB

Today, I listened to a devotion from Francis Chan that shifted my perspective on prayer and my relationship with God. For so long, I thought I was praying for the right things. I would ask God to fix situations, intervene in problems, or grant desires that seemed good and necessary. But what God revealed through this message was that it wasn’t always about what I was praying for—it was about why I was praying for it.

You see, I was subtly telling myself that if God granted those things, I’d finally be okay. My health, my finances, my relationships—if He fixed those, I’d feel secure. But then James 4:3 echoed in my heart: “You ask and don’t have because you ask with wrong motives.”

It hit me: my prayers were not just about trusting God but about using God to fix my circumstances so I could find peace in those things. But the truth is, even if God granted everything I asked for, I’d still find myself striving for something more unless my heart was filled with Him.

Francis Chan’s devotion reminded me that the posture of my heart must always be, “Lord, whether You grant me those things or not, I am still okay—because I have You.” Only God can truly fulfill the longing in our hearts. Without Him, even our answered prayers will leave us empty, striving for the next thing.

This shift in thinking changes everything. It reframes our prayers not as a way to get what we want but as a way to align our hearts with God’s will. When we stop seeking satisfaction in circumstances and begin resting in Him alone, we find the peace we’ve been chasing all along.

Reflection:

What are you asking God for right now? Are you asking with the belief that those things will make you okay? Take a moment to check your heart. What would it look like to rest in God’s sufficiency, trusting that He is enough, no matter the outcome?

Prayer:

Lord, I confess I’ve been seeking things I thought would bring me peace and fulfillment. But I realize that only You can fill the void in my heart. Whether You grant my requests or not, help me to trust that You are enough. Align my prayers with Your will, and let my heart find rest in You alone. Amen.

Note:

If this resonates, I highly encourage you to watch Francis Chan’s full explanation [here](#). It’s a powerful reminder that our fulfillment doesn’t come from what God gives us but from who He is.

**Thank you,
Veronica Boyd**