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CALVARY SCHOOL NEWS

TO KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Living for the Lord

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Romans 12:1-2

"Do five jumping jacks!" the leader shouted. Only two people of the entire group did them though. Everyone else stood still as could be. The group laughed. It was actually the two who did jumping jacks that had made the mistake. The leader never said, "Simon says do five jumping jacks!"

"Simon Says" is one of the easiest games to play. All you have to do is what the leader says when he speaks those magic words. And yet, it's easy to get carried away, isn't it? Once you play for a while, it can be easy to lose your focus. Just when you're not paying attention, you get in trouble—you're out because you do what others are doing and not what "Simon Says."

Being a Christian is also one of the easiest things you could do. You simply believe in the true God and then do what he says. Pretty simple, right? Yet you and I know how difficult this can be!

Everything might be going fine, until we lose our focus. Suddenly we start to see what other people do—how they lie, cheat, steal, say bad words, tell bad jokes, or other sins—and we start following their lead instead of what God says. There is danger in following the world instead of Jesus. You won't just be out of the game, you'll be out of heaven! That's bad! And that's why we hear the warning today, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world." In other words, don't follow the lead of sinful people and do what they do!

Thanks be to God for Jesus! He washed us clean of all the times we've followed the world instead of him. His mercy brings us forgiveness and guarantees that we will be with him in heaven.

Because of his great love then, let's follow Jesus' lead instead and show him how thankful we are. That's also what the apostle Paul says to us today. He said, "In view of God's mercy, offer your bodies as a living sacrifice." What he means is that when we think about God's love and forgiveness, we can use our lives to serve and follow Jesus. We can thank Jesus by listening to him, loving him, and obeying him. "Simon Says" may be a fun game, but doing what Jesus says is even better. What a cool thing! We get to live for the one who lived and died for us!

Prayer: Dear Lord, help me to stay away from the sin and lead me to follow you. Fill me with your love that I may live for you. Amen.



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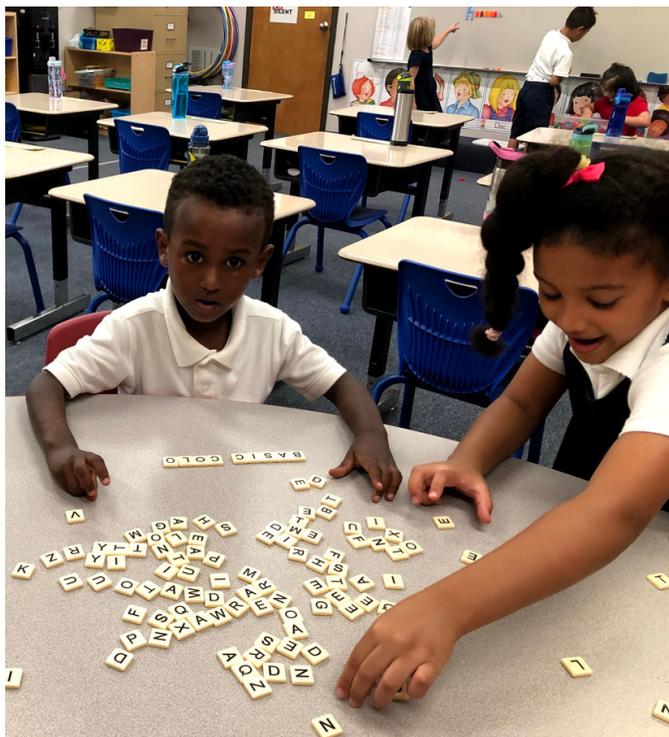
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GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

COVID & Student Health: As much as we support daily student attendance, we ask you to do your part to reduce the opportunity for illness to spread at Calvary. If your child is suffering from congestion and cough, even without a fever, please keep your child at home. We will continue to monitor children's health in the classroom and share any concerns regarding health and attendance with you.

FACTS Integration: This past week Calvary achieved integration status within FACTS Student Data and FACTS Financial systems. This means that every family's tuition information and payment plan can now be found in the Family Portal. If you seek to review your financial information or make an online payment, please visit the Family Portal and select "Financial" on the left menu. Contact the office team with any questions.

Quarter 1 Midterm: Today marks the midterm of our first quarter. Students are settling into classroom expectations and routines, and teachers are coming to better understand students and their needs. Please review your child's progress in FACTS and communicate with your child's teacher regarding questions or input you may have.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEPT 14-25** Window for ACT-Aspire Formative Assessments – Gr. 3-8
- SEPT 21** Quarter 1 Midterm
- SEPT 23** Gr. 3-8 Chapel, 8:20 – 8:35 AM
PreK-2 Chapel, 8:45 – 9:00 AM
- SEPT 25** Spirit Friday – Calvary Spirit Wear
- SEPT 27** Worship 8:00 & 11:00 AM
[Online Streaming Link](#)
9:30 Calvary Kids
- OCT 8-9** NO SCHOOL – Teacher Conference Dates

Health Screenings: Thanks to Mrs. Walker for completing state health screenings last week. If you received a form indicating that your child now needs a more complete vision or hearing screening from your doctor, please make an appointment as soon as possible. Then, remember to share the screening results with our school office staff.

ACT-Aspire: Students in grades 3-8 are taking the shorter, formative ACT Aspire assessment in the window of September 14-25. This will give our teachers a glimpse of where student academic progress in core curriculum areas in this new school year. The longer and more detailed summative assessment will be given in the spring. Look to classroom announcements for screening dates for your children in grades 3-8.

Chapel & Offering: This Wednesday, we will hold chapel services from 8:30 – 8:35 AM for students in grades 3-8 and from 8:45 – 9:00 AM for grades PreK – 2. Parents desiring to join us will be admitted through the north narthex doors. Parents will need a temperature check and to wear a mask while social distancing in the church. This semester we will collect chapel offering for the Lutheran Church of Ethiopia.

FORWARD IN FAITH

For nearly 50 years, Calvary has been committed to providing every student an excellent education that is rooted in God's saving word. As much as the school and the community that surrounds it has changed over the years, this mission remains the same.

The cost of education, however, has risen dramatically. This presents challenges for Christian schools and families alike. Christian schools struggle to sustain ministry while remaining affordable for all and excellent. Families struggle to afford the rising cost of tuition. This is where Forward in Faith comes in.

Forward in Faith is an essential base of Difference-Makers who use the blessings that the Lord has given them to give the gift of high-quality Christian education to the next generation. This committed base works arm-in-arm to support ministry, invest in excellence and growth, and pave the way for all children seeking to be a part of the Calvary Lutheran School family.

Forward in Faith is supported by a diverse group of people. Members of Calvary church, friends in the broader DFW community, student parents and grandparents, and alumni all work together to reach early financial goals.

The new 2020-2021 goals are set. Take a look!

Financial Assistance: \$38,000

Each year Forward in Faith supporters work together to keep quality Christian education accessible to all who seek it. Every gift given to help families in need of tuition support, no matter the size, is a gift that connects children to their Savior.

Excellence & Growth: \$30,000

This year's growth goals include:

- Update the aged flooring throughout the school.
- Supply classrooms with Smart Boards to enhance learning.
- Create a feature wall that creatively communicates Calvary's values and culture to visitors.

Join us in our mission to support Christian education in this wonderful way! Learn more about Forward in Faith at www.calvarydallas.org/fif/



PRINIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Sunday in worship, we were reminded of our debt to love one another (Romans 13:8).

By nature, we find it easy to love ourselves. In fact, we have little trouble putting ourselves first. Watch children at school or at home and note their desire to be "first" in games, in line, in eating, and so on. When we realize what we truly are, sinners, and what we truly deserve, nothing, we can begin to understand God's amazing and undeserved love for us.

He gave his only Son so that we, sinful human beings, could be saved from sin and death. Together we can focus children at home and at

school on God's amazing and undeserved love. With hearts changed by God's love, his children can then put their neighbors first and live a life of love. I ask that you pray the following prayer in your families this week:

Prayer of the Week: Dear Father, forgive us for so often thinking only of ourselves and putting ourselves first. Thank you for your amazing love and putting us first in giving your own son to live and die for us. Help us to live humbly and to daily show love to our neighbors so that they can come to know you through us. In Jesus name, Amen.