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CALVARY SCHOOL NEWS

TO KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

A Mystery of God's Grace

"This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus." **Ephesians 3:6**

"Wow. Didn't see that coming." When you read a good mystery, you feel the suspense as the author unfolds the story chapter by chapter. In a movie mystery, the build-up of the plot keeps you on edge.

Have you ever heard of the mystery of God's grace? It's absolutely thrilling! Listen to how it gradually unfolded in the Bible:

- After the first people sinned in the Garden of Eden, God made a promise that a hero would crush Satan (Genesis 3:15).
- The entire first half of the Bible (the Old Testament) is filled with similar promises, that a Savior would come who would restore peace (cf. Isaiah 57:19) and forgiveness (cf. Jeremiah 31:34b).
- This week, we learned that "nations will come" to this light—Jesus, the light of the world.

Even after Jesus completed his ministry on earth, the mystery of God's grace continued to unfold. Jewish believers were part of the earliest Christian churches. They were used to being God's special people. They sat in their pews with other Jewish people and listened to the apostles like Paul teach about God's grace given to them in Jesus. Then Paul threw a curve ball. Listen: "through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus." God's grace belongs to all people, no matter where they come from. The Jewish people were now supposed to share the grace of God with others. They might have said at the time, "Wow. Didn't see that coming."

That's the amazing thing about God's grace. Just when we think we have it figured out, God pushes the boundaries of our minds even further. Just think about God's grace to you:

- God loved all people—including you—so that he sent his Son to be the sacrifice for sin, so that fallen sinners can have peace with God.
- Of all the times and places you could have been born, you were born into a family where you could learn about Jesus and his forgiveness.
- You are free to read about him in the Bible and worship him—a blessing many people have not had.
- He continues to strengthen your faith through the Holy Spirit every time you hear his Word.

We are truly blessed! His grace to us is boundless! The mystery of God's endless grace continues. There are still conflicts and tensions that have to be resolved. Sin is still present in our hearts and in the world around us. God still intends for his grace to conquer all of that and for the gospel to reach all people. On the Last Day, the last chapter of this great mystery, the suspense will end and Christ will reign as the conquering hero forever!

Closing Prayer: Dear Lord, the grace you show us in Jesus is amazing. We thank you that we are included in your story of grace. Equip us to share your grace with others in all we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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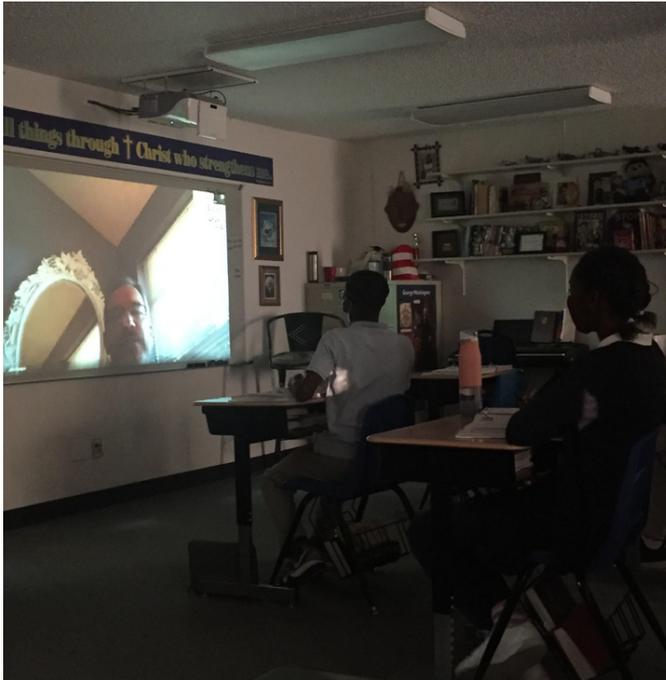
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UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 11	Re-Enrollment Opens for 21-22 School Year
JAN 13	Chapel and Offering- Gr. 3-8, 8:20 AM & PreK-2, 8:50 AM Preparing for HS Seminar, 7:00 PM
JAN 15	Calvary Spirit Wear Day End of Quarter 2
JAN 18	MLK Holiday – NO SCHOOL
JAN 19	Quarter 2 Report Cards Issued
JAN 23	School Open House, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

2021-2022 ENROLLMENT Re-enrollment of current students and enrollment of new students from our currently enrolled families begins **TODAY!** Students will be bringing home a roadmap to re-enrollment that will walk families through the process.

Dates to keep in mind:

- **January 11th- Enrollment Opens for 2021-2022**
 - Complete the online enrollment forms in the [Family Portal](#).
 - Submit Enrollment Application Fee of \$100.00 per family.
- **Friday, January 29- Re-Enrollment & Financial Aid Applications Due**

We are here to help you through the re-enrollment process! We're hosting two workshops where we will walk you through the application process for enrollment or financial aid. These helpful sessions will be held **Sunday, January 24th between 2pm and 4pm** and **Friday, January 29th between 3:30 and 5:30 PM**. Pick a workshop date and time that work for you and register [HERE](#). (Bring 2019 or 2020 tax forms, social security numbers, and household bill estimates to the workshop if you plan to apply for financial aid.)

School Dress Code Update: This week you will receive our School Dress Code update. There are no major changes. We are simply seeking to clarify and update requirements to make following our dress code easier for you and enforcing our dress code easier for us. We will begin to actively enforce the updated dress code as we enter our second semester beginning on January 19.

Preparing for High School Seminar: Grade 7-8 parents and students are invited to our seminar this Wednesday, January 13, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the sanctuary. This meeting will assist parents and students with the transition to high school. Information will be presented on public and private school, enrollment processes and class selection, course types, graduation requirements, and college prep. Please RSVP your attendance [HERE](#).

School Open House: We will have our next School Open House on Saturday, January 23, from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. All families considering new enrollments in the 2021-2022 school year are encouraged to attend. Please share this Open House with families you know who may desire the blessings of a Christian education for their children. Families are asked to register their attendance online at www.calvarydallas.org/school.

End of Quarter & MLK Holiday: Our second quarter will end on Friday, January 15. There will be no school on Monday, January 18 due to MLK Day, and second quarter report cards will be issued on Tuesday, January 19.

A WORD OF THANKS

This Christmas we gathered gifts for the Lian family. Stephen and Samuel attend Calvary and currently their mother is battling cancer. We received a thank you note from Mr. Lian for the generous gifts you provided. Read his letter of thanks below:

Hi Pastor Koelpin & Principal Henrickson,

Thank you very much for your prayers, support, and gifts. Our family spent Christmas and New Year with great joy and happiness because of God's grace and your help. Your Christmas gift means a lot of things to us. It was a wonderful and awful time for us. Please bring our thanks to the Calvary Family who pray, support and have provided Christmas gifts. You all are the angels and Santa Claus to us. We are so happy to be part of this wonderful school. Thanks and God bless you all.

Blessings,
Joseph Lian

We continue to keep the Lian family in our prayers as Mrs. Lian undergoes radiation and another surgery in the months ahead. We know that God holds the Lian family in his loving hands.



Chapel & Offering: This Wednesday we will gather for chapel services with grades 3-8 at 8:20 AM and PreK-2 at 8:50 AM. Our offerings are being gathered to assist the Lutheran Church of Ethiopia.

Drive-By Baby Shower: We invite you to celebrate baby Barksdale and baby Voss, who are arriving soon! We'll host a drive by shower at school pickup on Friday, January 22nd for the expectant mothers. Stop by to wish them well and enjoy a sweet-treat. Find more details [HERE](#).

PRINIPAL'S MESSAGE

"Rise to the occasion." I'm sure you've heard these words before or even shared them with someone else.

These words remind us that life will not always be easy, and that each of us is going to face moments of trial, crisis, and pain that need to be overcome. We can't keep our children from the moment of trial, crisis, and pain which they will face in their lives, but we can equip our children to "rise to the occasion" and overcome.

In the eighth chapter of his book, Make Your Bed, Adm. McRaven encourages us to reach inside ourselves in the darkest moments of life and to be our very best. Although we admire fortitude and self-reliance, the trust is that we do not always have it in ourselves to overcome life's obstacles. We can teach our children to look to their gracious

God and his promises when they face life's trials. Inside, they may feel weak or unable to cope with the situation before them, but God has the power to lift them up so that they can press on to the goal and overcome.

When you face trials in your life, share with your children how God's promises give you strength to move forward and overcome

Prayer of the Week: Dear Heavenly Father, help us to teach our children to look to you and your promises when they face the challenges of life. We know we can't always protect them, but you can. You can also help them to rise to the occasion and move forward in faith and hope. May your words and promises always give our children hope and strength. Amen.