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CALVARY SCHOOL NEWS

TO KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Jesus Meets Our Every Need

"Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself."

Hebrews 7:27

Have you ever wondered why the Bible is so big and so long? There's a reason for that. The Bible is a treasure hunt.

The first portion of the Bible—the Old Testament—is like a giant treasure map, with Jesus as the object of our hunt. Almost everything that happens or is described in the Old Testament points to clues about Jesus. The second portion of the Bible—the New Testament—tells how Jesus came into the world. To find Jesus is like finding treasure!

God uses picture language as clues to help us understand how much he loves us and his plan to save us—like the picture of Jesus in our reading for today. A long time ago, God's people had priests instead of pastors. They offered sacrifices for the people's sins. God told them to do this to keep their hearts repentant and their minds on God while they waited for their Savior to come. Every sacrifice was a picture of what Jesus would someday do on behalf of all people. Jesus would sacrifice himself—not because he had to but because he loves us. He wanted to pay for all our sins at one special time so we can be with him for all time.

But do you know the best part about Jesus' sacrifice? It was for real! And it really worked! Why would anyone go back to a picture when Jesus is the real thing? That would be like saying, "Mom and Dad, I only want a picture of a bicycle for my birthday. I don't need a real one."

Jesus is the real treasure because he rose from the dead. All those priests in the Old Testament did valuable work as they pointed us to Jesus. But like all people, they died. Jesus can protect us because he is indestructible (v. 16). Jesus is our priest who lives forever. That is more than a picture. That is real!

The more we study the Bible, the more we see these beautiful pictures. The Bible is a treasure hunt that keeps us focused on Jesus. May it keep us close to him until we see him face-to-face.

Closing Prayer: Jesus, you are our treasure. Help us see you in the pages of the Bible. Help us want to continue searching for you in its pages and strengthen our faith as we do it. We trust you will do this because you are our risen and indestructible Savior. Amen.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| MAY 24 | Class Move-Up Morning |
| MAY 26 | Chapel & Offering – Gr. PreK-8 8:20 AM Gr. 7-8 Parent-Student Volleyball 10:00 AM |
| MAY 27 | Student Packing Day |
| MAY 28 | Closing Service 11 AM & Dismissal PreK & Kindergarten Graduation School Picnic, 6 PM |
| MAY 30 | Gr. 8 Graduation 11:00 AM |

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Grades 1-2: It was with great joy that our faculty and parents welcomed our grade 1-2 students back into their classroom for instruction last Wednesday. Parents, we will do all we can to prevent such a situation from occurring in the future. It was a perfect storm between staffing for maternity leaves, multiple COVID exposures, and substitute unavailability. Virtual schooling is not an option we desire to implement, and we will plan and pray in an effort to avoid such a situation in the future.

PPE Masking Update: As we enter the last week of school, our School Board has reviewed our PPE Masking Protocol in light of current COVID cases in our community, recent CDC guidelines, and Governor Abbot's order regarding masking in public schools. As a result, **PPE masks are now optional in our facilities for parents, students, faculty, staff, and volunteers.** We continue to encourage adults who have not yet been fully vaccinated to wear PPE masks when in our school building, and we welcome PPE mask wearing for those who desire to continue doing so.

Grade 7-8 Class Trip: Thanks to our parents and chaperones as well as to our grade 7-8 students for allowing last week's class trip! Students were able to visit Kennedy sites in Dallas in conjunction with their studies of the Cold War and also saw sites in Texas including the National Museum of the Pacific War which complimented their study of WWII in history class.

Year End Survey: We ask parents to take a few minutes to complete a year end survey that gives the School Board feedback on your experience at Calvary this year. All who participate will be entered to win spirit wear with our "Knights Shine Bright" theme for next year. If you prefer, you can complete the survey anonymously. Thank you for your strong participation in this! Take survey: <https://forms.gle/DagbWT7emAtQ9ioEA>

Move-Up Monday: Today, students in grade PreK, Kindergarten, grades 2, 4, and 6 will move up to next year's classroom from 11:15 - 11:45 AM. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about their new classroom, build excitement for next year, and ease their concerns about their transition in August.

Chapel & Offering: This Wednesday we will gather for chapel service at 8:20 AM. Offering will be gathered to help support our synod's new mission congregation in Amarillo, Texas, which just received a new graduate from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to serve as their new pastor!

Grade 7-8 Parent-Student Volleyball: This Wednesday, May 26, we will host a grade 7-8 parent-student softball game at 10:00 AM right here on our campus. Grade 7-8 parents and alumni are welcome to participate.

Student Packing Day: This Thursday students should bring strong bags in addition to their backpacks as they will be packing their desk and classroom materials to bring home.

CLOSING SERVICE & GRADUATION

Please plan to join us for our closing service this Friday, May 28, at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary. We will recognize the accomplishments of our students and our pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students will graduate at that end of this service. Students will be dismissed for the school year following the service.

Our eighth-grade students will graduate at the end of our 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday, May 30. Join us for this service and a reception before it at 9:30 AM. Eighth grade graduates include: Lal Chung, Macy Crooks, Anjy Fadairo, Lydia Kifle, Madeline Prelesnik, Ella Smith, Lai Thang, and Isabel Zajac. Congratulations and God's blessings!

LET'S CELEBRATE!

The end of the school year is in sight! Let's celebrate all the amazing ways that God has shown his faithfulness to us and brought us safely through a challenging year!

SCHOOL PICNIC CELEBRATION!

Who: All Calvary students and their families

When: Friday, May 28, at 6:00 PM

Where: Breckinridge Park in Richardson
Pavilions A & B

The picnic will be held outside, and we will respect families' personal masking decisions. A hot dog dinner and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish, chips, or dessert to share. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of this event, you can drop off donations in the school office.



PRINIPAL'S MESSAGE

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

What a difference a year makes. Last year at this time, classes were all virtual and our school year was ending with a great deal of uncertainty regarding what the next school year would look like. To a large degree, Dallas was shut down, and we were separated from friends and family. At such a time, the words above from Joshua 1:9 were well suited to our situation and we held on to them in faith.

We did go forward in faith throughout the summer months and even into this school year. God enabled us all to be bold and courageous, and he has continued to keep his promise to be with us day in and day out. There

have been days when it would have been easy to be discouraged or to lose hope, but again, our gracious God lifted us up and saw us through every challenge during the school year.

Praise to God that COVID does not appear to be casting such a shadow over our community or over planning for the next school year. Yet, there are always unknowns before us and new challenges will arise. Let us not forget how God has blessed us this year and let us go forward strong and courageous in faith and in trust.

Prayer for the Week: Dear Jesus, your blessings are greater than we can count. Thank you for the gift of our 20-21 school year, for blessing out plans and our Calvary family. Refresh us all over these summer months and continue to guide our planning as we look ahead to the 21-22 school year. Amen.