



July 26, 2022

Dear Parents,

I pray that anticipation and excitement are building for you and your children as we are now about three weeks from beginning the new school year. We have been blessed with a flurry of activity at school this summer with remodeling and security projects to enhance both our school learning environment and student safety.

You'll have an opportunity to see the enhancements we've made over the summer when you and your children attend Destination: Orientation in about two weeks. Teachers are preparing classrooms and are eager to begin our 50th anniversary year.

Please take a few moments to review noteworthy items below.

Destination: Orientation – Thursday, August 11 & Saturday, August 13 – Registration Now Open

Whether this is your first year or your last year as Calvary School parents, we look forward to your attendance at one of our Destination: Orientation Sessions on Thursday, August 11 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM or on Saturday, August 13, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. All parents are to attend one of our three Destination: Orientation sessions, and students are welcome. [Register now!](#)

Join Our Calvary Team – Now Hiring

As we look to the beginning of our 50th school year, the Lord continues to bless our ministry at Calvary Lutheran School. One of our many blessings is the ability to hire for three new part-time positions on our school ministry team:

Positions:

1. [School Paraeducator](#)
2. [School Athletic Director](#)
3. [School Custodian](#)

You will find position descriptions including requirements, duties, and compensation as well as an online application at the link below. It is our prayer that you will review these three ministry positions and complete an online application if you have an interest in joining our ministry team. Applications are to be completed online by Friday, August 5. [Apply now!](#)

School Security

Student safety is a priority. This summer we have reviewed and revised our school safety and security policy and have taken additional steps to protect our students and staff. We have had 3M Safety and Security Film installed on vulnerable windows and are installing additional door security devices on school and classroom doors. We have also become a Texas Guardian School as the School Board has approved concealed carry for staff members who successfully complete the School Guardian course established by the Department of Public Safety. We continue to be an ALICE school and will have additional grade appropriate resources this year for student and classroom safety training. The Dallas Police Department will be reviewing our school safety and security plan and giving training to our teachers in early August. Ultimately, we trust in God to watch over our students as we take prudent steps for student safety.

Back-to-School Workday

Let's team up to prepare the school campus for the new year at Back-to-School Workday. We invite school parents and students alike to join us at 9:30 AM on Saturday, August 6, to prepare the school grounds and classrooms for a fresh new start! Spend the morning trimming bushes, washing walls, and tidying spaces with your Calvary friends. Then enjoy a delicious lunch to celebrate a job well done! Let us know you're coming to help with our planning!

RSVP at www.calvarydallas.org/connect/school-work-day.

After-School Care

After-School Care (ASC) will begin on Wednesday, August 17. Mrs. Beckie Koelpin will again serve as our ASC director. ASC will be held on full school days from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. This year, we have established an hourly fee of \$7.00 per hour per child for registered ASC families and \$11.00 per hour per child for families who use ASC on a limited basis. The registration fee is \$30.00 per family, so you may want to consider registration if you will use ASC for more than seven or eight total hours this school year.

Parent Community Corner & Volunteer Survey

We have added a [Parent Community Corner](#) to our school website. Here you can learn more about events during the school year and become more involved in supporting these school events. Your volunteer time strengthens our school family, enriches our events, and demonstrates to your children your commitment to their education. Review the page now and take our volunteer survey to let us know how you would like to serve!

Hot Lunch Plans

With the support of our committed parent volunteers, Calvary will once again offer hot lunch options this school year: Chick-fil-a on Wednesdays and pizza on Fridays. Hot lunch orders and payment will be available in the FACTS Family Portal beginning August 8th and lunch service will begin the second week of school, on August 24th. Training on the ordering and payment process will be available at Destination: Orientation. We ask that all families read and abide by our [hot lunch policies](#) to make this process run efficiently.

Home Visits – New Families to Calvary and Families New to a Classroom

Home visits help us to better know you and your children and to build positive relationships as we work together. If you and your children are new to Calvary this fall, or if it's the first time you'll have a child in a new classroom, we would like to schedule a short home visit. Teachers are at various stages in their home visits as they strive to complete visits before the start of the school year. You can also request a home visit by emailing our lead secretary, Mrs. Beckie Koelpin, at schoolsec@calvarydallas.org.

The following are links to important information as the school year approaches:

- [Classroom School Supply Lists](#)
- [Student Dress Code](#)
- [School Clothing Purchases](#)
- [School Wish List](#)

Looking Ahead

Our last summer communication will be sent on Wednesday, August 10, with final preparation information for the new school year. We look forward to seeing you at Destination: Orientation in two weeks!

In Christ's Service,



Mr. Jim Henrickson, Principal