

JANUARY 23, 2023

CALVARY SCHOOL NEWS

Whole Heart. Whole Child. Whole Family.

The Lamb of God

The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

Today, let's take an imaginary visit to a really old church from the Bible. It was called a tabernacle, and later the temple. There was an altar. On it, animals were sacrificed. During the thousand-year history of God's people of Israel, how many animals were sacrificed on that altar? Hundreds of thousands of animals, if not millions. So many that you lose count. Does the thought of that altar make you sad?

Why would God want his people to sacrifice so many animals? He did it to teach them some very important lessons.

The first lesson that God wanted to teach his people is that death is very serious. Death is the end result of sin. If an Israelite sinned, they would bring an animal to the temple where it would be killed. The two go together: if there's sin, there has to be death.

But the second lesson that God wanted to teach his people is that even though there has to be death, it doesn't have to be your own death. If an Israelite sinned, an animal could be killed as a substitute. The animal would take your place.

There was a problem with all those lambs offered at the temple. They didn't actually have the power to take sin away. The blood of millions of lambs isn't worth enough to pay for even one sin.

Those sacrifices pointed ahead to Jesus, just like John the Baptist pointed at Jesus and said, "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

When Jesus went to the cross, all of the world's sins were put on him. When Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross, his blood was valuable enough to pay for all those sins.

So yes, because of your sin, there had to be death, but because of Jesus, it didn't have to be your death. He loved you so much that he was willing to die for you, in your place, as your substitute.

Because Jesus died for you, you get to live for him now. Because the Lamb of God died for you, you get to live with him forever.

Closing Prayer: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us and give us your peace. Amen.



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BIRTHDAYS

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| Maxine Maglietto | 1/28 |
| Emelia Smith | 1/28 |





UPCOMING EVENTS

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| JAN 23-27 | Winter MAP Assessments – Grades 1-8 |
| JAN 23 | Junior Choir, 3:30 – 4:15 PM |
| JAN 24 | 15@15 Parent Devotion, 8:15 AM |
| JAN 25 | Chapel & Offering 8:25 AM |
| JAN 26 | Cherub Choir, 3:30 – 4 PM |
| JAN 27 | Spirit Friday Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 7 – 9 AM Handbell Choir, 3:15-4 PM Enrollment/Financial Aid Workshop 3:30 – 5:30 PM |
| JAN 28 | Enrollment/Financial Aid Workshop 10 AM – 12 PM |
| JAN 29 | Junior Choir Sings @ DP, 10:30 AM |

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

23-24 Enrollment Commitments & Financial Need

Applications: Enrollment packets for the 2023-2024 school year were sent home with report cards on January 6. Please complete your online Enrollment Package by Tuesday, January 31. Financial need applications need to be completed by Tuesday, February 28. Find more details and links at www.calvarydallas.org/connect/roadmap-to-re-enrollment/.

Enrollment & Financial Aid Workshop: We are offering workshops on January 27 and 28 for families seeking assistance in completing their online commitment and/or applying for financial assistance. Please RSVP online for a workshop if desired at www.calvarydallas.org/connect/roadmap-to-re-enrollment/.

Winter MAP Assessments: We will be giving winter MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Assessments to students in grades 1-8 the week of January 23. We will be using the data from these assessments to begin offering personalized online lessons to strengthen student learning through MAP Accelerator which uses student MAP data in cooperation with Khan Academy. Look for more information.

15@15 Presentation: Parents are invited to join us in the kitchen fellowship area on Tuesday mornings from 8:15 – 8:30 AM for food, fellowship, and God’s word. This week Mrs. Kopplin, Calvary’s former 1st and 2nd grade teacher, will be presenting on Love & Logic Parenting class opportunities that are coming up! Join us!

Pancake Breakfast - Class Trip Fundraiser: Support our Gr.7-8 Class Trip by joining us for our pancake breakfast in the church narthex this Friday, January 27, from 7:00 – 9:00 AM. Children need to have a parent present to attend this breakfast, and admittance to the breakfast is only through the church narthex doors. School parents will need to lead their children from the church narthex to the school entrance by 8:15 AM to begin the school day. Donations will be accepted to support the class trip.

Junior Choir Sings: Our Junior Choir will be singing at Divine Peace Lutheran Church in Garland on Sunday, January 29, in the 10:30 AM service. Ms. Aswege will provide Junior Choir members with more details.

Teachers Conference – No School: Next Thursday and Friday, February 2-3, our faculty will be attending the GROW Conference in Houston, Texas. May God bless out faculty through spiritual and professional seminars. School will resume on Monday, February 6.

Grade 7/8 Class Trip: Trip participants’ next payment of \$200 per traveler will be posted to their FACTS Incidental Billing Account on January 17 with payment due Jan. 28. At the beginning of February, we will provide all participants with a trip itinerary and a packing guide for our trip.

Chapel & Offering: Parents are invited to join us for chapel each Wednesday from 8:25 to 8:45 AM. Check in at the school office to get your School ID and then join us in the church sanctuary for our morning worship. Offerings are being gathered for Calvary’s Let’s Go! Initiative.



SPORTS EVENTS

- JAN 23 A-Team BBall Game vs Dallas International 5 PM
- JAN 24 A-Team BBall Game vs. Westwood 5:00 PM
- JAN 25 A-Team BBall Practice – Our Redeemer
B-Team BBall Practice 3:30 – 4:15 PM
- JAN 26 A-Team BBall Game vs. Winston 5:00 PM

YOUTH NIGHT

Mark your calendars for Youth Night! On Sunday, February 26th, Calvary welcomes 7th – 12th graders for a night of fun, connection, and faith. The event will include games, food, music, God’s Word, small group discussion, and fun targeted to fit this special age-group! We would LOVE to see our current 7th and 8th graders, as well as Calvary graduates who currently attend high school at this event. RSVP on our website at www.calvarydallas.org/connect/youth-night/



PRINIPAL'S MESSAGE

OUR JOY IN GENEROSITY

“It is more blessed to give than to receive,” Acts 20:35. I’ve known these words of Jesus most of my life, but that does not mean that I’ve always understood, believed, or lived them. As a child, I knew that gift giving was supposed to be more blessed, but in honesty, I think I found more joy in receiving than in giving. It’s only with maturity, primarily spiritual maturity, that we truly begin to understand, believe, and live these words.

For many of us, it may have been the joy we found in gift giving to a loved one, a spouse, or our children, that we began to grow in our understanding of Jesus’ words. We saw the excitement and gratefulness in another’s eyes and found great joy in being the source of that gratefulness through our giving. Yet, this is only a small taste of what Jesus meant when he spoke of the joy

of giving. Anyone can give to a loved one, a friend, or their children; it’s easy. Christ gave everything to all, even to those who did not love him in return.

So it is that through spiritual maturity, a growing understanding of God’s great gifts to us and the joy he feels in giving, that we begin to find true joy in giving back to our gracious God and to others – even those who may not love us. Through Christ’s love, we learn to give in joy, not by compulsion, not counting the cost, but because we truly want to give.

Let each of us in our families turn to God’s Word and immerse ourselves in his loving generosity. Then, day by day, we will find ourselves giving generously of our time, talents, and treasures, and doing so in joy.