

Calvary Christian Academy

Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter

December 2021



School Holidays

December 17th is a half day - Noon dismissal for all students. School will be closed **December 18th - January 2nd** for Christmas break. Classes resume on **Monday, January 3rd**.

Christmas Concert

The Jr./Sr. High Christmas Concert will be held in the Sanctuary on Thursday, **December 9th** at 7pm. Our band and choir will be performing for your listening enjoyment.

Code Week

Since technology affects every industry in the world, CCA offers opportunities for our students to be engaged in some aspects of computer science through our annual Code Week program, running between December 6th-10th. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Projections, "STEM occupations are forecast to grow at a rate over 76% higher than non-STEM job growth nationwide." Additionally, many job openings in the U.S. offer occupations that desire employees with coding skills. In view of the many different aspects of computer science and STEM, we want to offer several options for our students. This year every student from 4th to 12th grade will have the opportunity to participate in science-related activities. These activities will range from building a computer, coding a robot, creating toys and ornaments with closed circuits, coding/programming games, and creating objects on a 3D printer. Throughout this week we will have special guests joining us from our IT Department and CCA's Robotics Team. This year's Code Week will be full of the joy of exploration, challenge, and creativity. We pray a fun time will be had by all. Please remember to ask your child about their Code Week experience.

Honor Roll

Congratulations to all of the students who achieved Honor Roll and High Honors for the first marking period. [Click Here](#) for the list!

A student must have a Term GPA of 3.5 to 3.79 to be on the Honor Roll and a Term GPA of 3.8 or above to achieve High

Progress Reports

Progress Reports for the second marking period will be mailed home on **Wednesday, December 15th**.

Winter Athletics

Please visit cca.ccp Philly.org/athletics/ for information regarding the 21-22 winter sports season.



Candy Grams

Each year during the Christmas season we provide the students and parents the opportunity to send the gift of a Candy Gram.

The Candy Gram is a little note on which the students (and parents!) can write an encouraging message and send it to a friend (child) accompanied by a candy cane.

This has been a fun tradition and a blessing to our student body (and faculty as many students send Candy Grams to their teachers).

Please turn in the form ([Click Here](#)) and \$1.00 to the High School Office by Wednesday, December 15th so that we have time to process and create the Candy Gram.

All Candy Grams are distributed to the students on Friday, December 17th during Homeroom.

Tip for Parents

Christmas break is a great time to have check in on your child's social media presence and have an open dialogue regarding boundaries, dangers, and expectations revolving around online use.

Check out Calvary's family resources page for a list of resources that help parents in monitoring online usage and technology. While conversations with children is key to setting expectations and boundaries on devices, these resources can also be extremely valuable.

<http://www.ccp Philly.org/familyresources/managing-technology/>

Upcoming Dates

- Dec 6-12 - "Code Week" for Jr./Sr. High Students
- Dec 9 - Jr./Sr. High Christmas Concert - 7:00pm
- Dec 15 - Q2 Progress Reports Mailed Home
- Dec 17 - 1/2 Day - 12:00pm Dismissal
- Dec 18-Jan 2 - No School - Christmas Break
- Jan 3 - School Resumes

Mid-Term Exams - Noon Dismissal

Mid-Term Exams for Jr./Sr. High students are on Thursday, **January 27th** and Friday, **January 28th**. Please note that we will have a Noon dismissal on both days.

Senior Ad for the Yearbook

Information regarding the Senior Ad was mailed home to all parents of seniors. Click here for details. You may also contact Mrs. Penny Woolston through the high school office at 215-969-2404 or by emailing pwoolston@ccphilly.org.

Senior Ski Trip to Elk Mountain

The senior ski trip is scheduled for **March 2 - March 4** and will cost approximately \$250-\$270 to ski/snowboard; \$150 if not skiing or snowboarding. See attached form for details.

Jr./Sr. Class Formal

The Junior/Senior class formal is on **May 12th**.

Senior Final Exams

Senior Exams are on **May 26th and 27th**.

Senior Retreat

Our annual senior class retreat is **May 31st - June 3rd** at Camp Spofford in New Hampshire.

Senior Graduation

Graduation will take place on **Saturday, June 4th** at 3pm in the Sanctuary.

Outstanding Fees

If your child is currently enrolled in one of our Advanced Placement Courses, your fee is overdue.

Advanced Placement Exam Fee - \$90

If your child is currently Dual-enrolled in an Advanced Placement Course outside of CCA, your fee is also overdue.

Dual-Enrollment Proctor Fee - \$45

Please place cash or check payable to CCA in an envelope to the attention of Dr. Eckert and turn it into the Jr./Sr. High School Office ASAP. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Snow Day Closure Information

SNOW DAY CLOSURE INFORMATION:

SNOW DAYS: 1, 2, and 3:

We have (3) three snow days planned into our school calendar.

We already used one "snow day" on the second day of school.

We are going to use those days and have two more snow days that are typical – no Remote Learning.

The next (2) two snow days that are called will be pure snow days with NO SCHOOL WORK.

SNOW DAYS: 4, 5, 6, or more....

We will utilize Remote Learning – WORK REQUIRED.

Teachers will be required to post an assignment to Google Classroom by 8:30am.

The assigned work on snow days 4, 5, 6, or more...will be collected and graded.

Live teaching sessions through Google Meets are at the teacher's discretion.

Teacher Websites

Please click the following link to access our teacher websites: [Teacher Websites](#).

Mid-Day Snow Dismissal Procedure

In the event of a mid-day dismissal, when students are dismissed, they must sign-out and indicate the method of transportation they are taking home i.e.: walk, school bus, Septa, drive themselves, drive w/someone else, pick up.

If there is a method of transportation that your child is not permitted to take (drive home with someone else, etc.), please inform the High School Office at 215-969-2404 x256.

Student drivers/Septa/walkers are dismissed as soon as possible to ensure their safety. As surrounding school districts close mid-day, they will send their buses to pick up our students. Please check the website of your local school district to see if they are closing mid-day.

For example: If your child rides a Neshaminy bus, and Neshaminy closes mid-day, your child will be dismissed to go home as soon as the Neshaminy bus arrives at CCA.

When inclement weather threatens, parents can come at anytime to pick up their children.

SAT Test Dates for 2021-2022

The following are the dates for the SAT exam being given during the 2021-2022 school year:

Aug 28; Oct 2; **Nov 6***; Dec 4; **Mar 12***; May 7; June 4
* Indicates the dates the SAT test will be given **at CCA**.

Students need to register online at www.collegeboard.org. The deadline to register for the March 12 SAT at CCA is **Feb 11**.

Reminder from the Nurse

Please remember that all students in 11th grade need a physical exam form turned in. All students in 7th grade need a dental exam form turned in. Both the physical and dental forms are available to be downloaded on the [Nurse's Forms—Health Policies](#) page on the CCA website.

If your student needs to carry an inhaler, a medical consent form must be filled out by the parent, as well as the prescribing physician, and kept on file in the nurse's office.

Student Drivers - Late In | Early Out

11th & 12th grade students - if you have a 1st period or 8th period study hall you may come to arrive by 2nd period or leave after 7th period. Approval from your parents via a handwritten note or email to the High School Office (sanderson@ccphilly.org). Once approved, students must sign in at the office upon arrival or sign out at the office before leaving.

Sickness / Late to School

If your child will not be in school due to sickness or lateness, please contact Stephanie Anderson in the Jr./Sr. High School Office by 8am at 215-969-2404 x256. You may also leave a message.

Course Selection Info Update: 2022-2023

Course selection final decisions will be made based upon the students year-to-date average grade at the end of the 3rd marking period. Course selection is a long process, which must begin at the beginning of the 4th marking period in mid-April. We cannot wait until the end of the school year to make decisions regarding course selection. Student's placement in Basic Skills, College Prep, Honors and Advanced Placement will be based upon his/her performance in the first 3 marking periods of this 2021-2022 school year. We have researched other schools and have found this to be the average time of student's assessment and class placement. Please join with us in reminding the students to be diligent in their studies and to not wait until the end of the school year to manage their grades.

Important Links

- [CCA's Health Information and Policies](#)
- [CCA's Student Driver Permission Form](#)
- [Yearbook Order Form](#)
 - [7th & 8th Grade Yearbook Online Link](#)
 - [9th-12th Grade Yearbook Online Link](#)
 - [Senior Ad for Yearbook \(12th Grade Only\)](#)

To:

Home Room:

From:



Give a Candy Cane Gram this Christmas!

Sponsored by CCA Student Government

Cost: \$1.00

Due into HS Office
by Wednesday, Dec. 15th

Must write
FIRST & LAST NAMES!

Candy Gram
will include note and a
Candy Cane!



History of the Candy Cane

One of the most often seen symbols of Christmas is the candy cane. Not only are candy canes used as a sweet Christmastime treat but they are also used for decoration. How did this seasonal candy get its familiar shape, and when did it become part of Christmas tradition?

When the practice of using Christmas trees to celebrate Christmas became popular in Europe the people there began making decorations for their trees. Many of the decorations were food items including cookies and candy. The predecessor of our modern candy cane appeared at about this time in the seventeenth century. These were straight, white sticks of sugar candy.

Part of the Christmas celebration at the Cologne Cathedral were pageants of living creches. In about 1670 the choirmaster there had sticks of candy bent into the shape of a shepherd's crook and passed them out to children who attended the ceremonies. This became a popular tradition, and eventually the practice of passing out the sugar canes at living creche ceremonies spread throughout Europe.

The use of candy canes on Christmas trees made its way to America by the 1800's, however during this time they were still pure white. They are represented this way on Christmas cards made before 1900, and it is not until the early 20th century that they appear with their familiar red stripes.

Many people have given religious meaning to the shape and form of the candy cane. It is said that its shape is like the letter "J" in Jesus' name. It is also in the shape of the shepherds' crook, symbolic of how Jesus, like the "Good Shepherd" watches over his children like little lambs. It is a hard candy, solid like a "rock", the foundation of the Church. The flavor of peppermint is similar to another member of the mint family, hyssop. In the Old Testament hyssop was used for purification and sacrifice, and this is said to symbolize the purity of Jesus and the sacrifice he made.

Some say the white of the candy cane represents the purity of Jesus and his virgin birth. The bold red stripe represents God's love. The three fine stripes are said by some to represent the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Others say they represent the blood spilled at the beating Jesus received at the hands of the Roman soldiers.

From its plain early beginnings to its familiar shape and color of today, the candy cane is a symbol of Christmas and a reminder of the meaning of the holiday.

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Student's Name: _____

Senior Class Ski Trip— Elk Mountain Ski Area, Union Dale, PA



Date: Wednesday, March 2nd to Friday, March 4th, 2022

Drop Off Time: 6:45 am Wednesday, March 2nd. (Leaving 7:00 am High School Entrance)

Pick Up Time: 4:00 pm Friday, March 4th. Parents should be waiting at the High School entrance.

Food: We will be making breakfast Thursday & Friday. The students will need money for their lunch each day, as well as snacks. \$15 per day (\$45) should cover it. We will also supply dinner for Wednesday and Thursday night.

Transportation: CCA School Bus

Payment: Due in full by January 7, 2022. Please make checks payable to "CCA". The Parental Consent Form, Medical Release Form and Full Payment must be brought into school by January 7, 2022. If you have any questions, please call the High School Office at 215-969-2404 x268.

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the Calvary Christian Academy **Senior Class Ski Trip** Wednesday, March 2nd to Friday, March 4th, 2022.

I hereby give my permission to have my child taken to a hospital and treated in case of emergency. In consideration of the named student being permitted to participate in the ski trip, we hereby release Calvary Christian Academy and its employees and agents from all liability for any harm, injury or death that the student may suffer while on the ski trip. We also agree to indemnify and save harmless Calvary Christian Academy and its employees and agents from any and all claims asserted by or on behalf of the named student arising out of participation in the ski trip. I give my consent for my son/daughter, a pupil of Calvary Christian Academy, to take part in the ski trip. I give permission for my child to receive medical care for any illness/injury. This includes use of over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Motrin, Cough/Cold Syrup, etc.

Parent Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ **Date:** _____

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM (Attach a copy of your medical card)

Parent/Guardian Information

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Birth Date: _____ **Age:** _____

Medical Insurance Co.: _____

Subscriber's Name: _____

Group or ID#: _____

Any drug and/or food allergy? _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Student's Ski Information

Student's Name: _____

Check **one** of the following:

Ski rental for 3 Days - **\$250**

Snowboard rental for 3 days - **\$270**

I will bring my own equipment - **\$250**

I will not be skiing or snowboarding - **\$150**

Please enclose your check made payable to CCA.

Check **one** of the following (if needed):

Ski lesson

Snowboard lesson

NOTE: Snowboard lesson required

if you never snowboarded before.

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Code Week for Jr./Sr. High Students						
				Jr./Sr. Christmas Concert - 7pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Progress Reports Mailed Home		Half Day - Noon Dismissal	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
No School - Christmas Break - School Resumes Jan 3rd						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
No School - Christmas Break - School Resumes Jan 3rd						

HONOR ROLL - QUARTER 1 - 2021-2022

Students with a GPA of 3.5 - 3.79

Katherine Anderson
Michael Azevedo
Isaiah Baker
Jonah Baker
Nya Barber
Ethan Benjamin
Brandon Bergin
Derek Bergin
Evangelina Berzin
Ariella Brizzi
Anthony Buonopane
Skylar Butville
Luke Caracappa
Cameron Cook
Delaney Cooper
Jacob Cridland
Gia Crompton
Abigail Crouch
Melina Cruz
Anne Cummings
Maria Delatorre
Alayna Delgado
Vitoria Dos Santos
Olivia Dowd
Grace Findley
John Frehafer
Sophia Gallagher
Madelyn Gleason
Reid Gleason

Melody Hahn
Joshua Haus
Justin Herzog
Brianna Hess
Yana Hrytsay
Kyla Jones
Daniel Joseph
Jerusha Kanwal
Isabel Kleiman
Alexya Kunjumon
Daniel Kushay
Joseph Laken
Rebekah Lannetti
Aaron Leander
Paige Leisner
Selah Liegel
Timothy Lyashenko
Anne Marie McAdams
Micah McBride
Christian McClain
Sianni Mejia
Abriel Mendham
Liam Minnichbach
Victoria Nemchinov
Samuel Nuskey
Leah O'Brien
Connor O'Shea
Makenna Otto
Joshua-Jacob Panackal
James Petersen

Matthew Pristatskiy
Caden Redante
Dayuma Reeves
Ryan Richardson
Preston Rodriguez
Suzanna Roett
Maya Sanchez
Jessica Santos
Maya Schuch
Karissa Shemelia
Jennyfer Silva
Nathaniel Simpson
Nathanael Singh
Alyssa Smith
Angelina Snape
Aliyss Soto
Hannah Spaulding
Carly Stevens
Rebecca Stuart
Joshua Suh
Derrick Thomas
Timothy Thorpe
Jamie Torressen
Matthew Wasson
Brian Weed
Mercy Wilson
Mark Woodruff
Jae Rim Yoo
Jaylin Zacniewski

HIGH HONORS – QUARTER 1 – 2021-2022

Students with a GPA of 3.8 or Above

Erbol Abakirov	Michael Fritchman	Elijah Liegel	Brandon Rogers
Hannah Abraham	Anju George	Micah Liegel	Caleb Rose
Gabrielle Alexandre	Joanna George	Victoria Lind	Ella Rose
Giana Almodovar	Melanie George	Adam Lohwasser	Robert Rose
Richard Anderson	Zoe Gestoso	Anna Luther	Reagan Roth
Anastasia Arabadzhi	Aaron Gross	Daniel Luther	Rylie Rubino
David Arabadzhi	Brooke Guckin	Albert Lykon	Abigail Salmon
Hannah Beals	Patrick Hahn	Christopher Marciano	Isabella Salmon
Brooke Benjamin	Lilly Hallman	Nico Mariano	Levi Salmon
Jenna Benjamin	Sara Hallman	Benjamin Marshall	Lucas Seo
Santiago Beteta	Ethan Haus	Andrew Mayak	Gabrielle Sharpe
Colin Breslin	Ethan Heine	Daman McBride	Juan Silva-Gonzalez
Emma Brown	Summer Heine	Elijah McBride	Alexandra Silveira
Jason Brown	Ella Herzog	Rebecca Mejia-	Adam Snyder
Luke Brown	Serena Hoang	Hernandez	Samuel Souiarov
Jackson Cardinal	Delaney Huhn	Grace Menezes	Charlotte Sours
Samantha Carvajal	Nathaniel Janiszewski	Jessica Menezes	Jayden Steenbakkers
Noel Chacon	Samuel Jefferys	Hope Miller	Rihanna Stephen
Rachel Chacon	Jacob John	Nicolas Morabito	Elisabeth Stowers
Alexa Chandler	Evelyn Johnson	Emma Moser	Hudson Studley
Benjamin Cho	Ruth Johnvesly	Matthew Moser	Lydia Suh
Lauren Ciseck	Pallavi Joy	Kaylee Mulvenna	Dominic Sullivan
Danielle Craven	Rohan Joy	Kyla Myers	Achsah Thomas
Molly Cregar	Shalini Joy	Hannah Nappa	Alex Thomas
Nikolas Cruz	Erin Kanwal	Levi Nnadozie	Ellie Titus
Giselle Curry	Abigail Keaveney	Faith Nuskey	Nino Tkemaladze
Shemaiah David	Colin Keaveney	Isabella Orme	Kyle Tunney
Madelynne Davis	Anthony Kellander	Alexander Ortiz	Abigail Tyson
Emma DeFazio	Aniah Khan	Isaiah Otero	Amy Valera
Charlotte Dixon	Audrey King	Brayden Otto	Jacob Varughese
Julia Dos Santos	Caleb King	Alisha Panackal	Sonali Veeraraj
Gavin Downey	Chloe King	Kaylie Paradise	Adelene Vijayarangam
Hope Downs	Madelyn Kirschner	Gabrielle Parker	Felicia Vijayarangam
Lauren Eckert	ElaSofie Kolonja	Ryan Paulino	Iriana Voronchikhin
Victoria Ehret	Mark Kolonja	Natalie Petersen	Anthony Ward
Cara Ewerth	Elijah Konopka	Brooke Petrosky	Noelle Whyte
Megan Ewerth	Noah Konopka	Daniela Philip	Alicia Williams
Alexander Fisun	Michael Koreck	Joanna Philip	Nathaniel Winton
Nathan Flansburg	Nicholas Kunishige	Charles Pincik III	Taylor Zacniewski
Ethan Fleming	Julia Kurayev	Zechariah Prince	Casey Zhou
Liam Fleming	Ashley Landis	Jocelyn Pristatskiy	Leah Zweitzig
Tamilia Francis	Jeremiah Lannetti	Stephen Quinn	Sarah Zweitzig
Miriam Freer	Joshua Laventure	Ruthee Reeves	Rachel Zygarewicz
Sarah Friedman	Caleb Leader	Vaylah Reeves	