

Calvary Christian Academy

Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter

December 2023



School Holidays

December 15th is a half day - Noon dismissal for all students. School will be closed December 18th - January 1st for Christmas break. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Progress Reports

Jr./Sr. High School Q2 Progress Reports will be mailed home on Wednesday, December 13th.

Christmas Concert

The Jr./Sr. High Christmas Concert will be held in the Sanctuary on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00pm. Our band and choir will be performing for your listening enjoyment.

Honor Roll

Congratulations to all of the students who achieved Honor Roll and High Honors for the first marking period.

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 Honors. **Congratulations to these students!**

Code Week (Dec 4-8)

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 4th-8th. 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.

Mid-Term Exams - Noon Dismissal

Mid-Term Exams for Jr./Sr. High students are on **Thursday, January 25 and Friday, January 26**. Please note that the full school (Elementary & Jr./Sr. High School) will have NOON DISMISSAL on both days.

Bensalem School District will not provide afternoon transportation on these days.

Neshaminy School District will not provide afternoon transportation on Thursday, January 25.



A message from Student Government

The Student Government would like to thank all that participated in this year's "Food Drive." With your help, CCA was able to collect and contribute over 1800 food items and toiletries, which allowed our families in need to enjoy this holiday season that much more.

May God richly bless each and everyone for extending His love in this way. May you all have a wonderful Christmas and a God-filled New Year.

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 and \$1.00 to the High School Office by Wednesday, December 13th so that we have time to process and create the Candy Gram.

All Candy Grams are distributed to the students on Friday, December 15th during Homeroom.

Upcoming Dates

- Dec 4-8 - Code Week
- Dec 7 - 7th-12th Grade Christmas Concert - 7:00pm
- Dec 13 - Jr./Sr. High Q2 Progress Reports Mailed Home
- Dec 15 - HALF DAY - Noon Dismissal
- Dec 18-Jan 1 - NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
- Jan 2 - School Resumes
- Jan 15 - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 24 - Jr./Sr. High Q2 Ends

Yearbooks on Sale

Yearbooks are on sale now! See Page 3 for details!

JH (grades 7-8) \$22 ||| SH (grades 9-12) \$57

FINAL Deadline to order is **Friday, January 19th.**

Senior Ski Trip to Elk Mountain

The senior ski trip is scheduled for February 28 - March 1 and will cost approximately \$300-\$325 to ski/snowboard; \$200 if not skiing or snowboarding. See attached form for details.

Jr./Sr. Class Formal

The Junior/Senior class formal is on **May 9th.**

Senior Final Exams

Senior Exams are on **May 23rd and 24th.**

Senior Graduation

Senior Class Graduation will take place on **Saturday, June 1** at 3pm in the Sanctuary.

FAFSA

If you need financial aid to help you pay for college, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. The 2024-2025 FAFSA form will be available at some point in December 2023. This will be a brand new, streamlined form thus, there is not yet an official opening date. For the most up to date information regarding the form, visit studentaid.gov.

SAT Test Dates for 2023-2024

The following are the dates for the SAT Exams being given during the 2023-2024 school year:

Dec 2; **Mar 9***; May 4; June 1

* Indicates the dates the SAT test will be given **at CCA.**
(October 7 is a paper/pencil exam. March 9 is a digital exam)

Students need to register online at www.collegeboard.org. The deadline to register for the March 9 SAT at CCA is February 23.

Senior Ad for the Yearbook

Information regarding the Senior Ad was mailed home to all parents of seniors. You may contact Mrs. Penny Woolston by emailing pwoolston@ccphilly.org.

Outstanding Fees

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

Advanced Placement Exam Fee - \$110

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

AP Dual-Enrollment Proctor Fee - \$50

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.

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.

CCA Yearbook

2023-2024

On Sale Now!

****Deadline Extended****



Costs are as follows:

Jr. High (grades 7-8) - \$22

Senior High (grades 9-12) - \$57

Order online by going to

yearbookforever.com



Link to order
Jr. High Book



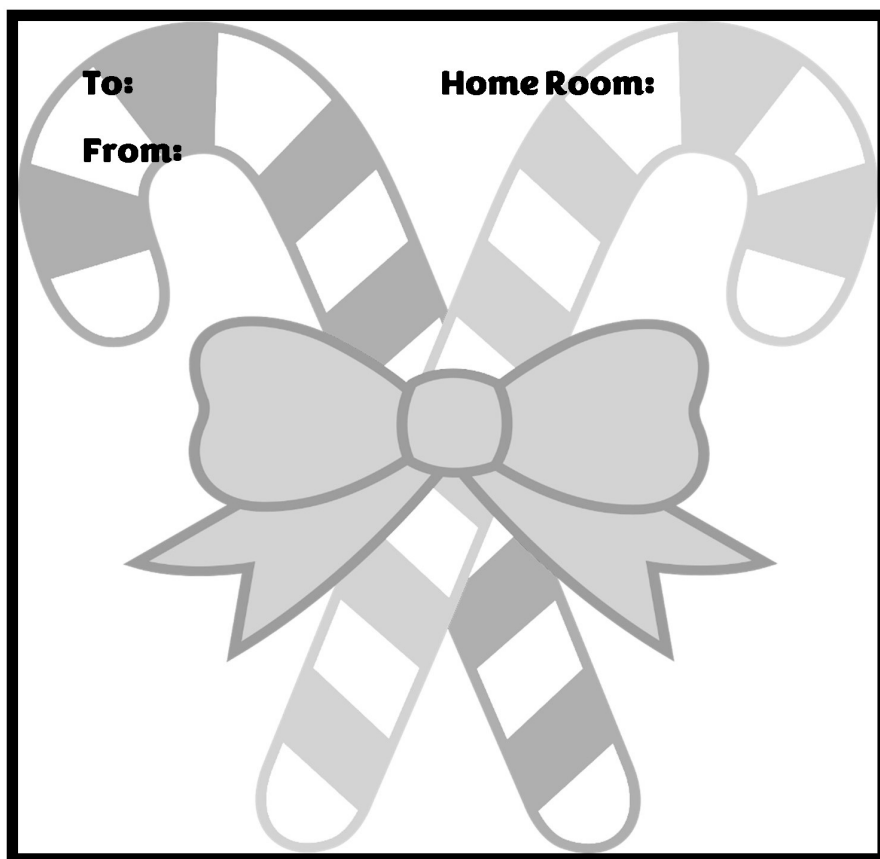
Link to order
Senior High Book

If you are not able to order online, orders can be taken at the HS office.

Please make sure your cash or check (made payable to CCA) is clearly marked with the **student's name and homeroom.**

The FINAL deadline to order is

Friday, January 19th



Give a Candy Cane Gram this Christmas!

Sponsored by CCA
Student Government

Cost: \$1.00

Due into
HS Office
by Wednesday,
Dec. 13th

**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.

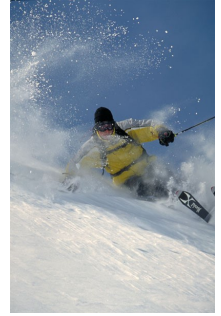
Some say the white of the candy cane represents the purity of Jesus and his virgin birth. The bold red stripe represents God's love. The three fine stripes are said by some to represent the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Others say they represent the blood spilled at the beating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

Located at: <http://www.noelnoelnoel.com/trad/candycane.html>

Student's Name: _____

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



Date: Wednesday, February 28th to Friday, March 1st, 2024

Drop Off Time: 6:45 am Wednesday, February 28th. (Leaving @ 7:00am - High School Entrance)

Pick Up Time: 4:00 pm Friday, March 1st. 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 Friday, January 5th, 2024. Please make checks payable to "CCA". The Parental Consent Form, Medical Release Form and Full Payment must be brought into school by January 5th, 2024. 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, February 28th to Friday, March 1st, 2024.

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 - **\$300**

___ Snowboard rental for 3 days - **\$325**

___ I will bring my own equipment - **\$300**

___ I will not be skiing or snowboarding - **\$200**

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.

Honor Roll - Quarter 1 - 2023-2024

Students with a GPA of 3.5 - 3.79

Abigail Howe
Abriel Mendham
Adrian Maksimchuk
Akash Chapala
Alexander Fisun
Alexandra Silveira
Amber McQuade
Anna Chernikov
Anthony Kellander
Asher Anand
Ava Hackett
Brandon Ortiz
Brody McCarthy
Caden Redante
Caleb Cannon
Christian McClain
Coltyn Heim
Daniel Zhou
Danielle Muniz
David Sanchez
Dean Crompton
Dean Hoang
Dennis Garvey Jr
Elizabeth DeFazio
Ella Calvarese
Emilia Delva-Alonzo
Emmanuel Cruz

Ethan Ramos
Evangeline Jacob
Gabrielle Parker
Gisele Akhunov
Ian Park
Iris Ivanov
Isabella Santiago
Jackson Wrobel
Jade Crompton
Jakob Torressen
James Petersen
Javonna Faggins
Jazmine Lasme
Joanna George
Joshua Gross
Joshua King
Joshua Marino
Josiah Miller
Justin Herzog
Kacey Valera
Karissa Benjamin
Karissa Shemelia
Kyla Myers
Lauren Edmonds
Lia Woodruff
Madison Davis

Makenzie Huhn
Marc-Ethan Sterling
Mark Shum
Melanie George
Micaiah Mervin
Michael Koreck
Neria Robin
Nicole Ralston
Noah Tran
Petr Kalinovskii
Pietra Silva-Borges
Renee Jiwanmall
Riyan Kittrels
Sadie Hirschberg
Samuel Nuskey
Shamira Sohail
Shiloh Wiley
Skylar Bowman
Summer Cooper
Taylor Zacniewski
Tyler Meehan
Valentin Prisiyan
Wade Conti
William Stonehouse
Yasmim Costa
Zoe Krouse
Zoey Zimmerman

High Honors - Quarter 1 - 2023-2024

Students with a GPA of 3.8 or Higher

Gabrielle Alexandre	Gianna Greghini	Sam Mathew	Caleb Rose
Giana Almodovar	Aaron Gross	Colin Maxwell	Ella Rose
Katherine Anderson	Brooke Guckin	Patrick Maxwell	Robert Rose
Olivia Anderson	Melody Hahn	Andrew Mayak	Reagan Roth
Richard Anderson	Patrick Hahn	John McAdams	Leighyal Rothermel-
Anastasia Arabadzhi	Jenna Hallman	Peter McDonald	Kalugdan
David Arabadzhi	Lilly Hallman	Savannah McKinney-	Isabella Salmon
Jonah Baker	Sara Hallman	Jamison	Levi Salmon
Nya Barber	Ethan Haus	Victoria Mejia	Adalyn Sanchez
Hannah Beals	Summer Heine	Rebecca Mejia-Hernandez	Amelia Sanchez
Jenna Benjamin	Ella Herzog	Jessica Menezes	Maya Sanchez
Derek Bergin	Delaney Huhn	Henry Mikos	David Santos
Santiago Beteta	Nathaniel Janiszewski	Gabrielle Millard	Luciano Schembri
Luke Blanda	Jacob John	Hope Miller	Sarah Schimpf
Grace Boston	Ruth Johnvesly	Samara Miller	Lucas Seo
Kiernan Breckenridge	Pallavi Joy	Liam Minnichbach	Nicholas Shcherbakov
Emma Brown	Rohan Joy	Matthew Moser	Maxim Shum
Jackson Brown	Jerusha Kanwal	Kaylee Mulvenna	Juan Silva-Gonzalez
Luke Brown	Colin Keaveney	Isaac Myers	Jordan Smith
Skylar Butville	Viktoria Khoroshenko	Hannah Nappa	Adam Snyder
Adriana Calel	Audrey King	Ethan Nguyen	Charlotte Sours
Roisin Capitolo	Myla Kinsey	Joshlyn Nieves	Hannah Spaulding
Jackson Cardinal	Mark Kolonja	Faith Nuskey	Sophia Spencer
Noel Chacon	Isaiah Konopka	Nathan Nuskey	Hudson Steele
Rachel Chacon	Noah Konopka	Jesse Oott	Rihanna Stephen
Alexa Chandler	Dylan Kratz	Leah Orien	Jacob Stonehouse
Lauren Ciseck	Katelyn Kratz	Derek Oeill	Maclean Stowers
Ezra Coccia	Anna Kunishige	Giselle Orme	Hudson Studley
Gia Crompton	Nicholas Kunishige	Isabella Orme	Rowan Studley
Giselle Curry	Alexya Kunjumon	Alexander Ortiz	Achсах Thomas
Kenneth Davis Jr	Julia Kurayev	Brayden Otto	Alex Thomas
Lianna Davis	Ja Khun Lahtaw	Makenna Otto	Priscilla Thomas
Madelynne Davis	Meredith Landis	Alisha Panackal	Sam Thomas
Charlotte Dixon	Josephine Lankford	Ryan Paulino	Ellie Titus
Julia Dos Santos	Samuel Laphai	Daniela Philip	Abigail Tyson
Aidan Elhyani	Joshua Laventure	Charles Pincik III	Jasmine Valera
Cara Ewerth	Caleb Leader	Abhinav Prasad	Samuel Vanzino
Laelle Feeley	Elijah Liegel	Micah Prate	Jacob Varughese
Ethan Fleming	Micah Liegel	Zechariah Prince	Adelene Vijayarangam
Liam Fleming	Selah Liegel	Jocelyn Pristatskiy	Iriana Voronchikhin
John Frehafer	Melanie Likhvanchuk	Stephen Quinn	Brian Weed
Lilly Frehafer	Matthew Lind	Abishai Reeves	Abigail White
Amelia Gannon	Adam Lohwasser	Dayuma Reeves	Noelle Whyte
Elijah Gestoso	Anna Luther	Faith Rivera	Nathaniel Winton
Zoe Gestoso	Albert Lykon	Joel Rivera	Grace Woolston
Madelyn Gleason	Lydia Mansor	David Robidoux III	Jaylin Zacniewski
Reid Gleason	Nico Mariano	Suzanna Roett	Hannah Zweitzig
Jan-Jay Grant	Josiah Marshall	Brandon Rogers	Leah Zweitzig
			Walter Zygarewicz

December 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Jr./Sr High Christmas Concert	8	9
Code Week!						
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No School - Christmas Break						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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