

# Calvary Christian Academy

Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter

December 2024



## School Holidays

December 20th is a half day - Noon dismissal for all students. School will be closed December 23rd - January 3rd for Christmas break. Classes resume on Monday, January 6th.

## Progress Reports

Jr./Sr. High School Q2 Progress Reports will be mailed home on Friday, December 6th.

## Christmas Concert

The Jr./Sr. High Christmas Concert will be held in the Sanctuary on Thursday, December 12th at 7:00pm. Our bands and choirs will be performing for your listening enjoyment.

## Yearbooks on Sale

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

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

Deadline to order is **Friday, December 6th.**

## Senior Ski Trip to Jack Frost Mountain

The senior ski trip is scheduled for February 26th-28th and will cost approximately \$300-\$325 to ski/snowboard; \$200 if not skiing or snowboarding. Lessons available (optional) - \$75.00. Permission slip and payment are due Friday, January 10th, 2025. See attached form for details.

## CCA Winter Athletics

Please visit [cca.ccphilly.org/athletics/](http://cca.ccphilly.org/athletics/) for information regarding the 24-25 winter sports season.

## Mid-Term Exams - Noon Dismissal

Mid-Term Exams for Jr./Sr. High students are on **Thursday, January 23rd and Friday, January 24th.** 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 23rd.



## 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 18th so that we have time to process and create the Candy Gram.

All Candy Grams are distributed to the students on Friday, December 20th during Homeroom.

## 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!**

## Upcoming Dates

- Dec 6 - Jr./Sr. High Q2 Progress Reports Mailed Home
- Dec 12 - 7th-12th Grade Christmas Concert - 7:00pm
- Dec 20 - HALF DAY - Noon Dismissal
- Dec 23-Jan 3 - NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
- Jan 6 - School Resumes
- Jan 20 - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 22 - Jr./Sr. High Q2 Ends
- Jan 23-24 - Jr./Sr. High Mid-Term Exams - Noon Dismissal

## 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.

## Jr./Sr. Class Formal

The Junior/Senior class formal is on **May 8th**.

## Senior Final Exams

Senior Exams are on **May 22nd & 23rd**.

## Senior Graduation

Senior Class Graduation will take place on **Saturday, May 31st** at 3pm in the Sanctuary.

## FASFA

If you need financial aid to help you pay for college, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. The 2025-2026 FAFSA form will be available at some point in December 2024. For the most up to date information regarding the form, visit [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov). You may also reach out to Mrs. Reber ([treber@ccphilly.org](mailto:treber@ccphilly.org)) with any questions.

## SAT Test Dates for 2024-2025

The following are the dates for the SAT Tests being given during the 2024-2025 school year:

Dec 7; **Mar 8\***; May 3; June 7

\* Indicates the dates the SAT test will be given **at CCA**.

Students need to register online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

**The deadline to register for the March 8th SAT at CCA is February 21st.**

## 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](mailto: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 Course 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

## 2024-2025

On Sale Now!



**Costs are as follows:**

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

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

Order online by going to

**[yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)**

**Jr. High Book**



**Senior High Book**

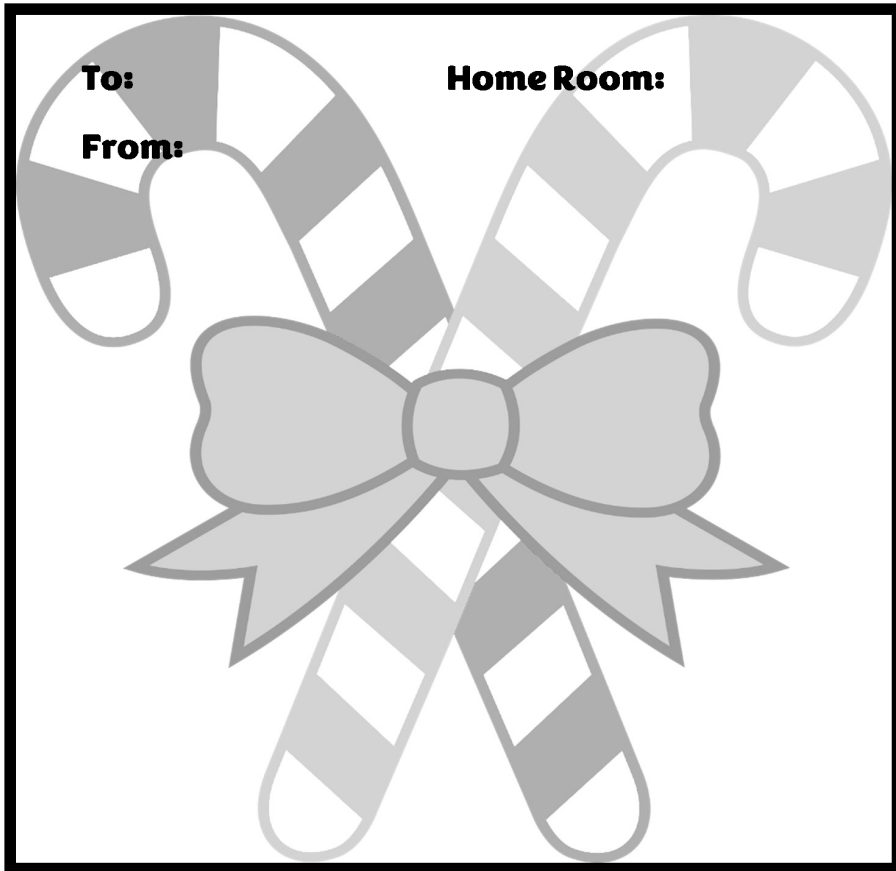


If you are not able to order online, orders can be taken at the HS office.

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

The deadline to order is

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**



## Give a Candy Cane Gram this Christmas!

Sponsored by CCA Student Government

Cost: \$1.00

Due into HS Office by Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

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>

# Senior Class Ski Trip - Jack Frost Ski Area, White Haven, PA

**Date:** Wednesday, February 26th to Friday, February 28th, 2025

**Drop Off Time:** 6:30 AM Wednesday, February 26th. (Leaving @ 7:00 AM - High School Entrance)

**Pick Up Time:** 4:00 PM Friday, February 28th. *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 10th, 2025**. Please make checks payable to "CCA". The Parental Consent Form, Medical Release Form and Full Payment must be brought into school by **January 10th, 2025**. If you have any questions, please call the High School Office at 215-969-2404 x268.

## What to bring:

- Bible (for devotions each evening)
- Sleeping Bag / Pillow / Blanket
- Warm coat
- Ski pants or nylon pants (waterproof)
- Hat, Gloves, Scarf
- Goggles (optional - recommended)
- Warm clothes
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc...)
- Bath towel & washcloth
- Money for lunch/snacks & quarters for lockers at the ski lodge
- Snacks & drinks

**\*\* We are not responsible for any lost/stolen/broken electronic devices. \*\***

## Important Information:

Please be at school no later than 6:30 AM on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. We need to load the buses and vans and leave by 7:00 AM.

- If you're going to leave your car here at school, park in the designated area – please ask the HS Office for these details. Try to carpool or have someone drop you off, if possible.
- If you wake up sick on Wednesday morning, please call the school office immediately at 215-969-2404 x256 to leave a message. *Please tell a friend too!*

Bring snacks and drinks for each evening. Bring money for lunch at the ski lodge each day. We will supply dinner on Wednesday and Thursday evening and breakfast on Thursday and Friday morning.

We expect students to treat the places where we will be staying with respect. There should be no wrestling or horseplay. Students should be careful not to break anything and will be expected to pick up after themselves at all locations!

**We will return to CCA at approximately 4:00 PM on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.**

# PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Calvary Christian Academy **Senior Class Ski Trip** Wednesday, February 26th to Friday, February 28th, 2025.

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

(Attach a copy of your medical card)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Co: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscriber's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group or ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Food or Drug Allergy? \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT'S SKI INFORMATION

Check **one** of the following:

- Ski Rental for 2 Days - **\$300**
- Snowboard Rental for 2 Days - **\$325**
- I will bring my own equipment - **\$300**
- I will not be skiing or snowboarding - **\$200**

**Optional:**

- I would like to take a group lesson - **+\$75.00**  
(Lesson is approx. two hours)

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information:**

**Height:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shoe Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose your check made payable to CCA.**

# Honor Roll - Quarter 1 - 2024-2025

## Students with a GPA of 3.5 - 3.79

Gisele Akhunov  
Nicoly Alves-Araujo  
Olivia Anderson  
Benjamin Arabadzhi  
Autumn Barber  
Millie Barber  
Nya Barber  
Skylar Bowman  
D'Aundre Bradshaw  
Kayleigh Calloway  
Faith Caracappa  
Caden Cardinal  
Jackson Cardinal  
Gabriel Caro  
Anna Coelho-Santos  
Yasmim Costa  
Dean Crompton  
Destiny Cruz  
Claire Cunningham  
Gideon Curley  
Lauren Da Costa  
Deborah Demoraes  
Olivia Diaz  
Julia Dos Santos  
Grace Downey  
Lauren Edmonds  
Salvatore Ferraccio  
Andres Flores-Hurtado  
Kendall Freeman

Melanie George  
Gianna Greghini  
Joshua Gross  
Jenna Hallman  
Sara Hallman  
Donald Hauser  
Brianna Hess  
Makenzie Huhn  
Evangeline Jacob  
Colin Keaveney  
Seleah Khokhar  
Andrew Khrystenko  
Riyan Kittrels  
Michael Koreck  
Katelyn Kratz  
Caleb Kriebel  
Benjamin Loesser  
Isabella Londono  
Kallebe Lopes  
Albert Lykon  
Sarah Machado-Souto  
Colin Maxwell  
Kylie Mayfield  
Anne Marie McAdams  
Ryan McOwen  
Amber McQuade  
Rebecca Mejia-Hernandez  
Hope Miller  
Valentina Miranda

Danielle Muniz  
Giselle Orme  
Caleb Otto  
Makenna Otto  
Edward Paraskevov  
Gabrielly Pereira  
Caden Redante  
Mark Richards  
David Robidoux III  
Leighyal Rothermel  
David Sanchez  
Giovanna Santana  
Isabella Santiago  
Karissa Shemelia  
Mark Shum  
Sophia Silva  
Jeremiah Soto  
Hannah Spaulding  
Hudson Steele  
William Stonehouse  
Nita Svianadze  
Andrew Tang  
Esther Teixeira  
Noah Tran  
Kacey Valera  
Philip Voronchikhin  
Darius Whyte  
Shiloh Wiley  
Rebekah Zweitzig

# High Honors - Quarter 1 - 2024-2025

## Students with a GPA of 3.8 or Higher

Emily Ageyev	Elijah Gestoso	Aiden Lin	Abishai Reeves
Gabrielle Alexandre	Lewis Gleason	Angela Lin	Dayuma Reeves
Asher Anand	Madelyn Gleason	Kendra Lin	Brandon Rogers
Katherine Anderson	Brooke Guckin	Matthew Lind	Caleb Rose
Anastasia Arabadzhi	Melody Hahn	Gunner Lloyd	Robert Rose
David Arabadzhi	Patrick Hahn	Adam Lohwasser	Reagan Roth
Jenna Benjamin	Riley Haldeman	Dahlia Lykon	Levi Salmon
Karissa Benjamin	Lilly Hallman	Adam Maksimchuk	Adalyn Sanchez
Victoria Best	Coltyn Heim	Adrian Maksimchuk	Amelia Sanchez
Maria Bielotska	Summer Heine	Lydia Mansor	Maya Sanchez
Luke Blanda	Ella Herzog	Nico Mariano	Isaac Santiago
David Bossard	Sadie Hirschberg	Josiah Marshall	Talia Santiago
Kiernan Breckenridge	Dean Hoang	Patrick Maxwell	David Santos
Gavin Brous	Nathaniel Janiszewski	John McAdams	LJ Schembri
Elisa Brown	Renee Jiwanmall	Peter McDonald	Sarah Schimpf
Jackson Brown	Jacob John	Tyler Meehan	Nicholas Shcherbakov
Skylar Butville	Ruth Johnvesly	Victoria Mejia	Maurina Shemelia
Adriana Calel	Ananya Joy	Davis Mench	Maxim Shum
Roisin Capitolo	Rohan Joy	Abriel Mendham	Anthony Silva-Gonzalez
Angel Caro	Stephen Kalathil	Jessica Menezes	Charlotte Sours
Rachel Chacon	Petr Kalinovskii	Joseph Menezes	Sophia Spencer
Alexa Chandler	Jerusha Kanwal	Henry Mikos	Mikaiya Steenbakkens
Gia Crompton	Abigail Keaveney	Gabrielle Millard	Rihanna Stephen
Jade Crompton	Anthony Kellander	Samara Miller	Emily Sterling
Kaila Croy	Benjamin Khoroshenko	Liam Minnichbach	Jacob Stonehouse
Evan Cummings	Viktoria Khoroshenko	Hudson Morrison	Joshua Stonehouse
Giselle Curry	Audrey King	Chelsey Murawski	Macleon Stowers
Kenneth Davis Jr	Joshua King	Isaac Myers	Rowan Studley
Lianna Davis	Myla Kinsey	Elias Nguyen	Alex Thomas
Eduardo De Paula	Mark Kolonja	Ethan Nguyen	Priscilla Thomas
Emilia Delva-Alonzo	Isaiah Konopka	Faith Nuskey	Sam Thomas
Juliet DiIorio	Noah Konopka	Nathan Nuskey	Ellie Titus
Charlotte Dixon	Dylan Kratz	Samuel Nuskey	Cailyan Torres
Thoebe Dong	Zoe Krouse	Jesse O'Bott	Jacob Tourish
Aidan Elhyani	Anna Kunishige	Josiah O'Bott	Abigail Tyson
Cara Ewerth	Nicholas Kunishige	Leah O'Brien	Jasmine Valera
Autumn Feeley	Alexya Kunjumon	Derek O'Neill	Jacob Varughese
Laelle Feeley	Joanna Lahtaw	Alexander Ortiz	Adelene Vijayarangam
Nathan Flansburg	Joseph Laken	Adam Osborne	Iriana Voronchikhin
Annaliese Fleming	Meredith Landis	Alisha Panackal	Brian Weed
Liam Fleming	Josephine Lankford	Alana Parker	Abigail White
Madison Focht	Samuel Laphai	Gabrielle Parker	Noelle Whyte
John Frehafer	Joshua Laventure	Daniela Philip	Benjamin Wilson
Lilly Frehafer	Caleb Leader	Keira Pitrone	Grace Woolston
Amelia Gannon	Elijah Liegel	Abhinav Prasad	Hannah Zweitzig
Samuel Gannon	Micah Liegel	Jocelyn Pristatskiy	Leah Zweitzig
Christine George	Selah Liegel	Stephen Quinn	Walter Zygarowicz
Joanna George	Melanie Likhvanchuk	Josiah Ramos	



# December 2024



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<b>No School - Christmas Break</b>						