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[Website link to CCHS Resources](#)

NEWSLETTER #3 2020 – 2021

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

October 9	Photo Retake Day	October 29	Discover Calvin! (12:40 p.m. dismissal)
October 10	Powder Puff Football Game	October 30	No AM or PM busing for Grandville Public
October 12	Parent-Teacher Conf. (5:00-8:00 p.m.)	November 4	Ambassador High Info Meeting
October 13	PSAT9 for 9 th grade students	November 7	Freshman/Sophomore Banquet – POSTPONED INDEFINITELY
October 14	PSAT/NMSQT (for those who sign up)	November 12-13-14	School Play
October 14	NO PM busing for Grandville Public	November 25-27	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)
October 14	Parent-Teacher Conf. (5:00-8:00 p.m.)	December 4	Senior & Senior Baby Pictures due
October 16	Parent-Teacher Conf. (9:00-11:00 a.m.)	December 14-17	High School Exams
October 16	NO SCHOOL	December 18	Exam make-up day (if needed)
October 21	Athletic Boosters meeting	December 21	Christmas Break begins
October 22-23	NO SCHOOL (CEA Convention)		

THOUGHTS FROM PRINCIPAL HENDERSON

Hello Calvin Family,

In my quiet time this morning, I was reflecting upon the challenging times we are in, and my focus shifted to everyone's need for encouragement. Romans 15: 5-6 states: **“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”** As brothers and sisters in Christ, we may come from different places, have different stories, and view certain issues differently but our hope is in the Lord and now, more than ever, we need to lift one another up as the body of Christ!

As I'm wrapping up my first month at Calvin, I continue to be blessed by our amazing teachers, support staff, students, parents, and incredible things that are happening at Calvin. I had some time to truly soak in the beauty of our band playing this week. I saw our amazing students making beautiful music, diligently perfecting their craft, and focused on our band director, Mrs. Horton, who was encouraging, challenging, and energetically teaching our students to perfect their craft and use their gifts to glorify the Lord. The music was beautifully pouring out of instruments, with bells covered to prevent air contamination, held by God's children who were socially distanced, and flute mouthpieces with protectors built by Mr. Lawrence's CAD students. Despite the health protections in place, your children were still making beautiful music and glorifying the Lord.

We are blessed to be holding classes in person and having our Calvin family back together. I look forward to welcoming your children with a smile at Calvin each day. The masks may limit our abilities to see the smiles from our mouths, but we can see them in one another's eyes. Each and every day, your children are welcomed by our amazing Calvin faculty, who embrace them with their smiles, kind words, outstanding instruction, and an effusive love for Christ. Our faculty prays with your students and for them daily. I could go on for pages of special ways our faculty is pouring into your students daily, from an outstanding, thoughtful, and Christ centered senior retreat, to our coaches who are mentoring and training your children with their God-given athletic abilities.

As a long-time classroom teacher, the seemingly endless hours you invest are often fueled most by one's own passion for students and a desire to honor the Lord with your work. From personal experience, I know how energizing a word of encouragement was from students and parents. While it's amazing to receive that occasional delivery of unexpected donuts or treats in the staff lounge, a heartfelt note of encouragement and thankfulness can lift a weight and brighten one's day, week, and year in profound ways. **As we focus on encouragement this month, I would like to encourage our families to send a note, card, email of encouragement to our amazing faculty members who are currently teaching your students or who taught them previously.**

Finally, I want to encourage you today! I've really enjoyed meeting more and more of our parents in the past couple weeks. Your love for your children, our Lord, and Calvin is evident. We have outstanding parents who invest their time in a variety of ways to make Calvin a better place. I've been blessed to see so many people serving in so many ways; please know that there is always room for more volunteers, so please jump in on volunteer opportunities that arise. It's energizing to watch you cheer your children on, celebrate together, volunteer, support the work of Calvin, and partner with us in Christian education. We love your kids and are thankful for the amazing ways the body of Christ works together at Calvin.

In His service,
 Todd Henderson

PHOTO RETAKE DAY

These are scheduled for Friday, October 9, during noon break at the high school.

- If your student didn't get his/her picture taken on Orientation Day, this is the day to take care of that.
- If you want retakes, make sure you return your student's original picture package on that day to the photographer (NOT the school office).



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Mark your calendars for the fall high school Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for the following dates and times:

Monday, October 12

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 16

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

NO CLASSES FOR CCHS ON OCTOBER 16

Online scheduling for your IN-PERSON conferences will begin soon. Virtual conferences will also be available. Look for an email with specific directions as to how to sign up.

- **October 2 for families with 3+ students in grades 6-12**
- **October 5 for all families with students in grades 6-12**



BUSING NOTES

Please make other transportation plans for the following dates:

- **NO PM BUSING AVAILABLE** from Grandville Public Schools on Wednesday, October 14.
- **NO AM or PM BUSING AVAILABLE** from Grandville Public Schools on Friday, October 30.

Bus drivers need a note or a phone call from a parent if their child is going to ride the bus any place other than their authorized stop. Parents, please do not assume the bus driver can just drop your child off without proper permission; we need a note even for the high school students. Thanks for your cooperation. Questions? Call Terri Postema at 438-2804.

CEA CONVENTION

There will be no school on Thursday and Friday, October 22-23 due to the CEA Teachers' Convention. All GCCS offices, including the Business Office, will be closed on those dates.



Discover Calvin!

Thursday, October 29, 2020

There are 2 sessions to choose from:

6:00-7:00 p.m. or 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Register at bit.ly/3mKMUX9

This is Calvin Christian High School's (CCHS) showcase event for area middle school students and parents to learn about the amazing opportunities that await students at CCHS! Please bring your middle school students and/or invite neighbors and friends with middle school students and **discover**:

- Why parents want their children to learn, grow, and develop their faith at Calvin
- How Calvin students, teachers and staff build strong and caring relationships
- Our amazing teachers who mentor while teaching Calvin's Christ-centered curriculum
- The ways we glorify God through athletics, the arts, and our clubs
- Our internship-based Ambassador High program
- Our unique Spanish Immersion and dual enrollment opportunities

Middle school students and parents will learn more about the unique mission and vision of CCHS through:

- Student-led tours
- Department presentations on our rich, faith-integrated curriculum
- An opportunity to meet guidance counselors, teachers, coaches and club sponsors
- Information about our internship-based Ambassador High program



CALVIN DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Calvin Dramatic Society will be performing this fall the comedy, radio variety show: “**Yeoman Home Radio Show**”.

This production will blend the quirky, weird, and funny sketches from the NPR radio show "Prairie Home Companion" with the dry wit and inspiration of Mr. Scott DeYoung's "Yeoman High" stories. It will feature traditional folk and gospel music, fake commercials, comedy sketches, and storytelling. There will be limited seating for the live performance in the Learning Commons and will be streamed on YouTube on November 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. and November 14 at 5:00 p.m.

FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORE FALL BANQUET/DANCE

The Freshmen/ Sophomore Banquet scheduled for November 7 has been postponed indefinitely.



SHADOW PARTY

The annual Shadow Party date has not yet been scheduled as we are waiting on the arrival of the yearbooks from the 2019-20 school year. All 10th – 12th graders who ordered a yearbook last year, as well as Class of 2020 alumni, will be invited to attend. Watch for further announcements.

YEARBOOK ADS

If you would like to help keep the yearbook more affordable, please help us sell advertisements in this year's *Shadow*. If you contact a business and they agree to buy an ad, you will earn \$15. Just print the form (which can be found at the end of this newsletter) and bring it to a business. Make sure to put your name at the bottom of the form so you get credit for selling the ad. If you have questions, please email the CCHS yearbook staff at yearbook@gccsmi.org. Thanks in advance for your help!

CLASS OF 2021 SENIOR PICTURES

Here are a few things to keep in mind when you get your pictures taken for the yearbook. We again are asking for traditional poses for a uniform look. Please keep the following things in mind:

- NO props or pets
- Indoor or outdoor plain background preferred
- Color (matte or glossy)
- Vertical pose: Minimum 2" x 3" and 300 dpi
- We reserve the right to refuse pictures that do not meet these standards. Inappropriate pictures will not be accepted.
- The *Shadow* staff can take a picture free of charge that will work if you so desire.
- We reserve the right to PhotoShop pictures that do not meet the standards.
- Make sure your photographer follows these things in order for your picture to be in the yearbook.

A baby picture and message can be submitted for a fee of **\$25.00**. More information about this will be coming in the future. **Both the baby pictures and senior pictures will be due by Friday, December 4, 2020.** Late pictures will not be guaranteed a place in the book, so be timely. If you have questions, please email the CCHS yearbook staff at yearbook@gccsmi.org.

HOT LUNCH

October, 2020

[Hot Lunch Menu](#)
[MS - Hot Lunch Links](#)
[HS - Hot Lunch Links](#)



Notes from the Counseling Office

Miss Rebekah Karel (9th and Ambassador) and Mr. Nate Vander Wal (10th ~ 12th)

rkarel@gccsmi.org
nvanderwal@gccsmi.org

Counseling Office Webpage:
<https://www.gosquires.org/hs/counseling-office/>



PSAT 9 TESTING: All freshmen will be taking the practice SAT (PSAT 9) test on Tuesday, October 13. Students will need to arrive in the Learning Commons by 7:40 a.m. Items needed for this test are snacks, water, #2 pencils, and a calculator. The test provides practice for the official SAT test and results shape students' practice accounts with College Board and Khan Academy. The test is multiple choice and will be 2 hours and 25 minutes not counting breaks or initial "bubbling" of the answer document. Overall testing time is roughly 4.5 hours. Due to this test being practice, scores will not be sent to any colleges. For more information on the test specifics, please visit: [PSAT 9 Specifics](#)

NMSQT TESTING: We will be giving the 2020 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) here at school on the morning of Wednesday, October 14. The NMSQT is a qualifying test; juniors who score high enough on this test are entered into the National Merit Scholarship Competition.



Sophomores who signed up to take this test will be taking it as practice in order to better prepare for taking the NMSQT and/or the SAT as a junior. Only scores from juniors may enter into the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Sophomores will also take the PSAT 10 on March 23 as practice and preparation for the NMSQT and SAT.

More details regarding testing will be emailed to test-takers and their parents.

GENERAL TESTING INFORMATION: Colleges around the country accept both the ACT and SAT for admittance and scholarship consideration. All test registration and sending of scores must be done directly through the SAT and ACT websites, with the exception of our SAT school day testing for juniors. It is our recommendation that every student take the ACT and SAT once before the end of their junior year. Studies show most student increase their score when they take the test(s) a total of 3-4 times. Practice is the best way to increase scores, and both the SAT and ACT offer multiple practice options through their websites. Khan Academy accounts, which have been linked to students' College Board accounts here at school (if they were here for that), provide tailored practice based on test results on PSAT/SAT tests. Please visit our Counseling Office webpage for more details.



Seniors who are going on to college are encouraged to test more than once in order to get the best score possible. Many colleges will not accept scores after the October test dates while others accept new scores into the spring, so make sure to find out how long a given school will accept new test scores.

CCHS will host the ACT this year on **December 12, February 6, and April 17**. Please visit the [ACT website](#) to register and pay. Please contact our ACT coordinator, Kelli Boender, for more information.

Notes from the Counseling Office (continued)

TRANSCRIPTS: Seniors needing to send their transcripts to colleges need to use their PARCHMENT accounts that were set up in a Focus Period with Mr. Vander Wal (<http://www.parchment.com/send-transcripts/>). Colleges ask that transcripts are sent electronically and securely through this site. For any alternate transcript needs, please see Mr. Vander Wal or email Mrs. Betten at jbetten@gccsmi.org.

COLLEGE/CAREER REPS: This fall college and career representatives will visit our students during Focus Periods on Mondays or Thursdays. Many reps are willing to meet with individual students outside of the Focus Period time if needed. We encourage all students to pay attention to the student announcements to see which reps are coming and also to attend multiple rep presentations to learn more about colleges or other opportunities in general. A [schedule of rep visits](#) is available on our School Counseling page on our school website.

FASFA - Attention Senior Parents: The FASFA will open starting October 1 for registration. Information from our September 30 Senior Parent Info and FAFSA Night and many other helpful resources can be found on the [financial aid resources page](#) on our School Counseling page on our school website.

COLLEGE FAIRS: Most – if not all – fall college fairs have been cancelled, but watch for virtual options.

CAREER READINESS/KCTC NEWS:

Sophomores and juniors can set up a visit to the KCTC to check out a specific program. Counselors will set up visits for students and families that inquire. Some programs require a visit before a student can enroll and other times a visit gives a student a better chance of getting a spot in a program that will fill up and have a waiting list.

*Enrollment for the 2021-22 KCTC school year will begin in February.

KCTC Visit for Sophomores:

The entire sophomore class has a planned visit to the KCTC on Thursday, November 12. Students will have an opportunity to tour the building, participate in a career assessment, and explore their future interests. Keep an eye out for communication with more details to come!

Kent ISD Career Readiness Events:

The Kent ISD provides excellent career exploration opportunities for students (and parents). We strongly encourage students to take advantage of programs and opportunities listed [here](#).

AP EXAM DEADLINES: Last year the College Board introduced new deadlines for AP exam registration and students are now registered in the fall to take AP exams in the spring. At CCHS, we assume that all students currently enrolled or signed up to take AP courses will be taking the appropriate AP exam unless we hear otherwise. **Students/families have until October 15 to turn in an AP registration form and payment of \$95 per AP exam** to the office **OR** to notify Mr. Vander Wal that they do not plan to take the AP exam for an AP course in which they are enrolled. Students not enrolled in an AP course but still wishing to attempt an AP exam need to register and pay in the office by October 15. Late registration will incur a \$40 fee from the College Board.

During the month of October, the CCHS Counselors will be:

- Continuing to meet with 9th graders for Freshmen Meetings (Miss Karel)
- Helping freshmen to set up and link Khan Academy and College Board accounts
- Continuing appointments with seniors for their Senior Visits (Mr. Vander Wal – all seniors need to have their visit by Thanksgiving break at the latest)
- Facilitating the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 9 testing days (Mr. Vander Wal)



MUSIC NOTES

FUND RAISING DATES

ButterBraids & Fudge:

- Sales: October 2-20
- Pickup Date: Thursday, November 19

Wreaths:

- Sales: October 2-20
- Making wreaths: Tuesday, November 24 and Wednesday, November 25

INSTRUMENT RENTALS

Band Instrument Rental Contracts go out next week, and are due the end of October.

Rental prices are \$100/year for school-owned instruments.

Athletics



ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The next meeting of the Athletic Boosters is Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school Teachers' Lounge.

Calvinchristiansports.org

Visit our website to learn more about Squire Athletics. Make sure to sign up under the "GET ALERTS" tab to get updated information on the sports in which you have special interest. Check out the photos located in team pages.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you like athletics and want to support Calvin Christian athletes, consider joining our Athletic Boosters. We have many opportunities and varying levels of commitment. We are willing to get you involved with our group at whatever level you can give. Please consider. If you have questions, contact Tom Bouma, tbouma@gccsmi.org or Nate Dole, ndole@hotmail.com



KEY CARDS

Support your Athletic Boosters by purchasing a Key Card. This year they actually are just that – cards (no books).

There are two kinds of cards available:

- Car Care - \$10 each
- Restaurants - \$20 each

You can view the cards and/or order them online this year by [clicking here](#). The Key Cards are available in the GCCS Business Office or the CCHS Athletic Office. Questions can be directed to Keisha Houtsma at houtsma5@icloud.com.

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

MOMS-IN-PRAYER would love to have you join them for prayer on Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. This is open to all moms (and grandmothers). You may choose to come as many or as few times as your schedule permits. You're always welcome!



Meetings are held in the Prayer Room located in the high school. Questions may be directed to Amelia Broekhuis at ameliabroekhuis@hotmail.com.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER NEEDED

GCCS is looking for a bus driver to substitute and potentially have your own route in the future.

Contact Terri Postema at tpostema@gccsmi.org for more information.



PARENT ORGANIZATION



*"Truly
I tell you,
whatever you
did for one of
the least of these
brothers and
sisters of mine,
you did for me."*

Matthew 25:40(NIV)

We want to take a moment and recognize our essential faculty and the diligent work they have poured into our school community in order to make this a safe place for our children to learn! **THANK YOU**, it means the world to us! If you would like to show your admiration, please consider signing up for the GCCS Staff Appreciation Snack List in the following link: [GCCS Staff Appreciation Snack List Sign-up](#)

CCMS & CCHS Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 12, 14, and 16. Please join us in providing dinner for our wonderful staff who have some long days ahead. We have made the menu very accommodating. Items will need to be store-purchased and individually packaged. More details in the following Sign-Up Genius link: [Parent-Teacher Conferences Meal Sign-Up](#)



GRANDVILLE CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS NEWS



GCCS AUCTION

The upcoming 2021 auction will be online this school year! Stay tuned for more information coming soon! We hope to hold the auction from February 20 – February 27, 2021.

For more information about donating, sponsoring, or questions about the event, contact Joan Staal at 616-257-4215 or jstaal@gccsmi.org



Senior All-Nighter News

TO ALL PARENTS OF SENIORS

We will be emailing all of you a letter this week regarding the Senior All-Nighter on June 1, 2021 (following the graduation ceremony). We look forward to receiving everyone's responses and appreciate those early responses tremendously! If you accidentally delete the email or cannot find it for some reason, we will have hard copies in the CCHS office or you can email

CCHS.seniorallnighter@gmail.com and we will send it to you again. If you have general questions about the event or the letter, please contact the committee at the email listed. If you have any financial concerns, Eric Burgess, our Head of School, will be happy to work privately with you to ensure your graduate is able to attend this fun night.

We humbly continue to ask for donations of time and of items listed on SignUp Genius. Any items donated can be brought to school and labeled "Senior All-Nighter". Feel free to email any questions about the events/items on Sign-up Genius."

COVID-19 and now EEE are making our fundraising efforts more challenging. As a committee, we are trying to be as creative as possible. Thanks for your help and cooperation in making this a special event for our seniors!

-SAN 2021 Committee

POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL

We have been given approval to play the annual Powder Puff Game! We are excited to invite you to come on out and cheer on the Junior and Senior girls as they compete in this event! The **game will be held on Saturday, October 10, at 4:00 p.m. at Grandville Middle School's football field.** The gate will open at 3:30 p.m. Girls and Coaches need to sign up in the office, choose T-shirt size, and number on the back of their shirt and pay \$15.00.



Due to COVID-19, there will be spectator rules and limitations on the amount of spectators. We will keep you updated on these rules as they are communicated to us.

We are in need of several volunteers to help at the Powder Puff game this year. The start time for volunteers is 3:30 p.m. Please contact us at CCHS.seniorallnighter@gmail.com if you can help us out. Thanks!

Concessions will be open during the game and Football Kicks will happen at half-time.

The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Sorry, no passes will be accepted for this Senior All-Nighter Fundraiser. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

We're looking for sponsors for this event; please see the letter on the following page for more information.



Dear Potential Sponsor,

Our Grandville Calvin Christian Class of 2021 would like to offer a sponsorship opportunity to assist our class for their Senior All-Nighter. The money raised helps with year-long events as well as their senior party at the end of the year.

We have 2 senior events which need sponsors:

Powder Puff Football Game
&
Hitmen Volleyball Game

Sponsors will get the following advertising at both events:

- Your logo/company listed in the program at each event
- Your logo listed on advertising for the event, including Facebook and GCCS website
- Your company announced at the sporting events

If you would like to show your support and become a sponsor for the Senior All-Nighter and these great events, please send in your donation amount to Calvin Christian.

Calvin Christian High School
Senior All-Nighter (Game sponsorship)
3750 Ivanrest Ave SW
Grandville MI 49418

Thanks for considering supporting this great class of 2021!

If you have any questions about sponsoring or if you need to submit your logos/advertising, please direct them to: dawnlubben@gmail.com

The Yearbook needs more ads!

This is your chance to place an ad in one of the premiere **full color** yearbooks in the area. Placing an ad is not only beneficial to your business, it also helps keep the price of the book low so that it can be affordable for all students and families who would like to have wonderful memories to enjoy for years to come.

Purchasing ad space is quick and easy. Just complete the order form at the bottom of the page, and send it and your correctly-sized ad to: **Shadow Staff, Calvin Christian High School, 3750 Ivanrest Avenue SW, Grandville, MI 49418**. If you would prefer, you may also send the information listed below and your ad in **PDF** format via email to yearbook@gccsmi.org. If you placed an ad in last year's yearbook (for which we send a huge "Thank You" to those who did), we can use that same ad – just circle that choice on the bottom of the sheet.

Please send in your order as soon as possible. **The ad deadline is Friday, December 4, 2020**, but the sooner you get it in, the better. If you have any questions and would like to talk to one of us, please leave a message at 538-0990, ext. 277 or send us an email at yearbook@gccsmi.org.

Thank you very much!

Shadow Editors

Please circle the size you wish to order.

1/8 page (2 x 4 1/8) \$100

1/2 page (7 7/8 x 4 1/8) \$150

1/4 page (3 3/4 x 4 1/8) \$125

Full page (7 7/8 x 8 3/8) \$300

Name of Company

Contact Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone

Contact Name's Email (for confirmation)

Please circle:

Method of Payment: Cash Check

Ad: Same as last year Ad included Ad emailed

Student contact: _____