

# Calvin Christian Middle School

**Serving. Together.**

## **CCMS WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1/27/22**

### **Verse of the Week:**

"An honest witness tells the truth, but a false witness tells lies."  
Proverbs 12:17

### **Our Essential 10 Focus:**

Be Honest, always.

Every Tuesday around 9:30 am, our middle school students have the opportunity to gather together in the Learning Commons for chapel. Having the chance to worship our risen Savior and learn from Scripture together is a highlight of my week. Each week I leave this space challenged and ready to apply what was taught that morning to my own life.

This past week, Mrs. Schutte challenged us with the idea of unanswered questions by sharing an experience from her own life where she had many questions for God but few answers. Haven't we all experienced this in our own lives? Those times where we don't understand why something is happening, only having to trust in God's plan for our lives. We are not alone in this as the Bible has many instances of God's people feeling like they have no answers for their own situations.

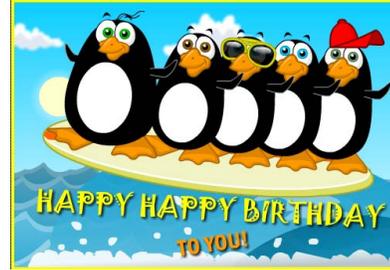
When I talk with students about what is happening in their lives, the unanswered questions come out- a death in the family, a medical diagnosis, difficult family situations. They get frustrated when they don't have answers for their many questions. Mrs. Schutte taught us that over time, she's been able to see how God put in place little things during that time of her life to help her walk through a difficult season. As adults, we can use our own experiences and the wisdom given to us by God to help students realize that God is still at work in their lives, even when we might not think He is. We might not always have the answers, but we can listen and encourage. And sometimes, that's all our students need.

In Christ,

Jason

**Happy Birthday!**

Mr. Van Haitsma 1/29  
Alexander Leatherman 1/30  
Easton Maas 2/1  
Landon Lachniet 2/3



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### State Honors Choir

**Congratulations** to the following students who participated in the All-State Choir performance at DeVos Performance Hall today. They have put in a lot of hard work. This is such an honor!



Derek Behmlander (7)  
Lillian Campbell (7)  
Hannah Meengs (8)  
Zoe Stek (8)

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### Reminders from the Office

If students need to call home for non-illness issues, it is preferable that happens during breaks and not during class time.

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### Online Learning Reminders

Please be mindful of the parameters around online learning. This specific learning is for the following situations:

1. The student tests positive for Covid.
2. The student must be quarantined per the health dept. guidelines.
3. All other students will be considered on a case by case basis and arrangements must be made with the office/Mr. Folkert by the parent and student.

Also please be gracious with our teachers and give them 24 hours from the time of notification. Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate this year!

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### Students:

A word about the pop machine and vending machine: these machines are designed to only receive actual dollars. PLEASE do not put anything in these machines except real money. It is frustrating for everyone when the machines don't work!

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### Reminder About Attending High School Basketball Games

It's great that so many middle school students are attending the basketball games this year! **Please remember that you are to stay in the gym during the game.** Go Squires!

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### 8th Grade Parents

Thursday, February 3rd will be Calvin Christian High School's **Future Squires 8th Grade Scheduling Night**. This will be a "parents only" evening where you will learn about how to schedule your 8th grader for their classes at CCHS, the

course sequences for each subject area, graduation requirements, a clear vision of all the opportunities which await your future Squire, and an opportunity to ask questions. We will meet during the school day with 8th graders, so they have all the same information.

**This is a very important night for Calvin Christian High School and future Squires**, so we hope each family can send at least one parent representative. Please RSVP for the Future Squires Scheduling night, so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to our future families joining us at 7 pm on Thursday, February 3rd, in the CCHS Learning Commons.

### RSVP for Future Squire Night

#### Fri-Yay!

Chips and Pop TOMORROW. Bring your \$1!

**8th Grade Parents:** The middle-schoolers love our Fri-yay treats, but this fundraiser can't continue without your help! Please sign up if you can contribute pop or chips, or help serve on Friday mornings.

### Fri-Yay Sign Ups

#### Strong Girls

Strong Girls meets every Monday and Wednesday from 2:30pm - 3:05pm in the MS gym. See the attached flyer!  
*NO Strong girls on February 2.*

### Strong Girls

### 2022-2023 Enrollment: Childcare, Preschool, Junior Kindergarten & Kindergarten

If you are a current family and still need to enroll, please do so soon in order to be guaranteed the care and class selection that you desire for the 2022-2023 school year. Enrollment is now open to the general public and classes fill quickly!

\*\*Please note: Childcare enrollment is for any child entering Preschool-5th grade. Since this is a new process this year, be sure to review the instructions carefully.

How to enroll? Please use the button below and contact GCS Enrollment Coordinator, Erin Nichols with any questions.

[Enroll Here](#)

[Email Erin Nichols](#)

**2022-2023 Tuition Assistance Applications**

Applications for tuition assistance (for K-12th grade students) are available now through FACTS online. Please log on to your FACTS account and select Grant & Aid for the 2022-2023 school year to apply. If you do not have an active FACTS account, you can create a new account and begin your application via the link below.

**Applications are due by February 28th** and tuition assistance award notifications will be communicated in late April. Please submit your application, even if you are still waiting on tax documents.

## Tuition Assistance

### Girls on the Run

**We are looking for coaches for the elementary school girls on the run program!**

This is eight weeks of lessons and activities that build self-esteem, confidence, and become a supportive team for each other. Together, they create and complete a community service project, along with training to complete their Celebration 5K together on May 21 at Calder Plaza. Practices will be for 90 minutes after school at the elementary on Mondays (pickup at 5pm) and Wednesdays (pickup at 4:15pm) starting on March 14.

The more coaches we have, the more girls can participate! Dads can coach too! A commitment to both days is helpful, but one day per week is great too! Please contact Mary Reif if you'd like to coach or have questions 616-745-6808.

## Contact Mary Reif

### Open Gym

1/28 7th AM break

1/31 6th grade Lunch break

### Intramurals

2/1 Both brackets: Team 1 v. Team 2

2/3 Both brackets: Team 3 v. Team 4

2/4 Both brackets: Team 5 v. Team 6

### Middle School Sports

All games are at 4:00pm unless otherwise noted.

[Directions to other schools](#)

[Link to sports schedules](#) (this will be updated as we are given the information)

*Subject to change due to gym availability, weather, etc.*

### 8th grade Girls Basketball

1/27 NorthPointe Chr, Home

2/1 Byron Center Chr, Home

2/3 @ Moline Chr, Away

## 7th grade Girls Basketball

1/31 @ Hudsonville Chr

2/2 Practice 3-4:30

2/3 Jenison Chr, Home

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### CALENDAR

2/3 - Future Squires Night (8th grade parents)

2/11 All School Chapel

2/16 Band Night Concert **(Moved to March 10)**

2/18, 2/21 No School, Mid-winter break

2/23 Orchestra Night Concert

2/24 and 2/25 NO GPS PM busing

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### Requested Announcements:

#### WEST WING WEDNESDAYS:

**Feb 2** from 2:45-4:00pm. Come to the West Wing at Ivanrest CRC with your friends, play games, eat some snacks, or just hang out. This will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the future. See you there.

#### Protect Young Eyes Presentation:

Ivanrest Church is hosting a series of presentations by Protect Young Eyes this school year and would love to have the families of GCCS aware of the opportunity.

Topics include:

- February 10 - Mental Health, Tech & Our Kids
- March 10 - Pornography Harms & Hopes

Each presentation will begin at 7:00pm and is offered at no cost to attendees. We do ask anyone who plans to attend to register so we can appropriately plan.

### Protect Young Eyes

#### Grandville Little League

Sign up now for next spring! GLL offers softball and baseball for ages 4-15 and also offers the only Challengers program in Kent County for individuals with disabilities. (Ages 6- no max age)

[GLL Info](#)

[GLL website](#)

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