



COUGAR NEWS

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Many Blessings!

December/January 2011-12



This is my favorite time of the year! In addition to the beautiful landscape colors, I especially enjoy the season of Thanksgiving. May the spirit of gratitude continue in our hearts as we anticipate the coming of the Christmas season – and especially giving thanks to God for his unspeakable Gift – His Son, our Savior.

Cathy White

Annual Fund

We have just launched CCA's third ANNUAL FUND Campaign. The Annual Fund is a fund-raising effort to help balance the CCA budget. For decades, we've kept tuition increases modest while our operating costs have risen steadily, leaving a growing gap in our budget. Over the years, we've introduced various fund-raising programs to help fill this gap. Recently, however, the array of fund-raising programs conducted each year has become too great a

burden on our faculty, staff and volunteers. Thus, the Annual Fund was established as CCA's core fund-raising program. Your gift to the Annual Fund will help Calvary Christian Academy provide excellence in Christian education while keeping tuition affordable. Prayerfully consider adding CCA to your Christmas Gift list – a continue making a difference in the lives of these young people!



HOMECOMING

HOMECOMING 2012 is just around the corner! It begins with SPIRIT WEEK on Monday, January 23, and runs through Saturday, January 28, ending with our annual Homecoming Banquet for our senior high students that evening. This week is PACKED with activities, special "dress up" days, and class competitions for each day (along with a *bit* of academic work!) for all our students.

Homecoming games will take place on Friday evening with our teams playing against Baptist Park. The homecoming court will also be presented that Friday evening along with the announcement of CCA's 2012 Homecoming Queen and King. This evening is a great time of family fun and excitement for ALL at CCA!



IN THE NEWS

Honor Society

CCA's chapter of the Michigan Association Christian Honor Society will be inducting new members at the conclusion of our first semester in January. Its purpose is to create an enthusiasm for Christian scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render Christian service, to promote Christian leadership, and to develop Christian character in the students of CCA. Membership shall be open to current students in the tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grades who meet the specific requirements as stated in our chapter's constitution. We will present the information to our high school students in the next few weeks so those who are interested may begin the process of application.

Our Honor Society members just finished "wrapping up" our annual fund-raising event for charity. This year, **Operation Christmas Child**, a program of **Samaritan's Purse** was our designated recipient. Through your generous support and participation, CCA was able to pack and send over 66 Christmas Shoe Boxes to needy children around the world. Included along with children's toys and personal items in each Christmas Shoe Box is a clear presentation of the gospel and opportunity for individual Bible study and discipleship. Thank you, too, to our Honor Society group for donating over \$460, from their proceeds of daily snack sales throughout the year, to ship these boxes around the world.

SOPHOMORES

Mr. Drake from **Jostens** will be returning to CCA shortly before Christmas break begins to finalize **class ring** transactions. Please be ready to pay your balance due in order to receive your rings.

Citrus fruit from our recent SENIOR FRUIT SALE should be arriving sometime during the week of December 5 and the seniors are *eager* to make their deliveries. If you missed out on placing your order this year, it may not be too late. We have a limited number of "extras" that we ordered. So call the office right away to reserve a box of navel oranges, juice oranges, tangelos, grapefruit, or mixed fruit (navel oranges and grapefruit).



Honors

Each school year CCA has the privilege of participating with the **Daughters of the American Revolution National Society** in recognizing an outstanding senior student who demonstrates the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in school as well as in their community and church. This year our DAR Good Citizen representative is **Mr. Matthew Sanders**.



Matthew was also recognized, recently, as Calvary's representative for the **Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship program**. Matthew received this recognition as well due to his commitment to community service, academics, and demonstrated leadership. Matthew's personal example and demonstrated leadership in many areas of CCA are noted and greatly appreciated by both the staff and student body.

Athletic Honors

Congratulations to the following athletes upon being selected to the MIAC league's First and Second teams representing the fall athletic season:



Volleyball first team

Liz Caudill

Volleyball second team

Emily Getchell

Soccer first team

Johnny Bryant & James Bergler

Soccer second team

Matthew Sanders & Blake Garner

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- ◆ There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- ◆ Progress Reports will be coming home on Monday, December 12.
- ◆ Christmas Vacation will begin at 11:30 on Thursday, December 22. Classes will resume again on Monday, January 9.
- ◆ Report Cards for semester one will be sent home with students on Monday, January 23.

SNOW DAY



Be aware that in the event of inclement weather, causing a need to cancel school, you will be notified by way of media broadcasts. The following radio stations will be notified: WJR (760 AM), WWJ (950 AM), or you can check the following television stations: WJBK/FOX2, WXYZ, WWJTV, WDIV. In addition, you can log on to our website (www.ccacougars.org) to get the latest update!

EXAM WEEK

The conclusion of the first semester will be upon us before you know it. Semester exams for students in grades 7 – 12 will begin on Tuesday, January 17, and run through Thursday, January 19. Each exam counts as one-fourth of the student's semester grade (the equivalent of one full marking period). Please remember that there will be no pre-excused absences given on these exam days. The exam schedule for each class will be posted before Christmas break and individual copies will be made available for each student's convenience.

- ◆ Seniors that have maintained an "A" average and have not exceeded the maximum allowed absences may be exempt from taking their exam in each class where they meet these stipulations. A list of those qualifying seniors will be posted on Friday, January 13.
- ◆ In case we have bad weather conditions and school is closed for the day, the exam schedule will be moved back one day. Each student is encouraged to take necessary steps to be well prepared in case of such an event.
- ◆ ALL STUDENTS (K-12) will be dismissed at 1:00 on each of these exam days (Tues – Thurs). There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, January 20. This is a teacher WORK DAY for the staff and also marks the end of the first full semester of school.

Christmas Celebrations

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS are right around the corner! Our final day before Christmas break begins is Thursday, December 22. Among the activities being planned for the elementary students will be a *Christmas Around the World* "taste fest" (more information will be coming home). The secondary students' will spend the morning at the Artic Edge for their annual "Skate Day". The cost will be \$7/per secondary student.



ENTITLES BEARER TO:

ONE FREE POPCORN

AT ANY HOME GAME

SPORTS' CORNER

ALUMNI GAMES

Our annual ALUMNI BASKETBALL and VOLLEYBALL games are scheduled for Thursday, December 22. FREE ADMISSION for this evening's event. The girls' game will begin at 6:00 and the guys' game is scheduled to begin at 8:00. This is a great time to connect with *many* students and families from the past. Be sure to join us for a great evening of fun and fellowship.

Our boys' Middle School basketball team (grades 5 – 7) will begin practice on Monday, December 5.

FREE HOT DOG NIGHT!!!

Tuesday, December 20 at CCA's games.
FREE HOT DOG with a PAID admission that night! (while supplies last!)

JUNIOR HOOPSTERS is right around the corner – Registration will take place on Saturday, December 10, and January 7, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. In our gymnasium. The program will officially be underway beginning Saturday January 14 (8 am – 5:00 pm) and run through Saturday, March 17. This is open to 3rd – 6th graders (boys and girls). Come and bring a friend! Call Mr. Ed Warren if you have questions (734-787-6319).

Game and practice schedules can change frequently, so be sure to check our website regularly for game schedule updates! www.ccacougars.org



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