



Calvary Christian School

# Newsletter

Prepare, Train, Equip for Every Good Work

## Changes for 2010-2011

### School Events

- New Family Orientation, July 22 6p.m.
- Teachers Return to School, August 2
- Follow Up Meeting- Parenting is a Ministry, August 4
- Back to School Night, August 5 6 - 8 p.m.
- First Day of School, August 9 8:30 a.m.
- Early Release August 27 11:30 am

The summer break allows the administration and staff to evaluate school improvements needed around campus, with academics and with parent involvement. We are excited about the “changes” occurring for the 2010-2011 school year.

In response to the spring parent surveys, we will be implementing additional technology in the grade school classrooms. CCS received technology donations from AZ Strut, a non-profit agency, in Mesa. Each teacher will receive a projector to display visual learning activities through their laptops. We are also on the waiting list to receive laptops for the classroom. Our computer lab will also receive updated computers. The school’s wireless modem will be upgraded for teachers to access computers from individual classrooms.

Calvary Chapel of Queen Creek donated a Mimio, an interactive teaching tool for the teachers. We will consider our school fundraising events to purchase a Mimio for each classroom

Thank you to our church members for volunteering to update our computer lab and technology in the school. *(cont. page 2)*



### Congratulations

Mrs. Loggins received her Teaching Certificate for completion of all coursework and internships in the area of Christian Education from Calvary Chapel University.

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## Informational Nights

### Thursday, July 22

New Family Orientation

6—7 p.m.

All New Families Required to Attend

### Thursday, August 5

Back To School Night

PreKindergarten families in Mrs. Chapman’s class are requested to come at the following times:

6:00-6:30 MWF Class

6:30 - 7:00 Tue./Thurs. Class.

Grade School Families stop in anytime between 6-8 p.m.

Meet the teachers, review curriculum, talk to Harry Miller from TOPS, sign up for Lunch Program, get information from the new PTF.

Refreshments will be served!

## Curriculum Changes

Why make changes to curriculum? We do not take changing curriculum lightly for several reasons.

First, the initial cost of changing curriculum is expensive. Overall, curriculum expenses increase about 10% each year. Second, we evaluate curriculum based on the teacher resources available.

Does the curriculum allow for differentiated instruction?

Teaching to students of all ability levels. Third, based on SAT-

10 results an area of improvement needed for all grade levels included critical thinking skills.

The following curriculum changes have been implemented for second through fifth grade students:

ACSI-Bible, Science, Spelling, Math(2nd & 3rd)

Bob Jones University Press- Language Arts, Writing and Grammar, History

Saxon-Math for 4th & 5th Grade. (students work one grade level above)

Changes to the first grade curriculum will occur next year.

Kindergarten curriculum will remain the same as last year. The current reading curriculum, Abeka, will be replaced with BJUP next year for all grade levels.

View curriculum at Back to School Night!



Mimio Interactive Learning Tool- Visit: [www.mimio.com](http://www.mimio.com) for more details

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*“Studying God as the Source and Strength of character has, as always, been life changing.”*  
Jan Black

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## Enrichment Classes

Changes will also occur in our afternoon enrichment classes. The teachers will be teaching Christian character development using *ACSI's Character Foundation Series*. Grades 1-5 will study the same core trait to unify character development in the school. Kindergarten students will study one trait per month.

Computer and Music classes will be offered during the week. Visits to the School Library will be once a week as well. Mrs. Amanda Johnson will continue to teach PE classes on Tuesday and Friday mornings. At this time, we will not offer Spanish this year. Band will continued to be offered on Monday and Wednesday afternoons by Newsom Music.

As you can see, the enrichment classes will now be taught by the teachers. If you have a gift for technology, art, or music please stop by the office for volunteer information. Enrichment classes taught by volunteers will allow teachers “prep” time in the afternoon. Earn service point hours for next year’s registration fee by teaching an enrichment class.

## Parent-Teacher Fellowship

Ken and Kimberly Key will be overseeing the new PTF. They have been working hard over the summer in establishing a proposal and purpose for PTF. One proposal is for parents to earn “Service Points” to be redeemed at the end of the school year for discounts on the following years registration. Volunteer hours can be earned in several ways: Room Mom, Fundraisers, Special Programs, Recess Monitor, Library Assistant, Lunchroom Monitor, Cleaning the School, etc.

Come to the Back to School Night and hear how the PTF can make education a family supported experience. CCS is thankful for the continued support of parents through prayer, volunteers, and donations.

Interested in serving on the School Board, submit a resume, and your personal testimony to the school office. First requirement is to be a prayer warrior for the school!



Preschool Students Washing Mrs. Udell's Feet.

## Tuition Incentive

Calvary Christian School is implementing a tuition incentive program that will decrease tuition for families in First - Sixth Grade based on the number of students enrolled in the class.

When a first- sixth grade class has over 10 students, the tuition for that specific class will be discounted for each family in that class.

The discount is outlined as follows:

<u>Students</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
11	\$3745
12	\$3433
13	\$3169
14	\$2942

Tuition will remain at \$4120 for class sizes with 10 or fewer students.

Word of mouth continues to be our best advertisement.

We desire to fill each class and increase enrollment at each grade level.

We will continue to conduct the fall and spring fundraising events to cover the remaining 20% of our school budget.



## Parenting is a Ministry

Congratulations to those who completed the 10-week parenting series. The response has been very positive. We learned that God's Word is a complete manual for raising children. We witnessed how God's Word brings direction and understanding to both parents and their children.

A follow-up meeting will be

held August 4 for everyone who attended.

### **God's Purposes for Parents** *Our Transformation*

- Perfect & Process
- Our children are God's fingers to reshape us.
- God has a purpose for us in the trials we face.

### *God's Glorification* *To Love our Children*

- Our children's value is based upon God's Word.  
*To Train our Children*
- Bring them up to raise them to maturity, to train and educate.

"But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him."  
I John 2:15

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*"Parents are ministers over their children."*

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## Welcome Ms. VanWig

Ms. Wendy VanWig will be teaching the 2nd/3rd Grade class this year. Parents and students in 2nd and 3rd grade are welcomed to meet her on July 22 during New Family Orientation at 6:00p.m.

Ms. VanWig received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Arizona State University. She has a Arizona teaching certificate, Early Education and SEI endorsements. Ms. VanWig previous taught in the Higley school district for

four years and Christian pre-school for four years.

Ms. VanWig is the mother of three children and attends Real Life Christian Church in Gilbert.

She is very excited to be teaching at CCS.



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### ***Our Vision***

*Prepare, Train, Equip for Every Good Work*

### ***Our Mission Statement***

*Preparing children to know and follow Jesus Christ ( 2 Peter 3:18)*

*By training and equipping them for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:17)*

*“but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18*

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

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## **Fundraising Volunteers Needed**

Mrs. Nelson has already started the process for the Fall fundraising event. Volunteers are needed to be on the committee to help with planning and overseeing.

We also need volunteers for BoxTops, Campbell Soup Labels, Scholastic Book Fair and Scrip Cards.

Although we have used Scrip in the past, we have not used it to reduce tuition fees.

What is Scrip?

Scrip is “substitute money.” Scrip can be used to purchase anything from groceries, fuel, clothing, toys and cosmetics to entertainment, electronics, home improvement or household service.

How Does it Work?

Purchase the scrip cards online or through

CCS at face value. CCS will apply the difference between the discounted price and face value to your tuition fees. Family members and friends can purchase scrip cards through you to reduce your tuition even more.

Scrip cards purchased from the school without a designated family name will have the donations disbursed in the school's general fund.

CCS will need a volunteer to organize the Scrip program. Responsibilities to include placing orders from church members and CCS families, disbursement of cards, and collecting the necessary funds for scrip cards.

Contact Mrs. Nelson for more information.

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### ***Volunteer Mission Statement***

***“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve. . .” Mark 10:45***

