

THE CALVARY LIGHT

CALVARY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter

August 2011

Current News!

Identity

This past year, the board received a report from a group of parents who were charged with investigating the school's identity. They reported to the board in December 2010. As a direct result of that report, the board held a called meeting to revisit the mission of the school. We looked at the Episcopal nature of schools, Calvary's particular identity in this community, the baptismal vows in the Book of Common Prayer, and the former mission statement.

Mission Statement

After much in-depth discussion, the mission statement of Calvary

Episcopal School was changed to read, "Calvary Episcopal School fosters the development of the whole child in a Christian environment, models respect for others, and encourages a love of learning through a sense of joy and wonder in all God's works."

Other Identity Elements

The emblem of the school will be "The Calvary Light".

Our colors are Navy blue, white, silver/gray.

The motto is "Terras Irradiant" – 'Let them give light to the world'.

This is based on the guiding scripture – Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city

on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven".

Thank you to this committee for your time and "soul-searching" endeavors to create an environment in which the children of Calvary will continue to flourish.

Reminders:

- Meet the teacher August 21st, 3PM-5PM (Come & Go)
- Tuition Due August 22nd

Meet the Board

I began serving on the board in the fall of 2003. I've seen so many changes at Calvary, not only in our name but our size and shape and mission. It has been a joy to watch our school unfold and grow. When I started, we had 2 year olds through pre-K. Then in 2007, on a leap of faith, we added Kindergarten, beginning with just 5 students. The next year we had 9 students and then, in 2009 we had 16 children! That was the beginning of First

Grade and now—here we are with second grade and a wait pool for Kindergarten! We've been accredited by the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES) and have just completed our 3-year review.

Thank you to the parents who have entrusted your children to us; we are grateful for each and every member of our Calvary Episcopal School family. Thank you to the teachers for their dedi-

cation and hard work, not only in preparation for the first day of school but in continued commitment to providing a joyful and edifying learning environment. Thank you to Calvary Episcopal Church for supporting and housing our wonderful school. There would be no school without the church. We are truly blessed!

Sincerely,

Catherine Casey
Board of Trustees

Important Dates:

Staff Development

Aug 15—Aug 19

Meet the Teacher

Aug 21 (3-5PM)

First Day of School (PK-2nd)

Aug 22

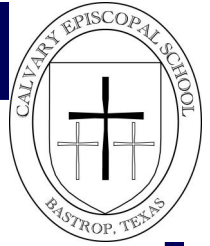
First Day of School (3's)

Aug 24

Ways to Serve:

- Missed the Work Day? Do not let that stop you! Ms. Glennie always has a list of things inside and out that can be done. Call or stop by the office for details.
- Join Calvary Association of Parents (CAP) as they kick off another exciting year and planning for the Fall Festival

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Welcome to all of the new families and faculty that are joining Calvary this year. Calvary Episcopal School's Board of Trustees is entrusted with the responsibility of operating the non-profit corporation of Calvary Episcopal School. We divide the duties of management with the Head of School, our sole employee. The Head of School is responsible for the daily operation of the school, including employing faculty and staff, developing curriculum, and enacting rules of conduct and discipline. The board manages the assets and finances of the school, undertakes expansion projects, and oversees the physical plant. The board oversees and supports the school's fund raising activities. We look forward to meeting all of you.