

THE CALVARY LIGHT

CALVARY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter

September 2011

Current News!

By Lisa Chavez, Vice President
Board of Trustees

As I sat down to write today, I pictured many of you and your children. I thought about the "circle of strength" that our Calvary Episcopal School family is. I thought of the many ways I have seen us stand together after the fire and help one another. I thought about the children's bright smiles and happiness to be back at school.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your strength, character, and generosity to your friends and neighbors, and to this community. You have forever touched my heart. Although this firestorm was a tragic natural

disaster, its destruction is not the indelible image in my memory. The image I will hold is that of a community standing together, knowing that even in a terrible tragedy they are in God's hands.

As we individually rebuild and move forward, please know the Board of Trustees of CES has renewed their commitment to continue to grow the school. There is so much work to be done. The commitment to continue to add grades will require us each to play a part. I know that we can do it! From a logistical standpoint, the Vestry of Calvary Episcopal Church, the City of Bastrop, and the Growth and

Expansion Committee continue to work together to advance the school. In August a presentation was made to the Vestry that was well-received. It resulted in a positive vote to use a portable building on our campus to facilitate the addition of grades three and four, and formal affirmation by the Church for the school to continue through grade four.

Reminders:

- *If you were impacted by the fires, Calvary wants to help. If there is anyway we can ease your burden, please let us know!*

About the Board

Hello everyone. For those of you I have not had the opportunity to meet yet, I am a native Bastropian, and my children are fifth generation in our family to attend Calvary Episcopal Church.

I am mostly my kids' mom. Camilo and I have three children:

Luke (2), Christian (6, First grader), and Mia (8, attending third grade at Emile Elementary). In my spare time, I work for a firm in downtown Austin specializing in wealth management as a tax advisor.

I have served on the Board since

fall of 2008. I feel so blessed to be part of CES, especially in such a pivotal time of growth. Thank you for being a member of this "family!"

Sincerely,
Lisa Chavez
Vice-President,

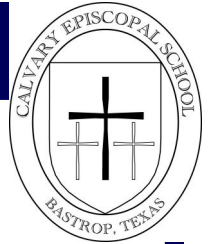
Important Dates:

CAP Meeting	September 22
Dad's Breakfast	September 28
Fall Festival	October 23

Ways to Serve:

- Please join CAP if you have not done so. It's a great way to meet other parents and to support your teachers and children.
- Watch for volunteer opportunities for the upcoming Fall Festival. It's one of the most fun weekends of our school year. Don't miss it!
- Please continue to reach out to your neighbors and friends as we rebuild and recover. Let's shine His light!

"Let them give light to the world"



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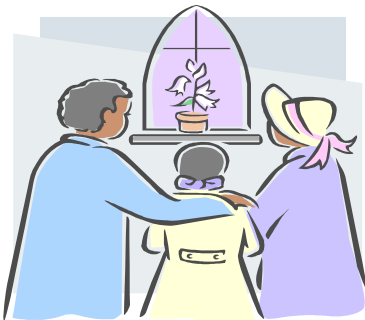
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"Calvary Episcopal School fosters the development of the whole child in a Christian environment, models respect for others, and encourages a love of learning through a sense of joy and wonder in all God's works."

"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" Matthew 5:14-16

CAP Corner



By Wray Rivera, CAP President

Hello Everyone!

I know the last couple of weeks has been tough and still tough for a lot of people moving forward. So many families and friends have either been affected or displaced by the fire. Others are

working diligently and selflessly volunteering to help this community rebuild.

I would like to personally invite you to our bi-monthly CAP meetings. It is the third Thursday of every month at 5:30pm in the First Grade classroom. Our first meeting will be in September. We will be discussing the Fall Festival, the school's first major event.

This year's Fall Festival will be a little different because we will not focus on fundraising but rather on our school community. We want to get together and just have a fun day with family and friends and let the kids play and laugh.

Fall Festival will be Sunday October 23rd from 12:30 to 3:30pm. The event will including food and activities will be by donation only. We will have silent auction items and bake sale goods if you wish to purchase anything. More details to come soon.

Thank you again for helping this community and being a part of our school. I hope to see you all at the next CAP meetings.

Next CAP Meetings:

September 22
November 17
February 16
May 17