

**Calvary Christian School opened its doors for
ministry in September of 1993.
The 2008 - 2009 school year will mark our 16th year of
Ministry in Christian Education.**

**As you read and pray about the contents of the
Calvary Christian School Parent/Student Handbook,
please understand that the contents are exceedingly important.**

**Our purpose and our practice
are set before you in order to secure your
agreement as we set ourselves to the awesome task of
bringing up children in the nurture of the Lord.
The beliefs, values, and practices of home and school must be congruent.
This official handbook is the basis of understanding
between home and school.**

**It is our vision that your children will acquire
wisdom, knowledge, and a Biblical worldview as evidenced by
a lifestyle of character, leadership, service, stewardship, and worship.**

**Committed to “Educating for Eternity”,
CCS provides a strong, Bible-based education program.
CCS realizes that this generation of Christian parents face
an age-old challenge, summarized by the following two questions:**

“Will our sons and daughters put their faith in Christ?”

OR

**“Will they be a generation that blends invisibly into a world
that considers the Bible irrelevant?”**

**Calvary Christian School stands
without apology for the authority of
the Word of God.**

Calvary Christian School Vision Statement

Calvary Christian School (CCS) is an independent school established to cultivate the covenant relationship between God and the Christian family through education from a Biblical worldview, emphasizing high academic standards, honor, integrity, servanthood, and accountability.

CALVARY means that God has created us for Himself, through His sacrifice, and has made a way for us to live in intimate relationship with Him by grace under His sovereign rule and dwell with Him forever in eternity. As a part of that personal relationship, God has delegated the responsibility for the education of children to their parents. Consequently, Calvary Christian School strives to support parental authority as a servant of the family. Calvary Christian School is thus a discipling and educational service to families, providing them with a strong, Bible-based curriculum.

CHRISTIAN means that Calvary Christian School intentionally teaches a Christian way of looking at life – personal, church, and public – that is based on Bible truth. Our Christian faith implies that we look to Scripture alone as the rule of life and faith. We seek to demonstrate a biblical model of Christian life and love through our faculty and staff. Ultimately, we desire that each student discover and deepen his dependency on God the Father through His son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SCHOOL means that Calvary Christian School advocates a Biblical worldview through education. This philosophy of education emphasizes the thinking skills and character development necessary to shape young men and women into lifelong learners. CCS encourages every student to develop a contagious love for learning by providing an orderly atmosphere conducive to developing the mind, body, and spirit.

ADMISSION POLICY

Calvary Christian School will admit all prospective students of both sexes regardless of race, creed, color or national origin, until the enrollment limit (for the facility or class size) has been reached, provided, in the opinion of the school,

- 1.) The student may profit from the program of studies and activities planned by the school, and**
- 2.) The student is able to function appropriately (academically and behaviorally) within the school environment.**

**NOTE: CCS, at this time, can not provide any special education programs of any kind,
and therefore cannot accept students requiring these services.**

Calvary Christian School is not in the business of rehabilitation of children who have experienced problems in the school setting. We are about helping to build a strong academic and spiritual foundation which has previously been encouraged and modeled in the home.

ENROLLMENT POLICY

Application forms are to be filled out completely by a parent or guardian and turned into the office with the Registration Fee, which is non-refundable. Upon acceptance into the school, all applicants will need to complete, and have on file in the office a copy of the following:

- **Application form**
- **Copy of birth certificate**
- **Copy of Social Security card**
- **Immunization certificate (Up to date!)**
- **Student records from previous school or home school
(No child will be allowed to attend class until permanent records from previous school are in the office.)**
- **Parent-Student agreement form**
- **Field trip consent form**
- **Field trip policy form**
- **Emergency medical form**
- **Current eye exam form (upon entering school)**
- **Medical examination (upon entering school, and entering 6th grade)**
- **FACTS Tuition Management form**

NOTE: Falsification of any enrollment information will be grounds for immediate dismissal.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TUITION POLICY

Tuition payments may be made two different ways:

- 1. Payment in full by August 1 of the coming school year. With this payment plan, you get a 5% discount on the amount (this discount does not include books, registration fee, testing fee, or any other enrollment fees.**
- 2. Twelve monthly payments, beginning on July 1 and ending June 1.**

CCS uses the FACTS Tuition Management Program for collection of all tuition. Upon being accepted into the program, you will be asked to complete a form to be sent to the company. More information about the FACTS program is available in your orientation packets.

Should payments become as much as two (2) months delinquent, the parents may be asked to withdraw the student(s).

Should a problem arise concerning the payment of tuition, parents are asked to notify the school office to work out a suitable arrangement.

All tuition payments and fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE and **NON-TRANSFERABLE**, but in case of annual payment, if the child is withdrawn, tuition will be pro-rated. Any use of a day in the month will be counted as using an entire month and charged accordingly. Tuition must be current by the end of each semester/quarter, report cards will not be released. Student may be prohibited from attending next quarter until tuition and other school obligations are met.**

In the event you choose to remove your child from Calvary, all fees must be paid in full before the release of report cards or academic records. Please check with the office for fees owed in the event your child is withdrawn.

IMPORTANT: Tuition is not simply paid every month your child is in school. It is the amount of educating your child for one year, divided into 12 monthly payments instead of 10. This keeps the payments affordable.

OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Calvary Christian School assumes no responsibility for monies, such as lunch money, fundraiser money, etc. sent to the school in care of children.

There will be a \$30.00 service charge on all checks returned by the bank.

Any balance at the end of the academic year due to late payments, NSF checks, etc. must be paid in full by the last day of school, or report cards/records will not be released.

Multiple-student families must have every account settled to ensure consideration for all their students for the following year.

Report cards and student transcripts will not be released until all accounts are settled.

If a family has any outstanding balances at another private school, the student will not be admitted to Calvary Christian School. Confirmation of debt resolution will be required from the previous school's administrator before admission to Calvary Christian School is granted.

ATTENDANCE

In order for children to gain the most in school, they must be regular in attendance. It is the responsibility of the student and the parent to create the habit of being punctual and regular in attendance. All students are expected to attend school every day and be on time. This is consistent with our philosophy of education: a complete education which includes training in individual responsibility, dependability, and punctuality. The school believes that faithful attendance is necessary to achieve maximum benefits.

Remember:

- Excessive absences (excused or unexcused) could place **promotion or re-enrollment** in jeopardy. (Ten or more absences in an academic semester is considered excessive.)
- If a student is absent more than **20 days** of school (**excused or unexcused** and **includes** tardy's that have been transferred into days absent.):
 1. he may not be promoted to the next grade level,
 2. he will be denied the credit for the class(es) missed,
 3. he will be ineligible to re-enroll. The parent may be asked to withdraw the student from the school.
- In cases of extended illness or injury, a parent will be required to submit a written statement from a doctor indicating dates and reasons for students inability to attend classes.
- If a student is to be taken out of class during the school day, on the morning of that day, he must bring a ***note from his parents*** to the teacher with the details. At the designated time, the parent is to come to the school office and sign-out his/her student. Students returning the same day are to report back to the school office and sign in.
- Please notify the school office by 8:30 am of a student's absence.
- Make up work will never take the place of classroom instruction. There are things which are said and demonstrated in the classroom that will never be available again. Make sure your child hears the instruction.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

EVERY ABSENCE REQUIRES A NOTE UPON RETURN TO SCHOOL.

Every child will be allowed **3 parent notes** per semester for illnesses. All other illnesses must have doctors' excuses.

The following situations are classified as excused:

- **Personal illness, injury or doctor's appointments which are scheduled during the school day. Every effort should be made to schedule doctor's appointments after school hours.**
- **An educational trip validated in advance with the teacher and director. Parents must realize that students are responsible to make up all school work that is missed; however, parents and students must realize this may be impossible with some assignments.**
- **Death in the family.**
- **A family emergency. (Be sure to maintain current emergency phone numbers with the teacher and office).**

An absence may be excused:

- **By a note from an authorized person explaining the absence.**
- **Validation through the office.**

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Absences for shopping, staying out late the night before, tiredness, haircuts, baby sitting, being needed at home, etc. will be unexcused. Parents should be advised that if a student accumulates several unexcused absences, a parent conference may be scheduled and further attendance at Calvary may be denied.

NOTE: If a child is absent on any given day, and then participates in a sports event, that absence will be considered unexcused.

TARDINESS

Students who are late for any reason must sign the "sign -in" sheet in the office. Excessive tardiness may result in disciplinary action and expulsion.

Four tardy sign-ins will be considered an absence. Any child arriving in the gym after 8:00 a.m. bell rings will be considered tardy, regardless of the reason.

- Students arriving after 10:00 am jeopardize their participation in any extra curricular activities for the day.
- All tardies whether excused or otherwise, will be recorded on the report card.
- Once a child has received one tardy, he will not be allowed to participate in the next "Dress Down" Friday (twice a month). After receiving two or more tardies, students must attend **"Saturday School" which is held on the first Saturday of every month. Students attending "Saturday School" will wear proper school attire, and will attend from 8:00am until 12:00 pm.** Students arriving late will be considered absent and will automatically have to attend the next month's "Saturday School" and not participate in that month's "Dress Down" Friday. There will be a **\$10.00 charge** for attendance on these days.
- Any child having make up work or projects to do in the prior month, will also be **required to attend "Saturday School", and pay the \$10.00 attendance fee. Proper school attire is required.**

EARLY DISMISSAL

Checking out of school early is strongly discouraged.

Parents should try to schedule all medical appointments after school hours. However, if it is necessary for a child to be taken from school before dismissal, request must be made in writing to the school office. Parents must go to the office to pick up their child. No student will have permission to leave unless accompanied by parents or other designated adult. **Checking out of school early will constitute a tardy.**

VISITORS

Parents or other visitors are welcome to visit the school at any time. When visiting the school, please:

- **DO NOT** go directly to the classroom.
- Check in with the school office first.
- If you would like to observe for part of the day, arrangements must be made with your child's teacher in advance of the day of observation.
- When parents or visitors visit the school, or attend a school function, we ask that you respect the rules concerning dress which apply to our students and set a good example for them.
- If you smoke, please do not do so on school/church property or school field trips.
- Please drive carefully on school grounds – no faster than 10 m.p.h.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Calvary is pleased to offer a hot lunch program for \$3.00 per day. Menus are prepared a week in advance, and will be sent home with the students. Students are always welcome to bring their lunch; however, there is no refrigeration available for lunch boxes.

There may be occasions when the school or a class may order out for special occasions, rewards, or have lunch while on a field trip. You will be notified on such occasions, concerning date, cost, and food.

SNOW DAYS

In the event of severe inclement weather, the school may close. The school closings will be broadcast on WSAZ-TV. You may choose to register with WSAZ.com and an e-mail will be sent to you as soon as the closing is called in to the station. There may be delays if the weather situation is predicted to clear up during morning hours. You will be informed of delays in the same way.

We do not operate on the same snow day schedule as Boyd County Schools.

Once the school day has started, we **DO NOT** dismiss school early for weather situations, unless the situation is predicted to be **SEVERE**. In such cases, every effort will be made to contact you at home or work. For this reason, please keep the office informed of any change in home, work, or cell numbers.

MEDICATION POLICY

All medications, prescription or non-prescription, must be checked into the office immediately upon arrival at school. Please send all medicine in a plastic Ziplock baggie with a written request to administer the correct dosage at the correct time. Medicine should be given to the early duty teacher upon check-in. **No medication will be administered without the written request of a parent/guardian.** The school office will notify the student at the proper time for the medication. No student may keep medication on his/her person or with his/her belongings during the course of the school day.

STUDENT SICKNESS OR INJURY

If a student becomes ill during the school day, his temperature will be taken in the office, and with a **temperature of 101 or more**, he will be excused to go home (lower temperatures may be sent home if other symptoms are present). Students will not be allowed to remain throughout the day since we are not equipped with an appropriate area for them to rest or be removed from the other students. A parent will be contacted by the school office before the student is excused. For this reason, it is important that we have the correct home and work telephone numbers of both parents. In the case an injury or illness appears to be serious or life-threatening, we retain the right to seek professional help immediately (i.e. ambulance, paramedics). Parents will be responsible for payment of the services obtained in the child's behalf.

TYPICAL SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

7:00 a.m.	School open for early student drop off
8:00 a.m.	School begins
11:30 – 12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Kindergarten lunch/recess
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal
3:15 p.m.	All students picked up by this time

ACADEMIC EVALUATION AND STANDARDS

GRADING SCALE

Percent	Grade	Grade	Point Meaning
100	A+	4.0	
99-96	A	4.0	Excellent
95-93	A-	4.0	
92-90	B+	3.7	
89-87	B	3.3	Above Average
86-84	B-	3.0	
83-82	C+	2.7	
81-79	C	2.3	Average
78-76	C-	2.0	
75-74	D+	1.0	Unsatisfactory
73-72	D	1.0	Unsatisfactory
71-70	D-	1.0	Unsatisfactory
Below 70	F	0.0	Failing

The following grades may be used in other areas, such as conduct, effort, etc.
 I-Incomplete S-Satisfactory N-Needs Improvement

HONOR'S PROGRAM

The Honor Program is as follows:

- **Director's Commendation** - Given to students with all A's.
- **High Honors** - Given to students with all A's and B's.
- **Honors**- Given to students with all B's.

Students who have the ability, but are not maintaining current grade level standards may be placed on academic probation. Staff/Administration will review each case on a continuing basis until the problem is resolved. Failure of student to put forth effort and ability may result in dismissal from the school.

In order to participate in extra-curricular activities (including non-academic trips), students must meet or surpass academic standards.

MID-TERM REPORTS

Mid-term reports will be sent home to any student having a "C" or below on mid-term grades. The report must be signed and returned to school. Note should be taken by the parent to aid the student if low grades appear, in order to make improvement before the grading period ends. You may request a conference with your child's teacher at any time throughout the quarter. Note: Midterm grades can change dramatically. Please keep in touch with your child's teacher if questions should arise.

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards are distributed at the end of each quarter for elementary students and at the end of each semester for high school students. Parents should review the report card, sign it and return it to the teacher as soon as possible, the next day preferably. We welcome parent follow-up calls or conferences concerning grades at any time.

Students with lower than a "C" average (2.3 G.P.A.) will be placed on academic probation. Any student on academic probation may have his or her involvement in extracurricular activities limited, including participation in student council, special field trips, or other clubs.

HOMework

Homework plays an important role in the education of each child. Academic reasons for homework include providing practice in needed skill areas and reinforcing concepts presented in class. Homework also promotes responsibility, proper work habits and time management. Teachers will be supportive of limited amounts of homework on church nights. Uncompleted homework is an infraction and may lower a student's grade. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the teacher if assignments will be late due to reasonable circumstances.

HOMEWORK POLICY

If homework is handed in late (except for illness), the resulting grade will be no higher than a "B". Every day an assignment is late, the grade is lowered one (1) letter grade. After four (4) days, the work may no longer be made up, and the grade for the assignment will be "0".

Students are responsible for approaching the teacher for make up assignments.

In case of illness, the child has the number of days he/she was absent to make up the work. Normally, a student will be allowed one day to make up work for every day he is ill (ex. absent for 2 days, the child has 2 make up days AFTER returning to school to complete the work). In the case of illness, grades will not be cut until the assignment is late from the given make up days.

EXTRA CREDIT POLICY

Extra credit is available on individual assignments only, and then at the discretion of the individual teacher. **NO EXTRA CREDIT ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE END OF THE TERM TO RAISE GRADES.** Our belief is the child should learn the self discipline to study and prepare assignments in a timely manner. The end of the term grade should reflect the effort and preparation of the whole grading period, not just the "last minute" effort which is given to raise the grade.

STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

To insure spiritual and educational benefits for all students, each student will be required to conform to and obey all rules and regulations of Calvary Christian School. **Our primary objective will be to develop respect for authority and to develop self-discipline in each student.** All students are subject to the authority of any staff member at any time on the school grounds or during school functions. Students will be courteous and respectful to school staff, church staff, and visitors at all times.

Disrespect or disobedience to staff members will not be tolerated, and can result in expulsion from the school with no prior warning.

Attendance at Calvary Christian School is a privilege and not a right. Students forfeit this privilege if they do not conform to the standards and ideas of work and life of this school. To have training in a positive direction, it is essential to establish guidelines to help students keep their behavior within acceptable boundaries.

INFRACTIONS

The following infractions constitute examples of unacceptable conduct. The teacher will document each infraction and the parent will be notified. This is not intended to be construed as an all inclusive list.

- Improper use of class time.
- Creating a disturbance or disruption in class.
- Excessive talking
- Tardiness
- Being out of class without permission
- Unprepared for class
- Improper behavior during assembly, chapel or school -sponsored event.
- Continual unexcused absences from school
- Deliberate minor property damage.
- Possession of unauthorized items.

Breaking rules referred to as infractions will result in disciplinary actions. An attitude of continual disobedience or infractions will result in punishment normally reserved for major infractions.

MAJOR INFRACTIONS

Any of the following infractions can result in immediate removal from the school. Parents will be notified, and the child will be removed from the school at the time of the infraction. Reviewing each infraction individually, it shall be at the discretion of the director to decide punishment or removal from the school.

- Willful destruction of school property.
- Profanity, obscene or suggestive language or gesture; possession of irreligious music, books, or other materials.
- Truancy from school or class.
- Cheating or lying.
- Fighting.
- Blatant disrespect for staff members.
- Major property damage.
- Rebellious or irreligious attitudes.
- Leaving school or class without permission.
- Unwillingness to complete assigned school work.
- Repeated failure to have needed books and supplies for class.
- Repeated tardiness.
- Willful rebellion against staff instructions.
- Stealing.
- Repeated dress code violation.
- Unwillingness to put forth effort in academic requirements.
- Deliberate violation of school rules.

The following infractions will result in immediate suspension and/or ultimately expulsion from Calvary Christian School:

- Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages.
- Smoking or possession of tobacco of any type.
- Use, misuse, sale or possession of illicit/prescription drugs.
- Sexual misconduct in any form.
- Use or possession of a weapon.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION ALTERNATIVES

Disciplinary alternatives can be, but are not limited to the following:

- **Parent conference**
- **Time-out/In-school suspension**
- **Noon or recess detention**
- **Work detail**
- **Suspension**
- **Expulsion**
- **Suspension from any extracurricular activities (including field trips)**

Calvary Christian School reserves the right to make, amend, or prescribe rules and policies for dress, appearance, conduct or any and all other unforeseen problems that may arise at any time during the school year. Calvary expects full cooperation from students and parents regarding adherence to all school plans, policies and regulations.

DAMAGE TO SCHOOL PROPERTY

It is expected that all damage to school property (other than superficial), even if accidental, will be acknowledged by the person involved and a plan for reimbursement will be made by the family.

ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS

The school maintains a complete record, including a cumulative academic and guidance record for each student. The records are kept in the school office. Parental permission is no longer required when records are requested by authorized school personnel. (Family Education and Privacy Act. Final Rule on Education Records. Federal Register, June 17, 1976, Vol. 41, No. 118, page 24637) All material in these records is treated as strictly confidential and is available according to the following policy:

- 1. Parents or guardian have the right to inspect all records, files and data directly relating to their child.**
- 2. All requests to inspect official records relating to their child are to be made in writing to the administration by the parent or guardian. All records will be reviewed in the presence of the child's teacher or administrator so that any questions may be answered.**
- 3. There will be no release of student's personal records or files without the written consent of the parent or guardian to any individual, agency or organization other than the following:**
 - a. Staff members with a legitimate educational question.**
 - b. Court or law enforcement officials, if the school is given a subpoena or court order.**
 - c. Certain federal, state or local authorities performing functions allowed by law.**
 - d. Officials of other schools in which the student intends to enroll.**

STANDARD DRESS CODE (SDC)

It is the desire of CCS that our students live and conduct themselves in a manner that will be pleasing to God and glorifying to the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Standards for appearance are a means of building character and distinction in the lives of our students. While some aspects of the standardized dress code (SDC) are not Biblically mandated, the idea of submitting to God given authority is a Biblical concept. The SDC is not intended to measure spirituality but rather to serve as a tool in fostering the academic and character development of the students as they participate in the business of education.

1. Standard Dress Code Requirements

a. SDC General requirements

- Modesty is required at all times at any school event or function.
- All clothing must be modest and unrevealing in cut, fit, and texture.
- The SDC does not require purchase from specific vendors.
- Students must be in compliance with the SDC prior to entering the school building and continue until the end of the school day.
- The SDC is for all school days unless previously approved by the director.

b. SDC Shirts

- Must be traditional polo style.
- Must be a solid color (any color).
- Must have a collar.
- Must have buttons.
- Must have a placket (interfacing with a seam on each side of the buttons.)
- All shirts must have sleeves (at least middle of the bicep length).
- You may layer under shirts, but layering must not hang below polo.

c. Other tops

- Must be a solid color (any color).
- Any sweaters (crew or v-neck only), sweatshirt, or fleece pullovers that do not have a collar may be worn as long as an SDC shirt, turtleneck, or mock turtleneck is worn underneath. The undershirt must hang above polo/ sweater at all times. No hoodies.
- Turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks are permitted but an SDC shirt must be worn over them, and must not hang below outer shirt.

d. SDC Pants, Skirts, and Shorts

- Must be Chino or Khaki style only.
- Must be khaki (tan) in color.
- Must be cotton-twill type fabric (no stretch).
- Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
- Pants, shorts, and skirts must have standard belt loops.
- Students must wear a belt. The belt must be worn in the belt loops.
- Belts must be traditional in style, having no large buckles.

2. Modifications to SDC

“Dress Down Fridays” – Every other Friday will be considered “Dress Down” day for Middle school and High school students. Students will be allowed to

wear CCS hoodies, and other regular clothing. The listing below for "Other Requirements" and the following list will be a guideline:

Girls:

- **Pants and jeans are permissible; however, low-cut or tight fitting pants in any form are not.**
- **Tops – No tank tops or tops showing midriff or cleavage are allowed.**

Boys:

- **Jeans are allowed, however, jeans and all pants must be regular cut. No low cut, tight fitting, or baggy jeans allowed.**
- **No hats.**
- **No tank tops.**

Boys and Girls:

- **No black fingernail polish.**
- **NO body tattoos, stickers, or temporary tattoos.**
- **No skulls, contemporary death images, or predominantly black on clothing and accessories.**
- **No chains, or other articles hanging from clothing.**

This is not intended to be an all inclusive list. Anything deemed inappropriate as Dress Down Friday apparel by the director will be addressed.

Everyday Requirements

- **Footgear (shoes and sandals) must be worn and be neat and clean.**
- **Zip up hooded sweatshirts may be worn, but they must be solid in color and must have SDC shirt underneath.**
- **No hats, hoods, sweatbands, or other pieces of cloth worn as head covering or wrist coverings are allowed.**
- **NO body piercing except ear lobes for girls.**
- **NO tattoos permitted.**
- **All school attire must be free of suggestive words or pictures, offensive advertisements, "holes" or "frayed" designs.**
- **Top of the shirt collar is the maximum length for boys' hair. Male students must be clean-shaven. The wearing of facial hair (goatee, beard, and moustache) is not permitted.**
- **Fads, trends, innovative fashions, extreme hairstyles or hair colors, jewelry, make-up and /or clothing, which the director deems to be potentially disruptive or inappropriate, will not be allowed.**

PARENT -TEACHER FELLOWSHIP

At various times during the school year, the entire school meets together for a meal and a program performed by the children. It is a special and rare occasion when we all can get together and fellowship. It is also a very special time for the children, because hours of hard work go into preparing a program for their parents.

For the above reasons, attendance at all Parent -Teacher Fellowships is mandatory. In the event of an absence, grades will be lowered to a "C" in the subject relating to the performance (choir, band, chimes, etc.), and the absence will be counted as unexcused.

We may be small, but we are part of a team. When one is missing from a performance, it hurts the whole performance, and the absence is obvious.

There are times when absences are unavoidable, due to illness or a death in the family, and a call to the office will excuse the child from the program. Any other absence will be considered unexcused.

FIELD TRIP POLICY

During the school year, your child will have several opportunities to participate in field trips. We plan the trips to be educational, meaningful, and enjoyable. Therefore it is necessary to adopt specific guidelines that ALL students are expected to follow.

- Any child who misbehaves or does not follow instruction on a field trip will be disciplined by relinquishing his/her privilege to participate in any other field trip during the semester of the misbehavior.
- Although parents will be along as drivers and chaperones, the person who is ultimately responsible when representing the school is the classroom teacher. Your child is expected to follow the instruction of the teacher at ALL times while participating in any field trip experience.
- **Poor grades, attitudes, or any other actions listed in the infractions section of the handbook can disqualify student from participation in any field trip.**

Parents please understand that the above rules were set down after much consideration. Of course, your child's safety, as well as the enjoyment of others on the trip, is a major concern. Also, we know that since we are a Christian school, we are expected to have exemplary behavior at all times. We must remember that any time we are in public we represent our homes and families, our school, and most importantly, our Lord.

A Field Trip Policy form must be on file in the office for each student.

We ask your cooperation in order to protect the safety of the children and your own peace of mind, and to bring honor and glory to the Lord Jesus during these endeavors.

PRIVATE PIANO LESSON / BAND POLICY

Calvary is blessed to have an onsite piano teacher. These lessons are offered during the school day as a convenience to you – but are not included in the cost of tuition. Piano lessons are offered on a year to year basis (September – May). Once a commitment is made to take piano lessons, they must continue for the duration of the school year. This is also true with Band class. Once your child is in the class, he commits to continue in band until the end of the school year. The amount paid per month for piano lessons must be continued September through May once a student signs up for piano lessons. Please take this into consideration before signing your child up for piano lessons, or band class.

MYSFACE POLICY

This school cannot nor does it want to monitor home internet use of students. However, students agree when they enroll at Calvary Christian School to uphold the Biblical standards and core values of the school, both in school and in their daily lives. If a student causes disruptions in relationships at the school due to using their Myspace site in an unchristian or inappropriate manner, consequences will likely follow. Depending on the severity, these consequences may range from confrontation to expulsion. Calvary is committed to maintaining a safe, positive, Christ – centered environment for all of our students. **It is the policy of this school to STRONGLY DISCOURAGE use of MySpace. Students will be held accountable for their involvement.**

TECHNOLOGY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

In this age of technology, children have increasingly more and more access to the latest equipment available. These are wonderful for your children **OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL**.

Not only are these items expensive and difficult to replace if broken, but they prove a great distraction from the education process. Teachers and staff cannot be responsible for keeping track of items which may become misplaced or broken. For these reasons, **NO** Ipods, MP3 players, cell phones, cameras (digital, film, disposable), or other electronic devices are allowed at school – before, during, or after school. If these devices are found they will be held in the office for **ONE WEEK**, at which time the parent may pick them up after school.

We feel keeping these items at home protects both your investment and our instructional time.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMMUNITY SERVICE GUIDELINES

In recent years, the need for students to acquire community service hours for graduation requirements has been implemented in high schools across the country. This requirement is viewed as a way to insure that our educational institutions prepare not only excellent students, but excellent citizens, who realize that in a democratic society it is the duty of each of us to play a role in making that society better. How much more we as Christians need to be aware of the important role we play in society.

The Bible knowledge students receive in class comes alive outside of it. The principles we teach here at Calvary from the Bible and other lessons have real world application. We desire the love and knowledge received here at Calvary to propel each student to a life of love and service. We need to give our knowledge and the richness of what we receive hands and feet ("When you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me.")

For this reason, each high school student is required to work at least 15 community service hours per year of school. Community service hours do not count if they fall under the following categories:

- CASH: Any action for which you were paid.**
- FAMILY: Service that benefits your immediate family only**
- SCHOOL: Any activity you do, or are asked to do at Calvary to help with the school or functions by the school (possible exceptions at director discretion).**

Hypothetical possible examples include: visits to your local nursing home, helping a food pantry or homeless shelter, giving free baby-sitting to a family who really needs it, organizing support for raising funds for a charity, etc... If you have any doubts, please check with the office.

Forms to log hours are available in the office.

CLOSING

We thank you for your confidence in Calvary Christian School to meet the educational needs of your children. If you have a care, concern, or a prayer request our doors are always open. Please do not hesitate to visit the office.

Please keep the school and staff in your prayers as we endeavor to bring glory to Him during the process of training young minds and hearts.

ACSI CORE VALUES

CCS is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International. As a member school, we support the core values which the organization believes. They are as follows:

- ***Biblical Philosophy*** - A thoroughly Biblical philosophy of education should be implemented in Christian schools in all cultural contexts.
- ***Critical Thinking*** - Students should learn how to process information and think critically in the context of a Biblical worldview.
- ***Parental Education Responsibility*** - Parents have the primary responsibility for the education of their children; the school serves the Christian home.
- ***Bible as a Core Subject*** - The teaching of Bible as a core subject is essential to the academic curriculum.
- ***Professional Development*** - Professional resources and training are vital for the development and growth of Christian educators and schools.
- ***The Great Commission*** - Students and educators in Christian schools worldwide should be involved in fulfilling the Great Commission.
- ***Biblical Integration*** - The Biblical integration of every planned learning experience is crucial to effective Christian schooling.
- ***Educational Choice*** - The opportunity for Christian schooling should be accessible to families as a means of evangelizing, nurturing, and discipling students for a life of service.
- ***School Improvement*** - Christian schools should be involved in a plan of consistent evaluation and assessment for continuous improvement.
- ***Nondiscrimination*** - The teaching/learning process in Christian schools should reflect a Christlike sensitivity, relevant to a diverse school community.
- ***Networking*** - The ministry of Christian schooling can best be accomplished through cooperation with other appropriate individuals, agencies, and organizations in providing programs, materials, and services.

It is our vision that your children *will acquire wisdom, knowledge, and a Biblical worldview as evidenced by a lifestyle of character, leadership, service, stewardship, and worship.* Your choice of Christian schooling is a significant element in bringing that vision to reality.