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INNOVATION IN ACTION: PUTTING 21ST CENTURY SKILLS TO THE TEST

"Innovation in Action is opening doors that I didn't even know were there," said CCHS Sophomore, Landon Raab.

As a college preparatory school, the faculty and staff at CCHS understand the importance of equipping students with 21st century skills. Gone are the days of passive learning and rote memorization. Today's students need to be able to think critically, work collaboratively, and exhibit innovation. Enter project-based learning.



"Project-based learning is important because it helps students develop the necessary 21st century skills, such as critical thinking and collaboration, to make them successful in higher education and tomorrow's workforce," said Lead Technology teacher, Mrs. Katie Chappell. **"In the 'Innovation in Action' class we focus on building creative confidence through the design thinking process. Students complete a series of hands-on activities that develop their STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) skills while requiring them to think outside of the box."**

Probably the most popular project amongst the students is the paper ball run experiment. Equipped with only paper and tape, students are tasked with the challenge of creating a ball run that takes as long as possible for the ball to travel from the entrance to the exit. Think of the contraption in the popular board game Mouse Trap. Through creating their ball run, teams learn the basics of kinematics and kinetic energy, as they first test their ramp with a ping pong ball, and eventually move on to a denser, and therefore faster, marble.

"This project requires students to explore different forms of energy," said Mrs. Chappell. **"They are learning higher level math and science concepts, such as gravitational potential energy, that are usually taught in a physics class, in a tangible and engaging way."**

Innovation in Action is one of several technology courses available to students. These classes are considered Practical Art classes, which enable students to obtain their art credit required for graduation. Additional projects the technology students have completed this year include 3D printed mugs, Tinkercad Christmas songs using an Arduino, and creating their own avatar, amongst others.

"The critical thinking and teamwork skills I learned in Innovation in Action have helped prepare me for any future career. I know how to work well with others and successfully answer any question thrown at me," said CCHS Sophomore, George Bettelli.



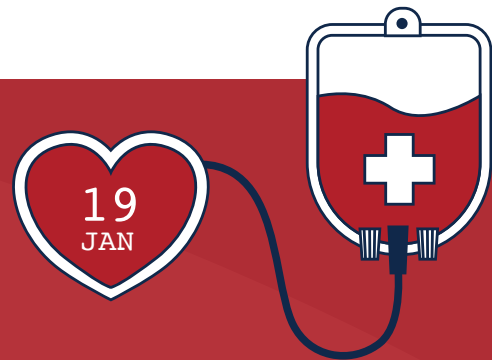
NO SCHOOL

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16

IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

BLOOD DRIVE

ON CAMPUS
JANUARY 19TH



CCHS will host a Blood Drive on **Thursday, January 19th, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**. Students are encouraged to donate blood to help Florida Blood Services save lives. To donate blood, you must be in good health and you must be at least 16-years-old (students 16-years-old must have their parent's permission to donate blood). Additionally, students must have permission from their teacher to miss class to donate blood. Calvary has an outstanding record of donating blood each time we host a blood drive. Let's keep our record going and meet the goal again this year. **Parents are encouraged to participate in the Blood Drive as well.**

OFF-CAMPUS LUNCH OPPORTUNITY FOR JUNIORS ON JANUARY 24TH

A privilege given to CCHS upperclassmen is the opportunity to go off campus for lunch. For seniors, the privilege is weekly. For juniors, the privilege is **monthly**. The juniors will have their first opportunity of the 2023 year to go off campus for lunch on **Tuesday, January 24th** during their scheduled lunch period.

If a parent does not want his/her junior to participate in the off-campus lunch privilege, he/she should email Mr. Roberts at roberts.blake@cchs.us.





VISITING COLLEGE CAMPUSES & EXCUSED ABSENCES

The CCHS College Counselors encourage students and parents to take individual tours of colleges you are strongly considering. The spring is a great time to take advantage of college tours. As you plan to visit this winter and spring, juniors and seniors have four excused absences that they can use. Freshmen have two excused absences that they can use. Please follow the CCHS process for excused college visit absences by watching this linked, brief video: [How to Get College Visit Days Excused](#) You may email your primary college counselor with any questions.

FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORE

PARENT CONVERSATION WITH THE COUNSELORS EVENT

JANUARY 31

Parents of freshmen and sophomores are invited to join the CCHS College Counselors for the upcoming **Conversation with Counselors event on Tuesday, January 31st at 6:30 PM in the Calvary worship center.** The purpose of this event is to ease you into the college exploration and search process and to give you items that you and your student focus on during their underclassmen years to be set up for a smooth and intentional college application process later. Topics will include:

- College Planning/Search Timeline for underclassmen
- An overview of the CCHS College Counseling Curriculum
- Academics and Graduation Requirements
- Standardized Testing Overview
- Community Service & College Resume

Register [HERE](#). We look forward to partnering with you and your family!

A recorded version of this session will be available for families who are unable to attend. However, in person attendance is highly encouraged.

SOPHOMORES: OPTIONAL INDIVIDUAL COLLEGE COUNSELING MEETINGS OPEN IN JANUARY

Beginning in January-May, Sophomores can meet one-on-one with their primary college counselor to do a brief academic and college planning check-in. These meetings are optional for students in 10th grade. Parents are always welcome but not required! We recommend scheduling before March, so you can receive course advising for the junior year in this meeting as well. Please schedule during an elective or study free period.

Online SCHEDULING Calendar:

Mrs. Everitt (Student Last Names A - G):

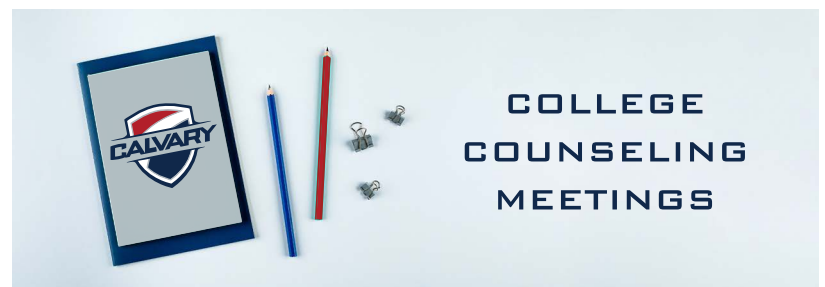
calendly.com/everitt-mallory

Mrs. Graves (Student Last Names H - M):

calendly.com/graves-kristin

Ms. Troutman (Student Last Names N - Z):

calendly.com/troutman-dana



COLLEGE
COUNSELING
MEETINGS



CALVARY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

Drop in at our Open House: January 26, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

OPEN HOUSE

CCHS will host an Open House on Thursday, Jan 26 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for the 2023-2024 enrollment. If you have friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers with children who are considering Calvary for high school, please share the Open House information with them. Guests may drop-in between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm to tour the school, meet the faculty and staff and receive detailed information on the application process.

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PAUL GUERNE WINS THE DISTRICT FOR VFW ESSAY

Congratulations to Class of 2023 student, Paul Guerne, on winning districts for the Voice of Democracy Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) scholarship! The Voice of Democracy VFW program was established in 1947 with more than 50,000 high school students from across the country applying for it each year. To apply, students must submit an audio-essay to answer this year's theme "Why is a Veteran Important?". Paul will attend a banquet in Orlando on January 21st to see if he wins the state! The national first place winner receives \$30,000, and other scholarships will be awarded as well. Thanks to CCHS Creative Writing teacher, Mrs. Ginger Wensley, for inspiring her students to apply for scholarships like this one. CCHS is very proud of Paul Guerne for this wonderful accomplishment.