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# WARRIOR WEEKLY



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## 2023 HOMECOMING QUEEN & KING

Layla Trump and Joseph Ionata

Homecoming Week 2023 was a huge success for Calvary Christian High School! Volleyball, powder puff, relay races, spirit competitions, lip sync, a parade, a football game, and a dance all created opportunities for the Calvary Christian High School community to come together and celebrate being a Warrior. One of the most anticipated events of the week was the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and King at halftime of the varsity football game on Friday night. Layla Trump and Joseph Ionata were selected by the CCHS students as this year's Homecoming Queen and King. Layla is the daughter of Will and Aimee Trump. She has one brother, Frank,

who graduated from University of Central Florida and one sister, Makenna, who is a junior at CCHS. Layla is the captain of the Varsity swim team and holds two school records in the 100 breaststroke and 200 medley relay. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Rho Kappa and is in a discipleship group. Layla was Junior Class Vice President. Joseph Ionata is the son of Joe and Shannon Ionata. He has a brother, Michael, who is a sophomore at CCHS. Joseph plays Varsity Football and is captain of the team. He was vice president of the Student Government Association in his sophomore year. Joseph will sign a National Letter of Intent to continue his academic and athletic career as a football player at the University of Alabama. Congratulations to Layla and Joseph!

# HOW WE USE BLOCK SCHEDULE AT CALVARY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Calvary Christian High School will operate on a Block Schedule on **Wednesday, November 1st & Thursday, November 2nd**. CCHS Block Schedule is an exciting chance for students to explore course content in different and unique ways.

By utilizing this occasional Block Schedule, our faculty can fully plan and implement unique and extended learning opportunities for their content area. Such activities might not normally be so readily available during our typical 45-minute period. While CCHS is not considering moving to a Block Schedule format, we do believe that these intentionally spaced and carefully planned Block experiences offer great benefit to our students.

## Some of the activities that CCHS teachers may use Block Schedule to achieve include:

- Independent assignments that require a sustained focus by the student, but are supported by the teacher as a content expert
- Extended lab opportunities for health and science classes
- AP practice testing that better simulates the timed nature of the national exam for students who seek the AP credit
- Socratic Seminars to encourage students to prepare and participate in complex discussions about course topics
- Project based activities that are benefited by additional time for creation and collaboration
- Expanded writing projects that include process-oriented feedback in real time and guided peer review
- Application of course content to “real world” situations or challenges

Being able to focus exclusively on an area of learning for 90 minutes helps our students build academic stamina, encourages natural curiosity, and permits practice and refinement of skills needed as they prepare for success in college.

## NO SCHOOL ON CAMPUS VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

Being able to interact with course content virtually is a key skill for our students to master as they move towards college. CCHS has built opportunities to practice online learning for our students using Virtual Learning Days.

During Virtual Learning Days, our students do not attend in-person classes. Instead, they will interact from home with content in their academic core and Bible classes through Canvas, our learning management system.

Please mark your calendar for the Virtual Learning Day, which will be held on **Friday, November 3rd**. Our teachers will orient learners to activities and due dates prior to the Virtual Learning Day and be available via email between 7:45 AM and 3:30 PM on that day if any questions should arise.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Dr. Jennifer Gannaio, Director of Faculty.

# 2023 FALL ART EXHIBITION

The CCHS Fine Arts Department will present the 2023 Fall Art Exhibition on **Monday, November 13th**, from **5:00 PM-7:00 PM** in the **Ruach Gallery** located on the third floor of the high school wing. Guests may drop in any time between 5:00 PM-7:00 PM. The exhibition will feature the outstanding work of the students in our visual art program.



Gracie Park, 12th Grade



## 2023 FALL ART EXHIBITION

PRESENTED BY CCHS FINE ARTS

November 13th, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Ruach Gallery

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." **Psalm 34:8**



# AUDITIONS FOR SPRING MUSICAL



PRESENTED BY CCHS FINE ARTS

## Meet Me in St. Louis

APRIL 25TH-27TH, 2024



FOR TICKETS GO TO [CCHS.US/ARTS.ASPX](https://cchs.us/arts.aspx)

Performances at Calvary Church Clearwater Campus,  
110 N. McMullen Booth Rd. Clearwater, FL 33759

Meet me in St. Louis is presented through a special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.  
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by Concord Theatricals.

On **December 4th-7th**, the Fine Arts Department will hold auditions for the 2024 spring musical, *Meet Me in St. Louis*. Any CCHS student is eligible to audition, even if you are not currently enrolled in a Fine Arts class. Audition information, including the audition sign up, can be found using this [link](#). If you have any questions about the auditions, please contact Ms. Pitt or Mr. Brandon Martell.

# College Funding Coach Workshop for Parents

NOVEMBER 14TH

We are pleased to welcome the College Funding Coaches as they present “Little Known Secrets of Paying for College”. This event will include lots of additional valuable information regarding paying for college and is open to parents of students in grades 9-12.

**When: Tuesday, November 14; 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Where: Williamson Room**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## College Representative Visits for the Coming Weeks

College representative sessions will be hosted in-person this year in HS 203 at CCHS. Registration is still required for these sessions which are open to students in grades 10 -12. For a list of colleges hosting a session and to register, check out the “What’s New” section of [\*\*the Naviance Student\*\*](#) home screen. Please reference the “College Rep Visit” attendance policy in the Parent/Student Handbook on page 29 in regards to your responsibility for your class attendance.

### Upcoming Visits:

**October 31**- University of Albany, SUNY

**November 9**- Florida Gulf Coast University



## 2024-25 RE-ENROLLMENT

Believe it or not, CCHS is already planning for the 2024-25 school year! Mr. Kilgore sent an important letter about re-enrollment by email to all 9th, 10th and 11th grade families. Please be sure to read it carefully. If you did not receive the letter, please contact Danielle Finlayson, [\*\*finlayson.danielle@cchs.us\*\*](mailto:finlayson.danielle@cchs.us).

# FREE APPLICATION EVENTS AT CCHS FOR ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE & SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

College Counseling is excited to offer seniors two opportunities to meet with college admissions offices to complete a college application for FREE and have the potential to have an admissions decision on the spot! There may even be snacks and giveaways for those who attend. Join us to apply for St. Petersburg College on October 30th or Southeastern University on October 31st. Both events will be in Cafe One:22 during 7th and 8th period. Once the student registers, they will receive additional instructions on how to be prepared for these sessions.

## **October 30- SPC Apply Yourself**

Required Materials for SPC Apply Yourself:

- Social Security Number
- 2 forms of Florida Identification from a Parent (Driver's License, Car Registration, Voter ID)

## **October 31- Southeastern Apply Now**

**Seniors-- these events are for you IF:**

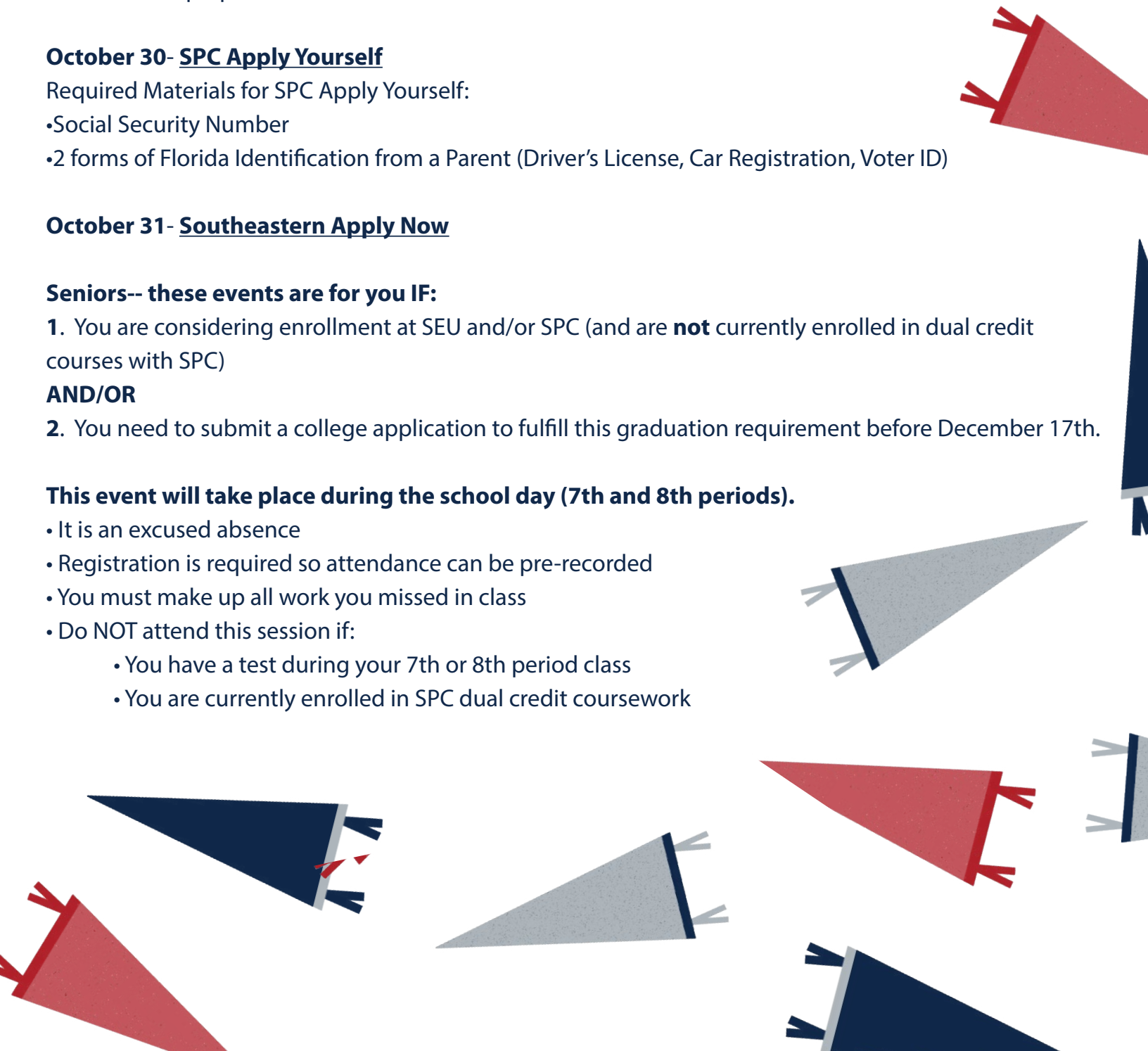
1. You are considering enrollment at SEU and/or SPC (and are **not** currently enrolled in dual credit courses with SPC)

**AND/OR**

2. You need to submit a college application to fulfill this graduation requirement before December 17th.

**This event will take place during the school day (7th and 8th periods).**

- It is an excused absence
- Registration is required so attendance can be pre-recorded
- You must make up all work you missed in class
- Do NOT attend this session if:
  - You have a test during your 7th or 8th period class
  - You are currently enrolled in SPC dual credit coursework



# STUDENT NIGHT OF WORSHIP

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

Student Night of Worship is **Monday, November 13th** in the **Student Center from 6:30 PM -8:00 PM**. CCHS Students are encouraged to join their classmates for a special time of prayer, worship and testimony to what God is doing.



## CALVARY SENIORS NAMED AS 2024 NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS

In September, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC ©) announced the names of over 34,000 high performers who are named as Commended Students in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. These students are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

Although they will not continue in the 2024 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2024 competition by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). "Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuits of academic success."

CCHS is thrilled to congratulate FIVE seniors who are recognized as National Merit Scholarship Commended Students.

**Carson Brady** is the son of Scott and Elizabeth Brady.

**David Bunner** is the son of Sean and Ellen Bunner.

**Catherine "Cate" DiMassa** is the daughter of Pat and Julie DiMassa.

**Reagan Lavina** is the daughter of Jay and Erica Lavina.

**Taylor Parks** is the daughter of Heather Parks and Kevin Parks.

CCHS is very proud of these students for this outstanding academic accomplishment!

# NLI SIGNING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH



We are excited to celebrate the National Letter of Intent signing of 9 athletes on **Wednesday, November 8th**. The signing ceremony will take place in the **Anderson Center and will begin at 2:15 PM and run until the end of school**. The athlete's coach will have a chance to share briefly about the athlete(s) they have coached and what they have meant to their program at CCHS. Below are the athletes that will be signing:

**Carson Brady - Florida Southern College (Baseball)**

**Will Eaton - College of Central Florida (Baseball)**

**Jace Kohler - High Point University (Baseball)**

**Andrew Tess - University of Pittsburgh (Baseball)**

**Nick Wilson - St. Leo University (Baseball)**

**Payton Cushman - Georgia Southern University (Softball)**

**Irianis Garcia - Stetson University (Softball)**

**Ellie Jerger - University of Oklahoma (Cheer)**

**Taylor Parks - University of Florida (Volleyball)**

Please feel free to invite family and friends to attend the event. We will have a time after the ceremony for each athlete to take pictures with their family and teams. The athletes will need to send our office a list of about 10-12 friends (besides the members of their teams) that they would like to attend the ceremony and we will mark them with early dismissal. We will need this list by **Wed, Nov 1**. Please bring any decorative items representing the school you are signing with to use for pictures. During the ceremony all 9 athletes will be seated at tables, so please have them wear their college school shirts and hats. If you will not have your official NLI, we can provide a blank paper to sign for the photo. If you have any questions please contact [whitney.kim@cchs.us](mailto:whitney.kim@cchs.us).

OFF CAMPUS

*lunch*

## JUNIORS OFF CAMPUS LUNCH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

On **Wednesday, November 1st** Juniors will have an opportunity to take advantage of off-campus lunch.

- Your teachers **CAN** release you 5 minutes early for Lunch. This is not required but is up to the teacher.
- You **MUST** be back for 3rd period.
- Lunch is from 10:55am - 11:35 AM on Block Schedule days.
- 3rd period STARTS at 11:40 AM on Block Schedule days
- Order ahead. That way once you arrive your food will be ready.
- **Drive safely! This is the most important.**
- It is not required for you to eat lunch off campus. You are more than welcome to remain on campus and eat lunch.

## SENIORS OFF CAMPUS LUNCH

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND



## CCHS Sophomore Spearheads Fundraiser for Concussion Legacy Foundation

Aspen Malasky, CCHS Class of 2026, is a student who exemplifies responsible stewardship and community mindedness. After a span of six months between 2022 and 2023, Aspen suffered three concussions in her softball career as a catcher which ultimately led to her decision to have to give up the game of softball. Instead of a “poor me” inward focused attitude, she and her parents made the conscious decision to focus on God’s purpose for her life. Through the concussions and treatments for them, Aspen discovered the Concussion Legacy Foundation (CLF) whose mission is to support veterans, athletes, and all affected by concussions.

Through her new sport of tennis, Aspen spearheaded a fundraising event along with the support of her friends Demi Schwarzkopf ('26) and Abby Armbrust ('26) to bring awareness to concussions and its symptoms, as well as the CLF. Even though she was continuing to feel concussion symptoms, Aspen became determined to put this fundraising event together. On September 30th, the three girls hosted a round robin tennis tournament at Countryside Country Club. They worked to secure donations for all of the supplies and prizes. The event included a silent auction so that by the end of the day, Aspen and her friends raised almost \$9,000 for the Concussion Legacy Foundation. Aspen plans to make this an annual event to be held on the third Friday of September, which is National Concussion Awareness Day. Mark your calendar now and plan to support Aspen in 2024 as she continues to raise awareness and funds for the Concussion Legacy Foundation.

Aspen’s story was recently profiled by the Concussion Legacy Foundation on its “Get Inspired” page <https://concussionfoundation.org/personal-stories/inspiring-stories>. Additionally, she was invited to attend the 16th Annual Concussion Legacy Gala in Boston on November 2nd. Way to go, Aspen! We are proud of you.



# HISPANIC HERITAGE POSTER FAIR

On Tuesday, October 3rd, the CCHS World Languages Department and the Spanish Honor Society, Chapter Calvario, hosted the Hispanic Heritage Poster Fair as a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15). 245 Honors Spanish students researched topics and presented them at the Fair. Topics included Spanish-speaking countries, historical events in Latin America and Spain, cultural topics pertaining to the Spanish-speaking world, and famous Hispanics in our country and abroad. The Fair was visited by over 700 CCHS students who traveled around the "world" (lobby) filling up their passports with stamps and new information they learned during the Fair. Thank you to all who presented and visited for making this a special event for our school!

## A Special congratulations to the following students:

### Best in show Posters:

**Mackey Fowler**  
**Nolan Krauss**  
**Will Durham**  
**CJ Wolchok**  
**Angel Murph**  
**Lilia Grawunder**

### Most Engaging Presenters:

**Maxwell Guthrie**  
**Katie LaPorte**  
**Rohan Blum**  
**Sienna Bryan**  
**Joseph Mattioli**  
**Katelyn Micko**  
**Jon Paul Lunter**



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