

NOVEMBER 22, 2024

# WARRIOR WEEKLY



## WARRIOR MARCHING BAND - STATE CHAMPIONS

On Saturday, November 16th, the Warrior Marching Band competed at the Florida Marching Band Championships (FMBC) in the West Palm Beach area. After a successful State Semifinals performance in the morning, the band earned a top 5 score in Class 1A and advanced to the State Finals in the afternoon. Based on their performance in the State Finals, the Warrior Marching Band earned the FMBC Class 1A State Championship! This is the Warrior Marching Band's fifth state championship in the past six competitive seasons and the Warrior Marching Band now holds the record for the most Class 1A State Championships in FMBC history. In addition to winning the Class 1A State Championship, the Warrior Marching Band also earned the highest scores in the areas of Music and General Effect and their finals score of 86.1 was the second highest score in school history. The Warrior Marching Band's 2024 show, "The Tracks We Leave Behind," was based on the life story of hymn writer, Philip Bliss, who chose to use his music to further God's kingdom rather than to amass fame and wealth for himself. Philip Bliss is most famous for writing the music to the well-known hymn, "It is Well With My Soul." **Congratulations to the Warrior Marching Band!**



# CCHS TO HOST THE BUCKSHOT O'BRIEN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

CCHS is pleased to host the 3rd Annual Buckshot O'Brien Basketball Classic. The tournament will feature 8 teams, including the Warriors. The games will be played on **Monday and Tuesday, November 25th and 26th**, in the Anderson Athletic Center. The Basketball Classic is named in memory and honor of longtime Calvary Church member Ralph "Buckshot" O'Brien. Buckshot was a phenomenal athlete, but he was an even better person. His Hall of Fame career at Butler University and his professional basketball accomplishments were only the foundation of a life spent serving others. He was always giving back. He believed strongly in the mission of Calvary Christian High School and the development of our athletic programs. We are pleased to host this tournament in his memory. The tournament schedule is listed on the right. Plan now to attend and enjoy some top-quality high school basketball.

**LUNCHEON GUEST**  
**SPEAKER:** *Charlie Ward*





The Buckshot O'Brien Basketball tournament features a lunch banquet for all of the teams and their coaches. This year, the guest speaker is Charlie Ward, Jr. He is a devoted husband, father, mentor and coach who exemplifies the principles of integrity, hard work and unwavering faith in God. He has a significant impact on both sports and his community.

As a two-sport athlete at Florida State University (FSU), he achieved extraordinary success as a quarterback and point guard, earning over 30 awards in his senior year, including the Heisman Trophy, while leading the FSU Seminoles to their first football National Championship. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Charlie was drafted by the National Basketball Association as a first-round pick for the New York Knicks, where he consistently helped the team reach the playoffs from 1996 to 2001. He played eleven seasons as a leading point guard in the NBA and served as an assistant coach with the Houston Rockets for two years. He now uses his experience as a full-time high school basketball coach at Florida State University High School. He received the All-Big Bend Coach of the Year award in 2021 and 2022 after winning the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 3A Championship. He was inducted into the Georgia High School Football Hall of Fame in 2022 and is featured in the biography, "The Athlete: Greatness, Grace and the Unprecedented Life of Charlie Ward," along with an ESPN documentary.

Married for over 25 years to Tonja, the couple has three children and has actively engaged in youth development through sports camps, music events, and charitable initiatives. These efforts led to the establishment of The Charlie and Tonja Ward Family Foundation to support youth character development and disaster relief efforts, embodying their commitment to giving back and uplifting others through their faith-driven mission. CCHS is honored to host Charlie Ward during the 2024 Buckshot O'Brien Basketball Classic.

Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to view the tournament program with team rosters and more information about Buckshot O'Brien and Charlie Ward.



**MONDAY, NOV. 25, 2024**

WHARTON	VS	GATEWAY CHARTER
2:30 PM		
TAMPA CATHOLIC	VS	FLORIDA HIGH
4:00 PM		
ST. PETERSBURG	VS	THE VILLAGES
5:30 PM		
PROVIDENCE	VS	CALVARY CHRISTIAN
7:00 PM		

**TUESDAY, NOV. 26, 2024**

FLORIDA HIGH	VS	WHARTON
2:30 PM		
GATEWAY CHARTER	VS	PROVIDENCE
4:00 PM		
THE VILLAGES	VS	TAMPA CATHOLIC
5:30 PM		
CALVARY CHRISTIAN	VS	ST. PETERSBURG
7:00 PM		







## THANKSGIVING COMMUNION

CCHS families are invited to Calvary Church's Thanksgiving Communion to be held on **Sunday, November 24th at 6:00 PM** on the Clearwater Campus. The communion service is a great opportunity for families to gather for worship and reflect on God's blessings in preparation for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

## THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS PROJECT CHALLENGE

Every year, CCHS partners with a local non-profit and challenges the student body to give a gift during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. This year, CCHS has chosen to partner with Lotz of Blessings to help with their *Merry Market*. Lotz of Blessings is located in Clearwater and operates with the mission of "inspiring families to work together to help others within our communities." The *Merry Market* is an event where families in need can shop for gifts at a highly discounted price. Parents facing financial hardships are given the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their children at a discount up to 90% off of retail prices. Lotz of Blessings' goal for 2024 is to support 500 local children with more than 3,000 toys. **CCHS has challenged all students to donate new, unwrapped toys to the Merry Market.** In addition to collecting toys, a group of CCHS students have volunteered to help run the *Merry Market* on **Saturday, December 14th**. While all toys are appreciated, Lotz of Blessings has expressed a need of toys for ages 12 and older such as bikes, sports items and Lego sets. This is a great opportunity for students to also collaborate with their clubs, discipleship groups and Bible studies to purchase higher-priced items if desired. Bins will be located at both student drop-off entrances at CCHS to collect donations. A Toy Drive will also be hosted during CCHS Basketball games on December 6th. Spectators who bring a toy donation will receive free admission to the basketball game. Those who wish to give a monetary donation instead of a toy may donate [here](#) to have a CCHS SGA member shop for

them. Mr. Kilgore, CCHS Head of School, sent an email with more information and a detailed list of suggested toys. If assistance is needed with dropping off larger donated items, contact Monica Talley, [talley.monica@cchs.us](mailto:talley.monica@cchs.us). For more information about Lotz of Blessings and the *Merry Market*, click [here](#). CCHS is excited to see how God will work through the generous contributions to impact the community with the love of Christ as the holiday season approaches.

**CCHS will be collecting toys from Monday, December 2nd to Friday, December 6th.**


"Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7







## CALVARY CHOIR SELECTED TO PERFORM AT DISNEY'S CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL

The Calvary Choir, directed by Mr. Brandon Martell, has been selected for the eighth year in a row to perform at Disney's Candlelight Processional. The choir will perform at EPCOT on **Tuesday, December 3rd** alongside Disney's cast choir, a celebrity guest narrator and various other impressive music groups. Congratulations, Calvary Choir!




## CHRISTMAS CONCERT ASSEMBLY

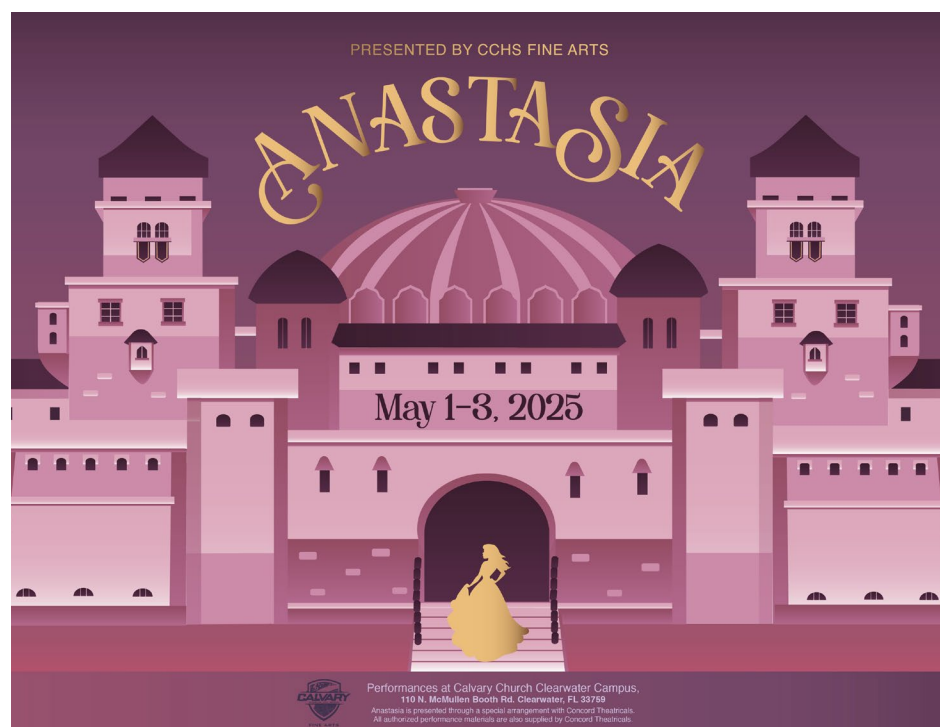




The CCHS Band, Choir and Dance programs will present the 2024 Christmas Concert Assembly on **Friday, December 6th, at 10:00 AM**. The assembly will be held in the Worship Center and parents are welcome to attend.



## SPRING MUSICAL AUDITIONS



The CCHS Fine Arts Department invites any student enrolled at CCHS to audition for a role in the 2025 spring musical, *Anastasia*. The auditions will be on the following dates and locations:

- **Initial Auditions** - December 9th-10th in CE-129, 3:15 PM - 6:00 PM
- **Dance Auditions** - December 11th in CH-225, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
- **Call Back Auditions** - December 13th in CE-129, 3:15 PM

Students interested can click [here](#) to access all of the details related to auditions for *Anastasia* including the audition sign up link, the audition materials and the participation forms that need to be completed. Contact CCHS Drama Director, Ms. Pitt, [\*\*pitt.grace@cchs.us\*\*](mailto:pitt.grace@cchs.us), with any questions.



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

CCHS will be closed for Thanksgiving Break **November 25th-29th**. Happy Thanksgiving, CCHS family!



## WARRIOR DADS BREAKFAST

Fathers of CCHS students are invited to meet with other dads at the Warrior Dads breakfast meeting on **Friday, December 6th from 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM**, in the Student Ministry Center located at 150 S. McMullen Booth Road. This event is for Dads and Father Figures only. Click [here](#) to register for the event.

On Tuesday, November 12th, the CCHS College Counseling Department took 23 seniors who have applied to the University of South Florida (USF) on an exposure trip to the campus. During the visit, the students had the opportunity to learn more about the university and hear from student leaders involved in Baptist collegiate ministries. These leaders shared their personal experiences of how to grow spiritually while attending a secular campus. They also introduced the students to local churches and weekly worship opportunities available at USF. The trip provided valuable insight into campus life and helped the students explore ways to grow their faith while pursuing their academic goals.



## USF COLLEGE EXPOSURE TRIP

## COLLEGE CONNECTION CORNER

Stay up-to-date on the latest news from the CCHS College Counseling Department by reading the **College Connection Newsletter**. This week, there is important information on events including:

- **PSAT Scores Available for Viewing**
- **Important Digital Standardized Testing Reminders**
- **November and December Scholarship Updates for Seniors**

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