

JANUARY 17, 2025

# WARRIOR WEEKLY



## CCHS CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

*By Mr. David Kilgore, Head of School*

What were you doing in August 2000? For all of today's students at CCHS, they weren't even born yet. In fact, even some of our current staff were not born at that time. For this younger generation, August 2000 likely feels like a distant memory. For others, it might not seem that long ago. But regardless of the perspective, God has done amazing things through Calvary Christian High School over the last 25 years.

This fall, we celebrate a milestone—marking the 25th year of school at CCHS. We are deeply grateful today because a group of faithful individuals worked tirelessly before 2000 to make a dream come true—a dream inspired by Calvary Church's pastor, Dr. Bill Anderson. Pastor Anderson envisioned a Christian high school for the north Pinellas County area, and though I am sure there was skepticism, there

was also a sense of excitement and anticipation as the doors of CCHS opened that first day in August 2000. Thirty-eight students in grades 9 and 10 walked into that building to begin their first or second year of high school. But what began that day was so much more than just a school — it became a place where thousands of lives have been transformed over the past 25 years.

I'm certain that those early faculty, students, and families couldn't have imagined the thriving school CCHS is today — home to 844 currently enrolled students. Yet, it was their faith and commitment to the vision that made all of this possible. If they had not taken that bold step of faith, Calvary Christian High School would not be where it is today.

As we reflect on the past, celebrate what God has done, and look ahead to the future,

we must also acknowledge that even greater things are still to come for CCHS. We are called to stay faithful to the mission of this school, ensuring that future generations can look back and give thanks just as we do today for the pioneers who believed in this vision and laid the foundation for the blessings we now enjoy.

As the saying goes, "We sit in the shade of trees we did not plant." What are we doing today that will make a difference 25 years from now?



# SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS

CCHS Visual Art students participate in the Scholastic Art and Writing awards annually. During the 2024 fall semester, there were over 1,500 student submissions from Pinellas County in over 10 media categories adjudicated by a panel of art judges over a two-day period in late December. There were 25 total awards earned by CCHS students including four Silver Key Awards and five Gold Key awards. All works earning the Gold Key award will advance to a national level of adjudication. The Gold key winning pieces and the complete list of award-winning students are included below. Congratulations to Mrs. Cheney, Mrs. Endrulat, and CCHS talented Visual Art students.

## Honorable Mentions:

Sophia Blunn\*  
Sarah Coffin  
Rebecca Dardich\*  
Keira Donaldson  
London Hodges  
Aurelia Johns\*  
Sophia Johns  
Caleb Lantzy  
Layla Pope\*  
Eva Ruth  
Tati Santilli

## Silver Key Awards:

Grace Bakke  
Rebecca Dardich  
Katelyn Heyliger  
Eliana Merritt

## Gold Key Awards:

Grace Bakke  
Sophia Blunn  
Lydia Boyette  
Eliana Merritt  
Tati Santilli\*

*\* Two awards of the corresponding category*



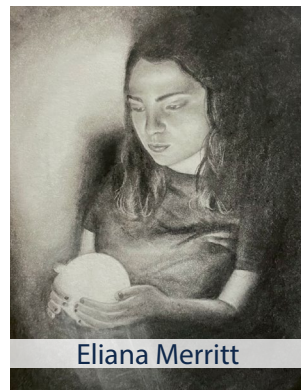
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Sophia Blunn



Eliana Merritt



Grace Bakke



Lydia Boyette

# NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH

There will be no school on Monday, January 20th in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.





## NEW SOFTBALL FIELD DEDICATION CEREMONY *SAVE THE DATE*

The new softball field's Dedication Ceremony will be held on **Thursday, February 27th**, at **6:00 PM** before the start of the team's home game against Inspiration Academy. CCHS is thankful for God's blessings to permit the field to be constructed. It is an outstanding facility and will provide CCHS students an opportunity to compete on a first-class field for many years to come.

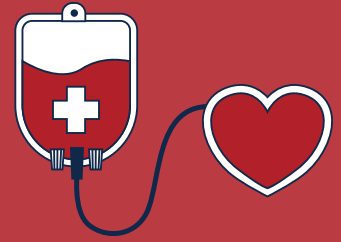


## GIDDY-UP GALA SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

The western-themed Freshman and Sophomore dance will take place on **Saturday, February 8th**. The doors will open at **6:30 PM** for line dancing and the traditional dance will begin at **7:00 PM** and end at **9:00 PM** in the High School Gym. **Ticket sales are open starting Friday, January 17th, and will close on Wednesday, February 5th, at 3:00 PM.** Tickets can be purchased [here](#) for **\$25** each. Students can expect a dance, refreshments, a photo booth, and Liam Weiss, CCHS sophomore, to be the DJ. This event is for Freshmen and Sophomores only.

# BLOOD DRIVE ON JANUARY 23RD

CCHS will host a Blood Drive on **Thursday, January 23rd, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Students are encouraged to donate blood to help Florida Blood Services save lives. To donate blood, donors must be in good health and at least 16-years-old. Students who are 16 years old must have their parent's permission to donate blood. Additionally, students must have permission from their teacher to miss class to participate. Parents are encouraged to donate blood as well. Furthermore, students are not permitted to miss any scheduled assessments as a result of their participation.



## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The first day of school for the 2025 - 2026 school year will be on **Monday, August 11, 2025.**



## GOLD TOGETHER EMPHASIS AT HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

CCHS has designated the basketball games on **Friday, January 24th**, to the Gold Together initiative. The Medical Club asks everyone to attend and support their efforts to raise funds and awareness for childhood cancer research. For the past several years, CCHS has partnered with the #GoldTogether initiative started by 2020 CCHS graduate, Cole Eicher. This initiative supports childhood cancer research and aims to improve outcomes for kids with cancer. Fans are encouraged to purchase and wear Gold Together T-shirts or apparel to the games. Support this cause by attending a game, purchasing a T-shirt, or donating to the Gold Together initiative.



REFLECTIONS:  
WATERCOLOR NOTATIONS  
OF NATURAL PHENOMENA

Twenty-two en plein air  
watercolor paintings by Jon Seals

exhibit on view  
December 14<sup>th</sup> 2024  
through

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

the Auditorium Gallery at  
Brooker Creek Preserve  
Environmental Education Center



Jon Seals, Footnotes at Brooker Creek, 2024 Brooker Creek water, watercolor on Arches paper 3.5 x 11 inches

Artist Reception & Talk Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 pm

My artworks develop through processes such as pouring, dipping, and combining hand-drawn and painted elements, utilizing the materials I collect and engaging directly with the soil, water, and plant life.

In the summer of 2023, I began integrating traditional watercolor paints with water collected from the Gulf of Mexico, Tampa Bay, and regional freshwater lakes and streams. Painting en plein air has brought forth a heightened sense of intimacy, allowing me to engage with the environment in a new way, from direct observation.



Jon Seals, Notes on Brooker Creek II, 2024 Brooker Creek water, watercolor on Arches paper 20 inch circle

Jon Seals is a multifaceted artist, educator, and curator who is the Department Chairman of Art and Digital Media at Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois. Seals has lived and taught in Pinellas County and maintains a place here where he enjoys painting in the area's nature environments, including Brooker Creek Preserve.

Gallery open

Saturday 12pm-3pm / Sunday 12pm-3pm

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## PROFESSOR JON SEALS' ART EXHIBIT

Professor Jon Seals, former CCHS art teacher and current Department Chairman of Art and Digital Media at Olivet Nazarene University, has an art exhibit at **Brooker Creek Preserve** including a short presentation on **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**, from **1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**. The exhibit will include 24 of his watercolor paintings that he created with water collected from the local area. He will be broadcast live on *Channel 10 News* on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM to talk about his exhibit. The exhibit will be viewable now and until February 23<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome to attend.



## MOM'S BIBLE STUDY

All CCHS moms or mother figures are invited to join the Spring 2025 Bible Study for CCHS Moms. This group meets every **Wednesday** from **8:30 AM - 9:45 AM** in the Student Ministry Building on the worship side. They will be using the study called *Beyond a Shadow of a Doubt* by Daily Grace Co. The study books are available on the **Daily Grace Co.** website or on **Amazon**. Please contact Heather Hamman, heatherhamman@yahoo.com for more information.



## 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:

- Information on the Transition from Naviance to Maia Learning
- Details on College Fridays for Seniors
- US Service Academies Information Session
- Dates for Scheduling Individual Advising Meetings

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