



ENROLLMENT GUIDE

2024 - 2025 | CALVARY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL



INSPIRING EXCELLENCE - MIND | BODY | SPIRIT

WELCOME

HEAD OF SCHOOL | MR. DAVID KILGORE, M.Ed.

Thank you for contacting Calvary Christian High School for enrollment information. I hope you will find the information helpful as you consider Calvary for the education and spiritual development of your student.

Calvary Christian High School is a ministry of Calvary Church and is conveniently located at 110 N. McMullen Booth Road (Corner of McMullen Booth and Drew Street) in Clearwater, FL. The school began in 2000 with the mission to “partner with the Christian home to provide a challenging college preparatory Christian education that equips students to live successfully according to God’s plan for their lives.” Since 2000, Calvary has graduated over 1,600 students who have gone on to further their education at some of the top colleges and universities in America. Many are beginning to establish their careers as they fulfill their purpose in life. The school has grown from its beginning of 40 students to over 800 students enrolled today in grades 9–12. Calvary offers a balanced approach in its educational philosophy.

The advanced academic opportunities include honors, dual credit, and advanced placement classes. The exposure to the arts prepares students to develop their talents, gifts, and abilities in ways that have the potential to influence their community for the rest of their lives. In athletics, Calvary provides opportunities for students on 36 teams competing against area schools as a member of FHSAA. Over 80% of the students participate on an athletic team. These three areas of emphasis are rounded out and stabilized by a Christian worldview. It is foundational to our mission that a Christian worldview be integrated into each subject and activity. As such, Calvary students are more than prepared to enter the next phase of their lives after high school graduation. **Calvary is fully accredited by the Southern**

Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), and Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS).

Again, thank you for your interest in Calvary. Please feel free to contact us for more information.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Kilgore". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Mr. David Kilgore, M.Ed.
Head of School

ADMISSIONS

MEET THE TEAM

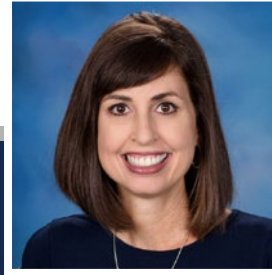
 We look forward to meeting your family and getting to know your child! Please contact us with any questions.



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STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE ESSENTIALS WE BELIEVE

About God

Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Genesis 1:1,26,27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:18; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

About Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is Lord. He is the Son of God, meaning He is divine. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death.

He ascended into Heaven's glory and will return again someday to Earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22, 23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14; 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4; Romans 1:3,4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13

About The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual

gift when they are saved. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily.

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; 14-16,17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 3-16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18

About The Bible

The Bible is God's Word to us. Human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit wrote it. Since it is inspired by God, it is inerrant, it does not err, and it is infallible, it cannot err. It is always true. It is the supreme source of truth and the supreme authority for Christian beliefs and living.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105; 160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5



About Human Beings

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems for life.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1,2

About Salvation

Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer

of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith, we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his or her life by faith. *Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 14:6; 1:12; Titus 3-5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1*

About Eternal Security

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot "lose" your salvation. Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian.

It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

John 10:29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 10:10, 14; 1 Peter 1:3-5

About Eternity

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin in Hell or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation in Heaven. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of existence.

John 3:16; 2:25; 5:11-13; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15



PHILOSOPHY

IMPACTING THE WORLD FOR JESUS CHRIST

The CCHS philosophy rests on the belief that all truth is God's truth, and the Bible is the only inspired and infallible, authoritative Word of God that contains that truth. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Therefore, the Bible must be foundational in all areas of a curriculum that is designed to enable pupils to develop to their full potential spiritually, mentally, socially, physically, and emotionally (Luke 2:52).

A quality educational program must enable students to prepare for success in college or other post secondary programs. Graduates must also be equipped to succeed in the world of work and in building strong Christian homes. Therefore, curriculum that

includes honors, advanced placement, and dual-credit college classes with an emphasis on technology is essential. A well-rounded education includes ample opportunities for student involvement in competitive athletics, enriching fine arts activities, and other student activities. Spiritual growth and high academic achievement are central themes of the Calvary experience.

The end result of Christian education is to produce academically successful

graduates who possess a Biblical worldview - a philosophy for living that views life's challenges and opportunities through the Bible. Because such education is a parental responsibility, the school functions as an extension of the home to aid parents in providing this Biblically-based educational opportunity. CCHS is committed to a close working relationship with parents and welcomes parental involvement in the school.

Mission Statement

The mission of Calvary Christian High School is to partner with the Christian home and the church to provide a challenging college preparatory Christian education that equips students to live successfully according to God's plan for their lives. A Biblical worldview is foundational to our mission, which is fulfilled through students acquiring Biblical truth, applying Biblical truth, and attaining their highest level of academic achievement.

Accreditation and Affiliation

Calvary is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), and Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS). Calvary also maintains membership in the Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools and the Florida High School Athletic Association.

Statement of Non-Discriminatory Policy

Calvary admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP-BY-STEP



01

Shadow



02

**Apply
Online**



03

**Attend a
Prospective
Parent Info
Meeting**

Application

Application Fee (May be paid online with completed student application.)

These items are requested digitally from the current school through the application:

- A copy of the most recent end-of-year report card and current report card
- A copy of the most recent standardized test results (such as SAT, OLSAT, FCAT, CTBS, ITBS, etc.)
- Two completed Teacher Recommendation Forms
- Individual Education Plan, 504 Plan, Psychological Evaluation detailing academic accommodations, if any

***As an option, records can be submitted to admissions@cchs.us**



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**Admissions
Decision**



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**Return
Financial
Agreement**



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**Complete
Online
Enrollment**

Decision & Enrollment

Enrollment at Calvary Christian High School is a privilege and not a right. Students applying for admission will be evaluated on the basis of their academic, spiritual, and behavioral reports. Information and reports on the following will guide the Admissions Committee on making a decision for acceptance or non-acceptance.

- Academic Achievement – must at least have an unweighted 2.0 GPA
- Embracing the Christian Philosophy of Education
- Student Conduct Reports, including number of Detentions/Suspensions
- Current on Financial Obligations to the School Currently Attending
- School Attendance (Including Tardies)
- Support and Cooperation of Parents
- Student Interview on Shadow Day

After an applicant's file is complete, the Admissions Committee reviews the above information to make an admissions decision. Families will be notified of the admissions decision. All decisions are made without further comment.

SHADOWING, OPEN HOUSE & PROSPECTIVE PARENT INFO MEETINGS

Shadowing is a great way to experience Calvary. Shadowing is required. You will be able to preview classes, meet teachers, coaches and new friends! A student interview will be completed on the shadow day. Shadowing must be arranged through the Office of Admissions by completing the 'Schedule Shadow Day Visit' form located on the CCHS website.

All new families applying to Calvary for admission are required to have one parent attend a Prospective Parent Info Meeting with our Head of School, Mr. David Kilgore. Attendance is required before an admission decision will be considered. Student attendance to the Parent Info Meeting is optional.

Attendance to an Open House is encouraged, but not required.

Open House Dates

October 23	3:00 PM-7:00 PM
December 7	9:00 AM-2:00 PM
January 25	9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Prospective Parent Info Meetings

November 6	
December 4	All Dates:
January 22, 29	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
February 29	

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

COURSES, GPA, COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

COURSES	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS COLLEGE PREP	ADVANCED COLLEGE PREP
Bible*	4	4	4
English*	4	4	4
Math*	4	4	4
Science	3	4	4
Social Studies	3	3	4
World Language	2	2	3
Fine/Practical Arts	1	1	1
Health/P.E. (.5 of each)	1	1	1
Other Courses	4	5	5
Total	26	28	30
Grade Point Average	2.0 (UGPA)	3.35 (WGPA)	3.8 (WGPA)
Honor Credits	N/A	12	15
Community Service	100 HOURS	100 HOURS	100 HOURS

* An English, Math and Bible credit must be earned for each year of attendance at Calvary.





ACADEMICS

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM BUILT ON THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD

In addition to traditional classes in our College Preparatory curriculum, Calvary offers advancement opportunities through Honors, AP and Dual Credit in the following courses:

Honors Courses

Algebra I
Algebra II
American Sign Language I
American Sign Language II
American Sign Language III
American Sign Language IV
Anatomy
Biology
Calculus
Chemistry
Concert Band
Calvary Choir
Intro to Engineering

Economics
English I
English II
English III
English IV
Geometry
Human Body Systems
Latin I
Latin II
Marching Band
Marine Science
Music Theory
Physics

Principles of Biomedical Science
Pre-AP English II
Pre-AP World History & Geography
Pre-Calculus
Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
Spanish IV
Statistics & Probability
U.S. History
World Cultural Geography
World History
U.S. Government
Yearbook

Advanced Placement Courses

Art (Drawing, 2D & 3D)
Biology
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Chemistry
Computer Science Principles
English Language
English Literature
Environmental Science
Human Geography
Macroeconomics
Physics
Pre-Calculus
Psychology
Spanish Language
Statistics
U.S. Government & Politics
U.S. History
World History: Modern

Dual Credit College Courses

Business Math
College Algebra
Composition I/II
Earth Science
Ethics
Intermediate Algebra
Physical Science
U.S. History I/II
Western Civilization
World Religions

Grading Scale

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D

TECHNOLOGY

CREATING A UNIQUE & RELEVANT LEARNING EXPERIENCE

As a college preparatory Christian high school, Calvary believes technology is a powerful tool that creates unique and relevant learning experiences by providing enriching and engaging instructional resources.

Our faculty is trained and experienced in integrating technology while delivering compelling, creative and comprehensive instruction.

Calvary is committed to incorporating technology in the classroom. The CCHS program includes a 1:1 iPad initiative. Each student leases an iPad that is integrated throughout the curriculum as a valuable component of instruction.

In our fully equipped Innovation Lab, our students will experience the design process as they discover, collaborate, and develop solutions to real-life challenges.

Current Courses

- AP Computer Science Principles
- iPad/Tech Help Desk
- Introduction to Engineering Design Honors
- Innovation in Action/Fundamentals of Comp Science
- Principles of Innovation
- Tech Event Production



COLLEGE COUNSELING

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Department Mission Statement

The mission of the CCHS College Counseling Department is to develop supportive relationships with students and parents in order to help them navigate the college search, application, and enrollment process. We do this by equipping families with age-appropriate college and career readiness tools and by providing counsel that focuses on the discovery of each student's unique God-given abilities with the goal of finding their best-fit options for life after high school.

Your CCHS College Counseling Team



**DANA
TROUTMAN**
Associate Director



**MATTHEW
CAVE**
Associate Director



**KRISTIN
GRAVES**
College Counselor

Signature College Counseling Events

- Christian College Fair & locally hosted National College Fair
- Senior Parent Seminar
- Senior Parent Financial Aid Seminar
- Junior Parent "Gear Up for Senior Year" Event
- Freshman & Sophomore Parent "Conversation with the Counselors" Event
- Senior Celebration Event
- College Exposure Trips
- College Admission Rep Visits on the CCHS campus
- Group College Counseling Sessions for all grade levels
- Individual College Counseling Sessions available for all grade levels
- Course Advising for all students
- Course Advising Sessions for new families

COUNSELING PROGRAM

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Grade 9 **Transition & Self-Discovery**

Acclimation to CCHS Culture
Academically, Socially, Spiritually

Discovery of Gifts, Talents, Passions
Through the classroom, athletics, fine arts, & community service

Grade 10 **Self-Awareness & College Research**

Application of Self-knowledge
To extracurriculars, activities, & community service

Application of Self-awareness
To academic course rigor and standardized testing

Begin College Research & Exposure
Based on best fit (campus visits, college fairs)

Grade 11 **College Exploration & Planning**

Strategic College Campus Visits
To inform final list

Assessment of Academic & Financial Match
Factors for college admission

Finalize Application “Short List”

Grade 12 **Student Engaged**

In the application & financial aid process

Ability to Make Final Enrollment Decision
Based on best fit factors

Successful Transition to College

CCHS College Counseling Essential Core Values

- **Gospel-Centered Counseling:** We give counsel from an eternal vantage point so that students understand they are uniquely designed by God for a purpose and that their skills and abilities are best utilized when they align their future with God’s will.
- **Transformative College Counseling:** We desire to provide accurate information and well-researched advice in order to see students follow God’s best for their lives.
- **Impactful College Counseling:** We encourage students to become aware of and celebrate all of the opportunities ahead of them and steward their gifts and abilities appropriately.
- **Collaborative College Counseling:** We eagerly partner with our parents and students in the college-going educational process. Our goal is to equip families with the tools, resources, and support they need to confidently and successfully navigate the student’s individual post-secondary education plans.
- **Results-oriented College Counseling:** We expect 100% of our senior class to be accepted into at least one of their best-fit colleges/universities and persist in their post-secondary journey because they navigated the best-fit college approach well.

STUDENT LIFE

ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS

Dress Code

Calvary has a “standard of dress.” The purpose of our dress code is to encourage an environment that is conducive to learning. Research shows there is a direct correlation to a student’s performance and the dress code of the educational institution. The dress code of CCHS is modest, distinctive, and appropriate.

Students are to be neat, modest, well-groomed, and in designated pants/shorts/skirt/shirt at all times during school hours. The designated clothing includes a school uniform shirt with Dockers-style pants/shorts/skirts. Shirts must be purchased from the school uniform supplier. The pants/shorts/skirt may be purchased from any vendor. Students should dress modestly when attending activities on the school campus outside of school hours.

Extracurricular Activities

Best Buddies Club
Board Game Club
Business & Entrepreneurship Club
Engineering Club
eSports Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fishing Club
Interact Club
Key Club
Medical Club
Photography Club
Pickleball Club

Spanish Competition Team
Student Government Association
Warriors for Life
Worldview and Debate Club
Young Life

Honors Organizations

American Sign Language
Honor Society
English Honor Society

International Thespian Society
Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society
National Honor Society

Science Honor Society
Spanish Honor Society
Rho Kappa Honor Society

Special Programs & Activities

Admissions Student
Leadership Program

Homecoming
Prom

Spirit Week
Student-produced Yearbook

BUS TRANSPORTATION

WESTCHASE

Calvary offers bus transportation service from the Westchase area. The transportation is for the mornings only. CCHS bus arrives to campus at approximately 7:30 AM. In the afternoon, students may remain in after-school supervision (no later than 5:30 PM) until parent transportation arrives.

Westchase Area

Bus departs at 7:00 AM.

Fee

Families must register students for the bus transportation service from Westchase. The bus transportation service may not be used on an as-needed basis. Registration for the fall academic year is required. For bus fee information visit cchs.us/tuitioninfo.aspx.

For questions concerning registration and payment of the Bus Transportation Fee, please contact Mrs. Julie Kennedy, Finance Department, kennedy.julie@cchs.us.



ATTITUDE

EXCELLENCE IN A CHRIST-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT

One of the many things that sets us apart from other private schools is our complete commitment to God's Word, the Bible, and allowing it to transform the spiritual atmosphere of our student body.

We believe a biblical worldview is foundational to our mission, which is fulfilled through students acquiring biblical truth and applying biblical truth. We seek ways for students to apply the truth found in God's Word (James 1:22) throughout the school year. Here are some of the activities that help shape the life of our student body:

Community (local) Service Opportunities
Daily Bible Classes
Bible Studies & Discipleship Groups
National and International Mission Trips

Spiritual Emphasis Week
Student Baptisms
Student-led prayer and worship
Weekly Chapel Services

ARTS

DEVELOPING A LIFELONG PASSION FOR THE ARTS

The mission of the Fine Arts Department at Calvary Christian High School is to provide a challenging college preparatory fine arts education that inspires and equips students to become lifelong practitioners and patrons of the arts, rooted in a Christian worldview.

Current Fine Arts Offerings

Band
Choir
Color Guard
Dance Techniques & Strengthening
Digital Design I & II

Guitar
Music Theory
Stagecraft & Theatre Production
Theatre Arts 1&2
Warrior Worship Dance
Visual Arts (AP & traditional class options)

ATHLETICS

PLAY LIKE A WARRIOR

Each week is filled with practices and games as the students learn to be “Devoted to Christ and Play Like Warriors.”

What is a Warrior? Warriors are noble fighters racing into battle for causes greater than their own lives. Warriors are known for their sacrifice, the greatest of all which is offered up for the needs and lives of others. Warriors continue in the face of defeat, never say die, never say quit. As we train our student athletes to participate in their sport and to “Play Like Warriors,” we want them to remember a cause greater than athletic competition. A life devoted to Christ is the ultimate victory. Christ is the example of the greatest sacrifice offered up for those He loves. There is no greater victory than a life lived for Christ.

Boys Opportunities

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country

Football
Golf
Lacrosse

Soccer
Swimming & Diving
Tennis

Track & Field

Girls Opportunities

Basketball
Beach Volleyball
Cheerleading

Cross Country
Golf
Lacrosse

Soccer
Softball
Swimming & Diving

Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TUITION, PAYMENT PLANS, FEES

 **For tuition, fees and payment plan information, visit cchs.us/tuitioninfo.aspx**

Scholarships for Private Schools

K-12 students, regardless of household income, who are residents of Florida and eligible to enroll in a K-12 public school can receive a scholarship to attend a private school that best meets their academic needs. For information or to apply for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship or the Family Empowerment Scholarship, please visit the Step Up For Students website, <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/scholarships/private-and-transportation/>

Family Empowerment Scholarship for Unique Abilities (FES-UA)

Calvary Christian High School provides a college preparatory classroom experience. A student receiving FES-UA funding may be considered for admission to Calvary. CCHS is limited in the accommodations we are able to provide; however, we are willing to review student records and inform parents of the accommodations available at Calvary. All students are expected to adhere to the same level of academic achievement for graduation and behavior expectations as set forth in our Parent-Student Handbook. A parentally placed private school student with a disability does not have an individual right to receive some or all of the special education and related services that the student would receive if enrolled in a public school under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). The IDEA does not apply to private schools.





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