



Calvert Catholic Administration

Superintendent
Mr. Hank Elchert

Principal
Mr. Dominic Helmstetter

Elementary Lead Teachers
Mr. David Kraft
Mrs. Cindy Kin

The mission of Calvert Catholic Schools is to come together to strengthen our entire community by providing excellent Christian education to achieve all the Church's mission of teaching the Catholic Faith to present and future generations. We invite all Catholic Families and other who embrace our vision to join us.

Due to some technical problems with sending the newsletter to individuals, copies of this newsletter can be seen or down loaded on the Calvert Website.

SCHOOL MATTERS

February 2012

Volume 1, Issue 5

The 6th graders have been reading Psalms and learning more about them. They recently wrote their own "Personal Psalm".

Maria's Psalm

The Lord is my coach
There is nothing I lack.
On the basketball court You let me dribble
To the hoop You lead me.
You restore my strength
You guide me along the right side of the court
For the sake of Your name.

Even when I run to the basket
I fear no harm for You are at my side.
Your strength and power give me courage.
You set a basketball before me
As my coaches watch.
You are my hero
The court overflows with shots.

Only hope and love will follow me
All the days of my life.
I will dwell on the basketball court
For years to come.

Maria Goshe – 6th grade

Calvert High School
152 Madison Street
419-447-3844

Calvert Elementary School
357 S. Washington St.
419-447-5790

Visit us on the Web: www.calvertcatholic.org

PRESCHOOL NEWS



If you ask one of Mrs. Doepker's preschoolers how preschool was in January, they might say preschool was "for the birds." Actually, they studied about birds and thanked God for his wonderful creation. They made bird feeders out of biscuit dough and birdseed that were then baked in an oven. Special thanks to Mrs. Gase in the cafeteria for helping with that part of the process.

They also learned about fish and took turns "fishing" for paper fish with a magnet-equipped fishing pole and paper clips attached to the fish. Everyone showed great patience waiting their turn to fish and were able to take home their "catch."

"Workout Days" on January 17 and 18 were great fun as the preschoolers got together with Mrs. Hill's class to dance and move to musical activities. Everybody also got a balloon to play with. Mrs. Doepker and Mrs. Schilling said they all got a good workout.



The four/five year olds have been practicing their numbers by writing them on whiteboards and trying to match cards with a number of objects on them to the corresponding number. They are showing real aptitude for mathematics!

The preschoolers are excited about Catholic Schools Week, January 29 through February 3. They have made art projects to decorate the room and the cafeteria. These include stained-glass churches, paper plate balloons, and rainbow fish to name a few. A big event during the week is ABC Bingo for the four/five year olds and Color & Shape Bingo for the three/fours. This is a joint activity with Mrs. Hill's class and family members are invited to join in the festivities.



Speaking of families, thanks to the many parents who volunteer in the classroom. We appreciate your help and the enrichment it brings to your children's educational experience.

St. Valentine

Mrs. Hill's preschoolers have been very busy. The children have been very excited to see the snow--when we have it, but they are ready for it to stay!! We have been discussing the winter weather, how we dress for it, and all of the fun things we can do out in it. We had a "snowball" fight in the gym to practice for the real thing. They are now waiting patiently for more snow...

The children learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the message he was teaching to others. Our class has discussed how important it is to accept each person for who they are, because God made each and every one of us special. We are tying this in to our religion and guidance lessons. Accept and value one another!

All of the preschool classes got together for "workout day." The children dressed for fun and exercise. They had a great time with dances, songs, balloons, and other interesting games.

During Catholic Schools Week, we are inviting a guest in to play bingo with us. The MWF classes will be doing alphabet bingo on Feb. 1st at 10:30AM for the morning class and 2:15PM for the afternoon class. The TTH class will be playing color and shape bingo on Feb. 2nd at 10:30AM. This is always a fun time AND we love having a guests visit!

The children will be having Valentine parties on the 13th and 14th of Feb. Conferences will be held on the 14th and 16th. There will be NO SCHOOL on the 17th and the 20th.

Enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year is underway. Please see the school website for more information. Enrollment information is also available in the office or in the preschool classrooms.

Thanks for these little ones we get to enjoy. (BIG SMILE) Have a great month!!



In the month of January in the Preschool Bridging classroom we have been busy reading Jan Brett books about winter, learning about Martin Luther King Jr., learning about physical fitness and healthy food, and learning about penguins. Some of the Jan Brett books we read in class are The Mitten and The Hat. When we read the books the children had the opportunity in acting out the stories by being one of the animals from the books. After reading the stories we created our own mittens by doing marble painting and we did straw painting. The children blew through a straw to move the paint around on their paper like the wind blew the stocking in the story, The Hat.

We also learned this month that Martin Luther King Jr. wanted peace and everyone to get together. After reading a short book about him we decorated peace signs with tissue paper. Another thing we learned about this month was the importance of physical fitness and eating healthy food, because it is good for our body and our hearts. Also, by exercising and eating healthy food it will help us to grow big and strong.

From reading many books about penguins we learned how a male penguin cares for an egg, until the chick hatches and also how the male penguin and the female penguin care for the chick. For art activities we created our own penguins with brown paper bags and our feet.

In addition, we have been practicing writing our names, learning our phone numbers and addresses, practicing our counting skills, and also working on making good choices and being a good friend like God would wants us to be.

Our class Valentine's party will be Tuesday, February 14, 2012. Your child is allowed to get Valentines for the class, but please only have her/him write their name on the card.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's life. It is a joy each day.

God Bless,

Mrs. Reinhart and Mrs. Ferstler



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

~Mrs. Perry's Class~

What a FABulous January it was! The SMART COOKIES are reading everything in sight! We are working hard on sounding out, using word parts and remembering those popcorn words (sight words) to help us read. We use invented spelling each day and are now sentence writers! In math we are skip counting and focused on writing our numerals with skill. We are working on pre-addition activities and will move into addition and subtraction very soon! We have begun a more in depth study of the Rosary and are taking time to discuss each mystery and the importance of Our Blessed Mother in each of our lives.

This past month we also had some very fun and exciting happenings within our class as well. We celebrated Chinese New Year and had loads of fun bringing in the year of the dragon. We completed activities including art and a smart board lesson. We will continue our study of China into next month. We went to an AMAZING Eric Carle play at the Ritz Theater. This play tied in perfectly with our author/illustrator study spotlight on Mr. Carle. Students were enthralled by this spectacular show put on by the Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia. BRAVO! We prepared for our school Open House by creating masterpieces of art and even got to paint like Eric Carle! We celebrated our 100th day of school with art, math, and language arts activities and of course made it all into a party!

Though we have lots of fun in Kindergarten there is also time to be serious. This month we studied Martin Luther King Jr. and his life and legacy. We learned that we are all God's children and that it is important to treat each other as such. We learned that one person can always make a difference in our world.

As we look ahead we are getting excited for Valentine's Day. We have a special countdown chain on our lockers that will get us all ready while we focus our hearts on the LOVE of Christ. We wrap up this month and head into February by celebrating CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK. We feel blessed to be in our GREAT SCHOOL where God is a part of everything.

*NOTE- We would like to take time to especially THANK the donors who made it possible for us to attend the performance at the Ritz. Our hearts are grateful and we appreciate your giving so very much. The students, teachers and parents enjoyed a wonderful memory together thanks to your generosity and kindness. God Bless!

*Special thanks also to all the moms in our class who gave EXTRA time helping to prep for Open House-- you ladies ROCK! thank you ;)



happy CHINESE new year

Mrs. Dysard shares her experience in China



We made Chinese lanterns



Oranges are a sign of prosperity in China

FIRST GRADE NEWS

On January 24, Mrs. Kimmet's First Graders had a wonderful time at the Ritz watching "A Brown Bear, A Moon and A Caterpillar: Treasured Stories by Eric Carle" presented by the Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia. The performance was even better than the books.

During the month of January, the children listened to and read about Penguins. They worked on art projects and wrote a report about Penguins. They think they are so cute!

During Catholic Schools Week, for each day the students did a project to highlight one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. This was a very special week for all of us.

The children now look forward to Valentine's Day and Lent.



The weather may be up and down this January but First Grade is smooth and steady studying! We have been continuing to grow in all of our skill areas. We have been reading a lot more, longer books and more words--it feels great to be able to read so well. We are currently doing an author study on Eric Carle after seeing an awesome blacklight puppet show about his stories at the Ritz Theater. It was super cool. We also studied fables this month. We loved reading these short stories and discussing how there is a lesson to be learned from each tale. We wrote our own fables and each had a "morale" of their own.

In Religion we finished up the beautiful Christmas season with learning about the Three Kings and spirit of giving. We have also been learning about how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help his disciples begin the Church. During Catholic Schools Week we are really focusing on the Corporal Works of Mercy and what they mean and how we can apply to our lives. Yes, even as First Graders we are interpreting the Corporal Works and applying them-fascinating! In math, we know our facts and have been working on Fractions. On January 27th we celebrated the 100th day of school. We jumped rope 100x, rolled dice to 100, wrote 100 words and even made a 100-day snack mix-yum. In social Studies we studied Martin Luther King and how he worked to make sure all people are treated fairly. We wrote about what our dreams for treating others with kindness and equality are. The Tiffin community experienced history this month as the Seneca County Courthouse was torn down. We learned about its history of being built in 1884 and then watched a web cam of the demolition for several days. Our class wrote newspaper articles about demolition of the courthouse. History happening right now and how it impacted people here in our town.

To finish out January our class had a Science fair. Everyone did a different experiment and presentation and shared it with the class. We had some very ground breaking projects. There were projects on wind speed, horse memory, fossils, robots, crystals and that just names a few. Please stop by our room and see our projects, they will be on display until February 3rd.

Mrs. Reineke's First Grade hopes that everyone had as wonderful January as we did and we are looking forward to even more fun in February.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

January was quite a busy month for 2nd grade. Both classes participated in their sacrament of Reconciliation at both St. Joseph and St. Mary parishes. We also were fortunate to be able to see a performance of three of Eric Carle's stories at the Ritz.

The Chinese New Year was celebrated by learning how to say Happy New Year in Chinese (Gung Hay Fat Choy), looking at the Chinese calendar, and making a dragon "Puppet" that we paraded through the hallways.

Science has us looking at our environment and discovering why animals have become extinct, vanishing, or endangered. Our Prehistoric projects were on display at our Open House.

We will also be celebrating the 100th day of school on January 17.

We are looking forward to the season of Lent and the beginning of Spring.



The second graders in Mrs. Holzhauser's class have been very busy this month. After working very hard to learn about the sacrament of Reconciliation during the past several months, the students have received this special sacrament during the week of January 23 at their home parishes. Now the second graders are anxious to learn about and receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist in the spring. Many thanks to our students' parents who have been so great helping with sacramental preparation.

On January 24 our class went to the Ritz Theater to see a program based on the books of children's illustrator Eric Carle. The puppetry was amazing, and this was a wonderful opportunity to experience a live Arts presentation.

Another highlight of this month has been our Dinosaur Projects, an annual second grade event! On Friday, January 27, parents and friends are invited to visit second grade classrooms to see our Dinosaur Museum. As we close out this month, we look forward to Catholic Schools Week. Open House is Sunday, January 29, and various activities are planned for the week that follows. As always, we appreciate the support of all families and friends of Calvert Catholic Schools!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Happy New Year!!! 2012 is off to a great start for our third graders!! We have been busy learning our multiplication facts a "scoop at a time". We are working towards an ice cream party in the spring if we master our facts 0-12!

Our social studies classes have focused on our county and the elected officials in our county. There is so much to learn about Seneca County!!

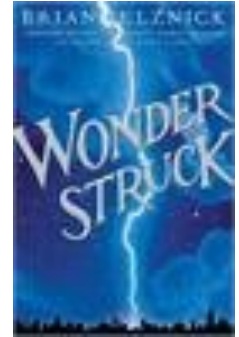
We had a super trip to the Ritz to see a puppet show based on three different stories by Eric Carle. It was really a great show and the puppets and colors were amazing!! It was definitely enjoyed by all!!

We are all looking forward to our Catholic Schools Week Celebration- Faith. Academics. Service. Everyday during the week students will participate in an activity that focuses on one of the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Thanks for all you do to make CCS a wonderful place to be!!

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Have you every wondered how an author decides on the setting of their story? Through the virtual field-trip sponsored by Scholastics Books, Calvert's fourth grade students were able to see just how one such author decided upon his setting for the novel "WonderStruck". Brian Selznick chose the American Museum of Natural History in New York City as his setting for this award-winning book. After his own personal visit to the museum, he was 'wonderstruck' by the numerous discoveries and mysteries of science that were introduced to him while he visited the numerous displays within this massive museum. The fourth graders not only received a personal guided tour of the museum, but they also learned about the characters that Selznick introduces within his novel. Hopefully it left the students wanting to know more about the museum itself as well as wanting to read Selznick's story "WonderStruck". Books are special to the characters within his story—and Wonderstruck is a special book itself. Celebrate reading and the importance of books by reading every day!



SIXTH GRADE NEWS

There is a legendary quote, “If it wasn’t for the last minute, nothing would get done”. The sixth graders have been learning that every minute counts and planning ahead does pay off. The month of January was a chance for the 6th graders to practice the art of “time management”.

Researching Egypt and writing reports was the main focus of the month. Through research, the 6th graders were able to learn about life during the ancient days. Visual displays were created to bring the reports to life. These projects were on display at the recent Open House.

Letter writing skills were practiced and business letters were written to a variety of individuals and organizations. These will be mailed and we anxiously await our responses.

Fractions, decimals, and percents are the current focus in Math. We have been working on converting from one form to the other. Although it takes practice, we are becoming more proficient in this.

Science has introduced us to the amazing world of cells. We have learned that although cells are very small, their functions are vital to life.

Many 6th graders recently had the opportunity to lead the K-6 students in the Rosary. This was a nice opportunity to gather in prayer.

Finally, congratulations to Joe Stover, who represented the 6th grade at the local Seneca-Wyandot Spelling Bee held January 29 at the Tiffin Middle School.



Calvert Elementary Library News

READING BINGO

Thanks to all who have donated books to the library .

In Memory of Regina Hohman

By Marty and Carol Hammer

In Memory of Evelyn Foster

By Amy Hill

Rose Horn

Calvert Elementary Library Staff

In Memory of Nancy Frisch

By Mary Leibengood

Marty and Carol Hammer

In Memory of Deacon Dan Scherger

Marissa, Lindsay and Austin Horn

In Memory of Cyril Elchert

Marty and Carol Hammer

In Memory of John Morrone

Marty and Carol Hammer

Harold and Nancy Courtney

In Memory of Pete and Marie Kuhn

Marty and Carol Hammer

In Memory of Charles and Helen Saibeni

Lighthouse Christmas

In Memory of Albert and Hubertine Kuhn

Marty and Carol Hammer

In Memory of Lena Daniel

Evelyn Daniel

In Memory of Frankie Klepper

Evelyn Daniel

In Memory of Victor Daniel

Evelyn Daniel

In Memory of Rev. Thomas Kuhn

Marty and Carol Hammer

In Memory of Joan Walter

Marty and Carol Hammer

Linda LaFontaine

Harold and Nancy Courtney

In Honor of Bob & Elsie Klepper

Evelyn Daniel

In Honor of Father Joe

In Honor of Mrs. Reineke and Sr Barbara

Merry Christmas

Kris Klepper Family

**In Honor of Mrs. Frisch, Mrs. Keefe,
Sr. Barbara Krakora Merry Christmas**

Jessica Ferstler

Mrs. Feasel and Miss Leibengood

Merry Christmas

Justin Ferstler

Donations from the

Calvert High School Academic Boosters

The Nielson Family



Calvert Elementary Students in grades 3-5 have been participating in genre bingo. The intent of Reading Bingo is for students to learn new authors, genres and writing styles, but most of all to have fun reading.

Each 9 weeks, students receive a BINGO card with 3 [genres](#) on it. Along with the genres, there will be one or two free choices. They must read books in a diagonal, across, or down row.

After reading each book, the student will take an AR Quiz and if the student passed the quiz they will place a sticker on the bingo sheet.

This program encourages them to read a variety of genres during independent reading time.

The genres for the 3rd quarter are: Adventure, Historical Fiction, Newberry/Caldecott Award Books and Free Choice.

In the first Second quarter, the following students earned a voucher to the Book Fair as well as a ticket for each book to be used at the reading carnival in the Spring.

Grade 3

Maggie Bremyer

Dominic Fabrizio

Madison Widman

Grade 4

Alaina Bowers

Brooke Dixon

Lila Gehring

Kyle Kantner

Emma Melvin

Grade 5

Maddy Brown

Sophie Burtis

Bria Coleman

Trenton Cooper

Spencer George

Taylor Harris

Hunter Hendrix

Aliah Hohman

Austin Jones

Jacob Kin

Josh Recker

Bobby Bremyer

Dominic Mangiola

Nic Somodi

Grade 6

Ceci Brodman

Erin Groves

Fallon Huss

Marie Brodman

Brad Haren

Sara Welter

Mark your Calendars -Right to Read Week will be celebrated the week of March 11, 2012. The Book Fair will be part of Right to Read Week this year. More information will follow as plans are completed

ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Gymnastics is the next unit in Physical Education class. Kindergarten through second grade are developing fundamental skills in balance, supports and landings before moving to the mats for tumbling. Our third through sixth graders are continuing progress in Fitness with the "Daily Dozen" workout, followed by tumbling.

Going to State!

Nick Seifert in Mrs. Marinis' third grade class has qualified for state competition in the Elk's National Hoop Shoot Free-Throw competition. He placed first in the regional contest in Findlay. As far as our records show, Nick is the first student from Calvert to qualify at this level. Congratulations and Good Luck!



Calvert Elementary Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Seneca-Wyandot Spelling Bee on Jan 29,

Grade 6: Joe Stover and Renji Moreno,
Grade 5: Taylor Harris and Will Klepper.

Each classroom also hosted a grade level Spelling Bee. The winners were:

Grade 2: Caitlyn Harple and Kate Laney
Grade 3: Nathaniel Harple and Leo Longo
Grade 4: Travis Everhart and Erin Wagner.

Erin Wagner won the school championship for grades 4-6.

FEBRUARY 2012

**Friday 3~First Friday Breakfast
Tuesday 14 ~Parent and Teacher
Conferences
Thursday 16 ~Parent and Teacher
Conferences
Friday 17~ No School
Monday 20th~ No School Presidents'
Day
Wednesday 22~ Ash Wednesday
2012**

Save the date and plan to attend this year's Calvert Auction! Saturday, November 3rd beginning at 5:00pm at Calvert High School. More details will follow at a later date. Thank you!



Time to Register Student for the 2012-13 School Year.

Student Registration and Emergency Medical Authorization Information

www.calvertcatholic.org

or Click~

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dGtmaDVYOHlabHoyeXF5UjdncTFmc3c6MQ#gid=0)

[hl=en_US&formkey=dGtmaDVYOHlabHoyeXF5UjdncTFmc3c6MQ#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dGtmaDVYOHlabHoyeXF5UjdncTFmc3c6MQ#gid=0)

Sign-up for High School Parent and Teacher Conferences online:

Click~

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dF9jRDgwWUNhd1I3MW5LSDhvUUJMd2c6MQ#gid=0)

[hl=en_US&formkey=dF9jRDgwWUNhd1I3MW5LSDhvUUJMd2c6MQ#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dF9jRDgwWUNhd1I3MW5LSDhvUUJMd2c6MQ#gid=0)



There will be a First Friday Breakfast on February 3rd at 6:30am in the Calvert High School Cafeteria. We are happy to have Amy Recker as our guest speaker. All are welcome to join in this fellowship and enjoy a full buffet breakfast hosted by our boosters.

Thank you to all who helped at our annual St. Nicholas Breakfast and to everyone who came out for breakfast and supported this event. Proceeds will help benefit the After Prom for our students.

Mark your calendars for the Parent/Son breakfast to be held at Calvert High School, March 11th after St. Joseph's 9:30am mass. We hope many of our young men in grades 7-12, along with their parents will plan to join us. Our speaker is yet to be confirmed, more information in the March newsletter.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 20th at 7:00pm in the media center at Calvert High School. We welcome everyone!

Thank you. If you have any questions regarding the Academic/Spiritual Boosters, please contact Michele Funkhouser at mfunkhouser@woh.rr.com

Sr. Rita Mae's Class

In Religion class, we have been talking about prayer and how we need reminders that God is always with us and eager to listen to us. I suggested that the students choose a symbol to remind them of that. Here are two student's responses:

Katie Tiell - My symbol for God is a heart with a key attached to it. I have a necklace like that and I wear it almost every day. It is a good symbol for me because it helps me remember that God is the key to my heart. He knows everything about me, and everything about me is in my heart, soul, and mind. God knows all my secrets and He is like a key that opens them up. It also reminds me that God is always with me. This helps me get through whenever I am sad. I turn to God who is in my heart, at all times.

Sydney Allen - My symbol is a footprint. I think this symbol is good for me because I need to remember that, even when I'm upset or angry, God is always beside me and will never leave. This is also a good symbol for me because I need to learn to follow in God's footprints and trust that He will lead me in the right path. This symbol will remind me of God because, when I do see a footprint, I will remember that God is always with me. Also, that, if I start to walk in the wrong direction, God will turn me to the path He wants me to take.



Gianluca Tomasello on a international panel at Columbian High School. Gianluca did a very nice job and represented Calvert High School very well. Mr Moore was very Thankful To Calvert High School for making it possible for Gianluca to participate.

English 9 students have been working on literature that deals with suspense. Edgar Allan Poe's "The Cask of Amontillado" and Daphne du Maurier's "The Birds," including Alfred Hitchcock's version are providing some gruesome plots.

English 11 students are reading *A Separate Peace*. This story is about a man named Gene who goes back 15 years to his high school days at Devon. He has some fears to confront that have a connection to the First Academy Building and a certain tree. The students are learning how a person has to attempt to deal with the consequences of his actions. Set during WWII, this story narrator tells what the U.S. citizens had to do at home to support the war effort, and the indirectly related incidents that happened during the War.

College Composition students are working on the construction of comparison/contrast essays. It is a challenge to develop a thesis statement and then use the similarities and differences of a topic to support the thesis. Much effort is put into this assignment. In grammar the concept of time is being studied with the usage of verb tenses.

Guidance Counselor's Corner

Parents of the current Senior class: Reminder of the Free Help for filing your FAFSA form---College Goal Sunday; Feb. 12--2:00pm --Terra State Community College in Fremont. Register: www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org

Site that you can use to look at colleges/universities/career activities---I use this site almost on a daily basis---they update their information each Fall---so, while things change during the academic year--this site would still be the most up to date. It is the Ohio Career Information System(we counselors call it OCIS)

<http://www.ocis.org>

User Name: CalvertHS

Password: ohiocis03

Class of 2012--updates on Scholarships: (all info is posted in guidance office-criteria ---deadlines, etc)

Deadline dates:

March 23: North Central Ohio Conservative Inc. Writing contest

March 26: Timothy Gregory Memorial Scholarship

April 3: Old Fort Banking Scholarship

April 11: AAA Safety Patrol Scholarship

April 13: Run For Rush Scholarship

April 16: Seneca County Retired Teachers Association

Scheduling is going well for the 2012-2013 year--most of our students have their course requests sheets filled out and are ready when they come in and meet with me.

Have a good month.

Miss Hamilton

