

Calvary Praise Report

Update from Dr. Dan Bragg

Assistant Head of School

God is Working in the Fall of 2025!

Thanking the Lord for our continued growth! This year we opened the doors with 515 students and ended up with a few more at the beginning of the second quarter - 520 students.

Year - Enrollment

2020 – 250

2021 – 336

2022 – 407

2023 – 450

2024 – 480

2025 – 520

Our growth and our vision have huge implications on the need and timing for the Phase 3 project. An exciting problem to have!



The Admin Team is growing!

Thankful for the team that Mr. Hyde has assembled. Just think, in 2020 Mr. Hyde was the only administrator with Nikki Slemmons running the office. Now, in addition, we have an Assistant Head of School, two Principals, a full-time Athletic Director, IT Director, Facilities



Director and Admissions Director! And running the office, we have a full-time Treasurer, along with multiple full-time and part-time Office Administrators and Secretaries.

Not that we want to grow in Administration and bureaucracy, but with our growth and number of programs, there is so much to be manage. And we want to upgrade, improve and professionalize our work (scaling the ministry) to give good service in every area.

The Teachers are at work!

We have such a special group of teachers in front of your students! They are faithfully carrying out the daily work of education, maintaining order, and shaping culture while also taking on so much more beyond those responsibilities. Scott Miller has started a 6th-8th



Robotics Class and High School Robotics Club. We have many more clubs available like Associated Student Body, National Honor Society, Fellowship Christian Athletes, Youth Government, Club America. We have older kids aiding in lower school classes, athletic supervision roles, field trips and on the list goes. Think about what it says in Luke 6:40, "as the student is trained, he will be like his/her teacher." A very important group of people. The Advancement

guy, "money guy," loves to talk about the miracles of giving and crazy things that took place for us to be in the building we are in, but nothing matches the miracles of God orchestrating and placing our amazing staff together to carry out the mission of Christian Education here at Calvary!

The Athletic Teams are Rising!

Fall was filled with the effort, time, hard work, organizing, scheduling and on list goes to make athletics happen. Not only do we work hard to fulfill the Profile of a Spartan Athlete, but we get very excited with success which can be a huge encouragement as we chase a winning culture and the building of teams. The Cross-Country program was able to do a lot of winning (talk about PR's!) and was able to send one runner (John Gaertner) to the State meet (first Calvary athlete to do so). We have a great culture of winning in our soccer program that starts with the elementary littles (ever been to McKinley Fields on a Saturday morning?). We were able to field our first Girls Soccer team at the varsity level. Interesting how so many people are surprised by all the things we offer including the number of sports. Right at 80% of our high schoolers are part of an athletic team. This is a great place to teach, prepare and train our kids for the challenges of the future.



The Buses are Rolling!

We have a new bus! New to us! Fleet of three! We started a route to Marysville and pick up 20 some kids every day. Who knows where the next route needs to go? But we have busses for athletics (We need drivers!), field trips, and club trips. Owning and maintaining a bus fleet is not cheap or easy, but what a blessing as you do the things expected in a school program.

The Campus is Coming Alive!

What do you think about the new signs on the light poles? It is great to keep in front of all of us the key aspects of our mentoring, discipleship, education. We call it the Profile of a Graduate and we use the words: Biblical Worldview, Grit, Leadership, Authentic, Humble, and Equipped. There are many Biblical truths, character qualities and Fruit of the Spirit that are dealt with every day, but to put a lot of what we do in a set of simple proclamations keep us on mission as we partner with you and hold our kids accountable.

The Partnering Churches are Standing with Us!

Speaking of partnership, we are thankful to partner with over 60 churches. We know that the key to our success in the partnership, with mission focus, from you are families and the Churches you attend. We were happy to have 30 some pastors at a chapel/brunch to not only thank them for their work in our community but ask them for advice and thoughts about the work that we do how we can do it better.

The Chapel Services are Transforming Hearts!



Chapel every week is a great time of worship and praise, but teaching from many of the pastor mentioned above, and from our own Chapel coordinator and director Joey Adams. There are so many highlights as the elementary kids are honored as Spartans of the Week (boy are they loud!) or we will have National Honor Society induction, and always a host of announcements (have you ever seen "Talk about it Tuesday" a Communications class) as we come together to honor the Lord, learn his principles and live life together. A huge highlight was our Spiritual Reset week with guest Speaker Adrian Despres. It was a beautiful time as our students humbled themselves and committed themselves to the idea of "being in the First Chair"! What a blessing to have your son's and daughters in a regular Chapel setting where the Truth of God's Word are talked about continuously! It is not always true (remember – we are all sinners saved by Grace), but what a great place to have your kids where it is actually "cool" to follow Jesus.

The Board is Leading Forward!

We have a group of six working behind the scenes to bring wisdom and oversight to our school. They use the Policy Governance model and get reports and manage the operations through their relationship with the Head of School. It is a robust system that seeks long term goals and vision while maintaining harmony and navigating the highs and lows of a work centered around “people.” It is amazing the work and progress this group has achieved in light of the fact that we have only been our own independent 501 © 3 for three years.



The Accreditation is Advancing!

The admin team and Teachers/staff – all hands on deck are working on a process called Accreditation. This is a third-party organization (ACSI and Cognia) that looks at every part of the operation of our school to rate our compliance and quest for excellence. Nothing is hidden as we look at business practice, finances, curriculum, extra-curricular, leadership systems, and all of this with an understanding of biblical Integration and mission focus. This is why we have four Accreditation Inservice days – kids off. The process is and will make us better! It will honor the practices we do well and shine a light on the items we need to improve. Hey, no body is perfect, but the quest to improve grow and be excellent is a constant march you see in the Calvary way.

The Building is Taking Shape!

We love our building, and we are so glad to be here! It is unbelievable that we sit in a property valued at \$12 million dollars!! This is the same school that spent many years



wondering if we could pay our staff or even open school the next year! What a blessing to have secured the funds from you our donors to create professional, roomy space to do our work to the best of our ability. No one comes to our school and leaves unimpressed! The building itself screams we want to do Christian Education right! What a blessing a couple of months ago when we were able to host 400-ish people for the New Path Pregnancy Center banquet. They were impressed with our gym, sound system, lighting and stage – it was perfect for them! What a blessing to have the resources, the equipment, the space, to bless our community!

Ohio Educational Choice State:

We had a great visit with our State House of Representative yesterday, Tim Barhorst. He represents the 85th District at the State House in Columbus.



Rep. Barhorst and the rest of the Ohio Assembly have been very good to us through the Ed-Choice voucher program. This provision has allowed your tax dollars to follow our students to the school of their choice making Calvary accessible to anyone who wants and values Christian Education. Mr. Hyde and I have spent a fair amount of time in Columbus the past several years making sure the State legislators know the value they bring to our community and our school. We continue to work out a second-to-none educational experience that brings in the best of public education with a Christian/Biblical worldview.

Also note the amazing Tax Credit available to us when you donate to the [SGO link](#) found on the Calvary Website and get a total write off that allows you to pay nothing and direct your Ohio Tax liability to the Calvary school financial aid program. That means that we can continue to be helpful to those families who struggle to pay the tuition gap between the Ed-Choice scholarship and the amount they must pay out of pocket. Again, blessing upon blessing as the Lord continues to work out systems to make the mission of Christian Education real and viable!!

Twelve Stones

We could not do it without you! The number of people who joined us to pull all this off is crazy amazing! I like to refer to the Old Testament story of the Children of Israel erecting the 12 stones near the Promise Land so that when people asked what this "monument" about they could retell the story of God's miraculous provision and how none of this would be true without Him! That is the goal of the Giving Board. God used normal people to pull off the work He had committed for us to do (Ephesian 2:10).





Thank you!!

Each of you have participated in the great work He has done, and the momentum continues for the great work He continues to “work out” for us to do!! As we rush into the holiday season and the end of the year, get ready for the new hopes, new challenges, and more and more (I Thess 4:1), Body of Christ participation, but for now, What a blessing!! Thank you!!



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