CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A STORY STILL BEING WRITTEN

Teaching Truth. Preparing Disciples.



2026

IMPACT REPORT

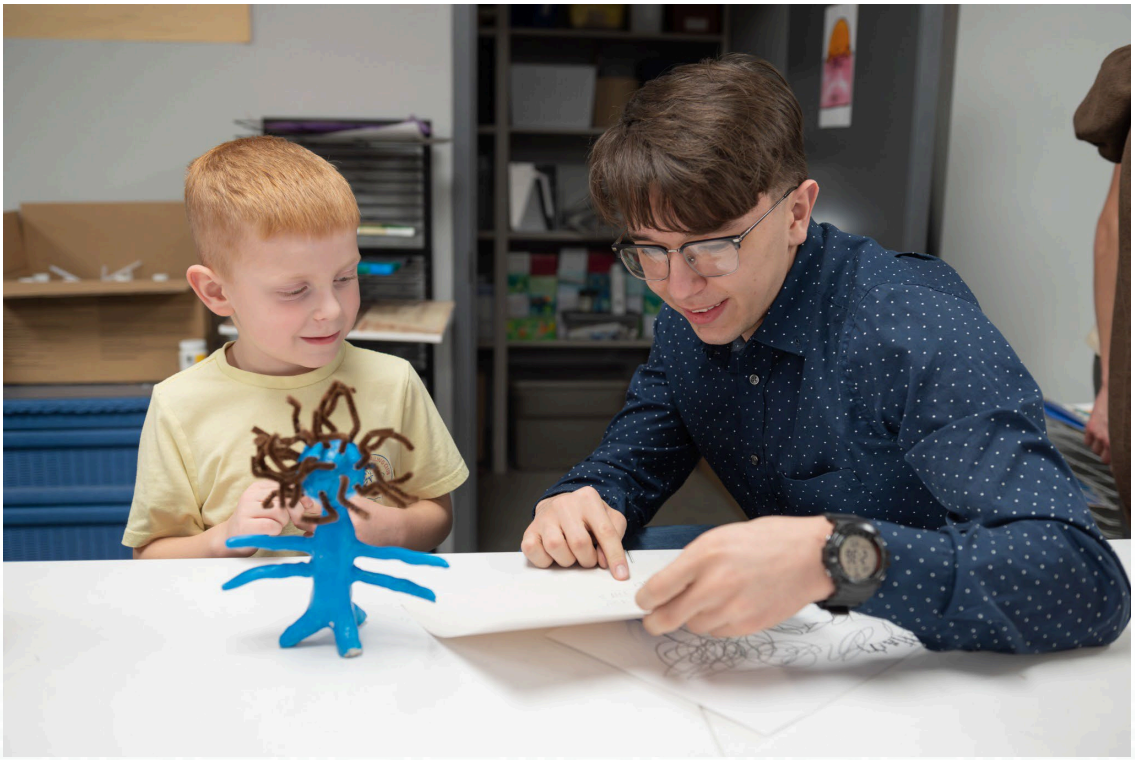
Faith takes root. Students grow.
The story reaches beyond Calvary.

Teaching Truth. Preparing Disciples.

Every school day is part of a much larger story.

A child learns to keep trying. A student discovers the courage to lead. A graduate returns to invest in the next generation. Through those moments, we see the purpose of a Calvary education.

Families and donors help make room for that growth. These stories introduce the students, relationships, and opportunities at the heart of the mission we share.



Gideon sharing his artistic skills with William.

Growth happens through relationships.

Our Portrait of a Graduate

A Calvary education prepares students for a life of following Christ. These six qualities guide the growth we nurture in classrooms, on teams, through the arts, and in service. The stories that follow give this portrait a human face.

Biblical Worldview

Thinking informed by Scripture.

Grit

Perseverance and passion.

Authentic

Genuine in their walk with the Lord and seeking growth.

Humility

Willing to serve as God leads.

Equipped

Skills and habits to succeed.

Effective Leader

Secure in their identity as a child of God, with a positive influence on others.



Young Spartans practice soccer skills in the gym.



Calvary's choir shares a performance at Logan County Choir Festival

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GRIT

Ransom Lambert

SENIOR AT CALVARY



Ransom shows his passion for the soccer field.

The courage to keep going

When I think about grit, I don't just think about working hard. I think about having the discipline to keep pursuing something even when it's difficult, inconvenient, or uncomfortable. I've seen that play out in almost every area of my life at Calvary. In track, grit shows up in those final moments of a race when you're exhausted but still have to find another level to reach your goal. In soccer, it's the ability to stay mentally engaged for an entire match, making good decisions even when you're tired. I've seen the same thing in theater, where hours of rehearsing, memorizing lines, and refining details happen long before anyone sees the final performance. Grit is what allows you to stay committed to a goal after the excitement wears off and the work really begins.

I've also learned a lot about grit by watching the people around me. One person who immediately comes to mind is Lincoln Roell. Whether it was on the farm, in the classroom, on the soccer field, or in other activities, he consistently demonstrated what it looks like to persevere and give your best effort. I've seen that same attitude in teammates, classmates, and friends who quietly put in countless hours behind the scenes. The musical is a great example because people only see the finished production, but they don't see the practice, repetition, and sacrifices that make it possible. I've seen that on mission trips to Costa Rica as well. The most meaningful moments often come when you're willing to step outside your comfort zone, serve others, and continue showing up with a positive attitude even when you're tired or challenged.

"You have to stay mentally locked in," Ransom said. "Without grit, your body isn't going to respond the way your mind wants it to. There's a mental barrier you have to break through."

What makes Calvary special is that grit isn't just something students are expected to develop; it's something that's modeled for us every day. Our teachers, coaches, and directors invest so much time and energy in helping us grow, including preparation and work behind the scenes that students may never see. Their example has shown me that grit is ultimately a character trait that impacts every part of life. It's the determination to keep moving forward, to embrace challenges rather than avoid them, and to remain faithful to what God has called you to do. Whether it's in athletics, academics, the arts, or serving others, grit equips us to face obstacles with confidence and continue pursuing excellence long after things become difficult.

JAMES 1:2–4

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (ESV).

HUMILITY

Ollie Jarvis

SOPHOMORE AT CALVARY



Ollie serving in small ways.

Willing hearts.

Open hands.

I enjoy helping wherever there's a need, whether that's through sports, Key Club service projects, school events, or just being available for someone who needs a hand. I've never really seen myself as the leader who's in front of everyone. I'm usually the person helping behind the scenes, supporting others and doing whatever I can to make things go well. As I thought about why service matters to me, I kept coming back to one simple idea: "I don't like seeing people down." I want people to feel encouraged, supported, and cared for.

My desire to serve has also shaped how I think about my future. After graduation, I hope to attend college, continue playing soccer, and eventually pursue ministry. Opportunities like sharing a devotional with my class and the influence of teachers such as Mrs. Chapman helped me realize how much I enjoy encouraging others in their faith. Ministry appeals to me because, at its core, it's about serving people. Whether I'm helping through sports, friendships, or ministry, I want my life to reflect Christ by putting others before myself.

"I don't like seeing people down. I want people to feel encouraged, supported, and cared for."

One thing I've learned at Calvary Christian is that leadership isn't always about being the person in charge. Sometimes it's about showing up, working hard, and helping others succeed. Through soccer, basketball, the school musical, and Key Club, I've had opportunities to serve in many different ways. I may not always seek the spotlight, but I want to be someone others can count on. If people remember me as someone who cared about them, encouraged them, and was willing to help whenever needed, I'd consider that a success.



Elizabeth and Caden serving at the Pastor's Breakfast.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3–4

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others" (ESV).

AUTHENTICITY

Katie Worley

SENIOR AT CALVARY



Katie and friends welcome students on the first day of school.

The confidence to be yourself

Growing up at Calvary since fifth grade has shaped so much of who I am. If there's one-word people often use to describe me, it's authentic. Honestly, I think that's because I've learned to be comfortable being myself. My mom always prayed that I would have the confidence to be who God made me to be, and over time that became something I chose for myself too. I'm involved in ASB, Key Club, drama, and other activities, but no matter where I am, I don't want to pretend to be someone I'm not. I'm passionate about the things I care about, I'm honest about what I think, and I've learned that growth happens when we're real with each other instead of trying to look perfect.

"Mrs. Brewer has helped me become the best version of myself. She never let me slack off, and she's always encouraged me to grow."

When I think about my time at Calvary, one of the biggest influences in my life has been Mrs. Brewer. She's known me since fifth grade, when I was probably the quietest student in the room. Now, most people would tell you they can't get me to stop talking. Through classes, musicals, conversations, and everyday life, she's encouraged me to become the best version of myself. What makes that so meaningful is that she never sat me down and taught a lesson called "authenticity." She simply invested in me, challenged me, and helped me grow. Looking back, that's one of the greatest gifts Calvary has given me: teachers who genuinely care and walk alongside students as they become who God created them to be.

I think one reason Christians sometimes get a bad reputation for being inauthentic is that we're tempted to act like we have everything together. But I've learned that real faith isn't about pretending to be perfect. It's about being honest and trusting God's grace. If I could give younger students one piece of advice, it would be to seek the Lord first. When you focus on Him instead of worrying about what everyone else thinks, it becomes much easier to be yourself. Authenticity doesn't happen overnight, but when you're rooted in Christ and surrounded by people who encourage you, you can have the confidence to live honestly, grow through your struggles, and become the person God is calling you to be.

"In order for us to grow, we have to be honest with each other. We have to talk about the hard things."

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (ESV).

EQUIPPED

Brody Prall

JUNIOR AT CALVARY

More than coffee



Brody guarding the goal with support from his team.

Before taking an entrepreneurship class, I didn't know much about what went into building a business. Through our project of starting a student-run coffee shop at Calvary Christian, I've learned that entrepreneurship is about much more than selling a product. We spent time surveying people about their coffee habits, gathering data, and learning what customers actually want. I realized that successful businesses aren't just focused on making money. They're focused on solving problems and serving people well.

One of the biggest lessons I've learned is the importance of understanding your customers. We've studied marketing, mission statements, and ways to communicate what we're offering. We've also talked about how to improve the customer experience, not just the product itself. For example, we've discussed ideas like serving parents in the pickup line so they can conveniently get coffee while waiting for their children. Those conversations have helped me see that businesses stand out when they make life easier and better for the people they serve.

"Entrepreneurship isn't about making a bunch of money. It's about finding solutions to people's problems."

What excites me most is that these lessons go beyond this coffee shop project. I'm learning skills that will help me throughout my life, whether I start a business someday or not. I'm learning how to solve problems, work with a team, develop ideas, and think strategically. I've also come to see how entrepreneurship can connect with faith. When people use their talents to serve others, create opportunities, and steward resources wisely, they can make a positive impact on both their community and God's Kingdom. That's what makes this class about much more than coffee.



Elijah learning from Scott Miller with a hands-on approach..

2 TIMOTHY 3:17

"that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (ESV).

EFFECTIVE LEADER

Clara McGill

JUNIOR AT CALVARY

The confidence to step forward



Clara and the Youth In Government group at the March for Life.

My name is Clara McGill, and I am a junior at Calvary Christian Schools. I transferred to Calvary during my freshman year after attending a public school for more than eight years. Moving into a new environment, I initially believed I had no chance of making a real difference or leading a large group of peers. However, I soon discovered that Calvary is purposely built to create leaders and grow students through awesome opportunities.

If you know me at all, you know that I am very passionate about our nation and building a better tomorrow. During my sophomore year, a tragic event broke me and millions of others in pieces: Charlie Kirk was assassinated on September 10th, 2025. That was my wake-up call. In that exact moment, I felt an urgency to defend my beliefs and prepare to lead my country. While I had always considered myself an effective leader, I knew God was calling me to use my gifts in a more meaningful way.

“When Calvary recognizes your spiritual gifts, they encourage you to use them for God’s glory.”

The very next day, on September 11th, I approached my history teacher, Amy LeCrone, about starting a Turning Point USA chapter at our high school. Both she and the administration gave me an immediate "yes." I realized then that our school leaders want nothing more than to see students step up to the plate and grow in leadership. Once the organization approved our chapter, it was time to see how the students would respond. At our first meeting, over 25 students showed up, an incredibly impressive turnout for a school our size.

Through this experience alone, Calvary demonstrated its commitment to equipping students who are willing to make a difference. In my freshman year, I would never have taken a leap of faith this big. Yet, after only one year in this school, I gained the confidence to express my beliefs and stand on biblical principles. Since then, I have been blessed with many more opportunities to lead both inside and outside of school. When Calvary recognizes your spiritual gifts, they encourage you to use them for God’s glory. I hope to continue doing exactly that in all that I do.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12

“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity” (ESV).

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

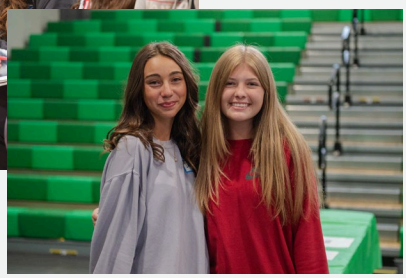
Iva Wilson

SENIOR AT CALVARY

An audience of One



Students read and reflect together in chapel.



Iva and Megan together.

I came to Calvary halfway through seventh grade after attending public school in West Liberty. Because of my family's faith journey and my experiences in different environments, I've had the opportunity to see a variety of perspectives and beliefs. Looking back, I think that has helped me better understand the importance of a biblical worldview. For me, a biblical worldview isn't something you arrive at and then stop growing in. It's something that continues to develop as you grow closer to God. During my time at Calvary, I've been surrounded by teachers, friends, and mentors who genuinely live out their faith, and that example has challenged me to make my own faith deeper and more personal.

"A biblical worldview isn't something you fully master. It's something that continues to grow as you grow closer to God."

One of the biggest ways God has shaped my life is through worship. Many people know me because I sing, but for me, worship has always been about much more than music. I love the idea of worshiping an audience of One. Every gift I have has been given to me by God, and I believe those gifts are meant to be offered back to Him. Whether I'm leading worship at church or participating in worship at school, my goal is never to draw attention to myself but to point people toward Christ. Being in leadership has also taught me that influence comes with responsibility. I've learned that serving God authentically matters far more than being seen or recognized. Worship has given me opportunities to grow in humility, leadership, and dependence on God.

As I look toward the future, I know the biblical foundation I've built at Calvary will continue to guide me. While I don't currently plan to attend college, I have a strong desire to travel and explore opportunities for missions' work, particularly in Europe. Wherever God leads me, I want my faith to shape how I lead, how I serve others, and how I approach every situation. Calvary has helped me understand that a biblical worldview is not limited to a classroom lesson. It affects every area of life. The lessons I've learned here have equipped me to move forward with discernment, confidence, and a desire to represent Christ well wherever I go.

ROMANS 12:2

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (ESV).

PREPARED TO GO

Daniel Wilt

CLASS OF 2018

A life poured into others



Daniel Wilt, Calvary Class of 2018, speaks to students.

My name is Daniel Wilt and I graduated from Calvary Christian School in 2018. Since graduating, I attended Ohio Christian University in Circleville, OH and got an undergraduate degree in Intercultural Ministries to pursue my calling to the mission field. After graduation, I married my wife Macey and landed back in Logan county serving as an Associate Pastor at Vineyard Christian Fellowship. Alongside this, I have had the opportunity to coach soccer at Calvary and invest in many discipleship relationships that I know will last a lifetime.

The biggest factor that shaped me in my time at Calvary was my relationships with my peers and teachers. I had friends who pushed me in my walk with Christ, especially in high school, and prepared me to "swim upstream" in a culture that is constantly attempting to push us all in the same direction. I also had teachers who gave generously of their time and energy to help us grow. Rich Glink, George Detwiler, Ryan Hyde, and Linda Kerns are just a few names (of a dozen that I could name) that spent significant time shaping me during my time at Calvary. I am forever grateful how they prepared me, both educationally and spiritually, and set an example that I hope to model.

"I can honestly say that God's plan has been so much better than anything I could've imagined on my own."

Calvary instilled in me a foundation of hard work, excellence in everything I do, and a desire to glorify God through it all. As anyone who is reading this knows, life will continue to teach new things, but I am thankful for God's preparation along the way. Looking forward, Macey and I are moving to the Philippines for full-time missions in the next year and I'm so glad for the lessons learned in the process that began the day I was born. I can honestly say that God's plan has been so much better than anything I could've imagined on my own.

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Ordinary days. Lasting influence.

The story of a school unfolds in the moments between its milestones. Students learn beside one another, make something new, and discover how their gifts can serve a purpose.



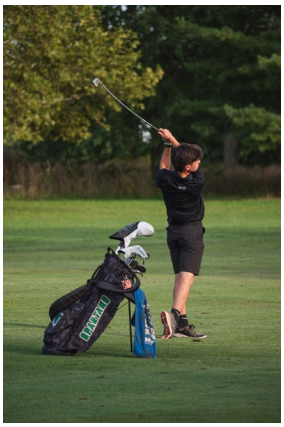
Reagan and Ari competing with their team.



Students enjoying their time together in class.



A student explores creative learning.



Brant Zell excelling on the course.

A community to call home

"One of the first things we heard about when we came to Ohio was the Calvary soccer team. When we looked into it, they welcomed the boys in. They gave my boys a community of young men who loved the Lord, led by men whose primary goal was to foster that. Since moving here, my heart has been bursting with gratitude. Tonight, as their season officially ends, I'm thankful to the coaches, the teammates, and the parents who have befriended me, as well. God is good."

SUZY HART

School Parent

A place to contribute.



Calvary's varsity girls volleyball team puts perseverance into practice.

Athletics and the arts give students opportunities to practice a skill, receive direction, and contribute to something beyond themselves. Each rehearsal and practice offers another setting for character to grow.



Many voices. One performance.



Students bring a Christmas Carol to life onstage.

A RENEWED MIND

Benaiah Soma

JUNIOR AT CALVARY



Ben and members of the Cross Country team getting ready for the next meet.

The joy of following Christ

For a long time, I was more focused on fitting in with the world than growing in my relationship with Christ. A lot of my attention was consumed by my phone, social media, and the constant pressure to keep up with what everyone else was doing. Looking back, I can see how those distractions were pulling me away from God and influencing the choices I made. My mom and brother were the first people to challenge me about the amount of time I spent on my phone and the habits I was developing online. At first, I didn't want to hear it, but God used their concern to get my attention.

As I started spending less time on my phone, I began replacing those habits with prayer and time in God's Word. Teachers like Mr. Davis encouraged me to start each day focusing on Christ, and friends like Avery McCarty showed me what it looked like to live out a genuine faith. The more I pursued God, the more I realized that true joy doesn't come from following the crowd. It comes from following Christ. My relationships with my family, teachers, pastor, and friends have grown stronger, and I've learned to treat people with greater respect, patience, and gratitude.

"I was conforming to the world, but through the renewing of my mind, God showed me that real joy comes from living for Christ, not for the approval of others."

One verse that has become especially meaningful to me is Romans 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." That verse describes my story. I used to be focused on what the world wanted from me, but now I want my life to reflect what God wants for me. I'm far from perfect, but God has changed the direction of my life. He's taught me that leadership isn't always about being the loudest person in the room. Sometimes it's simply choosing to follow Christ faithfully and serving others through your actions every day.

ROMANS 12:2

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (ESV).

Equipping every learner.

Every learner needs a next step. For one child, that means extra reading support. For another, it means a deeper challenge. At Calvary, teaching makes room for both.



Classroom learning at Calvary.

+6 points

Average reading improvement for Calvary's K5–8th grade MAP testing group **2023–24 to 2025–26**

Stronger foundations

When reading is difficult, focused instruction gives a child another way forward. Lexia in grades 1–3 helps teachers meet students at their learning levels. Title I reading support in K5–4th grade, individual instruction, small groups, and co teaching give students more opportunities to build a foundation.

Room to stretch

Students ready for a deeper challenge can pursue honors courses in Language Arts, science, and advanced math. Sophomores prepare for the ACT through the PreACT. Plans for Introduction to Business, an elementary Finance Club, and middle school Life Skills extend that preparation into financial choices, organization, and communication.

Intentional teaching

Teachers are mapping curriculum across grade levels so learning builds intentionally from year to year, gaps are addressed, and biblical truth informs every subject. Work toward ACSI accreditation examines 20 standards, while mentoring and lead teacher coaching support daily classroom practice.

A foundation for everyday faith

Our hope is a faith that continues in the classroom, at home, and wherever God leads next.



Juliet learning the joy of worship.

The Calvary Way

Weekly chapel brings students and staff together for worship and biblical teaching. During Chapel Reset, Ben Moore's messages on The Calvary Way connected biblical truth with everyday relationships. Listening first, speaking truth with love, and practicing forgiveness help students carry that teaching into classrooms, teams, and life at home.

Faith put into practice

During service week and on mission trips, students step beyond their usual routines to serve others. They work alongside one another, respond to needs, and put what they are learning into practice. These experiences connect classroom learning with a faith expressed through service.

Teachers grow. Students benefit.

Teachers need encouragement and opportunities to keep learning, too. This past year, Calvary staff took part in Herzog Foundation events exploring the impact of the Bible, classroom practice, parent partnerships, and school programs. That investment supports the people who guide our students every day.



Bev Rorrer inspiring a passion for learning.

19 staff participations across 7 Herzog Foundation events this past year

Bev Rorrer

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER

I attended the Herzog/Summit Ministries Biblical Integration training this summer in hopes of knowing how to better include worldview into my lessons. The sessions were very informative and gave practical tools to immerse every lesson and topic in biblical worldview. The interactive sessions where we put the information to practical use in small groups pushed me a bit out of my comfort zone, but it really helped me understand what this would look like in the classroom.

Now my students and I use the 4 metanarratives, or God's big story, to help us think about all we're learning as well as how we live and treat one another. We look at our classroom novels with a fresh perspective and students even seem to understand discipline and conflict issues differently when we look at the part we all play in God's story.

I am so glad I took the opportunity to spend a couple days of my summer learning to go beyond biblical integration to cultivating and helping students develop a truly biblical worldview in the midst of the many influences vying for influence in their lives.

100% of new teachers supported through our mentoring program 2025–26

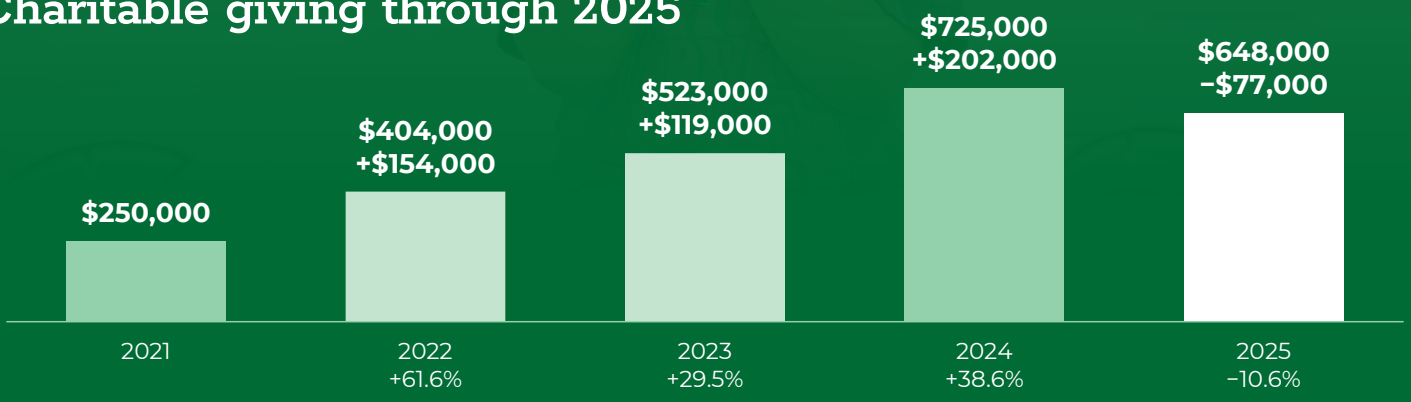
A new way to invest

Ryan Hyde has served as a coach for the Herzog Foundation for the past year. In this role, he teaches and consults with Christian schools from across the country, bringing the best ideas home with him to Calvary

The generosity behind each new chapter

Katie describes teachers who helped her find the confidence to be herself. Daniel now invests in younger students at his church. Giving supports the school community where stories like theirs can begin and continue.

Charitable giving through 2025



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2026 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13

$300,365

Year in progress. This partial total is not directly comparable with full year 2025.

Generosity in action

New buses and the flagpole project are visible expressions of this generosity.

The purchase of the neighboring property at 1699 County Road 9 opens new possibilities for the families Calvary will serve. It gives the school more flexibility to plan its campus with those students in mind.

Future uses will be considered prayerfully through the lens of the school's mission. The opportunity invites careful stewardship as Calvary plans for the students and families still to come.



An aerial view of the Calvary campus.

41 acres now make up Calvary's campus

Generosity makes room for their story

The stories on these pages begin with an opportunity to belong. SGO gifts support scholarships that help families pursue a Calvary education, making room for learning, service, and a faith that grows.



Calvary's community gathers around the table.

+31.2%

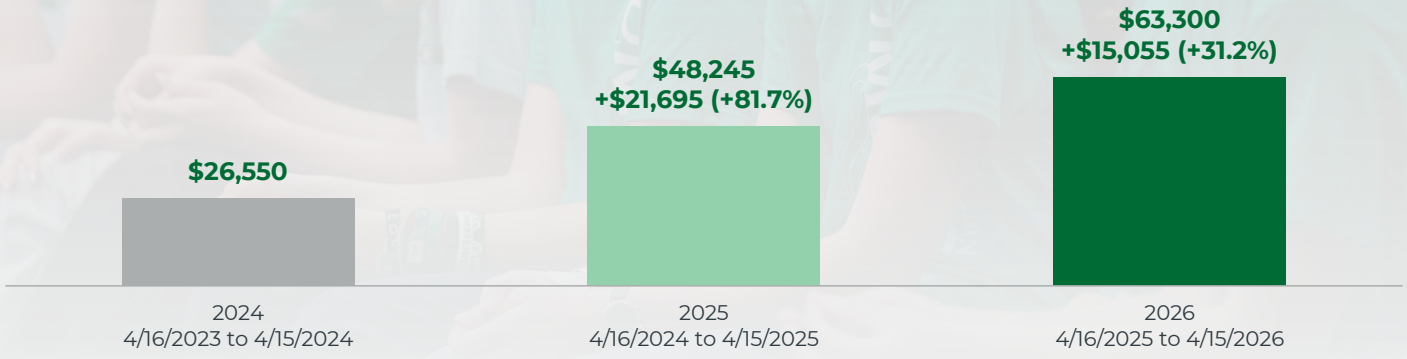
growth in scholarship giving from 2025 to 2026

+$15,055

more given in 2026 than in 2025

SGO scholarship giving

COMPLETED TAX YEARS



Help write the next Calvary story

Your Ohio tax dollars can help create opportunities for Calvary students. A qualifying gift through the OCEN SGO supports scholarships and may provide a dollar-for-dollar Ohio income tax credit, up to applicable limits. Help another student learn, grow, and follow Christ.

Visit ccsspartans.com → Ways to Give for donation information.

Every number has a name

532

students enrolled for 2026–27
as of November 13, 2026



Young Spartans share a school moment.

93.7%

retention rate from 2025–26
into 2026–27



Welcoming families to Calvary at Open House.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Families invite families

98 of 167

inquiries came through referrals

Tell your Spartan Story

Each referral begins with someone willing to share their Calvary Story. Thank you for helping another family discover our community.

How has Calvary made a difference in your life? Share a moment of growth, a meaningful relationship, or a step of faith. Your story can encourage another family. Scan or click the code to tell your Spartan Story.



Ryan Hyde congratulating Hope at graduation.



Ben Davis leading in prayer at the yearly See You at the Pole event.

CALVARY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Teaching Truth. Preparing Disciples.

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

A shared calling.

An unfolding story.

To the churches and pastors who walk alongside our families, thank you. Your prayers, care, and discipleship help students connect what they learn with the life of the church.

To our families and donors, thank you for investing in the people behind these pages. Keep praying and consider how God may lead you to be part of Calvary's next chapter.

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