

Student-Parent Handbook

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Dear Calvary Christian School Parents and Students,

The staff and administration of Calvary Christian School are looking forward to serving you and your children another year in the Christian education of your children. Calvary Christian School has been operating since 1994. We began as Calvary Country School offering Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten only. In 2002 we began offering Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Calvary Christian School is a ministry of and accountable to Calvary Chapel Nampa. This school holds to the statement of faith and all of the principles and biblical doctrines of Calvary Chapel Nampa as outlined in the Word of God, the Bible.

When Calvary Chapel was first started the vision was to have a ministry of Christian education for the youth of the church and our community. Our vision was to provide the highest quality Christian education at a tuition that would represent great value. It is upon this vision which Calvary Christian School has been built. Calvary Chapel Nampa Senior Pastor Tim Doughty is the spiritual leader and head of both the church and the school.

We currently offer A.C.E. ® (Accelerated Christian Education) curriculum throughout our school from preschool to 12th grade.

Calvary Christian school has accreditation with the state of Idaho through AdvancED ®

Our focus here at Calvary Christian School is to offer an exceptional educational experience that is not only committed to academic excellence but also committed to developing a Christ like character in each student. At Calvary Christian School we believe that if God is not in the education, then it is not a proper education. That is why we focus on developing spiritual growth and academic growth in every student.

Welcome to Calvary Christian School as we look forward to another year of God's blessings.

Yours in Christ

Jodi McNally

Jodi McNally- Administrator Calvary Christian School

John Burks

John Burks – School Principal

Proverbs 22:6 NIV: Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

Statement of Faith

1. We believe in Jesus the Christ as God's only means of salvation, through His death on the cross, for all the sins of mankind. (*John 14:6*)
2. We believe salvation is attained through God's grace, by faith alone in Jesus Christ and not as a result of man's good works. (*Ephesians 2:8-9*)
3. We believe in a triune God, made up of three persons each being God, identified in the Bible, as God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. (*Matthew 28:19*)
4. We believe the Bible is the inspired and inerrant Word of God. (*2 Timothy 3:16*)
5. We believe in the literal Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. (*1 Corinthians 15:3-4*)
6. We believe in the literal creation account as is given in *Genesis 1*
7. We believe marriage is ordained by God, as a covenant relationship between one man and one woman for life. (*Matthew 19:5-6*)
8. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer of Jesus and empowers them with spiritual gifts to be used by God to further His kingdom. (*Acts 1:5,8*)

The Definition of the School

Calvary Christian School is a private Christian school open to families seeking a Christian faith-based education. Founded by Calvary Chapel Nampa, Calvary Christian School exists to provide an education based upon the teachings of the Bible and in agreement with Calvary Chapel Nampa's statement of faith.

School Motto

“Achieving Academic Excellence in Christ”

Mission Statement

Calvary Christian School is committed to offering an outstanding Christ centered comprehensive curricula focused on developing Godly character, individual academic excellence, and instituting critical thinking skills.

Beliefs

The young men and women who complete their studies at Calvary Christian School are steeped in Biblical character, thereby becoming successes in their homes, their churches, their communities, and are a benefit to all they encounter.

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Nondiscrimination Policy

Calvary Christian School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

School/Parent Relationship

For any school to be effective with the student, it is essential that a spirit of cooperation, trust, and support exist between the school and the parents. It is for this reason that we ask each family to become familiar with the philosophy, policies, and procedures developed and enforced by Calvary Christian School. It may sometimes happen that a family is not supportive of the school and its Mission. Should a manifest lack of agreement reach the point where the school judges that the necessary and appropriate relationship no longer exists, the family will be required to withdraw the student from the school.

Notice of Implied Agreement

The registration of students at Calvary Christian School is deemed to be an agreement on their part, and on the part of their parents or guardians, to comply fully with all policies, rules, and regulations of the school as outlined in this Handbook. Calvary Christian School reserves the right to make revisions in this Handbook when deemed necessary by the school Administration. The most current handbook in effect shall be posted on the school website.

Agreement to be Governed

The Student-Parent Handbook is published to provide information regarding the rules, policies, and procedures that govern students and parents at Calvary Christian School. The Student-Parent Handbook may be found online at www.ccsnampa.org. In order to ensure that parents and students have read the Student/Parent Handbook, and agree to be governed by this handbook, it is necessary that both parents and students have signed their respective commitment form during the enrollment process. Students will not be allowed to attend class until the signed form is completed as part of the enrollment process. All rules, policies and procedures will be in effect as long as the student remains enrolled at Calvary Christian School.

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Admissions Policy

Calvary Christian School was established to provide a Christian education to those families seeking a faith-based education for their children. If you are in agreement with the policies and spiritual goals of Calvary Christian School, follow the steps below for enrollment.

Admissions Procedures

1. Set up an interview and tour the campus. Parents and students must attend.
2. Complete enrollment packet.
3. For 2nd Grade and up, set up a diagnostic test appointment if your child is a new student transferring from a non A.C.E. school.
4. Upon acceptance, your student's transcripts and permanent records must be sent from his/her former school to Calvary Christian School.
5. After acceptance, parents must attend orientation meeting **AUGUST 15, 2022 6:30 PM.**

Enrollment Procedures

1. Be certain that you understand the policies and procedures found in the "Parent Handbook." Enrollment requires an acceptance of the rules and regulations as set forth in the named handbook.
2. Return to us:
 - Completed application for enrollment/re-enrollment; if possible, both parents must sign. Note: for new students, the enrollment form is only available from the school office.
 - Letters from student's pastor for all students in level five (5) and above (applicable to new students only.)
 - Physician's Report on Health (for students in sports)
 - Immunization Record (photocopy - new students only)
 - Birth Certificate (photocopy - new students only)
 - Parent and Student Commitment Forms
 - Make the necessary financial arrangements that are required by the school. (Payment of non-refundable registration fee/diagnostic fee)

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Basic Qualifications for Admission

Preschool

Children who plan to attend the Calvary Christian School preschool program must be 4 years old by September 1st of the current school year and fully potty trained. An interview with an administrator is advisable to gauge maturity and readiness level for the A.C.E. learning program. All children must also have proof of immunization or an immunization waiver on file and a birth certificate.

Kindergarten

Children who plan to attend Kindergarten at Calvary Christian School must be 5 years of age by September 1st of the current school year and pass the fine motor skills evaluation. In addition, they will be given a reading readiness test and must score 80% or above. The reading readiness test determines if a child is ready to learn to read. All children must also have proof of immunization or an immunization waiver on file and a birth certificate.

Elementary level 1-8

Children enrolling in level 1 must be 6 years old by September 1st of the current school year and must already read. All children must also have proof of immunization or an immunization waiver on file and a birth certificate.

High School level 9-12

Students who plan to attend high school at Calvary Christian School must:

1. Have completed grade levels 1-8.
2. If they have already taken high school level classes, then they must have a valid transcript showing completed high school level classes.
3. A student is eligible to graduate from Calvary Christian School when all prescribed school level classes are completed. (Age is not the factor.)
4. All children must also have proof of immunization or an immunization waiver on file and a birth certificate.

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Code of Conduct

Basic Rules

All students at Calvary Christian School are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will bring glory to God.

Our program is designed to provide an atmosphere for students to learn to accept and perform their responsibilities while representing Christ.

Calvary Christian School has as its goal the preparation of students for life and for a daily walk with Christ.

With this understanding of the objectives of Calvary Christian School, students are expected to do the right and proper thing and behave in an acceptable manner. Persistent violators of acceptable standards will not be able to continue at Calvary Christian School. An attempt is made to treat each student as an individual, but all students are expected to live, act, and behave according to Christian standards.

Attendance at Calvary Christian School is a privilege and not a right. The goal of this school is to train Christian youth of any ability in the highest principles of Christian leadership, self-discipline, personal integrity, individual responsibility, and good citizenship.

Students who had behavior problems in other schools must first give evidence of having solved the problems before admission into Calvary Christian School. Success is attained only when students seek to maintain a positive attitude toward the school, their teachers, and fellow students.

The administration of Calvary Christian School would like to do everything we can to involve parents in their child's education. Remember that it is not just the school's responsibility to educate the child. God also assigned this responsibility to the parent(s). The function of the school is to assist parents in carrying out what God has given them to do! Parents need to be aware that we will be holding periodic conferences throughout the year.

The conferences are designed to communicate the needs of your child. Communication is the key to a successful education. Parent Communication Envelopes will be given to the parents weekly to ensure the communication between parent and child. If a student does not return the parent envelope, he/she will receive a demerit. Christ-like character is the goal of Christian school education.

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When confronted with misbehavior, parents, teachers, and students should seek to follow the guidelines laid down in *Matt. 18:15-16 NIV* “*If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’*”

When a child brings home inaccurate and biased information about an incident in the school, he is presenting “slanted news”. Unless this information is properly handled, a difference of opinion can result between the parents and school staff. Parents need to be on guard for “slanted news.” Certainly, the home and school are a team working together toward the educational success of every child. It is, therefore, critical that agreement and cooperation between school staff and parents be communicated and encouraged throughout the school year. Such teamwork does not happen by chance. It must be diligently pursued, constantly cultivated, and faithfully implemented.

Volunteer Hours:

In order to keep our expenses down it is necessary to have each family serve **10 hours per** school year. That is, three hours per quarter. The areas of service will vary from helping out in your child’s classroom, helping in the office, listening to students read, helping keep our grounds beautiful, etc. We understand that many parents work and cannot commit their time to serve. You will be able to offset the service hours by paying **\$15.00 per hour** times whatever hours were not served. We will be keeping track of your hours in the office. We will ask that you call to schedule your hours of service so that we can coordinate areas of need. With each family serving their hours, we can continue to offer an alternative Christian education for the lowest possible tuition.

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Tuition Payments

Families who pay tuition in full for the 2022-2023 academic year can receive a 10% tuition discount, if no other discounts have been applied. For families that opt to make payments on tuition, please be aware that by enrolling your child/children at Calvary Christian School you are responsible for the entire yearly tuition even if you decide to de-enroll your child/children or if your child is expelled from school. Payments will be divided into ten equal monthly payments. The first payment will be due on the first day of school. Please refer to the following tuition payment schedule for 2022-2023:

- 1st payment is due August 17, 2022.
- 2nd payment is due September 1, 2022.
- 3rd payment is due October 1, 2022.
- 4th payment is due November 1, 2022.
- 5th payment is due December 1, 2022.
- 6th payment is due January 1, 2023.
- 7th payment is due February 1, 2023.
- 8th payment is due March 1, 2023.
- 9th payment is due April 1, 2023.
- 10th payment is due May 1, 2023.

Payments can be made at the school office during normal school operating hours and days from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday-Thursday. We accept checks, money orders, cashier's checks, cash.

There will be a \$25.00 charge for any check that is returned to CCSN or for any account which has insufficient funds when a payment is posted. If three checks are returned to insufficient funds, future payments will only be accepted in the form of cash, money order, cashier's check.

If the full monthly tuition is not paid by the 15th of each month a \$25 delinquency fee will be added to your account. If all tuition and fees are not paid within 30 days from the original due date (the 1st of each month), your child/children may be suspended until the outstanding balance is paid in full.

If a satisfactory payment or payment arrangement is not made on the account, we may decide to turn over the account to a third party for collection of all outstanding balances. In the event that the account is turned over to a third party there will be an additional fee placed on the account which will be equal to 25% of the outstanding balance to offset collection fees.

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Dress Code

We strongly believe in consistently high standards of neatness. Students in their outward appearance should always practice cleanliness and modesty. Calvary Christian School serves families who are sincerely committed to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Dress is important to our Christian witness.

For all students in Preschool through 12th grade we will require the students to wear navy blue, black or khaki colored pants, skirts, skorts (skirt/shorts combination) shorts and skirts must be in the “fingertip rule”—whereby shorts or skirts must “reach to the fingertips of the extended arm” a simple way to measure this is to put your hands by your side and let them hang and if your fingers are above or the same length as your shorts or skirt you are fine. Culottes/gauchos, Capri’s or Bermuda shorts are also acceptable. A collared shirt, such as a polo shirt (short or long sleeve) or a button-up dress shirt (short or long sleeve) must be worn at all times. The shirts must be navy blue, light blue, black or white. An accent on the collar will be allowed. The shirts must be solid color, no stripes. Small logos i.e., Nike ® will be allowed. The outside layer of a child’s clothing must be the school colors. The students may choose to keep their shirts untucked as long as the shirts are worn in a fashion that is neat and not very loose. In addition, belts are to be worn with pants and shoes must be canvas, leather, athletic style, or dress shoe style and have closed backs (no flip-flops). Sandals should have back straps and heels are to be worn with caution! Leggings and athletic yoga pants may only be worn under a dress or skirt, not as pants.

Dress code for \$1 Dress Down Days, field trips or events, such as awards ceremony will be limited to pants or jeans with no holes or tears in them, shorts or skirts which must be within the “fingertip rule.” Blouses, shirts, and jerseys may be worn as long as they have sleeves and are free of tears and have no offensive language or images on them. Shoes must follow in school dress code.

Parents are expected to pay attention to how their children are dressed for school each day and for any school events, making sure their child follows our dress code policy. To assist parents in this responsibility, the administration of Calvary Christian School reserves the right to restrict any student from attending class or other school activities when a student dresses in a way deemed inappropriate for a Christian school. *1 Corinthians 10:31 “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”*

Hair

Boys and Girls – Hair must be away from eyes. No using colored hair spray to color hair.

Boys – Hair must be away from ears and not hanging over the shirt collar. No using colored hair spray to color hair.

Piercings and Tattoos

Boys – Not permitted: Piercings, tattoos, and gauges.

Girls – May have ear piercings that are reasonable, but no tattoos and no gauges.

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Standards for Behavior

The guidelines below are designed to assist in providing an optimum atmosphere for learning to serve God. A child who does not respond to human authority will have a difficult time responding to God.

God commands respect for those in authority. This requires obedience to all staff (teachers, regardless of grade level, office staff, aides, and volunteers) unless they are asking the student to violate a Biblical principle. Responding to authority, while communicating a good attitude is acceptable.

Having respect for authority requires that students:

1. Come to class prepared with assignments completed, have required materials (pens, paper, pencils, etc.), and be ready to perform when class begins.
2. Act in a manner that is not distracting or disrespectful.
3. Do things that build others up, not hurt them.

Cheating- Proverbs 12:22 “Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal faithfully are His delight.”

Any student caught cheating will be placed on a probation period. Please note that students are expected to score their paces correctly, failure to properly score their paces is considered cheating. During this probationary period, if they are caught doing anything else contrary to our code of conduct, the student will be suspended for 3 days. Minor infractions will be dealt with individually and will be punishable by demerits or detention.

Stealing- Proverbs 10:2 “Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.”

Any student caught stealing will be placed on a probation period. During this probationary period if they are caught doing anything else contrary to our code of conduct, the student will be suspended 3 days. Stealing from faculty or other students will not be tolerated.

Reverence

In all areas of instruction, teachers and students will give God’s character proper respect and consideration. Specifically, class songs, skits, stories, and discussions that include references to the name and attributes of the Lord God must be consistent with Biblical principles.

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Behavior Guidelines

1. Respect God and others in words and actions
2. Students are to obey and respect their teachers.
3. Dishonesty in any situation while at school, including lying, cheating, and stealing will not be permitted.
4. Rebellion or outright disobedience in response to instructions will not be tolerated.
5. Fighting: striking or pushing in anger with the intention to harm another student will not be allowed. If any student is involved in a physical fight on school campus, he/she will be suspended immediately. The student's parents will be notified and asked to come pick up their child directly
6. Obscene, vulgar, or profane language or gestures, as well as taking the name of the Lord in vain will result in disciplinary action.
7. Cutting class or leaving school without permission is not allowed.
8. Students are expected to keep boy girl relationships in good taste, whether on campus or at school functions. Physical contact between boys and girls is not allowed, whether it is showing affections, teasing, horseplay, or harassment.
9. Cell phones are to be turned off and stored in the students backpack from the moment they step onto school campus until they leave school campus. If a student is caught with a cell phone while on school campus, it will be confiscated, and a parent will have to come to the school to pick it up.
10. Radios, tape/CD players, beepers, electronic games, earphones of any kind or any other distracting objects such as laser pointers are not permitted on campus unless authorized by the administration staff.
11. For the safety of all Calvary Christian School students and staff, the following objects which could cause injury to people or damage to property are forbidden on campus and at school activities: knives, guns, brass knuckles, fireworks, and/or any other objects that fall into the category of a weapon. Disregard for these safety measures will lead to serious discipline and could bring expulsion from Calvary Christian School.
12. Skateboards, inline skates, and roller blades are not to be used on campus.
13. No running in the hallways, climbing trees or climbing any buildings on school and church grounds.
14. Alcohol or tobacco, or any other non-prescribed drug will not be permitted. As citizens, it is also understood that students are to submit to and to obey all civil law (*Romans 13:1*).

Cell phone usage: see cell phone policy on page 16

*Automobiles may be searched with or without permission from the student or parent if the administration feels there is reasonable suspicion of unapproved items in the vehicle that is on school property.

*Backpacks, purses, pockets, lockers, etc. may be searched at the discretion of the administration at any time there is suspicion of unapproved activity or items.

*Desks will be checked by the staff regularly to make sure they are kept clean. If the administration feels the need to perform a search of a desk or student, Calvary Christian School reserves the right to do so without permission granted by the student or parent.

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Discipline Process

Calvary Christian School is concerned with the development of moral character and behavior in children. In support of this goal, the teachers will contact parents for poor or disruptive behavior by their children in the classroom. Our goal is to teach our students to spend their time and energy for the purpose of godliness. We expect students to behave in a manner that will bring honor to God and our school. The school's aim in dealing with student misconduct is not primarily to punish, but to bring about change.

In an effort to create and maintain an environment in which students can grow spiritually, academically and socially, we have designed a discipline policy to encourage mutual respect and promote independent behavior in our students. Hopefully, this plan will ensure that all students understand their rights and responsibilities, the consequences of violations of school rules, and the procedures for dealing with violations.

Discipline Policy

Discipline is what is done for a student, not what is done to him. Authority for training and education is a parental responsibility. Parents enrolling their children in the school invest authority in the school to disciplining their children whenever necessary. All staff and faculty members have authority to discipline (corporal punishment is not used) any student whenever such action is deemed necessary.

As a part of the educational process, students are expected to learn appropriate and responsible behavior. The supervisor will have in place a classroom management plan. Staff members are expected to discipline students in a manner appropriate to the offense, building an atmosphere of cooperation and respect. When the classroom management consequences fail to bring about the desired behavioral change, the teacher will hold a conference with the student and notify the parent and the administration. If undesired behavior reoccurs, the teacher will speak with the parents. If inappropriate behavior continues or the classroom management process is not correcting the situation, an administrator will be asked to intervene.

A student who does not comply with a directive of the teacher or engages in severe misconduct will be referred directly to the administration rather than the steps outlined for repetitious minor behavior. A student who prevents the educational process from continuing will be sent to in-school detention and referred to the administration. In any situation involving school facilities or activities, the staff present is presumed to have the authority to deal with behavior problems and may refer violations outside the classroom to the administration.

1. 3-demerits = after school detention
2. 3 detentions in a quarter = 3-day suspension
3. This applies to grades 4 and up.

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Merits and Demerits

The merit and demerit system is designed to give the student and parents an objective picture of the student's general behavior. Merits are awarded for good behavior and good work ethics, while demerits are given for unacceptable behavior and poor work ethics. Accumulated merits may be redeemed for merchandise in the school merit store. Accumulation of demerits will lead to discipline in the form of loss of privileges, detention, suspension, or expulsion from school.

Detention

Three or more demerits in one day will result in a 30-minute after school detention students must be picked up by 4:05pm and no later.

After the 2nd detention in a quarter, a parent meeting will be required.

1. 3-demerits = after school detention
2. 3 detentions in a quarter = 3-day suspension
3. This applies to grades 4 and up.

Suspension

Repeated violations of behavior and/or unacceptable work ethics not corrected through detention or in school suspensions will result in a student being sent home and suspended for a week. Both parents will need to meet with the school administrator and the student's teacher before the student can be readmitted to school. The student may potentially be placed under probation. **If a student is suspended for misconduct, the family will still be required to pay the monthly tuition payments.**

Probation

Students may be placed on probation for poor academic results, poor attendance, and repeated behavioral issues. When a student is placed on probation, there will be a meeting with the student, parents, student's teacher, and the school administrator. Conditions of the probation contract will be clearly stated and will be in effect for one rolling quarter, at which time the student's behavior will be evaluated. **During the probationary period students will not be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities such as sports, field trips, conventions etc.** If the student does not correct the behavior for which the student was placed on probation the student may be expelled from the school at the discretion of the school administrator and student's teacher

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Expulsion

Certain behaviors and behaviors not corrected by detention and/or suspension may result in expulsion from Calvary Christian School. In the case of such an offense, the matter will be referred to the school board, which consists of the school administrator, church leadership, and the church senior pastor, for determination of expulsion. During the time of this review a meeting will be arranged with student under review and his or her parents or guardian, to determine the outcome. Expelled students are not allowed on campus. **Per our school's financial agreement that parents must sign when enrolling students, parents are still responsible for any tuition that is due for the 2022-2023 school year even if the student has been expelled.**

Appropriate Behavior at Sporting Events and Field Trips **(Includes all CCS activities)**

Attitudes and behavior are at all times to be in line with Christian conduct that will be pleasing to God, bring honor to Him, and in no way jeopardize our Christian witness.

At sporting events, fans and students are asked to be positive toward officials, coaches, players, and opposing fans. Athletics function best when everyone knows their role and embraces it. Athletes play the game, coaches coach, officials officiate, and fans (parents) encourage their respective child and team.

The referees or other assigned officials are the authorities in charge at any competitive event. They are to be respected at all times, regardless of your opinion of the calls.

Good sportsmanship includes respecting the facilities of another school or venue and obeying their rules; however, they may differ from our own, and in general doing nothing to make others not want us to return.

There shall be no abusive behavior, vocal or otherwise. There shall be no booing of officials, coaches, player or other fans. No negative cheers shall be used by either students or fans.

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Field Trips

When going on field trips, whether by car or by bus, safety for others is of the greatest importance.

When visiting a field trip sight, be aware of all regulations and restrictions and obey them.

If there is a guide or docent present to lead the field trip, give them the utmost courtesy and listen to the knowledge they are attempting to share.

There is a field trip authorization form signed by parents at the beginning of the school year that will authorize their student to participate in field trips throughout that school year.

Field trips are limited to average no more than one per school quarter. We will give parents at least one week notice prior to all field trips so that they may make arrangements to chaperone if that is their desire.

Field trips are intended only for students who attend Calvary Christian School. Siblings or friends who do not attend Calvary Christian School are not allowed or may attend per teacher discretion.

Parents who wish to drive on field trips or any other off-campus activity must have adequate insurance coverage. Please check with your insurance carrier for Idaho requirements. Any parents observed driving in an unsafe manner will not be allowed to drive students to or from any school activities.

Field trips are a wonderful way to enhance the educational process as well as be a reward for work well done. If the educational goals set out by the school are not being met, field trips will be cancelled or those students not making the effort to keep up with their studies will not be invited on the outing until they are current in their class work.

Complaints and Concerns

Calvary Christian School views parents as having not just the right to share concerns, but as having a responsibility to be part of the solution. As problems and inquiries arise, it is important that these be dealt with expediently and in the proper way. First, contact should be with the persons directly involved. Then, if the concern is not cleared up, one should go to the next appropriate level. We desire and encourage parents to give constructive feedback. We encourage parents and students to follow the principle of *Matthew 18:15-16.* The appropriate levels of communication are as follows:

1. Student and/or parents meet with the person and/or parents concerned.
2. Students, parents, and the person concerned meet with the teacher.
3. The above-mentioned persons meet with the administrator.
4. The above-mentioned persons meet with the school board.

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Health and Illness Guidelines

The control of communicable disease is imperative to the health and education of every child and family. Illnesses most frequently found in school are colds, flu, 3-day measles, mumps, chicken pox, and strep throat. These diseases are spread from person to person by droplets from the mouth during a short period of time when the child complains very little or is not visibly ill. **A child should be kept at home if he or she:**

1. Lacks energy and appears overly tired or sleepy.
2. Shows any symptoms of a communicable disease, such as flu, measles, whooping cough, scarlet fever, pink eye, etc.
3. Has a rash that has not been identified.
4. Is running a fever. (99 degrees or higher)
5. Is nauseated or has diarrhea.

Due to the danger of spreading an illness, your child may be sent home if he/she has a fever or displays any of the other symptoms listed above. The sick child who is recovering should remain home 24 hours after his/her temperature returns to normal.

Medications

Only medicines in the original containers with expiration dates and dosage instructions, accompanied by a Request to Dispense form, will be dispensed to students. These must be brought to the office and given to office staff. Over the counter medicines, such as aspirin or Tylenol, may be given to student with verbal or written permission from his or her parent or guardian. No medicines may be kept with the student.

Medical Appointments

If it is necessary for a child to leave early for a medical appointment, written request should be sent to the teacher in advance. No child will be released to anyone other than a parent or someone authorized in writing by the parent. After school medical appointments are strongly preferred.

Accidents on Campus

In the event of an accident of any measure on school property, a full accident report will be taken by the administration of the school. Witnesses will be asked to give a report and sign the report. The parent will be contacted and given a copy of the report upon request.

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Attendance Policy at Calvary Christian School

1. According to Idaho State law, attendance at school is compulsory. Parents are to notify the school office by 9:00 am each day their child is absent (208-467-9114).
2. Students who are ill are requested to remain home. Please call the school or teacher to verify the absence and obtain homework.
3. Absences for reasons other than illness or emergency must be pre-approved by the teacher and school administrator. Homework will be assigned and must be completed while the student is away from school. Students who fail to complete the required assignments may not be re-admitted until the work is finished.
4. Parents are encouraged to keep unnecessary absences to a minimum. Students whose are absent more than 4 days in a quarter will be placed on academic probation.
5. In order for High school students to receive credit for subjects completed they must complete the subject with an 80% minimum and have no more than 4 absences in a quarter. Failure to comply will result in an incomplete grade.
6. Inclement weather closing: If there is any doubt that CCS will be closed because of weather please check our school website www.ccsnampa.org or go to www.ktvb.com/closings and monitor school closure announcements.

Tardiness

Punctuality is a virtue all people should develop Class starts @ 8:30 am. Tardiness disrupts the class. Students are to arrive at school no earlier than 15 minutes before school and class session begins. Late arriving students must check in at the school office before entering the classroom. Students who are tardy will be issued demerits. Excessive demerits will lead to detention, suspension academic probation and may eventually lead to expulsion.

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After School Pick Up Times

Students are to be picked up after school no later than 3:45 pm unless other arrangements have been made through your child's teacher or through the office. If your child is not picked up by 3:45 pm they will be required to go to the Enrichment Program and parents will be charged \$7.00 for the time student is in the Enrichment Program, if time goes past an hour, it will be \$7.00 per hour till 6 pm. All students must be picked up by 6 pm. For students in after school detention, they must be picked up by 4:05pm

Closed Campus

Calvary Christian School is a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave the campus during school hours without written permission from parents or guardians. The parking lots are off limits for students except for their arrival to and departure from school.

Closed campus also means that students may not have friends visit them during school hours.

Class Visits

All visitors must check in at the school office and be given a visitor pass. It would be appreciated if parents could notify the office ahead of time if they plan to visit their child's classroom. Planned parent visits are always very welcome.

Lunch Program

At the present time Calvary Christian School does not have facilities for a hot lunch program. Until such time as we have these facilities, students will bring their own cold lunches or food that can be microwaved. As a courtesy to all students please make sure that if student is bringing a lunch that will require heating, that heating time does not exceed three minutes.

Cell Phone Policy

Students are not allowed to use their cellphones during school hours. School hours are This includes upon arrival at school campus between 8:00 am and 8:30 am before school starts. If a student has brought a cell phone to school, they must turn in the cellphone to their teacher at the beginning of class. Cell phones will be confiscated if a student is caught using their cell phone during school hours 8:30 am to 3:45 pm. Parents/guardian will have to pick up the cell phone from the student's teacher at the end of the school day. Repeated violations of cellphone policy will result in the cellphone being turned in to the school Administrator and parents/guardians will have to schedule a meeting with the school administrator to pick up the student's cellphone.

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Contact with Students Outside of Normal Working Environment

It is the policy of Calvary Christian School that there will be no personal contact other than in certain exceptional circumstances, between staff and current students outside the normal working environment. Examples of exceptional circumstances could include sporting activities, organized social circumstances (such as organized sports events, shared interests such as volunteering or school fundraising events). **Students should not establish or seek to establish social contact with staff for the purpose of securing friendship or to pursue or strengthen a relationship.** The reasons for this are:

- Such contact can blur the professional boundaries between the staff member and student
- Such contact can compromise confidentiality
- Such contact can place both student and the staff member in a position of vulnerability
- Students at Calvary Christian school may struggle to differentiate between the role of staff member and friend. They may therefore have expectations which the staff member cannot fulfil.

Any proposed contact between students and staff outside of the normal working environment, must be agreed in advance by the student's parents and approved by the School Administrator. If agreed, a record of this must be kept on the staff members' personal file and the student's file. The record must set out reasons for the proposed contact.

Electronic Communication with Students

There are obviously many benefits associated with electronic communications to students and parents. There are also risks that Calvary Christian School must balance along with those benefits in order to protect the school its students and its employees. Therefore, it is the policy of Calvary Christian School that employees are not permitted to use social networks (such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, chat rooms etc.) when communicating with current students. Employees are not permitted to be "friends" with students or to communicate with students on an "individual to individual" basis using any social networking site. Employees must decline any student-initiated social networking "friend" requests. If any current student is a "friend" of an employee, this link must be broken. Employees are not permitted to e-mail students on an individual basis. All forms of communication must be between staff and parents/guardians. **Employees are not permitted to text students under any circumstances.**

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School Office

The school office hours are from 8:30 am to 3:30pm Monday through Thursday. Please feel free to drop by if you have any questions. We will be glad to arrange appointments for parents with a member of the administration or with a teacher. If you need to get a message or an article to your child, please contact the office. A secretary will assist in this matter.

When picking up a student during school hours for the purpose of a doctor's appointment, etc., parents or guardians should have sent a notice to the teacher. At the time of pick-up, the parent should come to the office to sign their child out. The secretary will then call the child/children to the office to meet the parent or guardian. They may then leave the school premises.

If your child forgets his/her lunch, PE clothes, etc., please bring the article to the school office. Be sure your child's name is marked on the outside. The office will arrange to deliver the article to your child.

Student Vehicles

If students have a valid Idaho driver's license, they will be permitted to drive to school and park on the property, provided the following provisions are met:

1. Valid Idaho driver's license
2. Registration of vehicle – all vehicles parked at the church/school property must be registered and properly insured.
3. Students are not allowed inside a vehicle at any time during school hours. Students may not give rides to other students for any reason. Students must keep the Idaho driving laws at all times.

Morning Pledges

United States Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America
And to the Republic for which it stands
One nation, under God, indivisible
With liberty and justice for all.

Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag
And to the Savior for whose Kingdom, it stands
One Savior crucified, risen, and coming again
With life and liberty for all who believe.

Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word
I will make it a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
I will hide its words in my heart
That I might not sin against God.

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Calvary Christian School Curriculum-K3 – Level 12 Classes

Calvary Christian School uses the A.C.E. program for K3 – level 12. The K3, K4, K5, and level 1 PACE'S focus heavily on phonics and reading skills. A.C.E. is an individualized program which promotes Christ-like character traits and practical application of Biblical truths. Each Year the students proceed through the curriculum using PACE'S which cover core subjects promoting critical thinking skills. They must be thoroughly familiar with the material and cannot progress to the next level until they complete their PACE work properly and unless they score 80% or higher on the final PACE test.**A.C.E. Program**

The academic grading scale is:

A = 94-100%

B = 88 -93%

C = 80-87%

F = 1-79%

The A.C.E. program is designed for each student to complete their work during classroom times. If, however, the goals set for the day cannot be met in the classroom, the supervisor will assign the remainder as homework. The student will bring home a homework assignment card, which must be signed by the parents. The homework, with a parent signature, must be completed and returned the next school day.

In the A.C.E. program the teacher is referred to as the supervisor. The aide is called the monitor.

Progress reports are sent out regularly by the class supervisor to inform the parents of their child/children's progress. The parents are made aware of the number of PACE'S that have been completed and the test scores.

A parent communication envelope will be sent home with all the work, newsletters with information on school events, grades, etc. The envelope must be signed by the parent and returned on the next school day.

Your student's individual teacher/supervisor will be in close communication with you regarding the academic progress as well as the personal progress of your child. The teacher can give you more detailed information as to the A.C.E. operation and expectations in their individual grades. Please get to know your child's teacher and be aware of your child's progress on a daily basis. This is the recipe for success in Christian education.

Your child's teacher will provide you with an updated school calendar and will notify you of all upcoming events.

A.C.E. Courses of Study

1. Honors Course of Study
2. College Preparatory Course of Study
3. General Course of Study

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HONORS COURSE OF STUDY

The Honors program includes the standard college preparatory courses plus addition attainment of the very highest quality preparation for a college education. The following courses are recommended:

Sample Honors Course of Study		Minimum Credits Required
Required = (R), Optional = (O)*		
Subject		
Math		3 ½
	Algebra I (R)	
	Geometry (R)	
	Algebra II (R)	
	Trigonometry (R) (½ credit)	
English		4
	English I (R)	
	English II (R)	
	English III (R)	
	English IV (R)	
Science		4
	Biology (R)	
	Physical Science (R)	
	Chemistry (R)	
	Physics (R)	
Social Studies	(A school may replace American History, U.S. Civics, and Economics with its country's history, form of government, and economic system.)	4
	World Geography (R)	
	World History (R)	
	American History (R)	
	U.S. Civics (R) (½ credit)	
	Economics (R) (½ credit)	
	(Student needs to take state/provincial history if he has not previously taken it.)	
Bible	(Select from the seven available courses listed below.)	3
	New Testament Survey (R)	
	Old Testament Survey (R)	
	Life of Christ (O)	
	New Testament Church History (O)	
	Christian Growth (O) (½ credit)	
	Introduction to Missions (O) (½ credit)	
	Practical Missions (O) (½ credit)	
Electives		
	Etymology (R)	1
	Computer Science (R)	1
	Speech (R)	½
	Music (R)	½
	Health (R)	½
	Foreign Language (R)	2
	Physical Education (R)	2
	English Composition II (O) (1 credit)	
	Typing (O) (½ credit)	
Additional Elective		1
Minimum Total Credits - 27		

*Required credit with different course options from which to select.

The Honors student must complete 27 credits and attain a 94 percent grade point average. He should demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively in written and oral presentations. His composite reading rate should be in excess of 600 WPM as measured on the Readmaster program. He should score at least 22 on the ACT or 1000 (Critical Reading and Math scores combined) on the SAT.

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★ COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE OF STUDY

Students who choose this category are those who have the ability to prepare for college. Careful consideration should be given to the entrance requirements of the types of colleges they plan to attend. Courses will vary among students. College catalogs should be referenced by candidates and parents to select specific courses that need to be completed in high school to meet specific college entrance requirements.

Sample College Preparatory Course of Study		Minimum Credits Required
(The following course of study is adequate to prepare most students for college studies.)		
Required = (R), Optional = (O)*		
Subject		
Math		3 ½
	Algebra I (R)	
	Geometry (R)	
	Algebra II (R)	
	Trigonometry (R) (½ credit)	
English		4
	English I (R)	
	English II (R)	
	English III (R)	
	English IV (R)	
Science		3
	Biology (R)	
	Physical Science (R)	
	Chemistry (O)	
	Physics (O)	
Social Studies	(A school may replace American History, U.S. Civics, and Economics with its country's history, form of government, and economic system.)	4
	World Geography (R)	
	World History (R)	
	American History (R)	
	U.S. Civics (R) (½ credit)	
	Economics (R) (½ credit)	
	(Student needs to take state/provincial history if he has not previously taken it.)	
Bible	(Select from the seven available courses listed below.)	2
	New Testament Survey (R)	
	Old Testament Survey (O)	
	Life of Christ (O)	
	New Testament Church History (O)	
	Christian Growth (O) (½ credit)	
	Introduction to Missions (O) (½ credit)	
	Practical Missions (O) (½ credit)	
Electives		
	Etymology (R)	1
	Computer Literacy (R)	½
	Speech (R)	½
	Music (R)	½
	Health (R)	½
	Physical Education (R)	2
	Financial Literacy (R)	1
	Spanish (R)	2
	½ needed	
Minimum Total Credits - 25		

*Required credit with different course options from which to select.

The College Preparatory student must complete 25 credits and attain an 88 percent grade point average. He should demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively in written and oral presentations. His composite reading rate should be in excess of 500 WPM as measured on the Readmaster program. He should score at least 20 on the ACT or 900 (Critical Reading and Math scores combined) on the SAT.

★ This course of study is preferred for the large majority of students.

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GENERAL COURSE OF STUDY

Sample General Course of Study		Minimum Credits Required
Required = (R), Optional = (O)*		
Subject		
Math		3
	Algebra (R)	
	Geometry (R)	
	Algebra II (O)	
	Business Math (O)	
English		4
	English I (R)	
	English II (R)	
	English III (R)	
	English IV (R)	
Science		2
	Biology (R)	
	Physical Science (R)	
Social Studies	(A school may replace American History, U.S. Civics, and Economics with its country's history, form of government, and economic system.)	4
	World Geography (R)	
	World History (R)	
	American History (R)	
	U.S. Civics (R) (½ credit)	
	Economics (R) (½ credit)	
	(Student needs to take state/provincial history if he has not previously taken it.)	
Bible	(Select from the seven available courses listed below.)	2
	New Testament Survey (R)	
	Old Testament Survey (O)	
	Life of Christ (O)	
	New Testament Church History (O)	
	Christian Growth (O) (½ credit)	
	Introduction to Missions (O) (½ credit)	
	Practical Missions (O) (½ credit)	
Electives		
	Etymology (R)	1
	Computer Literacy (R)	½
	Speech (R)	½
	Music (R)	½
	Health (R)	½
	Physical Education (R)	2
	Financial Literacy (R)	1
	Spanish (R)	2
Minimum Total Credits - 23		

*Required credit with different course options from which to select.

The General course of study is the minimum for a standard high school diploma, but it should seldom be prescribed. Do not assign this course of study if the student is capable of completing the College Preparatory course of study. For the General course of study, students must complete a minimum of 23 credits with an 80 percent grade point average or higher. Students are encouraged to take either the ACT or SAT, but they are not required.

