



Calvary Christian Academy

# From the Eagle's Nest

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## 30 Veterans Attend Annual Breakfast Program

**Contributions from  
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Approximately 30 veterans, plus guests and their accompanying middle- or high-school students attended CCA's Veterans Day Breakfast and program on Nov. 11.

Following a breakfast buffet, the fourth-graders presented a patriotic poem and performed the song "Thank You, Military." They were directed by elementary music teacher Wanetta Nicely.

Eighth-grader Nick Buentello, freshman Jessica Tran, and senior Ethan Adams read

their Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy speeches, which addressed the topic "What Makes America Great?"

The featured speaker, U.S. Coast Guard veteran Harold Hipsley, shared some of the duties of the Coast Guard and read a poem, "I Am a Veteran," by Andrea Brett.

Administrator Dan Thompson opened the breakfast in prayer and acknowledged the youngest and oldest veterans in attendance, as well as their years of service.

Members of the junior class led the Pledge of Allegiance,



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and members of Student Council assisted with serving and cleanup.

A gift from the Saweikis family provided for the

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*From left, Veterans Day speakers included eighth-grader Nick Buentello, freshman Jessica Tran, senior Ethan Adams, and U.S. Coast Guard veteran Harold Hipsley.*

## Upperclassmen Visit ACM's Cumberland Campus

Calvary Christian Academy juniors and seniors took a field trip to Allegheny College of Maryland's (ACM) Cumberland campus on Nov. 21.

The students and their teacher Mrs. Anita Comfort, who also serves as Calvary's guidance counselor, received a full campus tour and gained information about the early college program.

CCA students learned about many

of the programs ACM has to offer and were able to step inside several of the classrooms, as well as the campus' working greenhouse.

They learned about services available to students, such as homework help available in subjects like math, reading, writing, and science.

"They have the services to help everyone be successful if they go and look," said CCA junior Cassan-

dra Cessna.

Cassandra also learned that the average class size is 14 students and that ACM has eight sports teams on which students can participate.

Junior Karaline Crabtree said, "I really enjoyed my time there and received valuable information that will be helpful in my college search."



# Eagle Education

## Elementary Students Experience Fall Field Trips

By Haley Arthur, Ben Corbin, Hailee Johnson, and Christian Sponaugle

Calvary elementary students had a variety of experiences during field trips they took this fall.

The kindergarten and first grade classes went to Brookdale Farms on Oct. 28. They had rotating activities that were broken apart by grade, including visiting animals, doing a squirrel feeder craft, playing on the playground or going in the corn maze, and a doing a scavenger hunt.

The scavenger hunt taught them about how Brookdale cares for the

cows that are there. They ended the trip by all going on a hayride.

The second-graders went to Old Bedford Village on Oct. 18. Old Bedford Village is a collection of buildings from the 17th-18th centuries. The students toured the buildings and learned more about them. They also made candles, and they painted tins.

Their main activity was a scavenger hunt through the buildings to learn more about the time period and how people lived in preparation for studying about it next quarter.

The third grade went on a Scales 'N Tails trip to learn about wildlife on Nov. 5. They went on a nature hike, and saw a beaver lodge and aviary to see injured



**Above: Fourth grade visited Blackwater Falls Oct. 25. Below: Kindergarten, left, and first grade, right, visited Brookdale Farms Oct. 28.**



**Left: Fifth grade waits for the Nov. 7 showing of "Dear Edwina" at FSU. Right: Second-graders show off the candles they made at Bedford Village.**



birds. On the trip they learned about injured animals and learned from Ranger Kate about how to take care of animals.

The fourth grade went on a trip to Blackwater Falls on Oct. 25 as a part of their nature habitat studies. The purpose of the trip was to look at nature and hike a nature trail.

Fifth grade explored

Laurel Caverns on Oct. 7.

Kindergarten through fifth-grade also went to see the play "Dear Edwina" on Nov. 7 at Frostburg State University. "Dear Edwina" is a play about growing up. The main character is a girl with very successful brothers, but her only talent is giving advice. But she's able to love her talent and help her friends.

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day's breakfast, which was held in memory of Donald G. Harvey, U.S. Navy, and Donald L. Wilson, U.S. Air Force.

The program, which is coordinated by Mrs. Myra Jones, has been an annual event since 2012.



# Eagle Athletics



## CCA Bowling Starts Friday

The Calvary bowling team is ready to roll into their new season, which starts Dec. 6 with games against Mountain Ridge at White Oaks (all home games are at 3:30 p.m.).

The team, under the direction of Coach Dan Thompson, consists of freshman Michael Jenkins; sophomore Josh Howsare; juniors Caleb Chidester, Karaline Crabtree, and Christian Sponaule; and senior Ben Corbin.



## Bowling

12/6 vs. Mt. Ridge at White Oaks\*  
12/9 vs. Allegany at White Oaks  
12/19 vs. Southern at The Alley  
12/20 vs. Mt. Ridge at Sherwood  
12/26 Baker Tournament at Rainbow  
1/2 vs. Frankfort at White Oaks  
1/3 vs. Keyser at White Oaks\*  
1/10 vs. Keyser at Rainbow  
1/13 vs. Southern at White Oaks\*  
1/16 vs. Fort Hill at White Oaks\*  
1/20 vs. Allegany at White Oaks\*  
1/23 vs. Frankfort at White Oaks\*  
1/30 vs. Fort Hill at White Oaks

\*White Oaks is the home alley.

## Boys' Basketball

12/3 vs. Shalom, 7 p.m.  
12/6 at Harmon High School, 7 p.m.  
12/10 vs. Cumberland Valley, 7 p.m.  
12/12 at Johnstown Christian, 6:30 p.m.  
12/17 vs. Faith, 7 p.m.  
12/19 at Heritage, 6:30 p.m.  
1/3 at New Life, 6 p.m.  
1/6 at Paw Paw, 7:30 p.m.  
1/7 vs. Elkins Christian School, 7 p.m.  
1/14 at Shalom, 5:15 p.m.  
1/16 at Cumberland Valley, 7 p.m.  
1/21 vs. Bishop Walsh, 6 p.m.  
1/24 at Faith, 7 p.m.  
1/27 vs. Hyndman, 7 p.m.  
1/28 vs. New Life, 7 p.m.  
1/30 vs. Heritage, 7 p.m.  
2/4 at Grace, 7 p.m.  
2/6 vs. Blair County Christian, 7 p.m.  
2/8 at Hancock, noon  
2/11 vs. Grace, 7 p.m.  
2/13 at Northern, 7:30 p.m.  
2/14 vs. Morgantown, 6:30 p.m.  
MDCC Tournament - Feb. 18-22, TBA



# W i n t e r S p o r t s

## Girls' Basketball

12/3 vs. Shalom, 5:30 p.m.  
12/10 vs. Cumberland Valley, 5:30 p.m.  
12/12 at Johnstown Christian, 5 p.m.  
12/17 vs. Faith, 5:30 p.m.  
12/19 at Heritage, 5 p.m.  
1/3 at New Life, 4:30 p.m.  
1/6 at Paw Paw, 6 p.m.  
1/7 vs. Broadfording, 5:30 p.m.  
1/9 at Fort Hill, 6 p.m.  
1/14 at Shalom, 6:45 p.m.  
1/16 at Cumberland Valley, 5:30 p.m.  
1/18 vs. Bishop Walsh, 5 p.m.  
1/24 at Faith, 5:30 p.m.  
1/28 vs. New Life, 5:30 p.m.  
1/30 vs. Heritage, 5:30 p.m.  
1/31 at Broadfording, 5:30 p.m.  
2/4 at Grace, 5:30 p.m.  
2/6 vs. Blair County Christian, 5:30 p.m.  
2/8 at Hancock, 11 a.m.  
2/11 vs. Grace, 5:30 p.m.  
2/13 at Northern, 6 p.m.  
2/14 vs. Morgantown, 5 p.m.  
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# Eagle Extras

## Alumni News

**Isaac Cessna**, a firefighter with the Cumberland Fire Department, recently became a certified advanced life support provider. He received his cardiac rescue technician certification through Garrett College and is pursuing certification as a paramedic. Isaac is a 2016 graduate of CCA.

### WEDDINGS

Aaron and **Heather (MacDougall) Napotnik** were united in marriage on Nov. 30. Heather is 2011 CCA alumna.

### BIRTHS

Robert and **Rachel (Peters) Meckley** (pictured below) welcomed a son, Cohen Bruce Meckley, on Nov. 27. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces. The Meckleys are CCA parents, and Rachel is a 2006 CCA alumna. Cohen joins big brother, Evan, who is a Pre-K4 student at CCA.



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## Development Office News:

CCA discount cards and McDonald's discount cards for 2019-2020 are available at a mix-and-match special price of three for \$10.

(Cards are typically \$5 each.) Both cards feature multiple discounts on local products and services in the tri-state area, and discounts are valid through Dec. 31, 2020.

For more information, stop by or call the school office during regular hours.

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*"AmazonSmile is simple to use. Just go to CCA's website, and at the bottom you will see it listed. You click on it and sign into your regular Amazon account, and in turn the school gets 0.5% of your AmazonSmile purchases," said Development Director Rhonda Poland.*

*This is a great resource, especially this time of year while many people are using Amazon for Christmas purchases!*

## Tickets Available for Elementary Program



*Elementary students have been rehearsing for weeks now in preparation for their annual Christmas program. Don't miss the excitement of this year's feature, "Away in a Mango," which tells the tale of the marooned passengers of a Christmas cruise ship, the S.S. Mango.*

*Two free showings will be held this year, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. Free tickets are available now for either performance, but evening show tickets are limited, so please call or stop by the office.*

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 6—Mid-terms sent out

Dec. 13—Elementary Christmas program, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Dec. 23-Jan. 1, 2020—School closed for Christmas break

Jan. 2—Classes resume

Jan. 9—Allegany Rising, Business Day (select juniors)

Jan. 17—End of semester (noon dismissal)