

Calvary Chapel High School

Victory through Christ; Disciples for Life

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." - 1 Corinthians 15:57

Our Mission Statement And Learning Goals: By Jay Henry

Dear Parents,

As many of you know, CCHS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), which is a highly respected accrediting commission recognized by all major colleges and universities. Accreditation is and will continue to be an ongoing priority at our school as it provides our students with more opportunities after high school to further their education and prepare for their future.

Our teachers, staff and administration have all invested countless hours to our current accreditation process by conducting an in-depth study of our school. Your input as parents, both formal and informal, has been vitally important to this process. Please be encouraged that the feedback you have provided through surveys and other means will be used to better serve you and your family.

Each time we go through this process of studying our school, we discover even more reasons to be thankful to the Lord for what we are able to offer our students. God has blessed our school by providing well-trained, professional teachers who are devoted to the Lord and consider it a privilege to provide daily instruction to your students from a Biblical worldview.

Our staff has spent the last year looking closely at our school program to determine if we are truly fulfilling our goals. One of the significant achievements in this examination occurred as we spent time discussing our school's mission. The outcome of this discussion was the creation of a new mission statement; a powerful articulation of what we seek to provide for each of our students as a ministry of Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa.

"It is our mission is empower students to live victoriously as disciples of Christ. The faculty and staff endeavor to participate in the life of each student: encouraging spiritual growth, providing quality academic instruction, maintaining a safe environment and offering social and emotional support."

Our chapels and daily Bible classes provide our students with the opportunity to nurture their relationship with the Lord and become grounded in His Word. Within this context our students are becoming well-educated individuals, learning in an ideal school environment designed for their safety and growth.

As you read this Wings Newsletter, please take special note of the publishing of our 5 C's that identify the educational goals we have set for our students. We believe that achievement of the 5 C's are a confirmation that students are equipped with essential knowledge and skills to pursue their future goals. We are excited for the future that God is preparing and look to Him for wisdom to help each of our students succeed to the best of their ability. Thank you for your prayers and continued support for CCHS.

CCHS Learning Goals

Communication—Demonstrate effective written and verbal communication

"From a wise mind comes wise speech; the words of the wise are persuasive." Proverbs 16:23

Comprehension—Demonstrate the ability to know and to comprehend course materials

"Behold, my eye has seen all this, my ear has heard and understood it." Job 13:1

Cooperation—Demonstrate cooperation by working together to accomplish shared goals

"For as we have many members in one body, but all members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them..." Romans 12:4-6a

Creativity—Demonstrate creative initiative through the constructive use of resources

"So he who had received five talents came brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look I have gained five more besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of the lord.' Matthew 25:20-21

Critical Thinking—Demonstrate the ability to collect, analyze and apply information using critical thinking skills

"So that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding." Proverbs 2:2

Calendar

October

27th Senior
Snack

29th
Competition
Pep Rally

30th
Homecoming
game and
reception

November

6th Biology
field trip and
class rings
delivered

7th SAT Test

11th Veteran's
Day- NO
SCHOOL

19th Spiritual
Emphasis Day-
modified
schedule

23rd-27th
Thanksgiving
Week-NO
SCHOOL

Guidance Update: By Paul Woo

Greetings and blessings! The first six weeks of school are now in the books. Time sure flies when you are having fun doesn't it? We have completed our grade level workshops for seniors, juniors and freshmen. If you were not able to attend, the handout of the presentation is available in the high school office. The sophomore workshop will be on Saturday, November 21st at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. These workshops go over graduation requirements, college admission requirements, vocational school options, the California higher education plan and financial aid. Seniors that are planning on attending a Cal State school should either have their applications submitted or at least be in the process of completing their applications prior to the November 30th deadline. Remember, if you are applying to the CSU system, school code 3594 will send your SAT scores to all twenty-three campuses! Interested in attending a UC campus? The application period will be from November 1st through November 30th. Those applying to private schools, make sure to check the deadline dates. Some schools like USC have a due date in order to be considered for scholarships and a separate deadline for the application. It is an exciting time and it can be hectic, so make sure to plan ahead and budget your time and resources wisely. Juniors planning on going to college should have taken the PSAT on Saturday, October 10th. The PSAT is also the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship foundation. We will schedule an evening meeting when

the test results arrive to distribute your results and discuss how to use the scores to prepare for the SAT. Juniors should plan on taking the SAT in the spring, either in May or June. Both of these test administrations are conducted here at CCHS. You can sign up for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com. Sophomores, remember this year and next are very important as far as college admission is concerned. Work hard and do your best and the Lord will take care of the rest! Remember that community service and involvement in extra-curricular activities is important for college admission and scholarship opportunities. You should complete "My Gameplan" on Family Connection and begin identifying colleges and universities that you are interested in. You want to begin developing your list of colleges that you are interested in investigating. Freshmen, your first semester and second semester grades will be used as criteria for admission into honors and AP classes next year, so work hard and do your best. There is no minimum number of honors or AP classes in order to be admitted to college, however, the colleges desire students who push themselves and are successful. Your sophomore and junior years will be very important in determining which college and university doors will be opened for you. Make sure to meet with guidance to discuss your goals and plans and use Family Connection to begin exploring your college interests. We are excited to see what the Lord has planned for each of you, thank you for your prayers and support.

Stay Connected: By Linda Huffman

It seems like 2009/2010 just began and yet, according to my calendar, we have just finished 6 weeks of school. This realization is yet another reminder of just how quickly these four years come and go. Each year we welcome our new freshmen and we have front row seats of an incredible transformation to senior year. These years are filled with highs and lows, sugar and vinegar. There are times of stress and crisis as well as priceless moments of pride and accomplishment. Yet sooner than any of us realize and are ready for they will embark on a path towards becoming Godly men and women, independent of our guiding hand. My encouragement for you is to stay connected with

each other. Pray together, make time to talk, make twice as much time to listen. Laugh together, encourage one another and never let a day go by without "I love you!" Grades and athletic performance are a small part of the person God is building inside each of these young people. God has created each one of your kids as a unique individual with gifts and talents. Your encouragement is the water and soil in which those gifts grow. Our unconditional love is the greatest gift we can give our children. Love them for who they are now. They will be gone all too soon.

Fall Sports Update: By Mike Rausch

Calvary Chapel fall sports are off and running. Cross Country has had some outstanding individual performances. Congratulations to Blake Wanser on setting a school record. Girls' tennis is working hard and is ready for league after a grueling preseason. Girl's volleyball had some great games against some Division 1 and 2 teams in preseason tournaments and finished 2nd in two tournaments. Football is on the move, they are 4-2 with a new attitude and a dedicated and committed group of players and coaches. New coach DJ Jett has the team raring to go and is excited about the upcoming league schedule. I want to thank all the players, coaches and parents for all of their hard work and commitment. I want to remind the parents and athletes that you must have your physicals done and in the office before you

can start mandatory practices. Please continue to support Calvary Chapel athletics, through finances, through service and most importantly through prayer. I want to remind parents and players if you are considering playing sports in college to stop by my office or call and I may be able to help and give you some great ideas. It takes a special person to play sports in college but it can be very rewarding and financially beneficial. When you combine academics and athletics with God you have a winning combination. God Bless and go Eagles! "Do not lack diligence; be fervent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer." Romans 12: 11-12.