

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS AUGUST 22!



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

8:15am	Warning bell
8:20am	School begins (including pre-school)
3:00pm	Elementary dismissal Camp Calvary students go directly to Camp Calvary. Find more info regarding Camp Calvary on our website.
3:10pm	JH/HS dismissal
3:20pm	Elementary students remaining will be directed to Camp Calvary. There is a charge for this service.
3:30pm	After school care for JH/HS students in the cafeteria. Find more info regarding JH/HS after school care on our website.

Please feel free to escort your elementary student to their classroom on the first day of school.
First Day of School photo opportunities will be available outside, weather permitting.

DONUTS WITH THE PRINCIPAL

All students entering 7th grade, new 8th grade students, and new high school students are invited to Donuts with the Principal on Tuesday, August 16 at 9:00am - 12:00pm in Room 237. Students will be greeted by CA Principal, Mrs. Smith, as well as other staff, teachers, and students for a full morning preparing for the first day of school! Students will get a tour of the school, learn about Google Classroom, receive their class schedule and locker assignments, and ask any questions they may have. Uniforms are not required. Please contact the Academy Office with any questions.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

All parents and students are welcome to explore the school, visit classrooms, and meet the teachers during the open house on Thursday, August 18 from 4:30pm - 6:00pm. We hope to see you all there!

VIRTUAL PARENT NIGHT

Virtual Parent Night, which includes helpful information for the school year, will premiere online at 6:00pm on Tuesday, August 23. Parents and students will be able to view videos and information from Academy administration and teachers via Calvary Academy website or Calvary Academy Facebook. A link to the event will be emailed to all parents by 6:00pm.

ATHLETICS

All athletic schedules can be found on our website: [Athletics | Calvary Academy \(caspringfield.org\)](#)

BACKGROUND CHECKS

It is the policy of Calvary Academy to require a standard background check on any individual desiring to help in the classroom, assist with a field trip, visit a class, or volunteer with students in any capacity. [Background check forms](#) can be found under Resources on our website. Please download and return to the Academy Office. Forms are also available in the Academy Office. Please note: once the background check is completed, it must be submitted to an outside agency for processing. This can take several days. A processed background check is required prior to assisting in the classroom or a field trip.

CALVARY ACADEMY APPAREL

Calvary Academy Online Apparel shop is open through midnight on Sunday, August 14. All apparel is uniform approved. Apparel is expected to arrive approximately two weeks after the shop closes. [View all options and place your order online.](#)

CALVARY ACADEMY PE UNIFORMS

PE uniforms are required for students in 7th and 8th grades. [The online PE uniform shop is now open.](#) Once the uniforms are received from the vendor and products are distributed, all students will be required to wear the uniforms for PE class. Students who are out of uniform in PE will receive a zero for the participation grade that day with an option offered by Coach Harnacke to make up the zero in the next PE class. Each student is also allowed one no uniform pass. The Academy Office has a limited supply of uniform apparel available for purchase.

CALVARY ACADEMY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Calvary Academy Music Institute allows students to expand their musical horizons through private lessons. We understand how busy lives can be and will work with you to find time around your student's schedules. If your student's class schedule allows, he or she may be able to receive lessons during normal school hours. All lessons are conducted at Calvary Academy.

Currently, the following lessons are offered:

- Piano
- Voice
- Acting & Musical Theater
- Guitar
- Percussion
- Brass: Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, French Horn
- Woodwinds: Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone

[Visit our website for more information](#) including pricing and payment options, general rules and procedures, and online registration. Contact CAMI Director, Mrs. Laura Powell, at LPowell@CASpringfield.org with any questions.

CAMP CALVARY

Camp Calvary is our before and after school program for students enrolled in 1st – 6th grades. Morning hours: 7:00am – 8:00 with cold breakfast served at approximately 7:30am. After school hours: 3:00pm – 5:30pm with an afternoon snack served at 4:00pm. [View Camp Calvary information and register online.](#)

Calvary Academy offers free after-school care for JH and HS students. After School Care hours are from 3:30-6:00 PM. All JH/HS students on the Calvary Academy premises after school are required to report to the cafeteria and check in with the adult that is supervising by 3:30 PM. [JH/HS After School Care Guidelines](#)

CHROMEBOOKS

All 6th - 12th grade students will be issued a Chromebook to be used during the 2022/2023 school year to access Google Classroom. An agreement must be signed by a parent before the device is issued. [The agreement and signature form can be found on our website.](#)

COMMUNICATION

We are committed to ongoing, timely, and informative communication between school and home. We will primarily use email to notify and inform parents. Please check your email for information sent from Calvary Academy and alert us of any changes or additions to family email addresses. The school will also use text messaging and automated phone calls to communicate emergency information. Please follow Calvary Academy of Springfield on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day | No school

Thursday, September 8 - Lifetouch School Pictures

Thursday, September 15 - Early dismissal | 2:00pm

[The school calendar](#) can be found on our website.

DOLLAR DRESS DOWN DAYS

Every Friday will be a "Dollar Dress Down Day." Students may choose to pay a dollar to wear an expanded selection of clothing items. Failing to pay the dollar for the dress down day will result in a uniform violation. Guidelines for dress down day can be found on the website. [Dress Code | Calvary Academy \(caspringfield.org\)](#) If you would prefer not to remember to send a dollar with your student every Friday, you can pay \$33.00 for the entire year. The deadline to pay for the entire year is Friday, August 26. Please bring all payments to the Academy Office.

FACTS

The FACTS system is used to communicate grades and behavior reports for students. The daily announcements, athletic updates, lunch menu, and calendar events can also be found on FACTS family portal.

ILLINOIS STATE SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Public Act (P.A.) 102-0700 creates a state sales tax holiday on qualifying items effective August 5, 2022, through August 14, 2022. The state sales tax holiday is a ten-day period during which consumers can purchase certain clothing and school-related items and pay sales tax at a reduced rate. The state's portion of sales tax due throughout the holiday is reduced by 5 percent (5.00%) from 6.25 percent (6.25%) to 1.25 percent (1.25%).

For more information, see: [FY 2022-24, State Sales Tax Holiday August 5, 2022, through August 14, 2022](#)

LOCKERS

All junior high and high school students are assigned a locker and have access to their lockers throughout the day. A lock can be provided by the student or requested via the Academy Office. Students may decorate only the inside of the lockers.

LUNCH UPDATE

The Illinois State Board of Education has announced the end of the program offered during the pandemic that allowed for all students to receive a free school lunch. Calvary Academy will again be participating in the National School Lunch Program which allows for Free Lunch or Reduced Lunch (.40) for qualifying families. Link to application and instructions: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/HEA-68-06-SY22-23.pdf>

School lunch costs for 2022-2023 are as follows:

K5 - 8th grade \$3.00 | High School -\$3.50

If you would like to add lunches into your payments, as a convenience, you may do that. The following would be put on your child's lunch account to be used in the 2022-2023 school year:

K5 -8th grade-\$515 | High School-\$600

The lunches are tracked electronically. Any unused portion of the above amount would be credited back to your tuition account at the end of the school year. To add lunch fees to your automatic payments or for any questions, please contact Mrs. Jeannie Martin via email at JMartin@CASpringfield.org.

MEDICAL DOCUMENTS

All students entering Pre-School, Jr. Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades and students enrolling for the first time at Calvary Academy are required to have a current physical examination completed on the approved Illinois Department of Public Health Form. A sports physical does not meet the requirement. A current physical is one that was completed within one year of August 2022.

All students entering Kindergarten or enrolling for the first time at Calvary Academy must submit proof of a comprehensive eye exam by October 15, 2022.

All students in Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 6th grade, and 9th grade are required to submit proof of a dental examination by May 15, 2023.

The Illinois Missing Children Records Act (325 ILCS 50) requires submission of a certified copy of a child’s birth certificate upon 30 days of enrollment. A copy of the certified birth certificate will be made by our office and the original returned to the parent as requested.

Please refer to the [Health Memo](#) for more information. Forms may be emailed, mailed, or delivered to [Jeannie March](#) in the Academy Office.

MENU

The Calvary Academy menu can always be found on our website under resources. [View the August menu.](#)

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

[Lists are available on our website.](#)

SPORTS PHYSICALS

On-site sports physicals available for enrolled Calvary Academy students with Tatum Reynolds, FNP. Each appointment is \$40.00 payable to Calvary Academy and due at the time of the appointment. Please review the available slots and click on the button to sign up. A parent/guardian must be present during the appointment. Contact the Academy Office with any questions. [Sign Up for On-Site Sports Physical at Calvary Academy.](#)

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Calvary Academy School Board has approved many updates to the Calvary Academy Student Handbook including:

Early Arrival/Late Departure Rules	page 12
Elementary Behavioral Management Plan	page 27
Elementary Cell Phone Policy	page 29
Junior High and High School Behavioral Management	page 33
Junior High and High School Cell Phone Policy.....	page 35
Junior High Uniform	page 39
High School Dress Code	page 42

Review the [Calvary Academy Student Handbook](#) online for more information.

THANK YOU!

We want to thank Jake and Whitney Kendall for their generous donation of new water bottle refill stations! They have blessed the elementary department with two new fountains that allow the students to also refill their water bottles.

UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE UPDATES

Calvary Academy School Board has approved significant changes to the elementary, junior high, and high school uniform and dress code guidelines. The updated policies can be found on the CA website and in the CA Student Handbook. Please take the time to review the appropriate uniform and dress code for your student. Contact the Academy Office with any questions. [Dress Code | Calvary Academy \(caspringfield.org\)](#)