

Calvine High School



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Newsletter



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Principal's Message—Mr. Joseph Airoso

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to all of our new and returning students. As Principal of Calvine High School, I am very excited to be part of our education community with a well-established reputation as a school focused on student learning, committed to high expectations, innovation, and collaboration. At Calvine High School, you will set not only new personal standards for excellence, but you will also participate in establishing and shaping your future. I look forward to starting another school year in supporting your student's achievement and providing tools for success!

History

Calvine High School is one of three fully accredited continuation schools in the Elk Grove Unified School District. Calvine High School was established as a new school in 1991. It was an outgrowth of Omochumnes High School and Pioneer High School established in 1974 and 1981 respectively. Our school is unique in design in that it was specifically designed for a continuation program. Our school serves grades 11-12 with an emphasis on students who are credit deficient. Students have the opportunity to attend AM or PM sessions in academic classes that meet for 55 minutes Monday through Friday.

In addition, all students are assigned to an Advisory Class.

Graduation

The Class of 2010's Graduation was on May 25, 2010 at the Sheldon Performing Arts Center. There were one hundred forty-two (142) graduates total with ninety-six (96) students participating on stage. This year's numbers were record setting for Calvine High School. Your support of our dedicated teachers and staff contributed to our success.

First day of School

August 16, 2010 is a minimum day. **All AM and PM students will report to school at 8:30 a.m. and will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.**

Minimum Days/Staff Development Days

Monday, August 16th

Friday, October 15th

Friday, December 17th

Friday, March 11th

Wednesday, April 13th

Friday, May 13th

**Thursday, May 19th

Friday, May 20th

***Indicates—Graduation Day & Afternoon Minimum Day Schedule. (A flyer with starting & dismissal times will be available in the office.)*

School Web Page

For up to date news and information please visit our school web page at:

www.egusd.net/calvine

Fire Drill/Lock Down Drills

The ability to practice fire drills and lock down drills are necessary for the safety of our students and staff in the event of an actual emergency. The following dates have been set aside for these practice drills: September 8 & September 9, 2010, February 16 & February 17, 2011.

Back to School Night

You and your families are cordially invited to Calvine High School's Back to School Night on Monday, **September 20th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Come and congratulate *all our* outstanding students' achievements at an **Awards Assembly** in our Multi-purpose Room. Later you can meet with your student's teachers in their classrooms.

School Photos

School photos and ID cards will be taken on Thursday, October 7, 2010. Photo Retake Day is Monday, November 8, 2010.

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Counselor's Corner— *Lisa Flores*

Calvine High School's comprehensive counseling program addresses the academic, social, personal and emotional needs of its students, families, school staff and community at large. We teach that a diploma is not the end, but rather the beginning of a lifelong journey. We intend to transition our students directly into their choice of college, or a career, or both! This will require the full support of school and family.

We have established a partnership with Cosumnes River College (CRC) and encourage students to begin their college education while still enrolled at Calvine High School. Credits earned will be applied toward college, as well as toward fulfilling their high school

graduation requirements. This is an inexpensive way to get a head start on college, while maintaining the support and guidance of the counselors and staff at Calvine High School.

We will be conducting an orientation for signups for spring classes at Cosumnes River College in late November. There will be announcements and fliers sent home to keep you informed of the specific dates and other pertinent information.

Please note, your student is expected to earn at least 20 credits per quarter. Failure to earn 20 credits will result in your student being placed on academic probation and jeopardizing their enrollment at Calvine High

School. **An important milestone for completing** graduation requirements is the California High School Exit Exams (CAHSEEs). Our first testing dates are November 9 & 10, 2010. Practice tests can be found on our website at <http://www.egusd.net/Calvine/CAHSEE.html>

If you would like to make an appointment with your student's counselor please feel free to contact Calvine High School at (916) 689-7502, or email us through our website at <http://www.egusd.net/calvine/index.html>.

The Elk Grove Unified School District offers many valuable resources for parents at <http://www.egusd.k12.ca.us/parents/resources.htm>.

Important Dates

First Day of School

August 16, 2010

School Photos

October 7, 2010

School Photo Re-take Day

November 8, 2010

CAHSEE Exams

November 9 & 10, 2010

Back To School/Open House

Monday, September 20, 2010

Monday, March 21, 2011

Graduation Day

Thursday, May 19, 2011

Last Day of School

Friday, May 20, 2011

Holidays/Non-School Days

September 6, 2010 Labor Day

November 11 Veterans Day

November 22, 23 Furlough Days

November 24-26 Thanksgiving Break

December 20-31 Winter Break

January 17 Martin L. King Day

February 14 Lincoln's Birthday

February 21 Washington's Birthday

April 18-22 Spring Break



New Staff/Campus/Parent Support

Recently Retired & New Staff

The following Staff have recently retired: Gil Faulkner, Anne Lucier, Patti Petersen, and Barbara Stone. We'll miss them. The following teachers are joining our Calvine family: Allison Long and Stephen Whitted. Allison is joining us from Albani Middle School and Steve is joining us from Sheldon High School. Welcome!

Campus and Parent Support

We ask that all students be picked up promptly at 11:30 a.m. for the morning program and at 3:30 p.m. for the afternoon program. Please assist us by making concrete plans to pick your student in a timely manner. Supervision of students begins at 8:00 a.m.

Students arriving before 8:00 a.m. must wait outside until campus supervision is on duty.

Cell Phones and other Electronic Devices

Electric devices, cell phones, radios, dice, IPODS, MP3 players, tape/CD players/DVD players, and headphones are not allowed on campus. Pagers and hand held games may be used before and after school ONLY.

These items may not be used during school time which means during class time, passing times and breaks. Additionally, all electronic devices are not to be displayed or seen and must be turned off any time other than before or after school.

Consequences for violating the policy are as follows:

First Offense—Item confiscated/item returned to parent or guardian.

Second Offense—will result in a one day home suspension for continued defiance.

Third Offense—will result in a three day home suspension for continued defiance and parent meeting with Principal prior to student returning to school.

If it is necessary for the student to contact a parent/Guardian, a pass will be given to the student to the office to use the office phone. If a parent finds it necessary to contact their student during school time, please call (916) 689-7502 and a message will be delivered to the student.



Minimum Days/Staff Development Schedule

Minimum Day Schedule

For minimum day schedule, all AM and PM students will report to school at 8:30 a.m. and will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

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| 8:30—8:50 a.m. | Advisory Periods 0 & 4 | 25' |
| 8:50—9:45 a.m. | Periods 1 & 5 | 50' |
| 9:45—10:35 a.m. | Periods 2 & 6 | 50' |
| 10:35—11:30 a.m. | Periods 3 & 7 | 55' |



Budget News

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Over the past three years the Elk Grove Unified School District's (EGUSD) budget has been heavily impacted by state budget reductions. For the 2010-2011 school year the district is faced with \$60.5 million in cuts.

To help mitigate the impact of the \$60.5 million in reductions, EGUSD and the Elk Grove Education Association (EGEA), which represents our certificated staff members including teachers, counselors and librarians, signed a two-year collective bargaining agreement that both helps the district's budget and restores positions.

The two-year agreement includes nine furlough days for each of the next two school years. Five of these furlough days are instructional days and four are pre-service or professional development days. That means that the school year for students will be reduced by five days. The reduction of five instructional days was authorized by California's legislature when they passed Assembly Bill X42 in 2009.

These nine furlough days have been incorporated into the school year calendar. A copy of the calendar can be found on our district website at www.egusd.net by clicking the furlough days button. Parents will receive hard copies of the calendar through the school.

Calvine High School's first day of school is August 16, 2010. It is a minimum day. See page 3 for start up and dismissal times. **All AM and PM students report to school at 8:30 a.m. and will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.**

The furlough days and other EGEA salary concessions will allow for the restoration of approximately 210 certificated positions, including teachers, counselors and librarians, which would have otherwise been eliminated as the result of state budget reductions. ***The agreement also outlines class sizes in elementary schools. The class sizes in kindergarten through 3rd grade will be at a student to teacher ratio of 24:1 in non-Title 1 schools and 22:1 for Title 1 schools. In 4th to 6th grade class sizes will be at 28:1 non-Title 1 schools and 26:1 at Title 1 schools.***

Please know that the district's superintendent, associate superintendents, district and school administrators, other members represented by the EGTEAMS employee group and members of the Psychologists' and Social Workers' Association and the Amalgamated Transit Union are taking equivalent concessions to those taken by EGEA members. The district is in ongoing conversations with all its employee associations.

I appreciate your patience as we work through these terrible budgetary times. I encourage you to join us in writing to our state leaders to express the need to adequately fund public education for our children. Thank you for your ongoing support of our schools.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Airoso, Principal

Attendance

Regular attendance is the primary key to success at Calvine High School.

- ⇒ A minimum of 90% attendance is required to maintain enrollment at Calvine High School.
- ⇒ If a student is late or absent, the student must bring a note from home following the absence or parent/guardian must call the school to verify the reason for absence(s)/tardies.
- ⇒ If poor attendance becomes an issue, a conference will be scheduled.

Failure to demonstrate improvement may result in one or more of the following:

- * Transfer to a different session
- * Referral to comprehensive home school of attendance
- * Transfer to another alternative program
- * Referral to Adult Education if student is 18 years old or older

The attendance office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call the office the day that your student is absent: (916) 689-7502.



Elk Grove Unified School District Mission Statement:

Develop in all students confidence in their ability to fulfill their unique potential, intellectually, physically, and emotionally.

Educate students to be effective thinkers and learners now and for the future.

Teach students about our diverse culture and develop in them a respect for and appreciation of that culture.

Prepare students with the skills and knowledge to become ethical and responsible citizens, family members, and workers.

Calvine High School Mission Statement:

The mission of Calvine High School (CHS) is to enable students to attain standards of academic excellence that prepare them for responsible citizenship, lifelong learning, and productive employment in our ever-changing world.



The most appropriate way to explain the vision and mission of CHS is through the logo shown above, developed in March 2004 with staff and student input. The three words found in the school logo are meant to represent the following:

PRIDE

A dedicated staff, student body, and community working together proudly to support high levels of student achievement.

PERSEVERANCE

The attitude of not giving up; continual effort to accomplish one's goals.

SCHOLARSHIP

The completion of the high school diploma as a stepping stone to college and/or career.

Participation in High School Graduation

The Governing Board of Education recognizes that each student who receives a high school diploma has met the standards of proficiency established by the school district. The specific requirements for receipt of a high school diploma are set forth in Board Policy 6146.

The Board further recognizes that participation in the high school graduation ceremony is a *privilege* for each student, and the Board seeks to encourage and support student participation in the high school graduation ceremony but without compromising student achievement and good citizenship during the senior year of high school. To encourage and support the purpose and integrity of the high school educational program during the senior year, the Board establishes the following minimum requirements for each student for participation in the high school graduation ceremony.

Achievement

During the spring semester prior to

graduation, a student must earn 25 credits to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Good Citizenship

A senior student who has received an off-campus suspension from school in the spring semester will be notified in writing that if a second off-campus suspendable offense occurs, he/she will not be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. A senior student with a second off-campus suspension will be denied the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony.

A senior may not attend the graduation ceremony while under off-campus suspension, even if the off-campus suspension is the first off-campus suspension of the student during the senior year.

The principal of each high school will revoke a student's privilege to participate in the high school graduation ceremony if these minimum stan-

dards are not met in any of the two areas in accordance with school rules which provide for due process.

Each high school student and parent/guardian shall receive annual notification of this policy. High school seniors shall also receive additional information of the policy at the beginning of the second semester.

Invocations and/or benedictions shall not be included in graduation ceremonies. Ceremonies or programs involving prayer for graduates may not be sponsored by the school or district.



Graduation Day

May 19, 2011

Sheldon High School
Performing Arts Center
 (Attendance by ticket only)



Expected School-wide Learning Results (ESLRs)

These skills describe the academic and life skills which are needed for success in post-secondary and career challenges. The following is a list of the skills that students will demonstrate prior to graduation. The Calvin High School program will produce:

Prepared Scholars who

- Demonstrate the ability to read, write and compute to begin a successful college/vocational career.
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate orally with a variety of audiences.

Responsible Citizens who

- Demonstrate civic values and ethics including honesty, respect, and responsibility.
- Demonstrate personal planning, self-awareness, and the need for life long learning.

Productive Workers who

- Demonstrate the ability to work independently and in groups to solve problems and create products of quality.
- Demonstrate the ability to use current technology and adapt to technological changes.

Dress Code

The Elk Grove Unified School District reserves the right to determine and enforce a dress code and determines a violation. Registration at Calvin High School signifies a willingness to conform to these regulations. For further details, please refer to the Calvin High School Parent/Student Handbook.

Students violating the dress code and grooming guide will be warned and if necessary will

be sent home to change into appropriate clothing. Continued violation will result in the student being disciplined administratively.

Reference: Education Code 48907

Elk Grove Unified School District BP 5145 (a) and (b)



Visit Our Calvin High School Website

at

www.egusd.net/calvine

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Grade Reporting Schedule

Students are expected to earn a minimum of 20 credits during each quarter grading period. Failure to do so may result in the student being placed on Academic Probation for the next grading period or may result in the removal from Calvine High School.



In addition, failure to obtain a minimum of 20 credits during the probation period may also result in the removal from Calvine. If you have any questions about your student's progress, please call the Counselor, Lisa Flores, at (916) 689-7502.



Report Card Mailed

(Issued at end of every quarter)

October 21, 2010

January 6, 2011

March 17, 2011

June 1, 2011

