

Calvine High School
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Newsletter

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Principal's Message—Mr. Joseph Airoso

Dear Parents and Students:

Calvine High School has just started the third quarter which began on January 3, 2011. All students are required to complete 20 credits each quarter. 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 of Calvine High School.

Any student who arrives more than 15 minutes late will be required to contact a parent to clear the tardy prior to going to class. A member of the administrative staff will be calling parents of any student who is absent and has a poor attendance record every time the student is absent. Our goal is to make all parents aware of their student's attendance patterns and to assure that students attend school each day. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (916) 689-7502.

Highlights

Community Service

Ron Eggert's Leadership class collected a significant amount of cans for the Kids Can Food Drive. They collected over 780 cans. They also participated in the Coats for Kids program and donated five bags of coats to the homeless and less fortunate.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 17, 2011 is a holiday—no school. Please see Page 2 for additional important dates.

Month of February Black History Month, Washington and Lincoln Birthdays

During the month of February, our school participates in Black History Month, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays.

California Exit Exam

ALL students must pass the California High School Exit Exams (CAHSEE) for Mathematics and English Language Arts, as well completing all Elk Grove Unified School District graduation requirements. The test dates for Math and English will be given on:

Feb. 1st & 2nd
12th graders only

Mar. 8th & 9th
11th & 12th graders

Rings/Caps/Gowns

Jostens will be here to take Graduation Cap/Gown/Ring orders on **Thursday, January 20, 2011** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 pm in the quad. **The office will also sell caps and gowns beginning on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 through May 12, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mandatory Graduation re-**

hearsal will be on Friday, May 13, 2011 at noon at the Calvine High School Multi-purpose Room.

Minimum Days/Staff Development Days

Next dates are:

Friday, March 11th

Wednesday, April 13th

Friday, May 13th

****Thursday, May 19th**
(Graduation Day—PM Minimum Day)

Friday, May 20th

School Web Page

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

www.egusd.net/calvine

Dress Code

Enclosed is an insert titled Dress Code for your convenience. Please review it with your student. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

School Supervision

The school attempts to provide a safe and secure campus. Campus supervision begins at 8:00 a.m. Please bring your students to school no earlier than 8:00 a.m.

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Counselor's Corner— *Lisa Flores*

Spring semester marks an important time for all students. Juniors should be meeting with their counselors to be sure they are on track to graduate their senior year. They should be maintaining a minimum of 20 credits each quarter, as well as keeping their grades up in order to participate in some very important activities as a senior, including Advanced Education at Cosumnes River College, EGUSD Foundation Scholarships, and Prom. Seniors should be meeting with their counselors to be sure they are on track to graduate in June, and develop a plan for after graduation. Graduating seniors interested in attending college should keep in mind the following: January – seniors should submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Parents and students are invited to attend the FAFSA nights on January 19th or January 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to fill out financial aid applications. February – apply online to college of your choice. March – Plan your first semester and continue applying for financial aid. May

– register for Summer and/or Fall classes. There has been much participation this year in applying for financial aid, as our students begin to understand that every dollar counts.

College and career development is ongoing. Your students currently have the opportunity to participate in an insightful career exploration curriculum that offers practical knowledge including high demand jobs in specific areas and educating needed to pursue these careers, as well as budgeting professional and personal expenses. The curriculum can be accessed any time online through Calvin's Career Zone at: <http://www.egusd.k12.ca.us/calvine/careerzone.html> Our students are constantly getting exposure to a variety of career and college opportunities. On Mondays and Fridays Calvin invites different colleges and business to present to our students and provide information regarding their programs or career options. If you would like to make an appointment with your stu-

dent's counselor please feel free to contact Calvin High School at (916) 689-7502, or email us through our website at <http://www.egusd.net/calvine/index.html>. Parents play a key role in helping students make informed decisions about their future. Calvin High School appreciates your involvement.

Last quarter we started a new program of adult mentoring called "Link Mentoring". The mentors meet with our students once a week for an hour. We are only one of four schools in the county that have this opportunity. We also have a student success skills class through Junior Achievement and we have a mentor through A T & T. Also new this year is our APEX Online Coursework for credit recovery. We have seven spaces available for any student who is interested in earning five credits per semester toward credit recovery. In order to register for this, please see the counselor, Lisa Flores.

Important Dates

Jostens Day

January 20 @ 11:30 a.m.

CAHSEE Exams

February 1 & 2

March 8 & 9

FAFSA Workshops

January 19 & 26 @ 5 - 7 p.m.

Holidays

January 17 Martin Luther King Day

February 14 Lincoln's Birthday

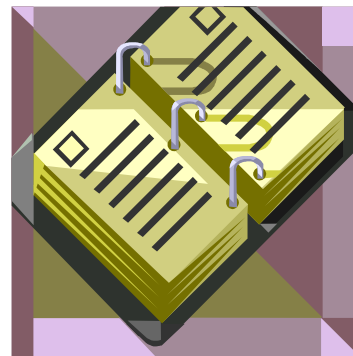
February 21 Washington's Birthday

April 18—22 Spring Break

Open House March 21

Graduation Day May 19

Last day of School May 20



Minimum Day/Staff Development Schedule

March 11, April 13, May 13, and May 20, 2011:

All students begin school at 8:30 a.m. and are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

May 19, 2011:

Graduation Day is May 19th. All students (not participating in Graduation) will begin school at 12:30 p.m. and will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m.



Fire/Evacuation/Lock Down Drills

In order to be better prepared for any unfortunate accidents/emergencies at school, Calvine High School will be conducting two different types of emergency drills. It is extremely important that we practice these drills to be better prepared if the need ever arises.

The first drill will be a **Fire/Evacuation** drill held on **January 27, 2011**. The second drill will be a **Lock Down** drill held on **January 28, 2011**.



Cell Phones and other Electronic Devices

Electric devices, cell phones, radios, dice, IPODS, MP3 players, tape/CD/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 class time, passing time, and during breaks. Additionally, all electronic devices and **are not to be displayed or seen and should be turned off other than before and after school.**

Consequences for violating the policy are as follows:

First Offense– Item confiscated and returned to parent/guardian.

Second Offense– Item 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 either call or contact a parent/guardian, students will be issued a pass to the office to use the office phone. If a parent, finds it necessary to contact their student while at school, please call the office at 689-7502 and a message will be delivered to the student.

Please help us maintain an environment conducive for learning. Cell phones and IPODS are appearing far too often creating a GROWING distraction in the classroom. Please advise your student that cell phones should not be heard or visible during school time. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Western Association of Schools and Colleges

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges or WASC, is recognized as one of six regional associations that accredit public and private schools, colleges, and universities in the United States. This accreditation cycle occurs usually every six years. The accreditation review analyzes all aspects of the school program in great detail before authorizing accreditation for additional time.

Calvine High School was last accredited in 2005, and is currently undergo-

ing review for the next accreditation visit scheduled for April 2011. Parent input is an important part of the Calvine High School focus on the school community. If you wish to participate in our accreditation process this year, please contact School Secretary, Doris O. Gronachon, at (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 Ceremony

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 standards 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 Rehearsal is mandatory and will be on Friday, May 13, 2011 at noon at Calvin High School Multi-purpose Room.

Graduation Day

May 19, 2011

(Admittance by ticket only)

Sheldon High School PAC

School Leadership Activities

In our leadership class, we have worked on many different things. We raised a significant amount of cans for the Kids Can Food Drive. We collected over 780 cans. We also participated in the Coats for Kids program and donated five bags of coats to the homeless and less fortunate. In order to make money for the school, we decided to work with Save-Mart saver cards. This gives Calvin High School 3% of whatever is spent by our supporters costing them nothing. In February we are going to start up the Pennies for Patients which help support kids with cancer and help to fund money to find a cure. On March 23rd, our school is participating in Kick Butts Day by not smoking for an entire day. We are helping the planet and the school by recycling and energy conversation. We encourage all students to work with the South Sacramento Interfaith Food Bank as a volunteer to help them with community service as well as getting a

job reference. These are just a few activities that we are doing this year.



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 Calvine 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.



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Graduation Rings and Announcements

Jostens sells all of the diplomas, gowns, announcements, rings and other graduation items for graduating seniors within the Elk Grove Unified School District. Jostens will be on campus taking orders for graduation announcements, cap, gowns, and rings on January 20, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at Calvin High School.



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