

**Elk Grove Unified School District
Calvine High School
8333 Vintage Park Drive
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Newsletter



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Principal's Message—Mr. Joseph Airoso

Dear Parents and Students:

Calvine High School ended the third quarter March 11, 2011. Fourth Quarter started on March 14, 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.

We will continue monitoring students with their attendance. We would like to remind parents that 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. Our goal is to make all parents aware of their student's attendance patterns and to assure that students attend school daily. If your student is ill or will be more than 15 minutes late, please contact our office at (916) 689-7502.

Senior News

Graduation is just around the corner. A Senior assembly was held on March 10th/11th informing Seniors about information that will help make Graduation Day a success. Seniors were given a Graduation information/timeline.

Graduation Day is Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Sheldon High School Performing Arts Center. Participation in the graduation ceremony is for all seniors who

have completed all the necessary district credit and proficiency requirements, and passed both high school exit exams. A mandatory graduation rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, May 13th at noon (12:00 p.m.) in the Multi-purpose Room. There will be a free hot dog lunch for Graduating Seniors sponsored by the Rotary Group. Cap, gown, and tassels that are pre-paid before May 13th will be distributed in the Multi-purpose Room after lunch is served. **No sales on the day of rehearsal.**

The office will begin selling caps, gowns, tassels and extra tickets on **Tuesday, May 3, 2011 through Thursday, May 12, 2011**. Before May 12th, caps, gowns, and tassels, are eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) cash only. After May 12th, the cost is one hundred dollars (\$100.00) cash only. Extra tickets will be sold for ten dollars (\$10.00) cash only during this time or while supplies last—first come/first served basis. **No sales on the day of rehearsal—May 13th.**

Office hours for selling graduation items are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

California Exit Exam

All students must pass the California High School Exit Exams (CAHSEE) for Math and English, as well as com-

pleting all Elk Grove Unified School District graduation requirements. The test dates are: Tuesday, May 10th for English and Wednesday, May 11th for Math.

Open House

Calvine's Open House was held on March 21st.

Dress Code

As the weather begins to change and it becomes warmer, we encourage parents to monitor their students' attire so that they are adhering to school policy and dress code while they are at school. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Minimum Days/Staff Development Days

April 13th **AM students only**
April 14th **PM students only**
Friday, May 13th
*Thursday, May 19th
*Graduation Day—PM Minimum Day
Friday, May 20th

See page 2 for more information.

School Web Page

For latest news and information please visit our school web page at: www.egusd.net/calvine



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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 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: seniors should submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). February – apply online to college of your choice. March – Plan your first semester and continue applying for financial aid. April/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 March 18th, Calvin will host an all day College/Career Day. A variety of people from all over the community came out and spoke to our students about their career path. Our presenters including SMUD, a Dental Hygienist, an Engineer, an Executive Chef, CSI, K9 Officers, local colleges, trade schools, and military recruiters, just to name a few. This was our first college/career fair and we are very excited. Calvin continues to invite different colleges and businesses to present to our students and provide information regarding their programs or career options. Other presenters we have had in-

cluded De Vry University and Heald College. On March 22nd, Test Coordinators for the ASVAB administered the test. Students who were interested in going in to the military signed up to take the test during their advisory period. On March 25th, we had our CRC Application workshop. Students who are interested in attending a Los Rios School needed to attend this workshop to complete the first step of their application process. If you would like to make an appointment with your student's counselor or have questions, please feel free to contact the Counselor, Lisa Flores, at 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 Junior Achievement student skills class.

Important Dates

CAHSEE Exams

May 10 & 11

Minimum Days

April 13 AM students only

April 14 PM students only

May 13

*May 19 PM special schedule minimum day

May 20

Holidays

April 18—22 Spring Break

Events

Open House March 21

Graduation Day May 19

Last day of School May 20



Minimum Days—Special Schedules

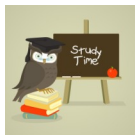
April 13: AM students report to school at 8:30 a.m. and are dismissed at 11:30 a.m. **April 14:** PM students report to school at 8:30 a.m. and are dismissed at 11:30 a.m. **May 13:** All students report to school at 8:30 a.m.

May 19: 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.

May 20: All students report to school at 8:30 a.m. and are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

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. Thank you for your cooperation.



Electronic Devices Policy

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. Cell phones and IPODS are appearing in the classroom and this is not condu-

cive for learning. 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.



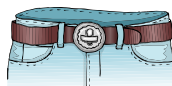
Calvine High School was last accredited in 2005, and is currently undergoing review for the next accreditation. The next visit is scheduled in April. Parents are an important part of the Calvine High School community. Many parents have volunteered to serve on our parents' committee. If you would like to volunteer, please contact School Secretary, Doris O. Gronachon, at (916) 689-7502.

Dress Code

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



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.

School Leadership Activities

Since the beginning of this term, our Leadership classes have worked on many activities: Don't Buy the Lie (tobacco use prevention billboard contest through Kaiser Permanente sponsors which began on February 28th and went through March 25th), we participated in Kick Butts Day on March 23rd a school wide effort which is an anti tobacco program pushing all students and staff to go without tobacco for the day, and on March 31st, we participated in a Blood Drive. To understand and avoid accidents from occurring, our school is participating in an activity called Distractive Driving from April 1st through April 15th.

Our school is having Prom on April 29th from 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. The theme is Enchanted City Evenings. Applications are due April 1st. Tickets go on sale April 4th through 8th and then again on April 25th through 28th. **No sales on day of Prom.** Tickets are sold for **\$65.00 (CASH only)** for couples and **\$45.00 (CASH only)** for singles. See Mary-Beth Wilson in Room 2 before school, at lunch, or after school for Prom information.



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.

New Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Booster Shot Law

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A new California law now requires that all students entering 7th through 12th grade in the 2011-2012 school year provide schools proof that they have received an adolescent pertussis (whooping cough) booster shot (Tdap) prior to starting school. **Students will not be able to attend school in 2011-2012 until they show proof of the booster shot.**

The new law was enacted following a widespread pertussis epidemic in 2010. Pertussis is a serious disease that causes coughing fits that can last for months. It can also be deadly for infants.

Once your student receives the Tdap booster shot, bring the written proof to the front office of your student's current school. If your student has already received the Tdap booster shot, please bring a copy of the written proof to your student's current school.

The Elk Grove Unified School District is urging parents of current 6th through 11th graders to get the booster shot now to avoid the back-to-school rush this summer. Please note that the tetanus-diphtheria booster shot (Td) does not meet the requirement of the law. Students must have the Tdap booster to meet the requirements of the new law.

After the 2011-2012 school year, only students entering 7th grade will need to show proof of having received the adolescent pertussis booster shot.

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 Calvine High School Multi-purpose Room.

Graduation Day

May 19, 2011

9:30 a.m.

(Admittance by ticket only)

Sheldon High School PAC

Graduation Information and Timeline



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Michael R. Court, Teacher-in-Charge

Doris O. Gronachon, School Secretary

TO: Calvin High School "Potential" Graduates and Parents – Class of 2011

FROM: Joseph M. Airoso, Principal

RE: Graduation Information/Timeline

The information below will help make Graduation Day a success for both parents and graduates. Please take time to read the information and make a note of graduation dates and timeline.

**Spring Quarter
March 14 through May 20, 2011**

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 suspension offense occurs, he/she will not be eligible to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.

**Tuesday, May 3, 2011 through
Thursday, May 12, 2011
From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
or while supplies last**

Purchase caps/gowns/tassels \$85.00 Cash only; After May 12th \$100 Cash only
Purchase tassel (only) \$20 Cash only; After May 12th \$25 Cash only
Caps, gowns, tassels will be delivered May 13th. **No sales on day of rehearsal.**
Purchase extra tickets \$10.00 Cash only; No refunds. *First come/first served and while supplies last* **No sales on day of rehearsal.**

Friday, May 6, 2011

Last day to turn homework for credit to graduate.

Friday, May 13, 2011 @ Noon

Mandatory Rehearsal @ 12:00 p.m. (Noon) There will be a free lunch for Graduating Seniors at Calvin High School Multi-purpose Room. This is when you will receive your pre-paid caps, gowns, and tassels. **No sales on the day of rehearsal.**

**Thursday, May 19, 2011
9:30 a.m.**

Graduation Day— 9:30 a.m.
Graduates must arrive **NO LATER THAN 8:55 a.m.**
Graduation Location: Sheldon High School
Performing Arts Center
8333 Kingsbridge Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829

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