

# **Calvary Academy 2021/2022 Plan**



## **Academic Year 2021-2022**

**A Message from Mrs. Stephanie Cruz**

August 12, 2021

Dear Calvary Academy Family,

I want to share with you some important updates to our plan for starting the 2021-22 school year. Following thoughtful prayer, review of health guidelines and recent re-opening considerations, we believe we are well positioned to safely return to full day, in person/in-class education.

In charting our path toward a full physical return to campus in September, Calvary Academy is committed to providing students, families, faculty and staff with a safety-conscious environment while continuing to provide an exceptional education and discipleship.

As Calvary Academy continues to move forward in providing quality Christian education amidst a pandemic, the school's leadership team remains committed to prayerfully making decisions that ultimately:

- Keep the CA community safe and functioning
- Encourage personal responsibility to help maintain a healthy learning environment
- Empower parents to make decisions that they believe are best for their own child(ren)
- Provide excellent opportunities for students to thrive spiritually, academically and socially

We are expectant that much of our school life will return to normal and are anticipating another great year. Barring any unexpected governmental mandates, our plans are fully in motion for a full re-entry to campus and classroom-based education.

As we make preparations for the new school year, we will continue to provide and promote appropriate safety protocols, healthy hygiene practices, continued cleaning and disinfecting and enhanced monitoring procedures. As always, I pledge to you my transparency as we move forward.

Thank you for your support and continued prayers as we partner together for the good of our students and to the glory of God. We look forward to seeing you in September.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Cruz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Mrs. Stephanie Cruz, M.Ed.

Principal

# General Info

The health and wellness of our students, faculty, and families is our top priority.

Enhanced campus health measures and procedures include:

- Limiting campus visitors. While we highly value our parental involvement and look forward to getting back to our open-door culture, classroom and lunch visits will be suspended for the time being.
- Parents should check each student's temperature before school each morning, and prior to arriving on campus. Do not bring students to school with a temperature of 100° or higher, or if they are exhibiting any other signs of illness.
- Temperature checks will be monitored daily. Staff will take student temperatures with our no contact thermometers on student's wrist or mid-arm upon arrival in carline; please be prepared with a sleeve rolled up in advance.
- If a student arrives with a temperature of 100° or higher, you will be asked to drive around to the gym entrance for the nurse to take a more accurate reading to determine admittance for the day.
- Students that drive themselves need to enter at the office entrance for temp check.
- Teachers and staff will have a temperature check upon arrival. They will also be required to self- monitor and take their own temperature before coming on campus each day.
- Parents will be asked to remain in their vehicles during morning and afternoon carline (grades K-12).



# General Info

- Masks are encouraged and students need to have a mask with them each day. In accordance with the state mandate, masks should be worn unless wearing a mask would inhibit the student's health; documentation from a medical professional is required for mask exclusions.
- Students who wear masks should follow our dress code guidelines (solid color masks are preferred).
- Upon arrival in the classroom, students are encouraged to use hand sanitizer.
- Sanitation stations will be available for enhanced sanitation and health-risk mitigation.
- Temperature checks for all essential on-campus guests or vendors upon arrival.
- Disinfection of campus and school bus with a safe electrostatic sprayer with wrap-around technology.
- Frequent cleaning of multi-use, high-traffic spaces such as restrooms, gym, cafeteria, doorways, rails and hallways.
- Regular handwashing will continue to be encouraged, and hand sanitizers have been mounted on walls in classrooms, and in the school gym/cafeteria.
- Students will be encouraged to not share supplies and sharing of equipment/supplies will be minimized.
- With vaccines now available to children ages 12 and up, parents are in the position to decide if that is something that they want for their children. There are no COVID-19 vaccine requirements in place on CA's campus.



# What if my child gets sick?



Because COVID-19 symptoms are common to many other illnesses, we ask all of our families and faculty/staff to follow this guide if any symptoms of illness occur. Confidentiality will be kept in accordance with privacy laws. Students are to remain home if they exhibit any of these symptoms. COVID-19 symptoms include:

- fever (100°) and above
- cough
- shortness of breath
- difficulty breathing
- chills
- repeated shaking with chills
- muscle pain
- headache
- sore throat
- new loss of taste or smell
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

**Possible Exposure Procedures:** If you have traveled to any restricted areas while school is in session you must abide by the state quarantine requirements. If you believe you have been exposed to COVID, you need to report that to the school on the student absence/COVID form. On our website, you will find a link to report this on our homepage. Please know that this information is confidential.

# Health Risk Mitigation

**Two scenarios will be implemented if symptoms of COVID-19 occur:**

## **SCENARIO 1:**

*Someone becomes ill during the day with fever and other symptoms of COVID-19.*

- They will be isolated immediately in a designated space and evaluated by the school nurse. At that time, they will be required to wear a mask while waiting to be picked up and sent home.

### **When can they return to school?**

- When they have been fever free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours, and other symptoms of COVID-19 are no longer evident.

OR

- When they have been fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours and provide a note from their healthcare provider stating that the symptoms of illness are due to a non-COVID-19 diagnosis (e.g. strep throat, allergies, ear infection, etc.).

## **SCENARIO 2:**

*Someone tests positive for COVID-19.*

- Our school nurse **MUST** be contacted immediately by emailing [nurse@calvaryacademy.org](mailto:nurse@calvaryacademy.org) or by calling 732-363-3633.
- The nurse will follow procedures per NJ Dept. of Health and local authorities protocol.
- If a positive case within a classroom occurs, we will consult with the NJ DOH and follow their guidance.
- To be considered "exposed", someone must be within 6 feet of an infected individual (without a mask) for over 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before the person began feeling sick until the time the patient was isolated.

### **When can they return to school?**

- IF SYMPTOMATIC | When they have been fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 72 hours, and other symptoms of COVID-19 have improved, and at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

OR

- IF ASYMPTOMATIC | When at least 10 days have elapsed since the first diagnostic test and they have not developed any symptoms.



# Pre-K - Elementary

## Classroom:

- All classes meet on campus as normally scheduled.
- Masks are encouraged and students need to have a mask with them each day. In accordance with the state mandate, masks should be worn unless wearing a mask would inhibit the student's health; documentation from a medical professional is required for mask exclusions.
- Parents dropping off or picking up Pre-K students are not permitted to enter the classroom. Parents must wait in the lobby for your child to be released.
- All students will use their own individual classroom supplies.
- Desks/Tables will be cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in each classroom and frequent hand washing will take place. We do request that parents please send in additional hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes for classroom usage.

## Specials:

Students will resume all special classes.

## Lunch:

- Elementary students will eat in the cafeteria.
- Students need to bring lunch with them each day.

## Recess:

- Two classes will be permitted to play in each area outside for recess at the same time. They will be permitted to play in several areas during recess. For example: the play equipment/swings/ basketball courts/or soccer fields.

# Middle School-High School

## Classroom:

- All classes meet on campus as normally scheduled.
- Masks are encouraged and students need to have a mask with them each day. In accordance with the state mandate, masks should be worn unless wearing a mask would inhibit the student's health; documentation from a medical professional is required for mask exclusions.
- All students will use individual classroom supplies.
- Desks will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in each classroom. We do request that parents please send in individual hand sanitizers for their children to keep at their desk, and please also send in disinfecting wipes.
- Upon arrival and throughout the day, students must go directly to class and remain in there until class begins, they may not congregate or linger in hallways or elsewhere.

## Lunch:

- Upper school students will eat in the cafeteria during their assigned lunch time.
- Students must bring their lunch with them each day. (International lunches provided)



# No Virtual School Option

Our teachers provide instruction while utilizing the Microsoft office 365 platform.



During the 2020-21 school year, CA provided the option of signing their child or children up to be full-time mobile learners. However, please know that a decision has been made to only move forward in the 2021-22 school year with an in person learning model. CA's leaders and administration will continue to monitor the situation as our school community marches forward in prudence, wisdom, and faith to further our eternal mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

In the event a student tests positive or is absent due to a COVID or quarantine-related absence, they will have the opportunity to watch recordings of the instructional portions of the classes that they missed. The recordings will be made available after the class on OneNote. The recordings made available will provide students with the necessary tools they need to stay on pace with their classes while they are out of school. Our hope and prayer is that no students will need to exercise this option so that they can reap all of the benefits of a robust, in-person education.

The Lord's mercies are new every day and I know HE has great things in store for CA families this year. He has proven to be our solid rock during every season, and we will continue to trust him.

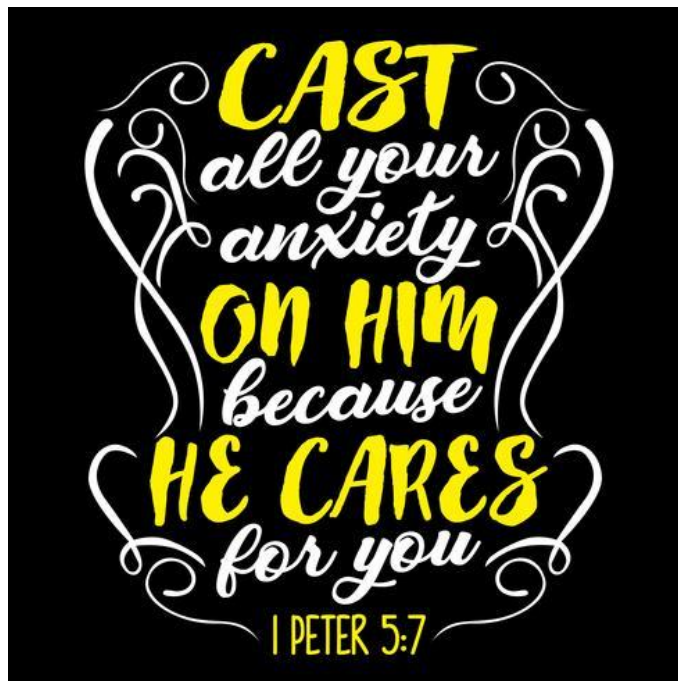
# Additional Programming

## Before School Care:

- Students being dropped off before the start of school will be greeted at the Elementary door by staff and temperature will be taken. Parents will be instructed to wait outside the classroom to limit exposure.

## After School Care:

- Students will play on the playground when weather permits.
- Parents will enter Building C using their PIN code. Parents will be asked to wait at the entry table for the teacher to help your child pack up. Your child will be sent out to you in the hallway. Parents may not enter the classroom.



# Attendance Policy

Students must not exceed the allowable amount of absences in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade.

## Attendance Policy

ELEMENTARY	UPPER SCHOOL
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Max yearly absences: 25	Max yearly absences: 15
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Excused or unexcused

This requirement remains in effect during the 2021-2022 school year; however, given the public health situation, we will work with any family that has a COVID-19 case or other serious medical situation. Please contact the school nurse or Mrs. Cruz to discuss extenuating circumstances.

Late Arrivals: PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade at elementary entrance through 8:20, at main school entrance after 8:20 a.m. 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade enter at main school entrance. Late arrival students will have their temperature checks at these entry points. Parents are asked to not walk past the entry table or reception desk, or to enter the classroom. We are limiting visitors on campus/classrooms to minimize the risk of outside exposure.

# All for HIM!

Calvary acknowledges God's continued provision and blessings. We're very excited to welcome our families onto campus this September, and look forward to this school year together, united AS ONE.

These plans are subject to change as we learn more about the coronavirus and counter-measures throughout the year. We are committed to remaining fluid as we adjust to emerging situations. Please be patient with us and know that we will continue to be transparent and will keep you updated to the best of our ability.

To keep our campus open and to enjoy the Calvary Academy full educational experience, we will need our students, families, faculty and staff to follow all protocols implemented by the school. Therefore, we respectfully request everyone's full support and participation in making this work. Thank you in advance for your love, prayers and support!

***"Now to him who is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen"***

***– Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)***