

# Cavalier Caller

May 2019

## ODDS AND ENDS

Steven Lucas

Hello again Cavalier family!

May is traditionally the month when testing begins and signals many students to begin scrambling to prepare for end of the year activities like prom and graduation. May also marks the end of the road for our seniors who will be finished with classes on May 17. So while we celebrate the fine weather and we start the countdown to the end of the year, many students struggle with anxiety associated with getting everything done. For some, leaving school for the summer, or for good, can be very stressful so please be aware if your student does not seem as excited as everyone else to be finishing school.

With the hope of sounding like a broken record, there is no fifth marking period. While there are still final exams, the results of these assessments which previously counted for as much as 20% of students overall final grades, are now included in students fourth quarter grades. The important takeaway from this is that students have to maximize their output in the fourth quarter as there will be no additional points to gain from final exams.

Changing gears a bit, I would like to solicit everyone's support in helping to enforce our school dress code which can be accessed through our school and CCPS website. There are few things we like to do less, or are less productive than correcting student dress code violations so please encourage students to dress appropriately. I ask students to respect the learning environment and treat it like they would any other professional experience.

If you haven't followed our calendar or plan of the week this year, now is probably a good time to start. We have numerous performances, awards events, high-stakes assessments, prom, Saturday schools, and other important activities you will not want to miss. If you have any questions about these events please call Mr. Watson or myself here at school as soon as possible.

I thank you again for the privilege of leading our school. I invite you to visit often, and I wish you well.

Sincerely,  
Steven Lucas



**Principal**  
Steven Lucas

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# Upcoming Dates:

## MAY

<b>2nd</b>	<b>Spring Band Concert, 7 pm</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>NJROTC Awards program at PHS at 6 pm</b>
<b>7th</b>	<b>Underclass 4th quarter interims posted on HAC</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>Spring POP Chorus Concert, 7 pm</b>
<b>11th</b>	<b>PTSA Clothes Drive, CHS parking lot 9-11 am</b>
<b>17th</b>	<b>Seniors Last Day</b>
<b>18th</b>	<b>Prom at Annmarie Gardens, 7-11 pm</b>
<b>19th</b>	<b>CHS Faculty Hall of Fame</b>
<b>21st</b>	<b>Spring Sports Awards, 6:00 pm</b>
<b>27th</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day</b>
<b>29th</b>	<b>Senior Awards, 6:30 pm</b>

## JUNE

<b>5th</b>	<b>Calvert High Graduation, 3:00 pm</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Two Hour Early Dismissal</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>Two Hour Early Dismissal</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>Underclass Awards, 7:00 pm</b>
<b>11th</b>	<b>Last Day for Students, Two Hour Early Dismissal</b>
<b>28th</b>	<b>4th Quarter Report Cards Mailed</b>

# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## PROM INFORMATION:

Prom will be on May 18th at Annmarie Gardens from 7 –11 pm. Tickets go are on sale during lunch. There are only 400 tickets available for prom so don't delay in getting your ticket. Guest forms can be picked up in the main office. Remember you can't have any financial obligations when purchasing a ticket.



## SENIORS :

- Graduation is just around the corner! In an attempt to avoid last minute surprises or misunderstandings, we are beginning to collect existing financial obligations now. This will also help eliminate the need for Seniors to stand in line following graduation practice. Please be advised there may be additional items your student is responsible for that we are unable to identify until the last day of school for Seniors such as this year's textbooks and spring sports uniforms. Graduation is both an exciting and busy time for students, parents, and staff. Your cooperation in resolving this issue now will help assure a smoother graduation experience for all. Please contact Debora Jones, Financial Secretary, at 443-550-8889 if you have questions.
- Graduation items can be ordered online with Herff Jones at <https://highschool.herffjones.com/> or email them at schoolrings@aol.com. Orders can also be dropped off with Mrs. Redden in the main office.

# CHS Guidance News

May 2019

## Counselor assignments:

- Mrs. Sinclair – Last names A – E
  - Ms. Aris – Last names F – J
- Mrs. Ponti – Last names K – Q
- Mr. Verlich – Last names R – Z

## Upcoming Dates:

**April 26: 4th Quarter interims available on HAC (seniors only)**

May 3: Deadline to register for June SAT

May 3: Deadline to register for June ACT

May 6 – 17: AP Exams

May 7: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter interims available on HAC (underclassmen)

**May 17: Last day for seniors!**

**June 5: Graduation!**

**June 11: Last day of school!**

June 14: Deadline to register for the July ACT

By June 28: Final report cards are mailed

## Reminder About Grades

It's hard to believe, but we are in the final stretch of this school year! Please continue to monitor your students' academic progress on HAC to be sure that they are working to meet all academic expectations for the remainder of the school year. If you have concerns about grades in a specific class, please contact your student's teacher. If you have questions about graduation requirements, contact your student's counselor. If you have problems logging in to HAC, please contact Mrs. Andrewlevick in the CHS main office. If you need a paper copy of your child's interim, contact the counseling office.

## Registration Update

Students will receive a final copy of their course requests by the end of this school year so that they can check for accuracy. Please contact your child's counselor with any questions or concerns regarding course selection.

## Dual Enrollment

Rising juniors and seniors have the opportunity to take college classes at CSM as high school students. The deadline to register for fall Dual Enrollment classes is July 15. Students must complete a form with their school counselor. Please contact your child's counselor for more information.

## ACT/SAT

- The last SAT deadline for this school year is **May 3** for the June 1 test (offered at CHS!). Students can register online for the SAT at [www.collegeboard.org/SAT](http://www.collegeboard.org/SAT).
- The next ACT deadlines are **May 3** to register for the June 8 test and **June 14** for the July 13 test. Students can register on line for the ACT at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).
- The SAT and ACT are tests used for college admissions. ***Juniors should take the SAT and/or ACT by the end of their junior year to give them an edge on completing college applications in the fall.*** Most students take the SAT/ACT more than once to ensure that they get the best score they can.
- Fee waivers are available; students should see their counselor for more information.

**Sign up for guidance texts:  
SENIORS: text @Calvert19 to 81010  
JUNIORS: text @Cal2020 to 81010**

**Transcripts & Recommendations**

Students are reminded that they must submit a fully completed paper copy of the transcript request form to their counselor when applying to colleges or when requesting transcripts to be used for scholarship applications. Without this form, your counselor cannot send your transcript to the college or university. If your transcript has to be sent through the mail, we will print out a copy, prepare it, and give it back to the student for mailing. The recommendation request form must also be submitted to your counselor and any teachers that you are asking for recommendations. **Be mindful of deadlines and allow AT LEAST 10 school days for processing.** If you need a copy of the transcript request or recommendation form, they are available on the guidance website or in the guidance office.

**Scholarships**

Scholarships are FREE money to help pay for college! Students who are attending 2 year colleges, 4 year colleges, and technical schools are eligible to apply for and receive scholarship money.

**3 ways to receive scholarship info from CHS guidance:**

1. Check the CHS guidance website for the most up-to-date postings.
2. Text @CalvertHS1 to 81010 to get scholarship information texted right to your phone. (We use Remind101 service for this.)
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# CHS Guidance News.. ..for the Class of 2019!

## Graduation Requirements

By now, seniors should be aware of any requirements that they must fulfill for graduation. Please be vigilant about working with your teachers to pass required courses, completing service learning requirements, and continuing attendance for the remainder of your senior year. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's counselor – we're here to help!

## Acceptance Letters and Scholarship Offers

Hey Seniors – we want to celebrate with you! Your counselors want to know what colleges you've been accepted to! Bring your letters to guidance – we will celebrate by putting you up on the Wall of Acceptance in the cafeteria and posting on the CHS website! We are also looking to show how great our senior class is by adding up all the scholarship money that the senior class has received! If you've been awarded scholarship money, bring your notification letter to guidance so we can add your scholarship money to the grand total. Scholarships are also listed in the graduation program! ***Let's beat the other high schools in Calvert County and show that we have been awarded the highest amount of scholarship money!***

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## Final Transcript Requests

Seniors are reminded that they must turn in their final transcript form to guidance by **Friday, May 17**. The form was in your senior packet, and it allows the registrar to send a final transcript to the college, military branch, technical/trade school, or community college that you will be attending next year. These places require a final high school transcript as proof that you completed high school and the final transcript form is your way of requesting it!



## From the Nurse's office.....

### **Dates to remember:**

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. For the parents of students who have medications in the nurse's office, please plan to pick up your child's medication on their last day of school or call ahead to make other arrangements. The last day for seniors is Friday, May 17, 2019. The last day for all other students is Tuesday, June 11, 2019. Medications that are not picked up by the end of the school day on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, will be discarded unless other arrangements are made with the nurse. Please call the nurse at 443-550-8892 if special arrangements need to be made.

### **Outdoor Safety**

As warmer weather is upon us, this is a friendly reminder to protect your skin from sun damage. Wearing hats, sunscreen and long sleeves or pants during prolonged exposure to the sun is essential.

Another concern with the warmer weather is tick bites. Ticks can carry disease such as Lyme disease. Prevention is key. Wearing long sleeves, pants and hats when doing activities in tall grass or wooded areas can help. Insect repellants with DEET can also protect against tick and insect bites. Call your doctor if you have been bitten by a tick and have any signs of rash, swelling, warmth, redness or drainage or symptoms like fever, headache, fatigue, chills, muscle and joint pain.

## May NJROTC Newsletter

The school year is coming to a close, and as the month of May begins, we see the unit's activities becoming few. On May third, the Calvert County Public Schools joint NJROTC awards ceremony will be held at Patuxent High School to honor the cadets from each unit in the county, and reward their hard work throughout the year. It begins at 6pm, but cadets and their families are encouraged to arrive at 5:30pm so that their cadets will be able to link up with their platoon commanders. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the unit's color guard team will be presenting the national colors for a Baltimore Orioles Baseball game! On the 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Booster Club and Normandy trip meeting at 6pm. We hope to see our supporters there! That week on the 17<sup>th</sup>, our CHS seniors have their last day of school. We will miss them dearly, and wish all of them success in the road ahead! At 6pm on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Calvert's NJROTC Unit will be holding its unit Open House! This event is open to all families and students who are interested in joining the program or have already registered for Naval Science next year. All are encouraged to come! On the 27<sup>th</sup> there won't be any school, due to the recognition of Memorial Day, but you can expect to see some of our cadets at the court house in Prince Frederick, as the unit comes to support those who have died. While the year is almost over, the unit will still be present in the community during the rest of the year, and will also be active during the summer months. We anticipate the arrival of new cadets, and can't wait to see what next year holds in store for us!



From the Bay Weekly, April 25th.



Ben Springer

A Lens into the Future

Is the next generation getting the message? A short conversation with 16-year-old Ben Springer from Calvert High School seems to say so. Springer, a junior from Port Republic, won the 2018 Calvert You Are Beautiful Award for his commitment to volunteering. The annual award usually goes to an older person. But he'd worked for the environment on so many scores that he wowed the judges. Volunteering with the Calvert Stewards, he worked at Battle Creek Cypress Swamp building nest boxes for prothonotary warblers and surveying with the Maryland Atlas of Reptiles and Amphibians. At school, he helped the Calvert High Envirothon team earn top spots in competitions the last two years. He credits a free-range childhood roaming his home's four acres of woods for introducing him to the environment and its inhabitants. "I've just always been drawn to the woods. I like to walk and see all the creatures running around. I enjoy seeing animals that you won't find if you aren't looking for them." Getting a camera in seventh grade deepened his vision and passion. "I spotted an interesting bird I had never seen before. It was a hooded warbler; I had never heard of it," he said. "I suddenly wondered what else I was missing in the woods because I wasn't looking closely enough — and I was hooked." Springer has logged more than 340 species of birds in the three years since. He spends much of his time at Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, working as a volunteer educator and taking lots of photos. There he found a mentor as well in Battle Creek naturalist Andy Brown. "Thanks to people like Andy," he said. "I am considering a career in natural resource management because I know I want to be involved in protecting and caring for the outdoors." He also set up bat boxes at his high school so that he can encourage a breeding population of evening bats he helped discover. Springer joins forces with other teens on the school Envirothon team, battling against other schools to see who knows most on topics such as aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife and current issues. This year's Calvert High team placed first in the county and will go to the state contest at St. Mary's College this summer. Springer says he tries to be optimistic about the planet he has inherited, but thinks we must do more. "We need to get away from fossil fuels for our energy supply. It does so much damage. If we can switch to renewable energy, we could spring back to a healthier ecosystem," he says. This fan of solar energy "hopes for the best and tries hard to make things better." But he knows he can't do it alone. So, he said, "I'm also hopeful that other people want to change."



# **Cleaning out your closet ?**

Watch "Tidying Up" and have items to donate?

CHS PSTO is having a

## **Used Clothing Drive**

**We are collecting:**

- \*Wearable & Useable Clothing**  
(Men's, Women's & Children's)
- \*Shoes, Belts, Handbags ...**
- \*Linens (Bedding, Curtains, Towels...)**
- \*Small Household Goods & Appliances**
- \*Toys & Games**
- \*Books/CD's/DVD's**

**Drop off days:** The second Saturday of the month in the front parking lot from 9-11 am. Next drop off day is May 11th.

If you need to drop off items immediately please call the school at 443-550-8880 and leave a message with your information.

A different time can be set up for drop off or pick up of the items.

**We will receive money for every pound we collect.**  
**Please place all items into tightly tied plastic bags or boxes**