

News and Notes from your Principal - November 2019



November is always the time of year I like to write to our community about being thankful. As your principal, I am first and most grateful for our students who trudge out the door every day and give us their undivided attention (mostly) for seven or more hours. Being a high school student is not as easy as it may appear. For the adults out there, think of how exhausting it is to sit through a whole day of professional development at your job, or 3-4 hours of a college course a couple of times a week. Our students do this every day! For any students reading this I say, “Thank you!” and keep grinding.

It would be crazy for me not to thank my colleagues and those who really make school work. I cannot think of a more skilled, committed, humble, and patient group of human beings. I am reminded every day how teaching is the profession which makes all other professions possible. To the teachers, administrators, and support staff who keep this school running and who produce some of the most highly qualified students anywhere, I thank you.

I am also grateful for the many parents and other community members who support our efforts here at school by doing everything from supervising their student’s homework to carpooling, and volunteering in so many other ways. The PTSO, our Athletic, Band, and NJROTC Boosters, Optimist Club and so many other parent and community organizations work tirelessly supporting our staff and students.

As for a bit of “What’s Happening” here at school, Fall sports are winding down with many of our teams still in the playoff hunt. At the writing of this letter (October 31st, November 1st and 2nd), Double Edge Productions is getting ready to put on their version of *Clue* on stage, and the deadline for signing up to take an AP test in the Spring is fast approaching (deadline is October 31st, but we will accept sign-up until November 15th). The end of the first quarter is November 6th and you can expect to see your student’s first report card of the year November 15th (Check HAC). Remember November 8th is a 2-hour early dismissal, there is no school November 11th, and we are off for the Thanksgiving recess from November 27th to December 2nd. Please consult our school website for more information and follow us on Twitter @THECalverthigh to see important updates.

Please feel free to contact me any time at 443-550-8880. As always, I look forward to hearing from you, or even better, seeing you on campus soon. I thank you for your attention and I look forward to continuing to serve our students, staff, and community as your school principal.

Sincerely,

Steven V. Lucas

Steven Lucas, Ed. D.
Principal

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

November

- 1st CHS Drama Fall Show: Clue, 7pm
- 2nd Marching Band National Championship at Allentown, PA
- 2nd CHS Drama Fall Show: Clue, 7pm
- 5th Spirit Night at Sweet Frog, 4-9pm, support Skills USA
- 6th End of First Quarter
- 7th Herff Jones Graduation items ordering during lunch
- 7th Marching Band Banquet, 5-7pm
- 8th Two hour early dismissal
- 9th NJROTC Air Rifle Meet, all day.
- 11th No School for students
- 13th ASVAB
- 15th 1st quarter report cards available on the HAC
- 15th First day of Winter Sports
- 20th Advisory
- 20th All County Chorus Concert, 7 pm
- 27th – 29th – No school, Thanksgiving Break

December

- 4th Two hour early dismissal
- 7th Robotics Tournament, all day
- 10th Band Winter Concert, 7pm
- 11th Orchestra Winter Concert, 7 pm
- 12th Winter Chorus Concert, 7 pm
- 13th 2nd quarter interim reports available on the HAC
- 14th Robotics Snow Date, all day
- 16th NJROTC Area Inspection
- 17th Advisory
- 20th Two hour early dismissal
- 23rd-27th - No School, Winter Recess

SCHOOL INFORMATION

NJROTC News

November is a lively month. On the first, JLAB (Junior Leadership Academic Bowl) starts with the Level 1 competition. The first Saturday of the month a few select cadets will partake in the Capital City Air Rifle competition. The following Monday, the 4th, cadets will have a chance to go to a Navy Yard field trip. Saturday, the 9th, the Unit will host an Air Rifle match. That Sunday is the Marine Corps Birthday. Also, on the 10th, cadets will perform a Color Guard at Mt Olive and Orienteering team will participate in QOC Balls Bluff. The rest of November is relatively calm for the Unit. Saturday, the 23rd, the Air Rifle team will compete at the King George Air Rifle Meet. The next day the Orienteering team participates at QOC Hemlock Falls. The 25th and 26th, the Unit will help offload Christmas trees for the Optimist Club. The rest of November is Thanksgiving Break. November looks to be a promising and successful month for the CHS NJROTC.

MORE SCHOOL NEWS - TRAVEL News

Interested in going to Scotland in 2020 or Italy in 2022, there will be an interest meeting on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:00 in room 304.

HISTORY FAIR HELP SESSIONS

There is history fair help offered twice a month during lunch plus in room 304 A lunch.
November 5th and November 26th – Finding & Analyzing Primary and Secondary Sources.
December 3rd and December 10th – Constructing and Creating your Project.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Don't wait until the last minute to pay your financial obligations. If you borrowed lunch money, books, apparel, trips, etc. come see Mrs. Jones in the main office to find out how much you owe.



CHS Guidance News

November 2018

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:

November 6: End of 1st Quarter

November 8: Deadline to register for the December SAT

November 8: Deadline to register for the December ACT

November 13: ASVAB at CHS

November 15: 1st Quarter report cards available on HAC

December 12: Junior Breakfast Session – College Search – 7:20 AM – Room 406

December 13: 2nd Quarter interims available on HAC

January 12: Deadline to register for the February ACT

ACT/SAT

- The next SAT deadlines are **November 8** to register for the December 7 test and **February 14** for the March 14 test. Students can register online for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org/SAT.
- The next ACT deadlines are **November 8** for the December 14 test and **January 10** to register for the February 8 test. Students can register on line for the ACT at www.actstudent.org.
- The SAT and ACT are tests used for college admissions. Fee waivers are available; students should see their counselor for more information.

Junior Breakfasts

We will again be offering Junior Breakfast sessions to parents of junior students this year. We will cover topics to help juniors prepare for life after graduation, like College Search, ACT/SAT, College Application Process, and Scholarships/Financial Aid. The breakfasts will take place on the second Thursday of December, January, February, and March at 7:20 AM. Our first session will be on Thursday, December 12 in room 406, and we'll be discussing the College Search process. Please call guidance at 443-550-8893 to reserve your seat!

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.

ASVAB

The ASVAB is an aptitude test used by branches of our armed forces. Students considering joining the military after high school should look to take the test. The ASVAB will be offered at CHS on November 13. Interested students in grades 10, 11, and 12 can sign up to take the ASVAB in guidance by November 1.

College Search Resources

To find information on college application/admissions requirements, we encourage our students to utilize these resources:

- Cappex / www.cappex.com
 - o Create a profile to match colleges that are a good fit for you. This is a great resource to help you determine if you meet admissions requirements for colleges! They also have a scholarship finder tool.
- College Board / www.collegeboard.org/colleges
 - o Use the search tool to have a one-stop-shop place to find information about all colleges.

FAFSA

For seniors only.. FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA is FREE and helps students access grants and federal loans to help pay for college or technical school. The FAFSA determines student's eligibility for financial aid, and all students who plan on attending any college (**including CSM!**), trade, or technical school should be filling out the FAFSA! Students can complete the FAFSA beginning October 1 online at www.fafsa.gov. (If you completed it before October 1, you will need to complete it again!) The Maryland state deadline to complete the FAFSA is March 1, but individual colleges may have earlier deadlines. **The sooner you do this, the more financial aid you will be eligible to receive!** If you need assistance, please contact your child's counselor; they can connect you with Mrs. Kidwell from Chesapeake College Plan to get assistance.

CSM Promise Scholarship

Thanks to new legislature put into play by Governor Hogan, students can potentially attend CSM FOR FREE after graduating from high school! To be eligible for this program, seniors must have a GPA of at least 2.3 and a household income of no more than \$100,000 for a single-parent home and \$150,000 for a two-parent household. Students must also complete their FAFSA and complete an application through MDCAPS. **Money is limited, so interested students should act quickly and complete their FAFSA and Promise Scholarship application right after October 1!** See guidance for more information. **FOR SENIORS ONLY!**

Wall of Acceptance

This is a very exciting time of year for our seniors and their families. Acceptance letters from colleges are slowly coming in the mail. Students are bravely signing with branches of our armed forces. Apprenticeships and job offers are being accepted. We want to hear your child's good news! Be sure to share any information with us so that we can celebrate our awesome seniors by posting their accomplishments on the Wall of Acceptance outside of the main 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.)
3. Follow us on Twitter - @CalvertGuidance

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Calvert High College Visit List 2019



Appt Date	Appt Start	College	City	State
9/10/2019	9:00am	Morgan State University	Baltimore	MD
9/12/2019	8:00am	Shenandoah University	Winchester	VA
9/16/2019	8:00am	Meredith College	Raleigh	NC
9/16/2019	1:00pm	Capitol Technology University	Laurel	MD
9/20/2019	12:00pm	University of Connecticut	Storrs	CT
9/20/2019	8:00am	University of Maryland-Baltimore County	Baltimore	MD
9/20/2019	1:00pm	Stevenson University	Stevenson	MD
9/23/2019	12:00pm	Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	VA
9/24/2019	8:00am	Washington College	Chestertown	MD
9/30/2019	12:00pm	University of South Carolina-Columbia	Columbia	SC
10/1/2019	1:00pm	Christopher Newport University	Newport News	VA
10/4/2019	8:00am	Hollins University	Roanoke	VA
10/7/2019	9:00am	Towson University	Towson	MD
10/7/2019	1:00pm	York College Pennsylvania	York	PA
10/21/2019	12:00pm	Johnson & Wales University, Providence	Providence	RI
10/21/2019	1:00pm	Wentworth Institute of Technology	Boston	MA
10/24/2019	8:00am	Roanoke College	Salem	VA
10/24/2019	1:00pm	University of Maine	Orono	ME
10/25/2019	9:00am	Gannon University	Erie	PA
10/25/2019	1:00pm	University of Richmond	Richmond	VA
10/28/2019	12:00pm	West Virginia University	Morgantown	WV
10/28/2019	1:00pm	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Knoxville	TN
10/29/2019	1:00pm	McDaniel College	Westminster	MD
11/1/2019	9:00am	Lycoming College	Williamsport	PA
11/4/2019	12:00pm	The TEMPLE Annapolis: A Paul Mitchell Partner Sc	Annapolis	Maryland
11/4/2019	8:00am	Salisbury University	Salisbury	MD
11/4/2019	9:00am	Alvernia University	Reading	PA
11/5/2019	1:00pm	University of Lynchburg	Lynchburg	VA
11/12/2019	12:00pm	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Shippensburg	PA

JUNIORS AND SENIORS, if you would like to meet with a college admissions representative, **sign up in guidance at least one day prior to the visit**. Representatives will meet with students in guidance. You may also email Mrs. Sinclair (sinclairk@calvertnet.k12.md.us) at least **one day** prior if you want to speak to an admissions counselor from one of these colleges.



Are you the parent of a junior who is thinking about attending college after graduation?



Are you already feeling overwhelmed just **THINKING** about how to help your child apply to college? Get in to college?? Pay for college???



CHS school counselors are here to save the day..

announcing

JUNIOR PARENT BREAKFASTS at CHS! (for parents/guardians of juniors at CHS!)

Meet us for breakfast on the 2nd Thursday of each month for information to help you and your child get ready for college!

We will meet at 7:20 AM in room 406.

Dates and topics covered:

- Thursday, December 12: College Search Process
- Thursday, January 9: SAT/ACT & Standardized Tests
- Thursday, February 13: College Application Process
- Thursday, March 12: Financial Aid & Scholarships



SEATS ARE LIMITED! PLEASE CALL GUIDANCE AT 443-550-8893 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Hope to see you at one of our
JUNIOR BREAKFASTS!

Calvert High Yearbook

2019-2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of 2020 Seniors,
The Calvert High yearbook department enjoyed a successful 2018-2019 school year with its yearbook, *The Patapeake*. It is only with the support of parents and the community that this is possible. **Our heartfelt thanks are extended to those who have provided patronage in the past!**

The students are eager to begin preparations for the 2019-2020 school year to improve our publication even more. Please consider purchasing an ad to pay tribute to your child's accomplishments through *The Patapeake*.

Our staff will design your ad, or you may submit rough draft of how you want your tribute to your son or daughter to look. Please talk with our staff regarding any special or specific presentations. Ad materials may be submitted in hard copies or email. Please do not submit ads in power point format. We are unable to use these. If you draft the Ad please make sure it's in portrait NOT landscape. Please submit all pictures and text individually as multi text collages do not reproduce well. Any pictures included should be saved as jpg and all hard copies will be returned by request. ***Please do not cut or crop photos that you send in for our use. We can arrange the photos to your specifications, but if they are cut in advance of scanning they do not scan well.*** Please remember that too many pictures or text can result in a cluttered page. Simplicity is the key to an eye-appealing ad.

Prices and sizes are on the reverse side of this letter. If you have any questions, or would like to see a copy of this year's publication or purchase an ad, please contact Mr. Morgan at Calvert High (443) 550-8880 or morganch@calvertnet.k12.md.us. In order to view your ad or to verify that the ad is what you specified you must provide an email address. If you do not, please call and schedule an appointment. ***Ad requests are due by December 4th.***

We thank you in advance for your support of our school!

Sincerely,
The Patapeake Staff

Ad Prices

Place a circle or highlight the offer desired:

Page Size	Price	Max. Photos	Max. Words
1/8	\$30	2	30
1/4	\$50	5	50
1/2	\$100	8	60
3/4	\$150	12	80
1	\$200	18	100

- Make checks out to Calvert High School
- All pictures and papers submitted must be labeled with the student's name
- Yearbook staff will design the ad unless specific instructions are included
- The purchase of a full page ad will entitle you to a half price yearbook
- ***Is this a surprise?*** (please circle) **YES** **NO**
- Submissions and payment should be mailed to:

Calvert High Yearbook
520 Fox Run Blvd
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Or

To: Mr. Morgan, room 335
morganch@calvertnet.k12.md.us

Student: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Come to Clue on Stage—You won't want to miss it.

**Calvert High School's
Double Edge Productions Presents**

Clue

ON STAGE

Based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn
Additional Material by Hunter Foster, Sandy Rustin, and Erin Price
Cased on the Paramount Pictures Motion Picture
Based on the Hasbro board game CLUE
Original Music by David Abbinanti

Oct. 31, Nov. 1 & 2
7PM

Seniors & Students \$7 /Adults \$10