

CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



ATHLETIC
HANDBOOK
2022-2023

Dear Student Athlete,

Welcome and thank you so much for participating in the 2022/2023 sports seasons here at CCA! We are grateful God has provided the necessary amenities to offer soccer, volleyball, and basketball to our students. While we realize sports is not a necessity in a school, it is a great opportunity to use our talents to point others to Christ.

When you become a student athlete at CCA, you are not only stating, “I want to represent my school in sports,” but also, “I want to represent Christ.” As we represent Christ on and off the field, a godly character and right attitude are key to showing others to Christ. We are committed to competing at the highest level we can achieve, but more importantly, we want to have a good testimony and good sportsmanship while achieving that goal.

Showing a godly character and right attitude doesn’t just happen while we are competing, but also, in our classrooms, in our practices, and in our homes by showing respect to parents, teachers, coaches and fellow students. For this program to work as intended and strive for excellence while bringing honor to God, we must all work together.

I am excited to see what God will do through you in the 2022/2023 school year. I know you will strive to do your best on and off the court to bring honor to God.

Sincerely,

Carrie Warner
Athletic Director

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CALENDAR

Volleyball + Soccer

Date	Opponent	Time/Team	Location	Departure
8.16	Aletheia	S - 4:30 JV - 4:30 / V - 5:30	Aletheia	2:30
8.18	Santa Rosa	JV - 4 / V - 5 / S - 5	Home	
8.19	Covenant	JV - 4:30 / V - 5:30	Covenant	1:30
8.23	LEAD	JV - 4:30 / V - 5:30	LEAD	2:15 AM
8.25	Gulf Pointe	JV - 4 / V - 5 / S - 6	Gulf Pointe	2:15
8.26	Emmanuel	JV - 4:00 / V - 5:00	Home	
8.26	Lighthouse	S - 4:30	Home	
9.2	Trinitas	JV - 4:30 / V - 5:30 S - 6:30	Home	
9.6	Aletheia	S - 4:30 JV - 4:30 / V - 5:30	Home	
9.9	Lighthouse	S - 4:30	Lighthouse	1:30
9.13	Covenant	JV - 4:30 / V - 5:30	Home	
9.15	Gulf Pointe	JV - 4 / V - 5 / S - 6	Home	
9.16	Emmanuel	JV - 4:00 / V - 5:00	Emmanuel	1:00
9.16	Central	S - 4:30	Home	
9.27	LEAD	JV - 4:30 / V - 5:30	Home	
9.27	Central	S - 4:30	Central	1:30
10.3	Santa Rosa	S - 4 / JV - 4 / V - 5	Santa Rosa	2:00
10.4	Trinitas	S - 4:30 JV - 4:30 / V - 5:30	Trinitas	2:30
10.11	TBD	1st Round Regional	TBD	
10.14-15	TBD	Volleyball Regionals	CCA	
10.21-22	TBD	Final Four	Gulf Pointe	

Basketball

Date	Opponent	Time/Team	Location
11.4	LBA	JV-4:30 G-5:30 V-7:00	Home
11.14	SR	JV-4:00 G-5:00 V-6:00	Home
11.18	East Hill Tournament		East Hill
11.29	Covenant	JV-5:00 G-6:00	Home
12.1	Emmanuel	JV-4 G-5 V-6:30	Home
12.2	LEAD	G-5:00 V-6:30	Home
12.5	Rocky Bayou	JV-5:45 V-7:00	Rocky Bayou
12.6	Baker	JV-4:00 G-5:00 V-6:30	Home
12.9	WFB	JV-4:30 G-5:30 V-7:00	Home
12.10	PCA	JV-4:00 V-5:00	Home
12.12	Gulf Pointe	JV-4:30 G-5:30 V-7:00	Gulf Pointe
12.15-16	Jingle Jam Tournament		Rocky Bayou
12.19	Rocky Bayou	JV-5:00 V-6:30	Home
1.5	Arthur		
1.6	WFB	JV-4:30 G-5:30 V-7:00	WFB
1.9	East Hill	JV-2:00 V-3:00	East Hill
1.13	away?		
1.19	Covenant	JV-5:00 G-6:00	Covenant
1.20	Homecoming?		
1.23	LEAD	JV-4:30 G-6:00 V	LEAD
1.27	Gulf Pointe	JV-4:30 G-5:30 V-7:00	Home
1.31	East Hill	JV-4:00 G-5:00 V-6:30	SENIOR NIGHT
2.2	SR	JV-4:00 G-5:00 V-6:00	SR
2.3	Emmanuel	JV-4:00 G-5:00 V-6:30	Emmanuel
2.7	1st Round Regionals	TBD	
2.10-11	Regional Finals	TBD	WFB
2.17-18	Final Four	TBD	PCC or East Hill

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INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

Philosophy of Athletics

Calvary Christian Academy believes that participation in an interscholastic sports program gives the student the opportunity to not only exercise his body, but also to put into practice the Christian character training and spiritual principles he has received at home, in church, and in the classroom.

The goals of the athletic program are the same as the goals for Calvary Christian Academy. Biblical principles for living and the building of Christian character in the lives of our athletes are of the utmost importance.

In I Corinthians 10:31 we see our philosophy of sports. “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” In keeping with this philosophy we provide: training sessions for coaches and athletes, the use of only certified officials for all High School contests, the purchasing of quality uniforms and equipment, and high academic standards which must be maintained for participation in the school’s athletic program.

At Calvary Christian Academy our students are taught that it is no disgrace to lose or to fail, but that it is a disgrace to do less than your best to keep from losing or failing. “True winning” is giving one’s best to the glory of God.

League Affiliation

Calvary Christian Academy is a member of the Panhandle Christian Conference. Our purpose for being a part of the PCC is for athletic competition only. We do not condone or try to legislate some of the practices other schools may use in the Panhandle Christian Conference. Calvary Christian Academy is also an affiliate of the Florida High School Athletic Association. We believe we can be a testimony by the way our coaches, fans, players, and students conduct themselves at an athletic event.

Find news, events, locations, scores and more at

<https://www.panhandlechristianconference.com>

ELIGIBILITY

Sports Fees

Please know that we endeavor to keep all costs to a minimum, but there are certain costs involved with sports, such as official fees, association fees, gas, etc. Therefore, all Sports Fees must be paid in full at the start of each sport you are playing and these fees must be paid separately from tuition payments. Students may not participate in any games until their fees are paid in full. Occasionally there will be additional costs such as shoes, jackets, etc. which will be the parent's responsibility to pay, along with the sports fees.

Medical Information

For the protection and safety of the athlete, a Sports Physical is required each year for every player of a Junior Varsity or Varsity sport before the first game. Contact your coach for details and to pick up a Sports Physical Form. Please note: there are two parts to a Sports Physical- one side the parents fill out and the other side the doctor fills out.

Any injury or illness that occurs during a practice or game should immediately be reported to the coach for evaluation. If medical attention is needed the parents will be notified as soon as possible. All injuries and incidents will be recorded on an Accident/ Injury Report and turned in to the CCA office on the day of the occurrence (if the office is not open it will be turned in the next school day).

Academic Eligibility

Since Calvary Christian Academy considers participation in its athletic program as a means to an end and not the end itself, students are required to maintain a specific standard of academic work and personal conduct in order to be eligible for athletic participation.

Before the first game of the season, athletes' grades will be surveyed. Any athlete who has a cumulative GPA lower than 2.0 or any grades of "F" will be required to attend mandatory help classes in the subjects with failing grades. Students will still be allowed to attend practices and games at the athletic director and coach's discretion. If help classes coincide with practice times, students must attend help classes before attending practices.

Grades will be re-evaluated after 2 additional weeks. If at that time the student athlete's cumulative GPA is still below 2.0 or still show any "F" grades, the student will not be eligible for practice the next week and not eligible to play for 2 weeks (the student may not be allowed to attend away games). Mandatory help classes in the subjects with failing grades will still be required.

Grades will be re-evaluated after those 2 weeks. Should there be no improvement, the student athlete will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season.

NOTE: Please be advised that depending on how drastic the academic difficulties are, a student athlete may be suspended from sports eligibility due to poor grades at any time during the term.

Any student that withdraws from a sport after the first game is played may be ineligible to participate in the next season's scheduled sport after administrative review (i.e., if a student withdraws from volleyball after the first game, she would be ineligible for basketball).

CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Discipline Standards

Athletes at Calvary Christian Academy are expected to be leaders not only academically, but also in their conduct and behavior. Therefore, all student athletes are responsible to abide by the policies in the "Athletic Handbook" as well as the "Parent-Student Handbook."

When a student receives a detention, he or she will be ineligible to start in the next scheduled game. When a student receives a second detention, he or she will be ineligible to play in the first half of the next game. When a player receives a third or fourth detention, he or she will be ineligible to play in the next game. (Note: Coaches and administration have the right at any point to sit-out a player based on his or her behavior.)

Any student who receives five (5) detentions or a suspension during a sports season will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season. Any single act, event, or attitude can result in a player being dismissed from a team if deemed warranted by the administration.

Attendance Requirements

Regular attendance to practices and games is expected of all students participating in a sport.

A student who knows he must miss a practice or game should notify his coach as far in advance as possible. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. In case of a sudden illness or emergency situation, a note signed by the parent should be brought to the coach upon a student's return.

Unexcused Absence: Coaches have the right to sit-out players due to their missing practices. If you know you will be missing a practice, you need to notify your coach as soon as you can. Any athlete that is absent from school for all or a portion of the day on the day of an event will not be able to participate in that day's event. Exceptions will be made for excused absences with valid documentation. In all cases the student must be in school prior to 9:00 am and may not check out.

A student who is not able to play due to an injury is still expected at practices and games unless excused by the coach. Any injured/ill student who is not able to play must have a signed note of explanation from the player's parent/guardian or doctor.

Bus Policy

Players need to take note of the schedules for departure and arrival times. Please keep in mind that it is almost impossible to guess exact times for arrivals. We suggest that players either bring or borrow a cell phone so they can call home when we get close to arriving. This will give parents a better idea of our arrival times.

Cell phone use on the bus is only allowed when approved by the coach and driver.

Players are required to ride the bus to all away games. If your parents attend away games then you may ride with them on the trip home. If any student wishes to ride with another parent home then they must have permission slips signed by their parents.

Pick up and drop off at any destination other than the church parking lot is prohibited unless pre-approved by the coaches.

When classes are in session during bus departure times, students who

are not on the team will not be excused from classes to travel with the team.

Electronic items are prohibited unless pre-approved by the coach.

All players are expected to care for the bus. Eating on the bus may be prohibited if the bus is not in proper condition after a trip. Players are required to help clean the interior of the bus completely upon return from a road game.

Dress Code

The athletic director will lay down guidelines for acceptable practice clothing for each sport. A student will not be allowed to practice if the dress code is not adhered to.

All fashions for both boys and girls must be loose fitting and come to the knee.

Dress for road trips will be school uniform, team uniform, or designated team travel apparel. This will be decided by the coach. Proper dress code is to be maintained even at the conclusion of the game while at the gym or under the supervision of the coach.

Guest Conduct at Games

Calvary Christian Academy conducts an intensive interscholastic sports program in the belief that competitive team experiences contribute significantly to the development of character, mutual respect, and school spirit. Sportsmanship is an important part of this training. We expect our coaches, players, students, and parents to represent CCA in a manner that is respectful of others, on and off the field of play.

For example, while we encourage cheering for your team, we strongly discourage booing and verbally deriding opposing players and teams. Opposing teams and their fans are to be treated as honored guests. Referees are to be respected and not to be derided in any way. We want to represent Christ to all who enter our gym. If there is a conflict with a student player, coach, or spectator, the administration will use its discretion to solve the problem.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Communication

In order to keep all coaches, players, and parents on the same page, we will be using _____ this year. This app allows for mass texts to be sent out without group messaging and cell phone numbers being exchanged. This app will be for communication about practices, games, changes in schedules, and anything else that may need to go to everyone.

As the general rule at CCA, staff is not permitted to text students. Any information that needs to be sent out will go through the _____ app or will include parents in the texting.

Care of Uniform

Team uniforms and equipment are property of Calvary Christian Academy and loaned to the student for the duration of the season. The student and his parents assume full responsibility for the equipment and uniform while it is in the student's possession.

The following are suggestions for uniform care:

1. Wash uniform promptly after each game.
2. Wash uniform separately, or only with like colors.
3. Turn uniforms inside out to wash and line dry. (This preserves the numbering and silk-screening.)
4. Do not use bleach.
5. Do not make any alterations to the uniforms.

Replacement cost will be charged for any uniform or piece of equipment that is lost or ruined through careless misuse. Uniforms may be worn only for games. They are not to be worn as personal casual wear.

Game Participation

Being a member of the sports program is a privilege. Each young person serves a different purpose in the overall success of a team. Being a member of a team does not guarantee you playing time. Game playing time will be based on the coach's discretion and your hard work.



