

Caldwell Academy

2009-10 Sports

Parent Information Manual



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Caldwell Academy Quick Facts 2009-10

School Name: Caldwell Academy
School Address: 2900 Horse Pen Creek Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27410
Phone Number: 336-665-1161

Founded: 1994
Enrollment K-12: TBA
Enrollment 9-12: TBA

Head of School: Mark Guthrie
Rhetoric Principal: Adam Greer
Athletic Director: Dan Bozarth

School Motto: Soli Deo Gloria (to God alone the glory)
School Verse: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” Proverbs 9:10
School Colors: Royal Blue and Gold
School Mascot: Eagle

Sports Offered (Grades Initially Eligible)

Fall

Dialectic Boys Soccer (6-8)
Dialectic Girls Volleyball (6-8)
Varsity Cross Country (7-12)
Varsity Boys Soccer (9-12)
Varsity Girls Volleyball (11-12)
JV Girls Volleyball (9-10)

Winter

Dialectic Girls Basketball (6-8)
(2) Dialectic Boys Basketball (6-8)
JV Boys Basketball (9-11)
Varsity Girls Basketball (9-12)
Varsity Boys Basketball (9-12)
Varsity Swimming (7-12)
Varsity Cheerleading (9-12)

Spring

Dialectic Girls Soccer (6-8)
Dialectic Boys Baseball (6-8)
Varsity Track & Field (7-12)
Varsity Girls Soccer (9-12)
Varsity Boys Baseball (9-12)
Varsity Boys Lacrosse (9-12)
Varsity Golf (9-12)

**** Student-athletes may be “moved-up” to the JV or Varsity level from dialectic teams if skill level permits and after consultation between the coach, athletic director, student and students’ parents.**

Triad Athletic Conference (TAC) – Varsity Only

Caldwell Academy – 2A; Westchester Country Day – 2A
High Point Christian Academy – 2A; Calvary Baptist Day School – 2A
Carolina Friends School – 2A; Elon School – 1A
Burlington Christian – 1A; American Hebrew Academy – 2A
Salem Academy (Girls Only) – 3A

Triad Middle School Athletic Conference (TMAC) – Middle School Only

Caldwell Academy; High Point Christian
Calvary Baptist; Westchester
Canterbury; Greensboro Academy
Burlington Day

Dear Parent or Guardian:

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the Caldwell Academy Sports Program. Now in our tenth year of athletic competition, Caldwell Academy Athletics serves numerous students in providing athletic programs in which students can grow as leaders physically, academically and spiritually. It is truly a pleasure to work with your student as we move into a “new era” of Caldwell Athletics.

Athletic participation is a privilege not a right. This privilege can be taken away at any time based on the discretion of the Coach, Athletic Director, D/R principal or Head of School. Violations which may call for dismissal include, but are not limited to, poor academics, disobedience towards the coach and missing practice unexcused.

The purpose of this manual is to provide you and your child with information regarding Caldwell Academy Athletics which will serve to guide you through the sports season. Please take the time to read the information carefully and return the signed portion to the school.

Best of luck this season!

Dan Bozarth
Athletic Director

- Philosophical Overview of Caldwell Athletics – Scripture

“And whatever you do, whether it be in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Colossians 3:17

Caldwell Academy Athletic Philosophy

Caldwell Academy offers a competitive sports program available to students in grades 6 through 12. Caldwell’s intent is to provide a **diversified** sports program which serves as many students as possible, while maintaining a **standard of excellence** in each sport. Caldwell will determine which sports will be offered each year. The Board of Directors is responsible for approving all athletic programs. Participation is voluntary and involves practices and games afterschool. Roster sizes are determined by the Athletic Director, therefore all students trying out for a team are not guaranteed a spot.

As a Christ-centered school, Caldwell Academy strives to bring glory to our Lord in all that we do. The apostle Paul wrote, “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all for the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” (Colossians 3:17) It is Caldwell’s desire that our athletic program bring glory to God by creating an exemplary program in each sport offered at our school. We want each athlete to understand the blessings found in self-discipline as they strive to be the best they can be. In addition, we want each athlete to learn how to show proper respect to fellow teammates, coaches, opponents and officials.

Caldwell Athletics Mission Statement

Caldwell Athletics will strive to offer a premiere high school athletic program which sets the standard of excellence locally, regionally and nationally. At its core, the program will focus on academic excellence and Christian leadership, while promoting skill building in athletics, sportsmanship and competition.

It is the belief of Caldwell Athletics that:

- Student-athletes are students first and foremost. Achievement in the classroom is a primary focus of the athletic department program and is a determining factor for participation.
- An emphasis should be placed on each student-athlete to grow as much spiritually as they do physically through participating in athletics. Caldwell student athletes are representatives of the school and it is our desire that as believers in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior they would express their faith and love of Christ to all people through their words and deeds.
- Participation in athletics can promote better self confidence and enhance academic achievement.
- It is important to offer a wide range of athletic opportunities to support varying skill levels and abilities and to involve more of the student population.
- Qualified teacher-coaches are the backbone of any successful program. Strong player-coach relationships can influence excellence in athletics and academics.
- Participation in athletics helps promote positive behaviors, attitudes and healthy living.
- An athletics program can only achieve its desired level of success through the communication, cooperation and combined efforts of administration, coaches, student-athletes, fans, community and booster club.

Athletic Eligibility & Student-Athlete/Parent Expectations

Athletic Eligibility: Caldwell Academy athletes strive for success in the classroom as well as on the playing field. Participation on an athletic team does not lessen a student's academic responsibility. Students must learn to budget their time, plan ahead, and fulfill responsibilities to their team as well as academic responsibilities.

- Any student on academic probation is ineligible to participate in Caldwell Athletics
- Dialectic and Rhetoric students must have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) for a nine-week grading period to be eligible to play sports on a Caldwell team.
- If a student has at least a 2.0 GPA, but has a failing grade (below 70) in one course, the Athletic Director and Principal will determine the eligibility of that student.
- Any student having a cumulative GPA below a 2.0, or failing more than one class, at the end of a quarter will be considered ineligible.
- Athletic eligibility is re-evaluated at mid-quarter progress reports and again at the end of the grading period.
- Any student on athletic probation is permitted to practice with the team (with the coach's approval) but is not allowed to dress-out or participate at games or rallies.
- The eligibility of any student having an office visit with the Principal, to participate in games will be determined by the Principal and Athletic Director.
- Occasionally athletic teams are required to miss academic time due to out of town tournaments. The athletic director and principal reserve the right to exclude any student who is experiencing academic difficulties in any class.

Expectations of Student-Athletes: In order for students to participate in the athletic program at Caldwell Academy there are certain rules and regulations that must be followed. The Athletic Director, along with each coach, is responsible for establishing guidelines and expectations for his or her team in regard to practice, travel, etc. Caldwell Academy expects the following from all team members:

- Punctuality, preparedness and attendance for all practices and games
- A willingness to assist in cleanup of athletic equipment after practices and games
- Ongoing responsibility for all academic work
- Respect and responsiveness to all coaches
- Sportsmanship before, during, and after games
- An ongoing responsibility to represent Caldwell in a dignified and positive way

Expectations of Parents: Caldwell expects all parents and fans to conduct themselves in a manner that will bring glory and honor to our Lord. As parents and fans attending both home and away games, we are not only representing our school, but our savior as well. We must all serve as role models for our student-athletes, for the students sitting in the stands, and for the guests who come to our athletic events. Caldwell strongly discourages its parents from yelling at referees, other fans, and/or the players on the court or field.

- **Parent/Coach Relationships** -

Both parenting and coaching are difficult vocations. By establishing boundaries and an understanding between coaches and parents, both are better able to accept the actions of the other. This understanding created allows for a more positive experience for everyone.

Communication parents should expect from their child's coach:

- 1) Coach's Philosophy
- 2) Expectations the coach has of his/her players
- 3) Team information such as practice schedules and travel arrangements
- 4) Team requirements such as rules and special equipment needed

Communication coaches expect from parents:

- 1) At the appropriate time and place, parent concerns about their child are expressed to the coach
- 2) Specific concerns in regards to the coach's philosophy and/or expectations
- 3) Scheduling issues with regards to practices and games

Appropriate concerns to discuss with a coach:

- 1) Treatment of your child both mentally and physically
- 2) How your child can improve
- 3) Concerns about your child's behavior

Issues not appropriate for discussion with your child's coach:

- 1) Playing time
- 2) Team strategy
- 3) Other student-athletes

If a parent has a concern to discuss with the coach, the following procedure should be followed:

- 1) Set up a meeting with the coach
- 2) If the coach can not be reached, call the athletic director and ask for a meeting with the coach
- 3) Do not confront the coach before, during or after a practice or contest. Emotions after practice and games can often escalate issues between parents and coaches
- 4) If the meeting with the coach does not resolve the issue, call the athletic director to set up a meeting with the athletic director, coach and parent.

- Transportation Policies -

Bus Transportation: As an athletic program Caldwell Academy will strive to provide transportation to as many away games as possible for both the Dialectic and Rhetoric athletic teams. For games in which bus transportation is provided by Caldwell Academy all student-athletes are expected to ride the bus to and from the site of athletic competition. Students may be excused from the bus if a parent note is given to both the Athletic Director and coach at least one day prior to the event or in the case of an emergency.

** As we continue to grow as an athletic program, Caldwell Academy will use buses as the preferred method of transportation. This form of transportation is important for team unity concepts, while also giving coaches better control over the accountability and safety of each athlete.

Bus Rules

- All players are to ride the bus to and from away games unless a note is provided to the athletic director and coach at least one day prior to the event
- All student-athletes need to respect the needs of the bus driver for safety purposes. This includes keeping the volume of talking low and staying seated while the bus is moving
- Student-athletes will be separated by teams on the bus. Male and female student athletes are not permitted to sit together
- When exiting the bus at the site of athletic competition all student-athletes should be dressed appropriately and ready for game competition
- Do not leave trash on the bus
- *Only players, managers and coaches are allowed to ride the bus to an event*
- *Any student not on the bus at the designated time may be left on campus at the discretion of the coach*

Car Pool: For games in which Caldwell Academy does not provide bus transportation, coaches will organize a car pool to travel to the event. Parents will be asked by the coach to serve as drivers for these events. This is a great way to volunteer and help the team.

Rhetoric students are allowed to drive and car pool to away games in which a bus is not provided, however the number of students each rhetoric driver can take, as well as who each student can ride with is the decision of the parents. All parents of rhetoric students participating in athletics must fill out a “Rhetoric Student-Driver/Passenger Car Pool Form” and return it to the athletic director.

Parents assisting with carpool should park across the street from Caldwell Academy at the Athletic Complex. Teams will walk across the street together and load into cars at the athletic complex. This will help alleviate congestion during afternoon school carpool.

Once the school year begins all student-drivers should park and remain parked in their assigned parking spots.

- Other Information, Rules and Policies -

Practice Uniforms: All Caldwell Academy athletes are required to wear designated team practice uniforms while attending practice. When a designated team practice uniform is not available, teams are required to wear the Caldwell Academy P.E. uniform. Enforcement of practice uniforms is left to the individual coaches and may result in dismissal from practice when a student-athlete is not in compliance with the practice uniform rule.

Playing Time: Caldwell Academy does not have a playing time policy. Playing time is solely left to the discretion of the coach. Everyone who is selected to the team is expected to play at some point during the year. However, as a competitive sports program the emphasis in this situation is on putting the players on the field who give the team the best chance of winning.

Missed Practices: Currently, punishment for missing practice time is left to the discretion of the coach. Generally it is encouraged that players who are late or miss a practice prior to athletic competition are, at a minimum, not allowed to start the next game. Players who miss two practices *unexcused* may be dismissed from the team.

Wednesday & Sunday Practices: All athletic related activities must be completed by 5:30pm on Wednesday and no athletic practices or competitions shall be scheduled on Sunday.

Student-Athlete Transportation/Meetings – It is expected that every coach will remain at the practice site until all players have vacated the premises. However, unless dealing with a medical emergency, a coach should attempt to avoid providing transportation to or from athletic practices or games.

- Coaches should also limit one-on-one contact as much as possible. All individual meetings with players should be conducted in a highly visible area or in the presence of another adult.
- All team meetings, gatherings and post season banquets should be held in public places. Coaches should avoid having team functions at their place of residence with no other adults present.

Weather Policy: Teams may practice on days when school has been canceled due to weather. This is left to the discretion of the Head of School and Athletic Director. *On days with excessive heat, coaches will alter their practice plans, move practices to an earlier/later time or cancel practices after consulting with the athletic director.*

Practice on Student Breaks: Teams may practice while students are on breaks such as Spring Break, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. However, this may be limited and must be approved through the Athletic Director

Hazing: Any coach who knowingly allows players to engage in hazing rituals shall be dismissed as well as any player or players who participate. “Hazing” refers to any activity expected of someone joining a group that humiliates, degrades or risks emotional and/or physical harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate.

Use of Electronic Devices (School Policy): Students are not allowed to use their cell phones at any time for any purpose during the school day and the phones must remain powered off during the school day.

Caldwell does not allow students to bring portable music players and other electronics (this includes ipods as well as portable CD players and DVD players) to school for use during the academic day. Exceptions may only be granted by the Head of School or principal.

Absence Policy: If a student is considered absent for the day, he/she may not participate in any school activity for that day. Must check-in by 10am, check out after noon.

Practice/Game Schedules: Practice schedules for each team will be posted on the athletics portion of the website within the link entitled “athletic news” and on the bulletin board outside the gym. These schedules will be made available one week in advance. Game schedules are available on the athletics portion www.caldwellacademy.com. Results will be posted the day after competition.

Driving Directions: *Driving directions are available on the athletics portion of the Caldwell website.* In addition to the website, directions can be obtained at the front office at Caldwell Academy.

Changes To Practice/Game Schedules: All changes to practice and game schedules will be announced as soon as possible. Once changes occur, the practice/game schedules on the website will be updated immediately, as well as the bulletin board outside the gym. The changes will also be announced on the *Caldwell Academy Sports Hotline, 235-4250.*

Booster Club: Caldwell Academy has a very active Booster Club, consisting of a group of parents whose goal is to support and enhance the athletic program at our school. The Booster Club supports the Caldwell coaches and players by promoting and attending athletic events and by fundraising which helps to underwrite a host of athletic expenses. All parents who have an interest in growing the athletic program at Caldwell are invited and encouraged to come and participate. The annual family membership fee of \$75 provides free admission to all home athletic events for a particular academic year. Corporate memberships are also available; please see the Athletic Director or Booster Club president for more information.

Criteria for Earning a Varsity Letter

The following is the criteria for all high school varsity athletes to earn a letter. All varsity letter winners will receive a “C” for their high school athletic career. All athletes that letter will also receive a sport “Pin” their first year and a “Bar” for each additional season in which they meet the requirements.

Criteria for lettering:

Varsity Soccer	Play in at least 40% of the total minutes
Varsity Volleyball	Play in at least 40% of the total games (not matches)
Cross Country	Finish in team’s top-5 in 40% of total meets
Varsity Basketball	Play in at least 40% of the total quarters
Varsity Swimming	Place in at least 30% of total meets
Varsity Cheerleading	Each will receive a letter at the completion of the season
Varsity Baseball	Play in at least 40% of the total innings
Varsity Lacrosse	Play in at least 40% of the total minutes
Varsity Track & Field	Place in at least 30% of the total meets

Exceptions to the letter policy:

1. A senior in good standing with the team who has not received a letter in that sport may be granted one
2. A student who is injured while participating in their sport and cannot compete in a sufficient number of games to earn a letter may be granted a letter if the coach deems it appropriate

Rhetoric Student-Driver/Passenger Car Pool Form

I _____ allow my student-driver _____ to transport up to _____ student-athletes for away games. When not a driver I do not allow my student to ride in a vehicle with the following student-drivers:

Parent Signature

Date

Dialectic Car Pool Form

I _____ allow my student _____ to travel to and from practices and games when necessary with a member of the coaching staff or a parent driver of another team member.

Parent Signature

Date

I understand and I am willing to comply with all the information and policies provided in this Parent Information Manual. I also acknowledge that participation in athletics is a privilege which can be taken away at anytime for reason laid out in this manual or when deemed necessary by the Athletic Director, Coach or Caldwell Academy Administration. I also understand the risks and dangers associated with participating in physical activity. I will not hold Caldwell Academy, its coaches or staff liable for any injuries that may be sustained during participation in athletics.

***** All uniforms and practice attire belonging to Caldwell Academy must be returned to Caldwell Academy within a week of the team's final game. Any athlete who does not have their uniform turned in on time will be charged \$75 for each uniform missing and \$25 for practice gear missing. Athletes will also be charged for uniforms which are damaged and/or not reusable.**

Parent Signature

Date

Student-Athlete Signature

Date

*** Please have the student-athlete return this page signed. All student-athletes must have this form signed before they are allowed to compete in games this season.

Caldwell Academy Letterman Jacket

Order Form

(Caldwell must have at least 10 orders to receive the prices below)

Parent Name:

Phone Number:

Jacket Information

Please circle one:

Wool Jacket & Sleeves (Royal) with Gold Trim \$105

Wool Jacket (Royal) with Vinyl Sleeves (Light Gold) \$100

Wool Jacket (Royal) with Leather Sleeves (Light Gold) \$153

Size (Circle One)

Adult Small

Adult Medium

Adult Large

Adult XL

- Please return the top portion of the form to Coach Bozarth, payment and forms are both due by November 1
- Allow 3-4 weeks for jackets to arrive
- Checks for jackets should be made to Caldwell Academy

Embroidery and Design Information (please keep this bottom section)

- Once jacket is received, the embroidery and letter placement should be done at EmbroidMe located at 2310 Battleground Ave., Suite 102, Greensboro (phone – 286-6782).
- Cost \$35
- Includes name & class of _____ on front right chest, letter placement on front left chest and Caldwell Eagles with a logo on the back
- Allow 10-14 days for completion

