

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
COUGAR CONNECTION**

January 24, 2025

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Calhoun Christian School provides academic excellence while upholding God's truth and challenging children to serve.

**VISION STATEMENT**

Calhoun Christian School will be the benchmark of excellence in Christ-centered education.

**FALL FUND DRIVE**

Because of generous donors like you we have already raised nearly \$14,000 so we can continue to provide our students with a safe, warm facility, salaries for our staff, supplies for our classroom, and so much more! Join the movement and help us reach our goal to raise \$40,000 . Donate now! There are three ways to give online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZJP9>, in person at the school office, or mail to 20 Woodrow Ave. S. Battle Creek, MI 49015

**AUCTION DONATIONS**

The auction is coming up quickly on Saturday, March 15. Save the date and make plans to attend! It is a fun night for our school community. Ticket sales will begin soon. Currently, the auction committee is collecting donations for our live and silent auctions. This is a huge part of the auction and we are asking each family to please provide at least one item to our event. Parents, families, local community businesses and friends provide some of the best and most creative donations to the auction. Donations could include gift certificates, themed baskets, tickets to events, or even a trip! You do not have to purchase these items for donation. We ask that you ask your family, friends & fellow business owners to help our school with a donation, all which are tax deductible. Donation forms, along with request letters, are available in the school's main office. All donations are due to the main office on or before February 26.

**JOB OPENINGS**

- Calhoun Christian Preschool is seeking to fill a full-time teacher assistant position in our four-year-old classroom from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Candidate must meet minimal requirements that the Preschool Director will assist with completing upon hire. Please send resume and references to the Preschool Director at [Melissa.pidcock@calhounchristian.org](mailto:Melissa.pidcock@calhounchristian.org).
- Calhoun Christian School is seeking to fill a Director's position in our After-school program from 2:30-6:00 p.m. Candidates must meet minimum State of Michigan Childcare Licensing qualifications. Please send resume and references to the Preschool Director at [Melissa.pidcock@calhounchristian.org](mailto:Melissa.pidcock@calhounchristian.org).
- Substitute teachers – We are always in need of substitute teachers. If you or someone you know is interested, please submit your cover letter and resume to [Jeralyn.Belote@calhounchristian.org](mailto:Jeralyn.Belote@calhounchristian.org).

- Para-professional for Middle School. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your cover letter and resume to [erin.gutowski@calhounchristian.org](mailto:erin.gutowski@calhounchristian.org)

### **TUITION AND FEES FOR 2025-2026**

Our Board of Directors approved the tuition and fee rates for 2025-2026. See attached letter for more details. Reenrollment will run through the month of March.

### **JEANS DAY RESCHEDULED 1/28 & 1/29**

In support of [Charitable Union](#) students may wear jeans instead of chapel wear on January 28 for preschool and elementary and January 29 for Middle School and High School. Please turn in money to your homeroom teacher. All jeans must be dress code compliant.

### **LEGO/ROBOTICS NEWS**

LEGO CLUB for Kindergarten and grades 1-3 will be meeting once a month until the end of the school year in Room 122. Robotics – grades 4-6 will meet in the library.

Here are the dates:

- February 11
- March 11
- April 15
- May 13

Save those cans/bottles to recycle! Mr. Rome will bring his trailer to the back parking lot on February 12. You can drop off cans before and after school. If you are willing to help, we are returning the cans at the Meijer on Columbia after school that day.

### **HOMECOMING WEEK February 3-8 2025**

#### Spirit Week:

Monday – Lazy Day

Tuesday – Cowboys vs. Aliens

Wednesday – Movie Day [Class]

Thursday – Celebrity vs Paparazzi

Friday – Spirit Day

Homecoming games are scheduled for February 7 against Will Carleton. Come support the teams!

Start times for the HOCO games are as follows:

- JV Boys – 4:30 pm vs Will Carleton
- Varsity Girls – 6:00 pm vs Will Carleton
- Varsity Boys – 7:30 pm vs Will Carleton

HOCO Court and crowning of the 2025 King and Queen will take place after the last game.

Student Council will be selling Chik-Fil-A regular and spicy sandwiches before the games!

Tickets for the HOCO dance on February 8 are on sale in the office. Cost is \$35 a person. Time is 5:30-9:00 pm. Be sure to sign up ASAP! The theme is "The Golden Age – Welcome to Old Hollywood".

***"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end" Ecclesiastes 3:11***



### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The Sophomore class will be selling spaghetti dinners on Tuesday, February 11 from 3:30 to 7:00pm. Please stop by and pick up one (or more!) to help support their mission trip!

### **DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE**

Join us on February 22 from 6:00-7:30pm in the school cafeteria for the annual Daddy Daughter Dance! Tickets are on sale in the office. **Sign up by Tuesday, February 18.** The cost is \$30. The ticket covers entry to the event, dessert and snacks, DJ and dancing, nail art and a craft. Come join us for a fun night!

### **KIDS HEART CHALLENGE – American Heart Association**

Check out this [video](#) to see how you can get involved. Students will learn more information on how to get involved in their gym classes. Find out how to register for the KIDS HEART CHALLENGE [here](#).

### **NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?**

If you are looking for ways to fulfill the required twenty service hours, check out the links below to sign up. **All service hours should be served and logged by May 30, 2025 or you will receive a bill for any hours unserved.** Be sure to log all your service hours before the last day of school using FACTS Family Portal.

Serve Lunch: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-lunch1>

Popcorn and Pickle Friday: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-50168299-popcorn>

### **COUGAR SPORTS**

Check out the sports/games coming up. Show up with your COUGAR SPIRIT to cheer on our students.

Also- WE NEED YOU! If you are able to help with ticket sales or concessions please contact Don Hughes at [don.hughes@calhounchristian.org](mailto:don.hughes@calhounchristian.org)

Basketball sign up genius for all home games can be found [here](#). Please sign up and support our Cougars Sports program.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

02/3-7: Spirit Week  
02/13-17: NO SCHOOL Mid-Winter Break  
03/04: MS Parent Meeting 6:30 pm  
03/04-6: Mid Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences  
03/14: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – ½ day; Early dismissal at 11:30 am  
03/15: Annual Spring Fundraiser  
03/31-04/04: Spring Break – NO SCHOOL  
04/07: School resumes  
04/09: PSAT & SAT Testing for 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>  
04/09: NO SCHOOL FOR SENIORS ONLY  
04/10: Work Keys testing – 11<sup>th</sup> grade  
04/17: Follies  
04/18: Good Friday – NO SCHOOL  
04/26: Senior Banquet  
05/04-10: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Mission Trips  
05/12: Awards Night 4:00 pm  
05/14: Seniors report from Mission Trip  
05/16 Last day on site for Seniors  
05/21-22: MS Finals – 11:30 am dismissal for MS ONLY  
05/22: Commencement  
05/23: MS Finals – 11:30 am dismissal for ALL  
05/26: MEMORIAL DAY – NO SCHOOL  
05/27-30: MS End of Year Trip  
05/28-30: HS Finals – 11:30 am dismissal for HS ONLY  
05/28: Field Day  
05/30: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – 11:30 am dismissal for ALL  
05/30: End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

### **SPORTS CALENDAR**

01/27: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Climax 6:30 pm  
01/28: JV Boys Basketball vs Jackson Christian 4:30 pm  
01/28: MS Girls Basketball @ Marshall Academy 5 pm  
01/28: Varsity Girls Basketball vs Jackson Christian 6 pm  
01/28: Varsity Boys Basketball vs Jackson Christian 7:30 pm  
01/29: MS Girls Basketball @ Mar-Lee 5 pm  
01/30: MS Girls Basketball vs Barry County Christian 5 pm  
01/31: Varsity Boys Basketball vs Marshall Academy 7:30 pm  
02/03: MS Girls Volleyball vs Marshall Academy 5 pm

02/04: JV Boys Basketball @ Delton Kellogg 4:30 pm  
02/04: Varsity Girls Basketball @ Delton Kellogg 5:30 pm  
02/04: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Delton Kellogg 7 pm  
02/07: HOCO JV Boys Basketball vs Will Carleton 4:30 pm  
02/07: HOCO Varsity Girls Basketball vs Will Carleton 6 pm  
02/07: HOCO Varsity Boys Basketball vs Will Carleton 7:30 pm