

CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

COUGAR CONNECTION

January 31, 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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

REENROLLMENT, 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 from March 3 - 28. More details to come!

LEGO/ROBOTICS NEWS

LEGO CLUB for Kindergarten and grades 1-3 will be meeting on Tuesday, February 11.

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 retuning 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 [\$7.00] and spicy [\$7.50] sandwiches before the games! Get'em while supplies last!

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!

MARCH LUNCH ORDERS DUE FEBRUARY 19

Order hot lunch for March by February 19! Log into the [FACTS Family Portal](#), click on **Student**, then **Lunch**, then **Create Web Order** to submit your order. If you want to help serve lunch, sign up for a slot on our [Sign Up Genius](#), as we are always in need of lunch volunteers.

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!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Make your appointment today to donate blood on February 25, 2025 1:00 pm – 6:15 pm. Visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code CalhounChristian, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS [1-800-733-2767].

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE – American Heart Association

Kick-Off Blurb: (Week of Kickoff)

Let the games begin, Heart Heroes! Kids Heart Challenge is back even bigger and better than before! Sign up TODAY and spend 2 minutes as a family learning what to do in case of a cardiac emergency. Learn Hands-Only CPR, the warning signs of a stroke and so much more! Download the AHA Schools app for [iPhone](#) or [Android](#) to search for our school or click [here](#) and sign up! Next, send 10 emails or texts to family and friends asking for their support! Once you complete Finn's Mission you'll receive your own lifesaver cape!

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

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 3rd 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 9th-11th

04/09: NO SCHOOL FOR SENIORS ONLY

04/10: Work Keys testing – 11th grade

04/17: Follies

04/18: Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

04/26: Senior Banquet

05/04-10: 9th – 12th 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 4th Quarter

SPORTS CALENDAR

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