

## **CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

### **COUGAR CONNECTION**

February 7, 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.

#### **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**.

#### **FALL FUND DRIVE**

We are still looking for donations for this very important fundraiser. ANY AMOUNT given will be DOUBLED. Join the movement and help us reach our goal to raise \$40,000. 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

#### **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)

### **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**

Homecoming games are scheduled TONIGHT 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](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code CalhounChristian, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS [1-800-733-2767].

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

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](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**

02/13-17: 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**

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  
02/10: MS Girls Basketball vs Mar-Lee 5 pm  
02/11: JV Boys Basketball vs Union City 4:30 pm  
02/11: MS Girls Basketball @ Will Carleton 5:30 pm  
02/11: Varsity Girls Basketball vs Athens 6 pm  
02/11: Varsity Boys Basketball vs Union City 7:30 pm  
02/14: MS Girls Basketball @ New Covenant Hope 5 pm  
02/14: JV Boys Basketball @ Litchfield 6 pm  
02/14: Varsity Girls Basketball @ Factoryville 6 pm  
02/14: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Factoryville 7:30 pm  
02/17: MS Girls Basketball vs KZOO Cougars 4:30 pm