

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
COUGAR CONNECTION**

April 19, 2024

**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.

**FOLLIES TONIGHT AND TOMORROW!!!**

April 19 & 20 "CCS Has Got Talent". Come join us at 6:00 pm for a night of home-grown entertainment and refreshments. Follies is a Mission Trip Fundraiser for High School. Be sure to invite family and friends. See the attached flier to share on your social media.

**OPEN POSITIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

- MS Teaching Position - subject TBD
- Elementary Teaching Positions
- Para-professional Positions

Please contact Jeralyn Belote at [jeralyn.belote@calhounchristian.org](mailto:jeralyn.belote@calhounchristian.org) for more information.

**WARNING LIGHTS**

Warning Lights will be coming to speak to our middle and high school students during the day on **Tuesday, April 23rd**. The mission of Warning Lights is to provide a preventative approach by raising awareness regarding human trafficking.

We will also have an evening session that is open to parents and other adult community members. **This session will take place in the chapel at 6:00pm.**

If you want more information about Jen Amo or Warning Lights, feel free to check out her website at [Human Trafficking Education Michigan National United States - Warning Lights](#). Also, attached are two information sheets regarding the presentations.

As parents, if you would like to opt your child out of attending this presentation please send an email to his/her homeroom teacher. We will have another location in the school for your child to go during the presentation.

**AWARDS NIGHT 2024**

Join us as we celebrate your student on May 13<sup>th</sup>! We will meet in the gym with the following schedule:

**4 pm: Elementary**

**5:30 pm: Middle School**

**7:15 pm: High School**

\*\*\*See the flier for information on how to pre-order dinner from Chik Fil A. You can pick up your meal starting at 5 pm.\*\*\*

## SENIOR BANQUET/PROM

The theme is Under the Eastern Stars.

When: Saturday April 27; 6 pm – 10 pm

Where: Res Les Farms 1802 H Drive East Leroy, MI 49051

If you plan to bring an outside guest, please stop by the office for a guest form ASAP.

## TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Let's celebrate our amazing teachers! **Teacher Appreciation Day at CCS will be Friday, May 3rd.** There are many ways to show gratitude to our teachers including a handwritten note, fresh flowers, their favorite sweet treat, or a gift card! Be creative and have fun! Contact the PIT Crew with any questions at 269-967-6777.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It takes a village to run the school with excellence. WE NEED YOU! Please consider where you are able to volunteer. If you are available to help, see the links above. If you have questions before signing up, please contact the office.

- [Lunch](#) (10am-12pm):
- [Popcorn & Pickle Fridays](#) (Friday mornings from 7:30am-10:30am)
- [Library Aide](#) (Monday's 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm)
- For other opportunities, please contact your student's teacher, the office, or watch the Cougar Connection for opportunities.

**LAST LUNCH ORDER OF THE YEAR!!!** Lunch orders for May are open! Please order by TODAY by logging into the [FACTS Family Portal](#). We still need volunteers through the end of the year; sign up to serve lunch from 10:15–11:45am through our [Sign Up Genius](#). Be sure to keep in mind dates your student might be absent for mission or end of year trips and will not need to purchase a lunch.

**AMENDMENT TO 2023-2024 SERVICE HOUR AGREEMENT:** We have amended our Service Hours Agreement, as signed during the enrollment process, for the school year 2023-2024, and also for next school year 2024-2025. Previously, hours were expected to be logged by April 30, 2024 – **we are changing the “served and logged by” date to the last day of school, which is MAY 31, 2024.** We are trying to make this service hour expectation easier for our families to fulfill. Payment for any unserved hours will now be due by June 30, 2024. If you were planning on serving your hours for 2024-2025 between May 1-31, 2024, please contact [office@calhounchristian.org](mailto:office@calhounchristian.org) and we will credit it towards the 2024-2025 school year.

## THEATRE OPPORTUNITIES

- Calhoun Christian School is partnering with Lakeview for theatre. The next play will be for “Imagine A Dragon”. Information for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades is attached.
- Upcoming opportunities for other grades will be:
  - May-June - for High School (current 9-12)
  - June-July for Middle School (current 5-8)

- Calhoun Christian School Theatre in partnership with What-A-Do Theatre is proud to announce our summer musical. This year, 2024, we will be doing THE MUSIC MAN!
  - This musical is open to CCS students in grades 4-12. (Must currently (23-24) be in 4th grade).
  - Auditions for this musical will be held on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
  - We will be rehearsing beginning June 3rd and we will meet every day (start and end time TBD) for two weeks (approximately 8 hour rehearsals) including Saturday if needed. We will be performing on Thursday, June 13th, Friday, June 14th, and Saturday, June 15th. A more detailed schedule will be forthcoming.

## **HOUSING**

Do you, or someone you know have a rental house available? There are a couple families that are in need of a rental home. If you have any resources, please contact [rhea.bennett@calhounchristian.org](mailto:rhea.bennett@calhounchristian.org)

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Our next blood drive will be Wednesday, April 24, 2024 1:00 pm to 6:15 pm. Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) [code word: CalhounChristian] or call 1-800-RED-CROSS [1-800-733-2767]. Spring into action! Give blood for a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice. PLUS, automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$7,000 gift card. There will be two winners chosen! Terms apply: [rcblood/spring](http://rcblood/spring)

## **CCS MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**

**It's time to start cleaning out your closets because CCS's annual garage sale is coming up on May 4<sup>th</sup>! Table spaces will be \$10 per family and pays for advertising and use of CCS property.**

Some volunteer opportunities include:

- High School Students: assist with design and local marketing (including social media) of the sale (1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve – looking for 2-3 students)
- Driving students: Affixing flyers on community bulletin boards at locations such as grocery stores, convenience stores, churches, etc.
- Muscles: Set-up (Friday 5/3 after school) and Tear-down (Saturday 5/4 starting at 3pm), and floating during the sale for assistance in loading bigger or heavier items
- "Floaters" to assist booths and shoppers with various tasks and breaks
- Foodies: Donate baked goods for sale during the garage sale (to be sold at individual family tables)

**See the attached flyer for TABLE RESERVATION and VOLUNTEER sign-ups. More information to follow soon!**

## **SPORTS NEWS**

Save the dates for summer camps! More details to come soon!!!

- June 17-21: Basketball Camp
- June 24-28: Volleyball Camp

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

04/19: Follies  
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04/27: PROM  
04/29 – 05/03: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK  
05/05-05/11: 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade Mission Trips  
05/13: Awards Night  
05/15: Senior Mission Report  
05/17: Last day on site for Seniors  
05/22: MS Finals; 11:30 am Early dismissal for MS  
05/23: MS Finals; 11:30 am Early dismissal for MS  
05/24: MS Finals; 11:30 am Early dismissal for ALL  
05/24: Commencement 6:30 pm  
05/27: NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day  
05/28-05/31: Middle School Trip  
05/29: Field Day  
05/29: HS Finals; 11:30 am Early dismissal for HS  
05/30: HS Finals; 11:30 am Early dismissal for HS  
05/31: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL; 11:30 am Early dismissal for ALL  
06/01: LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS  
06/06: Popsicles on the Playground

## **SPORTS CALENDAR**

04/22: Varsity Girls Soccer @ Quincy 5 pm  
04/22: MS Girls Soccer @ Quincy 6:45 pm  
04/24: Boys VB matches 3-8 pm  
04/25: MS Girls Soccer vs Comstock 4:30 pm  
04/25: Varsity Girls Soccer vs Delton 6 pm  
04/30: MS Girls Soccer vs Lakeview 4 pm  
05/02: MS girls soccer @ Vicksburg 5:30 pm  
05/02: Varsity Girls Soccer @ Bronson 5:30 pm