

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
COUGAR CONNECTION**

December 20, 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.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR** to our CCS family. We are so grateful for this amazing school, staff, students and YOU! May your holiday be filled with the true JOY of Christmas... our Savior's birth! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!**

**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).

**STAFFING CHANGES AND AN OPEN POSITION**

It is our pleasure to announce that we have determined how best to staff the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math classes and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Bible classes for the remainder of the school year. After seeking God's wisdom and searching for a person to take on these classes, we have decided that we are being led to fill those roles internally.

**Mrs. Melanie Doubleday** has agreed to teach the math classes as a long-term substitute for the remainder of the year. She has been actively working towards an education degree including taking classes preparing her to teach math. She has been with these students for several years and knows them with excellence. Mrs. Doubleday has also demonstrated the ability to teach math to a variety of learners and provide the support students need to be successful in math.

**Mrs. Sunshine Belote** was new to our school this year and has served as our ELA and Math Extension Facilitator. She is also actively seeking her bachelor's degree. She **has agreed to teach**

**the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th grade Bible classes** as a long-term substitute. Mrs. Belote is a committed Christian with a love for learning and teaching. This semester she has demonstrated an ability to work with students in a productive and supportive way. In her short time here, she has developed strong relationships with students and her coworkers, taking on roles of leadership. We are confident that with the strength of the curriculum and her love for learning the Word of God that Mrs. Belote will teach these classes very well.

**Due to the shifting of these two employees, we have an Educational Support Para-Professional position open in the Middle School. If you or someone you know is interested in more information, please have them reach out to Mrs. Erin Gutowski at [erin.gutowski@calhounchristian.org](mailto:erin.gutowski@calhounchristian.org).**

### **CCS WINTER SPIRIT WEAR**

The [CCS Spirit Wear Store](#) is open NOW! The store closes on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 11:59 pm EST. GET YOUR COUGAR GEAR TODAY!

### **RAISERIGHT**

Special! Get a \$10 gift card as a thank you for your first time of ordering E-gift cards in your RaiseRight app and paying with your bank account. Download the app and enter the enrollment code to join: E6F5E98E4442. Come to the office to claim your gift! See the attached flier for more information.

### **LEGO/ROBOTICS NEWS**

LEGO CLUB for grades 1-3 will resume on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

### **NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?**

If you are looking for ways to fulfill the required twenty service hours, check out the links below to sign up. 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.

**Girls On The Run Coaches Needed!** Be the difference in a girl's life by becoming a Girls on the Run coach! No running experience is required—just a passion for mentoring and supporting young girls as they grow in confidence, strength, and character.

As a coach, you'll guide a team through fun, dynamic lessons while helping them achieve their personal goals. Crossing the finish line of a 5K is just the beginning!

If you are interested in learning more about being a part of this amazing program for girls in 3rd-5th grade, send an email to [melanie.doubleday@calhounchristian.org](mailto:melanie.doubleday@calhounchristian.org)

### **THEATRE OPPORTUNITY**

See the PDF attached information for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders for a fun theatre opportunity.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Please check the cafeteria lost and found cabinet for any items your student may have left behind. Any items left will be repurposed or sent to a local charity. Thanks!

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

12/20: Half Day – 11:30 am dismissal for ALL

12/20: END OF 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

12/23-01/05: Christmas Break

01/06: School resumes

### **SPORTS CALENDAR**

12/20: JV Boys Basketball @ Zion Christian 4:30 pm

12/20: MS Boys Basketball vs New Covenant Hope-Holt 5 pm

12/20: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Zion Christian 7:30 pm

12/27: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Bangor Christmas Classic - New Buffalo 2 pm

01/03: Varsity Girls Basketball @ Bangor Christmas Classic - New Buffalo 2 pm

01/07: MS Girls Basketball @ KZOO Cougars 6 pm

01/07: Varsity Girls Basketball @ Colon 6 pm

01/07: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Colon 7:30 pm

01/10: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Marshall Academy 7:30 pm

01/14: JV Boys Basketball vs Delton Kellogg 4:30 pm

01/14: Varsity Girls Basketball vs Delton Kellogg 5:30 pm

01/14: Varsity Boys Basketball vs Delton Kellogg 7:30 pm

01/16: MS Girls Basketball vs Will Carelton 5:30 pm

01/17: JV Boys Basketball @ St Phil 4:30 pm

01/17: Varsity Girls Basketball @ St Phil 6 pm

01/17: Varsity Boys Basketball @ St Phil 7:30 pm