

CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
COUGAR CONNECTION
March 15, 2024

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

AUCTION 2024

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow night at the 2024 Auction. Registration and Silent Auction begin at 5:30 pm. Dinner and the Live Auction will begin at 7:15 pm

APRIL LUNCH ORDERS: April's hot lunch preordering is open. Log into the [FACTS Family Portal](#) to submit by **March 19**. Also, we need lunch volunteers – if you can volunteer between 10-12pm on a school day, come put in some parent service hours towards the 20 hours per family due by April 30, 2024. [Sign up to serve lunch here](#).

2024-2025 REENROLLMENT: Reenrollment is open through Friday, March 22! Please log into the [FACTS Family Portal](#), click **Apply/Enroll** in the menu, then **Enrollment/Reenrollment** to find the online packets. Each parent will also need to complete a [background check](#) to volunteer next year, incoming Kindergarteners need to turn in a birth certificate and vaccine record, and all preschoolers need to turn in [health appraisals](#) and vaccine records. And, if your PK to 4th grader needs before/after school care, [fill out an extended care contract](#) and turn in with your reenrollment packet.

Kindergarten + Preschool Roundup 2024-2025: we are hosting an event on **TUESDAY, MARCH 19 at 6:00 pm** to get-to-know-the-teachers, see the classroom, meet other parents, and hear from our principal and preschool director, for those interested in preschool or Kindergarten next school year. This event is open to the public (and current families!) so invite your friends and families! Contact [Michelle Wilson](#) for more details.

LEGO NEWS

March meetings:

- Tuesday, March 19: Grades K and 1 room 122 (2:45-3:30)
- Grades 4 through 6 Library (3:00-4:00)
- Thursday, March 21: Grades 2 and 3 room 122 (2:45-3:30)
- In families with siblings in grades K-3—it is fine to come either Tuesday or Thursday.

ROBOTICS TEAM NEWS

Team 8608 is now ranked 6th out of 37 teams!

The AlphaBots will be competing in their second competition in Mason on March 22-23. They are working towards going to the State competition and even the Worlds Competition. Please look for information regarding a fundraiser (t shirts) coming soon! There will be openings for new members this fall. Talk to Mr. Rome if interested.

ILLNESS - WHEN TO KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME

Please review the school's sick policy, so we can make sure we are doing our best to keep everyone safe and healthy. If you are unsure or have questions, contact the office.

While we encourage students to attend school every day, an ill child will not perform well and may expose other students in the classroom. The school will send students home if any of the following symptoms are present. It is also expected that you will keep your child at home if any of these symptoms are present:

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| -fever of 100 degrees or greater (before medication) | -any known communicable disease |
| -an undiagnosed rash | -persistent or severe |
| headache | |
| -an earache or draining ear | -diarrhea or vomiting |
| -severe sore throat | -evidence of head lice |
| -persistent and severe cough | |

If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or greater, they must be fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school. A child also needs to be free of diarrhea for 24 hours to return to school.

PAINTERS NEEDED

Calling all painters!! CCS has a need for interior painting in various locations throughout the school. Please contact the office or Nate Asma to let them know what days and times you may be available to help. Dates and times will be decided based on volunteer availability. Prior painting experience not required! Contact Nate.Aasma@calhounchristian.org with any questions.

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.

SPORTS:

GIRLS SOCCER:

Soccer season has started. In order to receive student's uniforms, payment must be made by Monday. If you have any questions, please contact Don.hughes@calhounchristian.org

MOTHER SON CARNIVAL

Come one, come all! Join us for a Mother Son Carnival on April 13th from 5pm-7pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets are on sale in the office until April 10th. Cost is \$25 per mother and son(s) and includes a pizza dinner, carnival tickets, and more! See you there!

THEATRE OPPORTUNITIES

- Calhoun Christian School is partnering with Lakeview for theatre. The next play will be for "Imagine A Dragon". Information for 2nd-4th 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.
 - IMPORTANT: A SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE OFFICE. LET US KNOW IF YOU INTEND TO PARTICIPATE BY MARCH 22nd!

FOLLIES - SAVE THE DATE!

[April 19 & 20 "CCS Has Got Talent"](#)

Complete the [audition](#) form by Thursday, February 29 and return to Mrs. Tangi Olds. Auditions will be scheduled throughout March, so be ready!

Follies is a Mission Trip Fundraiser for High School.

Be sure to invite family and friends.

GIRL SCOUTS

If you have a daughter that is in Kindergarten through fifth grade and interested in Girl Scouts, please see the attached flier for details on information nights on March 26, March 27 and April 2.

Questions? Contact lcasey@gshom.org

ST. JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SUMMER CARE PROGRAM

If you need summer care for your child, please see the attached PDF for more info on St. Joes summer care program.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

03/16: ANNUAL AUCTION

03/18: Board Meeting 6:30 pm

03/19: Kindergarten and Preschool Roundup 6 pm - 7:30 pm

03/25-03/31: SPRING BREAK

04/01: School Resumes

SPORTS CALENDAR

03/21: Varsity Girls soccer @ Lansing Christian 5 pm