

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
COUGAR CONNECTION**

March 1, 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.

**AUCTION DONATIONS**

The auction is coming up quickly on March 16, 2024. Currently, the auction committee is collecting donations for our live and silent auctions. This is a huge part of the auction and we would strongly encourage each family to please provide at least one item! 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. Please fill one form out for EVERY ITEM donated. All donations are due to the main office on or before March 4th. Contact Amy Asma (amykool87@gmail.com or 269-967-6777) with any questions. Thank you so much!

**Reenrollment begins Tuesday!** Current families can reenroll beginning Tues, Feb 27. You will receive an email with directions on Mon, Feb 26. Check out our list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) in the meantime.

**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 now on 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 4<sup>th</sup> grader needs before/after school care, [fill out an extended care contract](#) and turn in with your reenrollment packet.

**Lego / Robotics News**

Lego Club February Meeting Dates:

- Robotics Competition March 2 and 3 - Please come to watch and support our Alpha Bots Robotics Team as they compete at their first event at Battle Creek Central. There will be matches between many teams throughout the day. The coach suggests coming between 10 and 3. There is no admission charge. We are team 8608 and our robot is called Pizza Joe! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rome or any team member.

### **ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Spring conferences with teachers are optional for elementary parents. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to schedule an appt. Conferences are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, March 4-5. Fifteen minute conference appts available from 3:10 p.m.to 6:00 p.m.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT MEETING**

Please be sure to attend the Parent Meeting on Tuesday, March 5 @ 6:30 pm if you have Middle School Students.

### **HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCES**

If you would like to schedule a conference on March 5 or March 6, follow this link to schedule your appointment. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-48304314-high>

### **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):
- [Home Basketball Games](#) (typically in the evenings):
- [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.

### **GIRLS SOCCER**

There is a Middle School Girls Soccer meeting for parents and players Thursday, March 7 at 5:30 pm in the chapel. If you have any questions, please contact Mr.

Hughes. [Don.hughes@calhounchristian.org](mailto:Don.hughes@calhounchristian.org)

### **KIDS HEART CHALLENGE**

Finn's Mission: Have you met heart hero, Finn? He's sharing Finn's Mission to help us all help kids with special hearts – like him! Completing Finn's Mission will teach you and your family life saving skills like Hands-Only CPR. Plus, when your student completes all the missions, they'll earn Finn's Lifesavers Award! Visit our [school page](#) or download the Kids Heart Challenge app to get started today!

### **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.
  - 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.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

03/05-03/07: Parent Teacher Conferences

03/05: Middle School Parent Meeting 6:30 pm

03/15: END OF 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER: 11:30 am Dismissal

03/16: ANNUAL AUCTION

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

03/25-03/31: SPRING BREAK

04/01: School Resumes

### **SPORTS CALENDAR**