

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
COUGAR CONNECTION**

March 8, 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 2024**

Be sure to RSVP and contact the office with any questions. [Ccsauction.asimobile.net](https://ccsauction.asimobile.net)

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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:

-fever of 100 degrees or greater (before medication)  
-an undiagnosed rash  
headache

-any known communicable disease  
-persistent or severe

-an earache or draining ear  
-severe sore throat  
-persistent and severe cough

-diarrhea or vomiting  
-evidence of head lice

**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.Asma@calhounchristian.org](mailto:Nate.Asma@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:***

Practices start on Monday, March 11. Student's MUST have a current physical on file to participate in practice. If you are unsure whether or not you have a current one on file, please contact [Don.hughes@calhounchristian.org](mailto:Don.hughes@calhounchristian.org)

#### ***TRACK:***

Monday, March 11th - First official day of practice will be held at St Phil in the gym from 3:00 - 3:45pm. This will be an informative meeting between Coach Minier, interested student-athletes and myself. This is only a meeting. No physical practice will take place.

Tuesday, March 12th through Friday, March 15th - Practices will run from 3:00pm - 4:00pm and will be held outdoors at Battle Creek Central's track located off of Champion St. Parking and pickup/dropoff is available in the paved lot immediately next to the grandstands. Please come prepared with running shoes, layers of clothing and your own water. Bathroom facilities may not be available during practice (TBD). Alternate location due to inclement weather will be at St Phil.

Please note that all practice times and locations will be subject to change based on weather. These changes will be communicated through email.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:lcasey@gshom.org)

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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

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