

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
**COUGAR CONNECTION**  
March 22, 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.

**HAPPY SPRING BREAK!!!! See you April 1!**

**2024-2025 REENROLLMENT:** Reenrollment is open through **TODAY**, 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.

**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.

**MICHIGAN SCHOOL DAY TESTING - HIGH SCHOOL**

**APRIL 10 (WED):**

**SAT (11<sup>th</sup> gr), PSAT 10 (10<sup>th</sup> gr), and PSAT 9 (9<sup>th</sup> gr)** will start at 7:45 am.

The testing is expected to take all morning.

Students will attend their PM classes once testing is finished.

Seniors should not report until 5<sup>th</sup> hour.

**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.

**BADMINTON RACKETS NEEDED**

Do you have any rackets lying around the house you no longer need? Please consider donating them to the Gym department for use. See Laura Kennett for 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.

## **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!

**LAST LUNCH ORDER OF THE YEAR!!!** Lunch orders for May are open! Please order by April 19 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](#).

**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.

## **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)

## **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.

## **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) 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)

## **ELEMENTARY LEGO AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS NEWS**

We hope our many club members enjoyed Lego/MS Robotics this year!

We have concluded our Lego / MS Robotics club until next Fall. This was our final week. There will not be any meetings in April or May. We look forward to seeing everyone back in September! Look for information at Back to School night.

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

03/25-03/31: SPRING BREAK

03/29: GOOD FRIDAY

03/31: EASTER SUNDAY

04/01: School Resumes

04/13: Mother/Son Carnival

04/19: Follies

04/20: Follies

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**

04/03: Varsity Girls Soccer vs Schoolcraft 5 pm  
04/04: Varsity Girls Soccer at Jackson Christian 5:30 pm  
04/09: Varsity Girls Soccer @ Heritage Christian 5:30 pm  
04/10: MS Girls Soccer vs Plainwell 6 pm  
04/11: Varsity Girls Soccer vs Barry County 5 pm  
04/12: Boys Volleyball matches 3-8 pm  
04/15: Varsity Girls Soccer @ Tri Unity 6 pm  
04/16: Varsity Girls Soccer vs Bronson 5 pm  
04/16: MS Girls Soccer vs Three Rivers 6:45 pm  
04/18: Varsity Girls Soccer vs Maple Valley 5:30 pm  
04/18: MS Girls Soccer @ Kalamazoo Cougars 6:45 pm  
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