

CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
COUGAR CONNECTION
October 11, 2023

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.

NO SCHOOL THURSDAY, OCTOBER AND FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12- FALL BREAK AND TEACHER PD

FALL FUND DRIVE: WANT A CHANCE TO WIN \$100

We are ramping up for the 2023-2024 Fall Fund Drive. Would you help us expand our support base? We are asking each CCS family to provide up to five names, addresses and email addresses of friends or family who would support the mission of CCS. For each submission, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card. All submissions must be emailed to rhea.bennett@calhounchristian.org by October 19. The winner will be announced in the Cougar Connection on Friday, October 20. *All submissions must be COMPLETE with full names, complete address and valid email address. NO DUPLICATES WILL BE SUBMITTED.*

November Hot Lunch is Open for Ordering: Hot lunch preordering is now open through October 19 for lunches in November. Log into the FACTS [Family Portal](#) to submit your order (under **Student** and then select **Lunch** within the portal). Contact [Michelle Wilson](#) with any questions.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Our BUDDY Project for October is collecting non-perishable food items to go to a local food bank. The BUDDY class with the most donated items will receive an ice cream party in November. Below is a list and information to help with what the local food bank is looking for.

Food banks accept dry and canned food donations. What does that mean? Basically, any food that is "shelf-stable" or nonperishable – you can keep it in your pantry and it won't go bad. Remember, only donate food that hasn't reached its "sell-by" date yet. Specifically, food banks often need items like:

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| · Peanut butter | · Canned beans |
| · Canned soup | · Pasta (most prefer whole grain) |
| · Canned fruit | · Rice (most prefer brown rice) That's not an exhaustive list, but it covers much of what food banks regularly need. |
| · Canned vegetables | Additionally, some food banks accept personal care and household items since many families struggle to afford them and aren't covered by other food assistance programs like SNAP. |
| · Canned stew | |
| · Canned fish | |

Look in your pantry if you're still stumped about what to donate. Families struggling with hunger often can't afford the staples that we normally have stocked at home. So, check your pantry out and go from there. Even specialty foods like olive oil, dressings, or marinades can be helpful if they don't need to be refrigerated.

BASKETBALL

Join us Tuesday, October 17 at 2:50 pm until 3 pm for the Middle School Boys' Basketball meeting in the chapel.

LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure to check the lost and found for any items that may belong to your students. Anything remaining on October 20, will be donated. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Christmas Outreach December 8

We are having a planning meeting on Tuesday October 17 at 3:30 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please come to the meeting OR arrange a time to chat with Mrs Elkhart or Mrs..Rome.

What we need:

We need families to help by hosting a room or area. We are hoping to have as many different countries and cultures represented as possible. Hosts and hostess would need to help research and organize others who are willing to help. We need decor from other countries including large flags. We need authentic clothing and music and ideas for refreshments.

BOX TOPS

Wanna help the school get new stuff for the kids? Download the Box Top [app](#), select Calhoun Christian School, scan your receipts. It is that easy! You may also bring your receipts into the office. All **receipts** [not physical box tops] must be scanned within 14 days to earn credit. Thanks in advance!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lunch Program: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-lunch1>

Popcorn and Pickle Friday's: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-popcorn3>

*******St Joe volunteers**- we co-op with St Joe on several sports such as cross country, MS football and baseball. We would love to have a good representation from CCS parents at the games to volunteer. Please contact Katy Arnson at St. Joe Middle School at 269-963-4935 or email karnson@bcacs.org *****

ROBOTICS CLUB

Michigan is known for its beautiful lakes and large sandy dunes. Beach glass is created when turbulent waves combine with coarse sand to create a natural rock tumbling effect. The resulting product is a mixture of wonderfully polished glass, soft stones, and colorful shells - all items we will be utilizing to create an eye-catching beach glass wall hanging that is the perfect addition to any Michigander's home. Fifty-five dollars includes step by step instruction, frame, beach glass, and all other necessary materials. Choose from over 20 designs! A portion of all proceeds will be donated to the Calhoun Christian High School Robotics team. Finished products measure 15 by 12 inches. Concessions will be available at the venue. Let's get the creative juices flowing!

Plan to join us and bring a friend, **Monday, October 23 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.**

This event will be hosted and instructed by Vinny, aka 'The Richard Simmons of The Crafting World'. He is sure to keep things humorous and entertaining!

Seats will fill fast! Advance registration required. To register [click here.](#)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

10/12: Teacher PD: NO SCHOOL

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10/20: End of 1st Quarter

10/27: School Picture Retakes

11/22 Grandparent's Day; Early dismissal 11:30 am

11/23-24: Thanksgiving Break

12/08: Christmas Around the World

12/08: Early dismissal 11:30 am

12/18-12/20: FINALS Early dismissal 11:30 am for MS & HS

12/22: End of 2nd Quarter; Early dismissal 11:30 am for ALL

12/25-01/07: CHRISTMAS BREAK

01/08: SCHOOL RESUMES

SPORTS CALENDAR

10/14: Middle School Cross Country @ Colon 9 am

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10/14: Varsity Girl's Volleyball All City 8:30 am

10/18: Middle School Boy's Football @ Climax-Scotts 5 pm

10/18: Middle School Girl's Volleyball @ Climax-Scotts 5 pm

10/21: Varsity Cross Country MI Class D State Championships @ Shepherd HS 12 pm

10/25: Varsity Girl's Volleyball Scrimmage @ Bangor 5 pm

10/27: Cross Country MHSAA LP Regionals @ Portage Central

