

## **CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

### **COUGAR CONNECTION**

October 20, 2023

#### **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.

#### **WINNER OF THE FALL FUND DRIVE \$100 VISA GIFT CARD**

Congratulations Molly Pool! You are the winner! Please stop by the office at your convenience to pick up your \$100 Visa gift card.

#### **AMAZON WISH LIST**

Please consider purchasing items on the [wish list](#) for the classroom and the office. Check back often as there might be items added. Thank you in advance.

#### **PARENT AND STUDENT CLASS**

Join Mrs. LaBonte on October 26 at 6 pm in Room 109 for the first in four classes on Biblical infusion: Friendships, boundaries, conflict resolution.

#### **PICTURE RETAKES**

We will be hosting picture retakes on October 27. Please be sure to have your student prepared if your students need retakes.

#### **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:

- Peanut butter
- Canned soup
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned stew
- Canned fish
- Canned beans
- Pasta (most prefer whole grain)
- Rice (most prefer brown rice) That's not an exhaustive list, but it covers much of what food banks regularly need. 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.

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.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOY'S BASKETBALL**

Middle School Boy's Basketball starts Monday, October 23. Practice is at 5 pm and there is a parent meeting at 6 pm 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.

### **GRANDPARENTS DAY AND BOOK FAIR**

Grandparent's Day and the BOOOK FAIR are just around the corner. Be watching for more info coming SOON! Grandparent's Day is on November 22. SAVE THE DATE!

### **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](mailto:karnson@bcacs.org) \*\*\*\*\*

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

10/20: End of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter; Early dismissal 11:30 am for ALL  
12/25-01/07: CHRISTMAS BREAK  
01/08: SCHOOL RESUMES

#### **SPORTS CALENDAR**

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  
11/06: MS Boys Basketball vs Factoryville 5:30 pm  
11/09: MS Boys Basketball vs Heritage 5:30 pm  
11/13: MS Boys Basketball @ Battle Creek Academy 6:30 pm  
11/15: MS Boys Basketball @ Will Carelton 5:30 pm  
11/16: MS Boys Basketball vs Marlee 5 pm