

CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

COUGAR CONNECTION

December 1, 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.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Here are a few reminders about our Christmas Program next Friday, December 8.

- Students should wear white on the top and black on the bottom unless wearing authentic costumes from the country of their choice.
- Arrival Times: Everyone should enter through the front doors. The gym doors will be locked.
- Staff: 5:00
- Hosts/ Hostess and MS and HS: 5:15
- Elementary: 5:45 (chapel)
- Performance schedule for the GYM
 - 5:30 Preschool
 - 6:00 Elementary
 - 6:30 Middle School
 - 7:00 High School and Cultural Dances
- The doors will be closed during performances to minimize distractions.
- Mrs. Norris and the Art Department will be selling keepsake ornaments. The proceeds will go toward helping needy families this Christmas. Look for her display at the front entrance.
- Open House style format which means there will be displays of all the different countries in the first floor classrooms and cafeteria.
- The OPEN HOUSE segment of the program will be from 5:30 to 8 pm
- Students **MUST** be with parents / supervised at all times except when they are performing on stage. Each room may have a food sample or a "make and take" item. We are anticipating a large group, so please make sure your child(ren) take only one sample from each area.

FALL FUND DRIVE

Thanks to all of our amazing and generous donors we have raised a little over \$17,000 towards our goal of \$35,000! This fundraiser is the key to keeping our tuition rates low while providing an excellent Christ centered education to our students. How can you help?

1. Like and share our Fall Fund Drive posts on social media. Tell your story and what CCS means to you and your family.
2. Talk to and share your Fall Fund Drive direct mailer with your family, friends, neighbors, and anyone else who you think might support the mission of CCS. (Extra mailers are available in the school office.)

3. Pray that God would open his storehouse and pour out his blessing on CCS.

4. Give as the Lord leads.

*Remember, every dollar we raise will be matched by our very generous donors.

Thank you in advance for making our Fall Fund Drive a smashing success! If you have any questions, please contact Necia Ditrapani, 269-965-5560 necia.ditrapani@calhouncchristian.org

NEED HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF?

The Christmas countdown is on! The PIT Crew has compiled a list of some of the staff's favorite things. Check it out to see favorite stores, restaurants, and treats of all our hard working staff. We hope this will help you with your Christmas shopping!! Look for the document attached to this email.

CLAY ORNAMENTS FOR SALE

The Art Dept will be selling student-made clay ornaments at the Christmas Around The World event. There will be a variety of styles available and all proceeds will go to help a family during this Christmas season. Stop by and see us!

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.

LHS THEATRE

"The Little Mermaid" – Check out the attached PDF for more info. Audition applications are due no later than December 13 by 7:00 pm.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Basketball Home Games: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-46284553-basketball>

BASKETBALL NEWS

BASKETBALL season is here!

Sports passes can be purchased at the game or in the office.

You can also watch the games [here](#). You will need to create an account.

Get your service hours in by serving at the home games by signing up [here](#).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-46284553-basketball>

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL'S BASKETBALL

Monday, December 11 there will be a parent/player informational meeting at 5:30 pm in the chapel. If your Middle School 6th through 8th grade girl is interested in participating, please plan to attend this important informational meeting.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Save the date! The Junior's will be hosting the annual Parent's Night Out missions fundraiser on December 15th at CCS 5 pm – 9 pm. Go on a date, go Christmas shopping, or just enjoy some well-deserved "me time". Check out the attached PDF.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK

Join us Saturday, December 16 from 9am to noon in the school cafeteria.

The Lego/Robotics teams are having a pancake breakfast to raise money for the teams.

Donations will be accepted that morning to help fund technology, materials and entry fees for competitions. We are offering a TO GO option from 10:00 to 11:00. Text Mrs. Rome at (586) 489-0791 and let us know when you will be coming by. We hope to see you there!

LEGO AND ROBOTICS CLUBS

Our explore team (grades 1-3) and our challenge team (grades 4-7) will be at an event this Saturday, December 2 at Lakeview Middle School. Events start at 9 and everyone is welcome to come see what the students have been working on this Fall.

JANUARY LUNCH PREORDER: January's hot lunch preordering is open. Log into the [FACTS Family Portal](#) to submit by **December 19!** Also, we need lunch volunteers – if you can work 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.](#)

LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure to check the lost and found for student's belongings. Any items remaining December 23, will be donated.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

12/08: Christmas Around the World

12/08: Early dismissal 11:30 am

12/16: LEGO fundraiser, Breakfast with St Nick-CAFÉ 8:30 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

12/05: JV Boys Basketball vs Jackson Christian 4:30 pm

12/05: Varsity Girls Basketball vs Jackson Christian 6 pm

12/05: Varsity Boys Basketball vs Jackson Christian 7:30 pm

12/06: JV Boys Basketball @ St Phil 4:30 pm

12/06: MS Boys Basketball vs St Phil 4:30 pm

12/06: Varsity Girls Basketball @ St Phil 6 pm

12/06: Varsity Boys Basketball @ St Phil 7:30 pm

12/07: MS Boys Basketball @ Factoryville 5:30 pm

12/11: MS Boys Basketball @ Marshall Academy 5:30 pm
12/12: Varsity Girls Basketball vs Mendon 6 pm
12/12: JV Boys Basketball @ Mendon 6:00 pm
12/12: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Mendon 7:30 pm
12/14: MS Boys Basketball @ Marlee 5 pm
12/15: JV Boys Basketball @ Climax 4:30 pm
12/15: Varsity Girls Basketball @ Climax 6 pm
12/15: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Climax 7:30 pm