

## **CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

### **COUGAR CONNECTION**

December 22, 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.

**Merry CHRISTmas and Happy New Year! We will see you all on Monday, January 8, 2024!**

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Educational Support Para-professional position available:

The elementary ed support team has a para-professional position available beginning in early January. The position requires a high school diploma and experience with children preferred. If you are a team player, love children, and are a faithful follower of Jesus this could be the job for you. Please apply to Jeralyn Belote at [jeralyn.belote@calhounchristian.org](mailto:jeralyn.belote@calhounchristian.org) and Michelle Ostrander at [michelle.ostrander@calhounchristian.org](mailto:michelle.ostrander@calhounchristian.org) by sending a cover letter and resume.

### **FALL FUND DRIVE**

Thanks to all of our amazing and generous donors we have raised a little over \$29,000 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@calhounchristian.org](mailto:necia.ditrapani@calhounchristian.org)

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Please be sure to check the lost and found for student's belongings. Any items remaining December 22, will be donated.

**SERVICE HOURS 2023-2024:** Thank you for your help keeping our tuition costs down and being a part of your student's education here at Calhoun Christian School by volunteering! Just a reminder that all CCS families agreed to serve 20 hours **before April 30, 2024** (with the exception of part-time preschool families who serve an equivalent prorated number of hours). The middle and high school year-end trips

will count towards *next* school year (the 2024-2025 school year). To log any served hours, open the [FACTS Family Portal](#), click on **Family**, then **Family Home**, and click the “Add+” button under the parent/guardian’s name to enter hours. If you are seeking volunteer hours, there are many ways to serve, including these:

- [Lunch](#) (10am-12pm):
- [Home Basketball Games](#) (typically in the evenings):
- [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.

### **DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE 2024**

Interested in helping plan this year’s Daddy Daughter Dance?! Save the date for an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 16 from 7-8pm. The meeting will take place at Biggby on Columbia. Contact Amy Asma (269-967-6777 or amykool87@gmail.com) with any questions. See you there!

### **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>

***We are in need of help for lunch volunteers and popcorn and pickle Friday’s. If you are available to help, please see the links above. If you have questions before signing up, please contact the office.***

### **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>

If you would like to order sports pictures, follow this link: <https://craft.ordersportspix.com/62136>

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at CCS on Tuesday, January 23, 1:00 pm to 6:15 pm. For an appointment visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: CalhounChristian, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS [1-800-7363-2767].

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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

12/25-01/07: CHRISTMAS BREAK

01/08: SCHOOL RESUMES

01/23: American Red Cross Blood Drive

02/09: Homecoming

**SPORTS CALENDAR**

12/27: Varsity Girls Basketball @ Chuck Turner 2 pm  
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01/09: JV Boys Basketball @ Barry County 4:15 pm  
01/10: Varsity Girls Basketball vs Pansophia 6 pm  
01/10: Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Pansophia 7:30 pm  
01/12: JV Boys Basketball @ Stockbridge 4:30 pm  
01/12: Varsity Girls Basketball @ Stockbridge 6 pm  
01/12: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Stockbridge 7:30 pm