



**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
COUGAR CONNECTION  
October 12, 2018**

**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.

**STUDENT SIGN-IN**

Please remember to stop into the office (K-4<sup>th</sup>) or call the office and have your student stop in (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) if your student is coming in late (After 7:45). We need to keep records of student attendance and when students come in late without checking into the office they may end up being marked absent when they are not.

**CCS SUBSTITUE LIST**

Our school is in need of more substitute teachers. If you have any interest in being on our substitute list please contact the office. Even if you only have one or two days a week that you are available, we would love to add you to the list. Or if you know of someone who may be interested, please have them call or email the office at 269-965-5560 or [office@calhounchristian.org](mailto:office@calhounchristian.org) No degree is required, just an interview and approval from Mrs. Belote.

**FALL CONFERENCES**

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences are fast approaching. They will be held on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 3pm until 7pm and Tuesday, October 16 from 3pm until 6pm. Parents of ALL High School freshmen and new students are **REQUIRED** to have a conference with each of their students' teachers. All other parents are welcome to schedule conferences with any teachers that they would like to meet with. Each conference is about 10 minutes long, so if your student has 5 teachers please plan that it will take you about an hour to complete all you conferences. Please contact the office to schedule your student's conference

**ELEMENTARY:**

Please contact your student's teacher to schedule a conference

**MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

There is a MS parent meeting on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm. If you still would like to setup a conference afterwards please contact the homeroom teacher.

### **HOT LUNCH**

The November Hot Lunch menu went out today. It is due on **Wednesday October 17**. Payment is due when your menu is turned in. Make checks payable to CCS - Milk Is Included in Lunch Price. Remember to check your child's Classroom Calendar for day they may not need hot lunch.

### **MS BOYS BASKETBALL PARENT MEETING**

If your 6th, 7th, or 8th grade boys is interested in playing basketball this year, you need to attend the parent meeting on Thursday, October 18 at 6:00PM in the cafeteria. This meeting will cover important information about the season, costs, and expectations. Practice begin on Monday, October 22.

### **GIRL SCOUTS**

The brownie girl scout troop at CCS is earning their Pet Badge and would like to collect blankets, towels, cat & dog toys for the local human society. We will to ask you for your help and will have a box in the front lobby to drop off your donations. Please have donations to school by October 22nd. Thank you.

### **TRUNK OR TREAT**

On Wednesday October 31 at 6pm North Avenue Church of God will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event. It will be held in their upper parking lot. There will be food, games and lots of treats! See attached flyer for more information.

### **HARVEST PARTY**

Harvest Party October 26th 6-9pm 11345 F Dr S Ceresco, MI 49033 \$3.00 pp or \$12 for immediate family! Bring your favorite dish to pass!

### **DUTCH APPLE PIE SALE**

Calhoun Christian School is selling homemade Dutch apple pies just in time for the holidays! Pre-made pies are frozen, ready to bake and serve! Pies can be picked up at the school any time after November 19, 2018. Because of the need to pre-make the pies; orders must be placed and paid for by November 9, 2018 to guarantee quantities. To order, please email the attached order form to Mrs. Perkins at [tina.perkins@calhounchristian.org](mailto:tina.perkins@calhounchristian.org).  
Questions: call Tina Perkins at 623-694-9897

### **FAFSA WORKSHOP**

FAFSA Workshop will be held at CCS on Mon, Oct 22, from 4:30 - 6:30pm, in the downstairs computer lab. This is a free workshop that is open to the public and hosted by BC CAN as a resource for parents & students who want assistance with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. There are additional host sites throughout the county. Attendees should bring their Social Security #, Driver's License, and completed 2017 Federal Tax Return. Please contact Mrs. Tangi Olds for more information.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDY HALL**

Every Wednesday, starting Oct. 3rd thru Wednesday Oct. 31st there will be a Middle School Study hall offered in the computer lab. This would be a great opportunity for your student to learn study skills and have dedicated time to study for tests. They must follow all computer lab

rules and be respectful of the time frame (3:30-5:00pm). If you have any questions please contact Summer LaBonte 269-965-5560 or [summer.labonte@calhounchristian.org](mailto:summer.labonte@calhounchristian.org)

### **FALL BANQUET**

Invites for the Comedy for a Cause Banquet went in the mail this week. We have extras in the office, if you would like to invite anyone from your friends & families! Banquet is November 9th at 6pm.

### **ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS**

If you are a high school parent or student, we want to add you to the CCS Facebook group for your class! If you are already a group member, please set your group notifications to "all" so that you don't miss any news! Lots of important info is posted in each group by class advisors, the Academic Advisor (Mrs. Tangi Olds), fellow parents, & school staff! Contact your class advisor today to be added to the group or to get more info on how to find group posts.

### **SCRIP**

Starting October 1<sup>st</sup> we will be starting a new SCRIP challenge. For every purchase made in the office or online your name will go into a drawing for a \$50 gift card of your choice. The more times you buy, the more entries you get into the drawing. Encourage friends and family to enroll in our scrip program and gain entries into the drawing and support your student and our school. This challenge runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>. If you need any more information please make sure to talk to Summer LaBonte in the office.

### **JEN AMO PRESENTATION**

Human Trafficking Awareness/Training.

On November 14 we are have Jen at War speak to our 7th-12th grade students from 9:15 to 11:15. She is also going to be speaking to parents beginning at 6:30. Attached are a couple fliers.

“I want to share the reality of this issue with the families, communities and professionals of this nation. Learn more about my story through video at [www.jennatwar.com](http://www.jennatwar.com). I look forward to working with you to take your circle of influence and change it into a circle of protection! Awareness is building value by protecting our bodies and guarding our hearts!”

Jenn Amo will be presenting to parents and community members on Wednesday, November 14, at CCS at 6:30pm regarding the crime of Human Trafficking. Jenn partners with area agencies to combat Human Trafficking, and her program raises awareness of this fast-rising crime and offers training to families so they can create a circle of protection for their children. This program is provided by CCS and is free of charge to the community.

### **ACADEMY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE**

Please be advised that U.S. Representative Justin Amash has scheduled **Academy Night for Monday, November 19, 2018, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** in the Ryerson Auditorium of the **Grand Rapids Public Library**. This is an evening for students and their parents to learn more about our nation's distinguished service academies and the process of applying for an academy nomination and appointment.

Liaison officers from all five service academies have been invited. Each academy will make a short presentation and will also have information tables where students can ask questions. The

offices of U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow will also be present. Staff for Representative Amash will give a brief overview of the congressional nomination process and will be available to answer questions as well. Questions? Contact Jennifer Ungrey Office of U.S. Representative Justin Amash Phone: (616) 451-8383 | Email: [Jennifer.Ungrey@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Ungrey@mail.house.gov)

### **LIVE NATIVITY**

We will be doing the Live Nativity for Christmas again this year. For this event each student will need to be dressed in a costume as if they are from the time of Jesus' Birth. Please begin planning now for the costumes for your child(ren). We will be providing some ideas in the weeks to come. We believe this will be an incredible opportunity to celebrate Christmas as a school community, but also to invite in those from the Battle Creek community into our building. Keep your eye out for more information to come. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event please contact Diane Rome or Ginger Eckhart.

[Diane.rome@calhounchristian.org](mailto:Diane.rome@calhounchristian.org)

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### **CALENDAR**

Oct. 15-17	Fall Conferences
Oct. 16	Middle School Parent Meeting
Oct. 18	NO SCHOOL – Teacher PD
Oct. 19	NO SCHOOL
Oct. 22	FAFSA Workshop @ 4:30pm Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
Oct. 26	Harvest Party @ 6:00pm
Nov. 2	End of First Quarter
Nov. 9	Fall Banquet
Nov. 14	Jen Amo Presentation
Nov. 17	CCS Christmas Craft and Vendor Show
Nov. 21	Half Day, Grandparents Day
Nov. 22	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 23	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 26	Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
Dec. 14	Live Nativity
Dec. 20	Community Service
Dec. 21	Half Day
Dec. 24-Jan 4	CHRISTMAS BREAK
Jan. 7	School Resumes

### **SPORTS CALENDAR**

Oct. 12	MS Volleyball HOME vs Will Carleton at 5:00 Varsity Volleyball HOME vs Will Carleton at 6:00 Varsity Boys Soccer HOME vs. Kalamazoo Cougars at 5:30 Varsity Football HOME vs. Michigan Lutheran
Oct. 13	Varsity Volleyball All City Tournament at 8:00 Varsity Cross Country AWAY @ Gabriel Richard Invitational at TBD

Oct. 15 Varsity Boys Soccer Districts  
MS Volleyball Away @ MarLee at 5:00

Oct. 16 Varsity Boys Soccer Districts  
MS Cross Country AWAY @ Colon  
Varsity Cross Country AWA @ SCAA Championship

Oct. 18 Varsity Boys Soccer Districts  
JV Volleyball AWAY @ Sand Creek at 5:00

Oct. 19 Varsity Boys Soccer Districts  
Varsity Volleyball AWAY @ Pansophia at 6:00

Oct. 20 Varsity Boys Soccer Districts  
Varsity Cross Country AWAY @ MITCA Class D Championship at TBD  
Varsity Volleyball AWAY @ Island City Tournament at 8:00am  
JV Volleyball AWAY @ Colon Tournament at 9:00am  
Varsity Football HOME vs. North Adams at 7:00

Oct. 23 Varsity Boys Soccer Regionals

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Oct. 25 Varsity Boys Soccer Regionals  
MS Volleyball HOME vs. Kalamazoo Cougars at 6:00

Oct. 26 Varsity Boys Soccer Regionals  
8-Man Football Regionals  
Cross Country Regionals

Oct. 27 Varsity Boys Soccer Regionals  
8-Man Football Regionals  
Cross Country Regionals

Oct. 29 Varsity Girls Volleyball Districts

Oct. 30 Varsity Girls Volleyball Districts

Oct. 31 Varsity Girls Volleyball Districts  
Varsity Boys Soccer Semi-Finals