



**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
COUGAR CONNECTION
October 26, 2018**

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.

HARVEST PARTY IS CANCELLED

Due to the potential for cold and rainy weather in addition to illness of our volunteers running the event we decided to cancel the Harvest Party. We hope to have a similar event at some point this school year.

FALL BANQUET

Please turn your RSVP cards into the office, or contact Nicole Zook in the office to RSVP. We have extra invites in the office, if you would like to invite anyone from your friends & families! Banquet is November 9th at 6pm.

STUDENT SIGN-IN

Please remember to stop into the office (K-4th) or call the office and have your student stop in (5th-12th) 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 SUBSTITUTE 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 No degree is required, just an interview and approval from Mrs. Belote.

ROBOTICS CLUB

We have just been told about an opportunity to begin a high school robotics team here at Calhoun Christian School using funds from a grant through the state of Michigan and *FIRST* Robotics. We must apply for the grant by Wednesday of next week, but want to find a willing coach before applying. If you have any interest in helping out with something like this please

contact Jeralyn Belote @ jonalyn.belote@calhounchristian.org. More information (such as training, time commitment, required skills, etc) is available that we can share if you may want to help out in this way.

FUNDRAISING PARTNERSHIP

Tim Harvey State Farm Agency has partnered with us to help fundraise for the purchase of an ice machine. This ice machine will be an important addition for all of our athletic teams.

From now until November 7, the CCS Athletic Program will receive a \$15 donation for each insurance quote they complete if you mention it is for the fundraiser.

There are 4 ways to get your quote completed.

1. Put your name and phone number down on the sheet in the school office for someone with Tim Harvey State Farm to contact you directly.
2. Call Tim Harvey State Farm Agency (269-965-1329) and complete a quote over the phone, mentioning that you are with Calhoun Christian.
3. Stop in Tim Harvey State Farm Agency office, located on Helmer across from the airport. Make sure to mention you are with Calhoun Christian
5. Go to www.TimHarveySF.com and complete a quote online, and note that you are with Calhoun Christian.

We need to compete approximately 45 quotes to raise enough money to fully fund the purchase of an ice machine.

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.

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.

Questions: call Tina Perkins at 623-694-9897

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

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 1st 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 1st to the 31st. 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. 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

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

Ginger.eckhart@calhounchristian.org

CALENDAR

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
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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. 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
Nov. 1 Varsity Girls Volleyball Districts
Nov. 2 Varsity Girls Volleyball Districts
8-Man Football Regionals
Nov. 3 Varsity Girls Volleyball Districts
8-Man Football Regionals
Boys Soccer State Finals
Cross Country State Finals
Nov. 8 MS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Island city at 5:00
Nov. 10 8-Man football Semi-Finals
Nov. 12 MS Boys Basketball Home vs. Battle Creek Academy at 5:00
Nov. 13 Varsity Volleyball Quarter finals
Nov. 15 MS. Boys basketball AWAY @ Marshall Academy at 6:00
Nov. 16 8-Man Football State Finals
Nov. 17 Varsity Volleyball State Finals

Nov. 19 8-Man Football State Finals
MS Boys Basketball AWAY @ MarLee at 5:00