



## **CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COUGAR CONNECTION**

**November 16, 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.

### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

In the event of emergency situations, a tornado watch or warning, severe weather or snow days, school closing information will be announced on local radio (WBCK) and television stations (WOOD-TV8, WWMT 3 and WOTV 41) as early in the morning as possible.

Please understand that it is not always easy to make the call, especially if snow starts later in the morning. (Sometimes hindsight is 20/20.) We will do our best to make the decision we believe to be safe and in the best interest of the education of our students and we will communicate as quickly as possible. Parents always have the choice to have their children stay home or come to school late if they feel the conditions around their home are unsafe. Those absences or tardies will be **excused**.

### **DRESS CODE CHANGE TO PANTS:**

The policy has not changed except to the exception regarding athletic pants. It now reads "nylon or athletic pants (no breakaways) are acceptable. Note -- athletic pants may have printed words on them, but the words must be appropriate with nothing offensive, derogatory, insulting or scary. Also, no words or logos may be printed on the buttocks or the groin region."

### **MISSING LADDERS**

After our work days this fall it appears that a couple of ladders have gone missing from school. We are missing 2 6' step ladders. One has a standard 4 legs, and the other is a tri-pod ladder. If you have seen either of these, or happen to have mistakenly taken them home with you, please let the school office know! 269-965-5560

### **LOST AND FOUND**

There is a large amount of items currently in the lost and found. The lost and found is located in the front area of the parent room. Please check for anything that your student may have lost! We will be cleaning it out and donating all unclaimed items soon!

## **BOOK FAIR**

Scholastic Book Fair is coming! We have a box in the office where we are collecting funds for the “All Books Program”. Funds from this helps purchase books for classroom libraries, which gives students easier access to books and helps get kids reading more. Scholastic Book Fairs matches monetary donations with a donation up to \$1 Million in books from the Scholastic Possible fund, which distributes books to children in need through organizations such as Kids in need foundation, Reader to Reader Inc., and the National Center for Families Learning.

## **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)

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

Our Key Club will be hosting a blood drive in the Library on Tuesday November 27, 2018 from 1:00pm-6:45pm. To schedule an appointment, log on to [redcrossbloo.org](http://redcrossbloo.org) (Sponsor Code CalhounChristian) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Come to donate and receive a FREE American Red Cros T-shirt (while supplies last)!

## **SCRIP**

Come shop the Scrip book today in the office!!

Top 5 SCRIP reasons to shop in November-

- 5- Stop by the office and grab a few cards to hand out during the holidays to families who may need it.
- 4- We now have lower denomination cards (\$5, \$10, \$20) to places like Starbucks, Panera Bread, Olive Garden, Meijer, Barnes and Nobles, and more.
- 3- Donate cards to the local food banks or to homeless shelters! This is a great way for them to get the items they are in need of.
- 2- Start your Christmas Shopping early! Swing by the office or go online and start grabbing 2-3 cards each week. Then at Christmas time you will have your holiday \$\$ set aside.
- 1- A percentage of the cards helps our school and you! This is a great way to help pay a portion of your tuition or put extra cash back in your pocket.

## **POUND PARTY**

It is a fun way to spend a few hours with friends and help our high school with their mission projects all at the same time! How we do that is with a surprise auction and a fundraiser all wrapped up into one! The items you bring are the items we will auction off. The kicker – you won't know what you get until you win the bid! You bid based on how the looks of each

package!!! We serve drinks and a variety of pastries.

Located in the Calhoun Christian School cafeteria on December 8, 2018. Doors open at 9:30 A.M. for sign-in. The auction begins promptly at 10:00 A.M.

Bring at least one creatively wrapped gift that weighs at least one pound and costs at least \$3.

These are the items we will be auctioning off. There will be prizes for the "best dressed box/bag"! You can win either most decorative or most creative so have fun designing the box or bag you put your items into. Questions about this event can be directed to Tina Perkins at (623) 694-9897.

## **LIVE NATIVITY**

Please invite your friends and relatives for this year's Christmas program on December 14th from 6 to 8 p.m. We had over 850 people attend this event last year and we are making plans to make it even better this year for all who attend. Several people made great suggestions and we are making some changes. Just like last year, we will be having everyone meet in the gym starting at 6 to begin touring the 9 different stations set up around the school. Everyone will finish in the cafeteria for cookies and cocoa. Here are some changes from last year: First: Preschool will be performing on stage in the gym from 6-6:30. ( We will have other performers on stage from 6:30 -8:00.) The parents have been contacted by teachers concerning specifics but the preschoolers will be wearing their Christmas best outfits. ALL other students k-12 will need to wear Bible Time costumes. Second: Elementary students (K-4) will performing in the library in shifts Elementary teachers will give specifics to parents. All other students will need to plan to be here for the entire 2 hour production. We will continue to have shuttle service available to those willing to park across the street. Third: We are hoping that with having Preschool and Elementary performing at specific times, we can encourage people to come and go at their convenience so that we can accomodate more people from the community. Our Performing Arts Class, under the direction of Mrs. Taria Moser, is helping in many areas this year. She and her students are making a big impact on Live Nativity! We are planning and organizing this event with the talents of our own students and staff this year. We will need help from our school community for set up and tear down. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event please contact Diane Rome or Ginger Eckhart.

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## **CALENDAR**

Nov. 17	CCS Christmas Craft and Vendor Show
Nov. 17	Christmas Parade 5pm
Nov. 21	Half Day, Grandparents Day
Nov. 22	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
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Nov. 26	Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
Nov. 27	Blood Drive 1pm-6:45pm
Dec. 14	Live Nativity
Dec. 20	Community Service
Dec. 21	Half Day
Dec. 24-Jan 4	CHRISTMAS BREAK
Jan. 7	School Resumes

## **SPORTS CALENDAR**

Nov. 17 Varsity Volleyball State Finals  
Nov. 19 MS Boys Basketball AWAY @ MarLee at 5:00  
Nov. 20 Varsity Girls Basketball Scrimmage AWAY @ Colon at 6:00  
Nov. 27 JV Boys Basketball HOME vs. Athens at 5:30  
MS Boys Basketball AWAY @ Pansophia at 6:00  
Varsity Boys Basketball HOME vs. Athens at 7:00  
Nov. 29 MS Boys Basketball AWAY @ WMAES  
Nov. 30 Varsity Boys Basketball HOME vs. Kalamazoo Phoenix at 6:30  
Dec. 3 JV Boys Basketball AWAY @ Holland Black River at 5:30  
MS Boys Basketball AWAY @ St. Joe at 5:30  
Varsity Boys Basketball AWAY @ Holland Black River at 7:30  
Dec. 4 Varsity Girls Basketball HOME vs. Athens at 6:30  
Dec. 6 MS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Marshall Academy at 5:00  
Dec. 7 Varsity Girls Basketball HOME vs. Will Carleton at 6:00  
Varsity Boys Basketball HOME vs. Will Carleton at 7:30  
Dec. 10 MS Boys Basketball HOME vs. MarLee at 5:00  
Dec. 11 Varsity Girls Basketball AWAY @ Pansophia at 6:00  
Varsity Boys Basketball AWAY @ Pansophia at 7:30  
Dec. 13 JV Boys Basketball AWAY @ Marshall Academy at 4:30  
MS Boys Basketball AWAY @ Island City at 5:00  
Varsity Girls Basketball AWAY @ Marshall Academy at 6:00  
Varsity Boys Basketball AWAY @ Marshall Academy at 7:30  
Dec. 18 MS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Pansophia at 6:00  
Varsity Girls Basketball AWAY @ Jackson Prep at 6:00  
Varsity Boys Basketball AWAY @ Jackson Prep at 7:30  
Dec. 20 Varsity Girls Basketball AWAY @ Bellevue at 7:00  
Dec. 21 MS Boys Basketball AWAY @ Holt Lutheran at 5:30  
JV Boys Basketball AWAY @ Holt Lutheran at 7:00