



**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
COUGAR CONNECTION
November 2, 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.

FALL BANQUET

Please turn your RSVP cards into the office by Tuesday, November 6th, 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.

BATTLE CREEK CHRISTMAS PARADE

CCS is excited to participate in the Battle Creek Christmas parade again this year, it is on Saturday November 17th. We will have a float but we also need volunteers for different parts. We need parents and students to walk in the parade to represent our school in the parade. We also need some parents to help decorate the float. **Lastly, we need candy canes for our students to hand out during the parade. We need about 70 boxes of candy canes, by Tuesday November 13.** If you have any questions or would like to help with any of these things please contact Summer Labonte in the office.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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. 17	Christmas Parade 5pm
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

Nov. 3	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 8-Man Football State Finals
Nov. 19	MS Boys Basketball AWAY @ MarLee at 5:00