



CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COUGAR CONNECTION

November 9, 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.

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**. Please note that the email that went out yesterday did have a typo, those absences and tardies will be EXCUSED.

REPORT CARDS

Quarter one report cards were sent home with students today! Please make sure to check with your child for their report card.

BATTLE CREEK CHRISTMAS PARADE

In light of all the other activities that are going on at the school on November 17th, we have decided that we will not be participating in the Battle Creek Christmas Parade. All candy canes that have already been donated will be used for the Live Nativity program being held on Friday December 14th.

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

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.

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

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 (Sponsor Code CalhounChristian) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Come to donate and receive a FREE American Red Cross T-shirt (while supplies last)!

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. 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
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. 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. 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 @ Marshal 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