

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
COUGAR CONNECTION**

January 13, 2023

**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.

**STAFFING CHANGES**

Mr. Samuel Bennett has resigned his role as an Educational Support Para-professional. We are so grateful for his years here, his work with our students and his willingness to be the "muscle" throughout the building. He will be dearly missed, but not a stranger as he is willing to sub from time to time and speak in our chapels.

We are welcoming Mrs. Stephanie Stemaly back to our CCS community. She spent several years here as a preschool para-professional, always serenading us with her beautiful singing and demonstrating her deep love for our students. We are so excited to have her back on our team.

**EMERGENCY 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 is possible.

To receive text alerts, go to [WWMT.com/weather/closings](http://WWMT.com/weather/closings), scroll down and "sign up to text/email alerts when your school or organization closes by clicking here."

**LUNCH ORDERS**

Lunch orders for February are open. Be sure to change the year to 2023 to ensure accurate ordering. Ordering closes January 19, 2023.

**LEGO CLUB 2023**

Kindergarten - third graders are welcome to come to Lego Free Build Club from 3-4 pm on the following dates: January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18 and May 16. No sign up needed! It will be in Room 122 (first grade). Dismissal will be out the front doors at 4 pm. If you have questions, ask Mrs. Rome.

**CHRISTMAS 2023 OUTREACH**

We are looking ahead and planning for a great outreach for our community for next year's Christmas program. If you would be interested in helping with planning, please email one of us and we will discuss a planning meeting. This is another opportunity for volunteer hours. Ginger Eckhart ([ginger.eckhart@calhounchristian.org](mailto:ginger.eckhart@calhounchristian.org)) and Diane Rome ([diane.rome@calhounchristian.org](mailto:diane.rome@calhounchristian.org))

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The Red Cross blood drive, sponsored by the Key Club, will host a blood drive on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 1-6 pm at the school. Register to donate at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: CalhounChristian or call 1 800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment. AND... if you donate during the month of January you will be entered for a chance to win an exciting trip for you and a guest to Super Bowl LVII in Phoenix! Includes travel, hotel, \$500 gift card, pre-game activities and more! Terms apply; visit [RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl).

### **BASKETBALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We need YOU! Please sign up to work concessions, scoreboard, scorebook, tickets etc! Is your student playing a game and you don't want to miss it? That's fine! *Watch* your student play then *volunteer* before or after their game. Sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-sports1>

### **SUBS**

We are looking to add to our SUBSTITUTE TEACHER pool. If you would be interested in subbing in a teacher or a paraprofessional capacity, please send a cover letter and resume to

[jerilyn.belote@calhounchristian.org](mailto:jerilyn.belote@calhounchristian.org).

### **SERVICE HOURS**

Just a reminder that each family has agreed to serve 20 hours for our school in some capacity for the 2022-2023 school year (such as concessions, lunch, helping in the classroom, recess duty, Popcorn and Pickle Fridays, field trip chaperoning, event set up / clean up, etc.). These hours must be served and logged via Sycamore by April 30, 2023. Any hours not served by May 1 will be invoiced at a rate of \$12.50 per unserved hour, up to a maximum of \$250. If you are looking for ways to serve our school, check out the options listed below. ***If you plan on using end of year trips or art camp for this year's service hours, please be advised they will NOT count for this year but will count for next year's service hours.***

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Lunch Program: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-20222023>
- Popcorn and Pickle Fridays: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-popcorn2>
- Sports: Basketball <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-sports1>

### **GIRLS ON THE RUN**

- Registration for GOTR Spring 2023 is NOW open for GIRLS 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Online registration at [gotrofcalhoun.org](http://gotrofcalhoun.org)
- GOTR Spring 2023 start March 6 – May 20
- Teams meet Tuesdays and Thursday 3 – 4:45 pm
- We are looking for coaches for all teams
- Scholarship available with \$140 fee which includes:
  - Practice shirt
  - Water bottle
  - Tennis shoes
  - Weekly snack at practice

### **DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE**

February 25, 6:30-8:00 pm. "Light Up The Night" tickets will be available in the office SOON! The cost is \$30.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

01/23: Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
02/10: Homecoming  
02/16: NO SCHOOL- Teacher PD  
02/17: NO SCHOOL-Winter Break  
02/20: NO SCHOOL-President's Day  
02/25: Daddy Daughter Dance 6:30 pm  
02/27: Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
03/08: Middle School Meeting 6:30pm  
03/08: Mid Quarter Parent/Teacher Conference  
03/17: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter  
03/17: Teacher Comp Day Half Day 11:30 am dismissal  
03/18: Annual Auction Fundraiser  
03/27: Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
03/27-03/31: SPRING BREAK- NO SCHOOL  
04/03: School Resumes  
04/07: Good Friday- NO SCHOOL  
04/21-22: Follies  
04/24: Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
05/013: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Mission Trips  
05/15: Awards Night  
05/17: Students report from mission trips  
05/19: Last day on site for Seniors  
05/20: Senior Prom  
05/24-25: Finals 11:30 am dismissal MS ONLY  
05/26: Half Day 11:30 am dismissal for ALL  
05/26: COMMENCEMENT  
05/29: Memorial Day- NO SCHOOL  
05/30-31: Middle School End of Year Trip  
06/01: Middle School End of Year Trip  
06/01: Field Day  
06/01-02: High School Finals early dismissal 11:30 am [HS ONLY]  
06/02: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL; Half day 11:30 am dismissal  
06/05: Last day of school FOR TEACHERS

### **SPORTS CALENDAR**

01/13: JV Boys Basketball @ Fruitport 4:30 pm  
01/13 Varsity Girls Basketball @ Fruitport 6 pm  
01/13: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Fruitport 7:30 pm  
01/16: MS Girls Basketball vs. Pansophia 6 pm  
01/16: JV Boys Basketball @ St Phil 4:30 pm  
01/16: Varsity Girls Basketball @ St Phil 5:45 pm  
01/16: Varsity Boys Basketball @ St Phil 7 pm  
01/19: JV Boys Basketball @ Lansing 4:30 pm  
01/19: MS Girls Basketball @ Mar-Lee 5 pm

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01/19: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Lansing 7:30 pm  
01/23: MS Girls Basketball vs. Will Carleton 5:30 pm  
01/23: Varsity Girls Basketball @ Mendon 6 pm  
01/24: Varsity Boys Basketball vs. St Michael 7:30 pm  
01/24: Varsity Girls Basketball vs Pansophia 6 pm  
01/24: Varsity Boys Basketball vs Pansophia 7:30 pm  
01/27: MS Girls Basketball vs Algoma 5 pm  
01/30: MS Girls Basketball vs Jackson 5 pm  
01/31: JV Boys Basketball @ Will Carleton 4:30 pm  
01/31: Varsity Girls Basketball @ Will Carleton 6 pm  
01/31: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Will Carleton 6 pm  
02/02: MS Girls Basketball vs Mar-Lee 5 pm  
02/03: JV Boys Basketball @ Zion 4:30 pm  
02/03: Varsity Girls Basketball @ Zion 6 pm  
02/03: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Zion 7:30 pm