

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
COUGAR CONNECTION**

December 2, 2022

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.

*****CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS*****

The Board of Calhoun Christian School will be collecting donations to bless the staff with a Christmas bonus. Members of the Board **will be at drop off and pick up December 12-19**. Our faithful staff works diligently each day to help our children grow and learn. Please plan on showing your appreciation for their sacrifice by giving generously.

There will be a donation box at the Live Nativity where you can make cash or check donations. If you would like to give online, please go to our website's Online Giving page (under the "Support" tab) and click the [Christmas Blessing link](#).

LIVE NATIVITY INFO - DECEMBER 9

Our annual Christmas program is a community outreach! We need everyone's help to make it a success! Preschool parents will be getting information from Mrs. Pidcock and preschool teachers. **All students (k-12) and staff will be dressing in costumes.** Kindergarteners will be dressing as angels. All others will be in "Bible time" attire. If you have questions, please ask. **All costumes must be at school no later than Monday, December 5.** Costumes go to homeroom teachers. DRESS REHEARSAL IS WEDNESDAY, December 7. We will be doing practice tours beginning at 9 am that day and welcome parents and grandparents to come as a 'test' audience.

We need cookies!!!! Please help by donating cookies for this event. We are expecting 800 people! Cookies should be dropped off **no earlier than Wednesday, December 5** on the kitchen counter. They can be brought in Thursday or Friday as well. We are grateful for the generosity of our families! We will be serving cookies and cocoa to our guests at the conclusion of the program. Due to the number of attendees, we are asking that people who have children in the program come through the tour, enjoy the refreshments and move along out of the cafeteria. The last tour will be around 8 pm and you will be picking up your child where you dropped them off. Drop off locations will be announced in the coming weeks. Please look for announcements regarding Live Nativity here in the Cougar Connection.

If you are interested in **volunteering** for this event, please let us know! We need help with set up and tear down. Thank you! Ginger Eckhart and Diane Rome
Diane.rome@calhounchristian.org Ginger.eckhart@calhounchristian.org

CHRISTMAS TREES AND ICICLE LIGHTS NEEDED

We are in need of artificial, green Christmas trees and icicle lights to decorate for the Live Nativity. If you have some and would be willing to let us borrow them, please drop them off in the office ASAP. If you have any questions, contact Michelle at michelle.ostrander@calhounchristian.org

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, scroll down and “sign up to text/email alerts when your school or organization closes by clicking here.”

LEGO/ROBOTICS CLUB

Grades 1-3 (Alpha Bots) and grades 4-7 (Cyber Bots) will be ordering t shirts. If your child is in the club, please let the leaders know your child's t shirt size this week. We are asking each club member to contribute \$5.00 toward the cost of each shirt. The Cyber Bots will be meeting extra days to prepare for their competition. (Thursdays until 4 pm and Saturdays 9-12) If parents have questions about the extra practices, please contact Mr. Rome.

RaiseRight (formerly known as SCRIP)

RaiseRight Gift Card Fundraiser Dazzle Days Promotion!

This holiday season, make your spend go further while also making a bigger impact on your rebate. Shop bonuses on brands for all your holiday shopping. Plus, watch your email and Facebook for surprise daily flash bonuses.

Things to know:

- Bonuses start on Nov 26 at 12:00 a.m. ET. and run through Dec 9 11:59 p.m. ET.
- See which brands are on bonus in the app or online at RaiseRight.com.
- Watch for daily surprise bonuses, revealed in your email and on Facebook.

Do you need gift cards for Christmas?

RaiseRight gift cards will be available for purchase before and during the **varsity basketball games here at CCS on December 8th**. They are also available for purchase in the school office during regular office hours **Monday - Friday 7:30 am to 3:30 pm**. *Need TEACHER GIFT IDEAS?* We have you covered with a list of their favorite gift cards.

Questions, contact Necia DiTrapani- necia.ditrapani@calhounchristian.org

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.

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>

CCS SKI CLUB

This year, we are excited to again offer the CCS Ski Club which we've partnered with Bittersweet Ski Resort. This is a great opportunity to try or continue skiing/snowboarding, save a lot of money, have fun and make great memories. See the attached flier for more information. ***Applications should be turned into the office by December 14.*** The ski club cards will be available in the office on **December 19.**

GIRLS ON THE RUN

- Registration for GOTR Spring 2023 is NOW open for GIRLS 3rd-5th grades
- Online registration at 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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

12/09: 11:30 dismissal for ALL

12/09: Live Nativity 6 pm

12/19-21: Finals: Early Dismissal @ 11:30 am for MS and HS; Elementary FULL DAY

12/22: Community Service Day

12/23: 11:30 dismissal for ALL

12/23: End of 2nd quarter

12/26-30: Christmas Break

01/ 2-6: Christmas Break continues

01/09: School Resumes

SPORTS CALENDAR

12/02: MS Boys Basketball VS Libertas 5 pm

12/05: JV Boys Basketball @ Jackson Christian 4:30 pm

12/05: MS Boys Basketball @ Will Carleton 5:30 pm

12/05: Varsity Girls Basketball @ Jackson Christian 6 pm

12/05: Varsity Boys Basketball @ 7:30 pm

12/07: MS Boys Basketball VS Marshall Academy 5:30 pm

12/08: Varsity Girls Basketball VS Marshall Academy 5:30 pm

12/08: Varsity Boys Basketball VS Marshall Academy 7 pm

12/13: JV Boys Basketball VS Will Carleton 4:30 pm

12/13: Varsity Girls Basketball VS Will Carleton 6 pm

12/13: Varsity Boys Basketball VS Will Carleton 7:30 pm
12/15: MS Boys Basketball @ Mar-Lee 5 pm
12/15: JV Boys Basketball VS Barry County Christian 5:30 pm
12/20: MS Boys Basketball VS Factoryville 5:30 pm
12/20: JV Boys Basketball @ Bellevue 5:30 pm
12/20: Varsity Girls Basketball VS Kalamazoo Home School 7 pm
12/22: JV Boys Basketball VS Delton Kellogg 4:30 pm
12/22: Varsity Boys Basketball VS Delton Kellogg 5:30 pm
12/22: Varsity Girls Basketball VS Tri Unity Christian 7:30 pm
12/28: Varsity Boys Basketball - Chuck Turner Classic 6 pm
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01/09: Varsity Basketball @ Pansophia 5:30 pm
01/10: JV Boys Basketball @ Delton Kellogg 5:30 pm
01/10: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Delton Kellogg 7 pm
01/12: Varsity Girls Basketball @ Marshall Academy 5:30 pm
01/12: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Marshall Academy 7 pm
01/13: JV Boys Basketball @ Fruitport 4:30 pm
01/13 Varsity Girls Basketball @ Fruitport 6 pm
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