

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
COUGAR CONNECTION**

April 8, 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.

**Priority Re-Enrollment Ends Monday (April 11)!**

Priority enrollment ends **Monday, April 11** for current families, and open enrollment for any new family begins Tuesday (April 12). A separate email has been sent to you with instructions on how to re-enroll, *but please remember that to be considered enrolled, the online enrollment/paperwork must be completed, a payment plan on file, and the enrollment and application fees paid in full.* On April 12, the application fee for current families will **increase to \$100 per family**. Please contact Michelle Wilson with any questions about enrollment ([michelle.wilson@calhounchristian.org](mailto:michelle.wilson@calhounchristian.org)).

**LEGO CLUB**

Lego club will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Students are welcome to join to play and build with Legos from 3-4 pm. Club will meet April 12, and May 10.

**PIT CREW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

There will be a PIT Crew meeting on **Tuesday, April 12 at 5 pm** in the library. We will be discussing the Mother/Son event as well as plans for Teacher's Appreciation Week. Please come and support these fun and amazing events! See you there.

**PSAT/SAT AND WORK KEYS TESTING**

All of our 9th - 11th grade students at CCS are registered to take the PSAT 9, PSAT 10, & SATw/essay on the statewide test day of Wednesday, April 13, beginning at 7:45am and ending between 11:30am and 1:00pm (depending on the test). Students will resume their regular afternoon schedule, following testing. Off-site programs will be aware of our testing window, and your student will be excused to arrive late, if needed.

JUNIORS will take an additional test, the ACT WorkKeys, starting at 7:45am on Thursday, April 14. The structure and guidelines for the WorkKeys will be the same as for the SAT. Additionally, the juniors will also take a short, online Michigan assessment in Science & Social Studies in April or May (date TBA). If you have any further questions

**CCS SPRING PICTURES**

April 18<sup>th</sup> – ONE DAY ONLY! Spring photos will be taken for grades Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Please see the info provided here. If you do **NOT** want your student's photo taken please fill out and return the form. Otherwise, all student from Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will have his or her photo taken.

**PRESCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

Little people can make a BIG difference! Preschool is supporting this awesome ministry **ALTERNATIVES** in Battle Creek. There will be a collection basket in our preschool hallway [across from our preschool

restroom] for donations. We will be collecting items through **May 5, 2022** and plan on blessing them with our donation on May 6, 2022.

Please consider bringing in one or more of the following to bless this amazing ministry that is literally changing lives. You can find out more at <https://www.alternativescc.org/>

- **Big Items:** Baby baths, Breast pumps [new], Booster seats, Changing tables, Exersaucers, Pac-n-play, PottySeats, Strollers, Table seats [hook to table]
- **Misc Items:** Baby shampoo/Wash [new], Bottles [new], Changing table pad, Crib Sheets, Diaper cream [new], Eating utensils, Toddler plates/bowls, Towels/Wash cloths, Shoes, Sippy cups [new]
- **Maternity:** Bras/Undies, coats, dresses, pants, PJ's, sweaters, tops
- **Boys Clothing:** 18 M, 2T, 3T/4T
- **Girls Clothing:** 18 M, 2T, 3T/4T
- **Food:** Baby Formula, Toddler Food
- **For Fun:** CD/DVD/Movies

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR**

The MS science fair will be held in the school's cafeteria, Thursday, May 5 from 12:45 pm to 2:45 pm. All parents, grandparents, students and friends of CCS are invited [*please sign in at the office*] to come and see the fantastic job the MS students have done. It has been twelve weeks of work, and they are excited to show it off! Please mark your calendar to visit this amazing display!

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

If you need volunteer hours to fulfill your service commitment, please follow these links for volunteer opportunities.

SPORTS: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eacac23a0fbc07-ccsathletics>

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

POPCORN AND PICKLE FRIDAY: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-popcorn1>

### **FOLLIES 2022**

Follies is back! Save the date for April 22 & 23 for "CCS Has Got Talent". Please plan to attend. This is a mission trip fundraiser. The fun will begin at 6 pm each night.

### **HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIPS ARE SET!**

After much prayer, research, and collaboration with old and new mission partners, we are finally ready to announce the locations for this year's high school mission trips! Specific details about the logistics, daily schedules, etc. will be communicated in April by the class advisors.

This year's trips are:

- 9th grade - **Miracle Camp and Retreat Center** in Lawton, Michigan with special guest teacher Erin Gutowski!
- 10th grade - **Bridgebuilders with Sunshine Gospel Ministries** in Chicago, Illinois
- 11th & 12th grade combined - **Praying Pelican Missions** in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Please be patient and wait for further communication from the class advisors - which should come by mid-April. CCS prayer warriors can begin lifting these trips up to the Lord now to ask His blessing and to prepare the hearts of those who we will be ministering to, as well as the CCS students and staff who will be serving.

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Please sign up to donate blood at our April 28 blood drive, 1:00 pm to 6:15 pm. You may sign up at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) [sponsor code CalhounChristian] or call 1-800-RED CROSS [1-800-733-2767]

### **HELP PROMOTE CCS**

Watch for CCS yard signs becoming available and help promote our school in a FUN way! MORE INFO TO COME!

### **COVID-19 AND TEMP CHECKS**

Please check your student's temperature daily BEFORE sending them to school. Do NOT send your student to school if they have

ONE of the following:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Shortness of breath
- Continuous cough
- Possible Exposure to Covid-19

OR TWO of the following:

- Chills
- Muscle pain/Body aches
- Congestion/Runny Nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New or loss of taste and smell

If your student tests positive for Covid-19, please contact the office. Once they are released, please provide a copy of their release document to the office upon returning. Thanks for helping us all stay safe and healthy.

### **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](https://www.wwmt.com/weather/closings), scroll down and "sign up to text/email alerts when your school or organization closes by clicking here."

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR:**

04/15: NO SCHOOL- GOOD FRIDAY

04/22-04/23: FOLLIES

04/28: Blood Drive

05/08-05/14: High School Mission Trips  
05/18: Students report from trip  
05/20: Last day on site for Seniors  
05/25: Middle School Finals; ½ day with early dismissal 11:30 am for MS  
05/26: Middle School Finals; ½ day with early dismissal 11:30 am for MS  
05/27: Middle School Finals; ½ day with early dismissal 11:30 am FOR ALL  
05/31-06/03: Middle School End of Year Trip  
06/01: Elementary Field Day  
06/01-06/03: High School Finals; ½ day with early dismissal 11:30 am for HS  
06/03: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL; ½ day with early dismissal 11:30 am FOR ALL

**SPORTS CALENDAR:**

04/12: Varsity Girls Soccer HOME vs. Marcellus 5 pm  
04/15: Varsity Girls Soccer AWAY @ Delton-Kellogg 5 pm  
04/19: Varsity Girls Soccer HOME vs. Barry County Christian 4:30 pm  
04/19: MS Girls Soccer HOME vs. Three Rivers 6:15 pm  
04/21: MS Girls Soccer AWAY @ Heritage Christian 4:30 pm  
04/22: Varsity Girls Soccer AWAY @ Heritage Christian 4:30 pm  
04/22: MS Girls Soccer AWAY @ Sturgis 6 pm  
04/26: Varsity Girls Soccer HOME vs. Battle Creek Academy 5 pm  
04/26: MS Girls Soccer HOME vs. Kalamazoo Comets 6:45 pm  
04/28: Varsity Girls Soccer HOME vs. Algoma Christian 5:30 pm  
04/29: MS Girls Soccer HOME vs. Sturgis 7:15 pm  
05/02: Varsity Girls Soccer AWAY @ Zion Christian 5 pm  
05/04: MS Girls Soccer AWAY @ Otsego Blue 5 pm  
05/06: Varsity Girls Soccer HOME vs. Creative Technologies Academy 5:30 pm  
05/06: MS Girls Soccer HOME vs. Quincy 7:15 pm  
05/09: MS Girls Soccer AWAY @ Comstock 7 pm  
05/10: Varsity Girls Soccer AWAY @ Barry County Christian 4:30 pm  
05/13: Varsity Girls Soccer HOME vs. Heritage Christian  
05/13: MS Girls Soccer HOME vs. Hackett 6:15 pm  
05/17: Varsity Girls Soccer HOME vs. Maple Valley 5:30 pm  
05/17: MS Girls Soccer HOME vs. Lawton 7:15 pm  
05/20: MS Girls Soccer AWAY @ Plainwell White 5 pm  
05/20: Varsity Girls Soccer AWAY @ Algoma Christian 5:30 pm  
05/23: Varsity Girls Soccer AWAY @ Quincy 5 pm  
05/23: MS Girls Soccer AWAY @ Quincy 7 pm