

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
**COUGAR CONNECTION**  
November 18, 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.

**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."

**EXTENDED CARE**

We have a half day next week on Wednesday. Please keep in mind there is **NO AFTER CARE** provided on **HALF DAYS. Pre school should be picked up by 11:20 am. Kindergarten through High School should be picked up by 11:30 am.**

**\*\*\*CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS\*\*\***

The Board of Calhoun Christian School will be collecting donations used to bless the staff with a Christmas bonus. Members of the Board will be at drop off and pick up. 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. More details to come soon!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

CCS will packing shoeboxes again this year and together with ACSI and Samaritan's Purse blessing children with not only small, tangible gifts, but the power of the gospel in their hands... in their language! We love the chance to teach our students to live out their faith in Jesus by joining this effort.

You can help by shopping for toys, school supplies, and personal care items to put in shoeboxes so they are ready for National Collection Week, **November 14-21, 2022!** Contact your student's homeroom teacher for more details.

**GRANDPARENT'S DAY 2022**

Join us Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 10 am for a special time with your grandchildren. At this event you will have the opportunity to:

- Enjoy time with your grandchildren
- Meet their teachers
- Share a snack
- Work on a simple but fun craft together
- Check out the Book Fair with your student in the Library

- Have your photo taken by Craft Photography

**\*\*\*THE BOOK FAIR IS HERE!\*\*\***

You and your student may shop the book fair in person, now through November 23 in the library before and after school. If you would like to volunteer, see Becky Cropsey or email her at [becky.cropsey@calhounchristian.org](mailto:becky.cropsey@calhounchristian.org)

If you are unable to come to the bookfair in person, you can shop online from our webpage: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/calhounchristianschool1> or set up an E-wallet. An E-wallet allows you to put an amount in your student's account for them to shop with. At check out, the student will use the E-wallet to purchase their books.

**LIVE NATIVITY- DECEMBER**

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](mailto:Diane.rome@calhounchristian.org) [Ginger.eckhart@calhounchristian.org](mailto:Ginger.eckhart@calhounchristian.org)

**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)**

\$100 Gift Card Raffle!! For three weeks only, from now until November 24, 2022, every purchase of at least \$300 gives you a chance to win one of two \$100 gift cards! Prizes are: 1 Amazon \$100 gift card & 1 ??Mystery?? \$100 gift card.

Winners will be announced on or before November 30, 2022. All forms of gift card purchases will be included. Purchases may be made online or in the school office. Questions should be directed to Necia DiTrapani at [necia.ditrapani@calhounchristian.org](mailto:necia.ditrapani@calhounchristian.org)

p.s. Make sure you never miss out on Raise Right bonuses and promotions by joining our new CCS RaiseRight Fundraiser Facebook group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/467833441994323>

### **LUNCH**

December lunches are open for ordering. Please be sure to scroll through the entire screen to ensure your lunches have been ordered for the entire month. **LUNCH ORDERS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 19.**

### **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).

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Lunch Program: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-20222023>
- Popcorn and Pickle Fridays: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-popcorn2>
- Sports: *Volleyball*- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48aba62ea6f9c52-home>

### **PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

Need a date night or time to run holiday errands? The juniors of CCS have you covered on Friday, December 16 from 5-9 pm. See the attached flyer for more information. The registration and waiver may be turned in to the office. ***DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS DUE DECEMBER 2.***

### **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* 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.**

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

11/23: Grandparents Day-11:30 dismissal for ALL  
11/24-25: Thanksgiving Break  
12/09: 11:30 dismissal for ALL  
12/09: Live Nativity 6:30pm  
12/19-21: Finals  
12/22: Community Service Day  
12/23: 11:30 dismissal for ALL; Staff Party  
12/23: End of 2nd quarter  
12/26-30: Christmas Break  
01/ 2-6: Christmas Break continues  
01/09: School Resumes

### **SPORTS CALENDAR**

11/21: MS Boys Basketball VS Will Carlton 5:30 pm

11/22: MS Boys Basketball VS Climax Scotts 6 pm  
11/28: MS Boys Basketball @ Pan Sophia 5:30 pm  
11/29: Varsity Girls Basketball VS Kalamazoo Christian 7 pm  
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