

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
**COUGAR CONNECTION**  
April 5, 2024

**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.

**MICHIGAN SCHOOL DAY TESTING - HIGH SCHOOL**

**APRIL 10 (WED):**

**SAT (11<sup>th</sup> gr), PSAT 10 (10<sup>th</sup> gr), and PSAT 9 (9<sup>th</sup> gr)** will start at 7:45 am.

The testing is expected to take all morning.

Students will attend their PM classes once testing is finished.

Seniors should not report until 5<sup>th</sup> hour.

**SENIOR BANQUET/PROM**

All CCS High School students are welcome to join us for the 2024 Senior Banquet. Tickets are on sale now in the office until April 12 for \$45 each. The theme is Under the Eastern Stars.

When: Saturday April 27; 6 pm – 10 pm

Where: Res Les Farms 1802 H Drive East Leroy, MI 49051

If you plan to bring an outside guest, please stop by the office for a guest form ASAP.

**PAINTERS NEEDED**

Calling all painters!! CCS has a need for interior painting in various locations throughout the school. Please contact the office or Nate Asma to let them know what days and times you may be available to help. Dates and times will be decided based on volunteer availability. Prior painting experience not required! Contact [Nate.Aasma@calhounchristian.org](mailto:Nate.Aasma@calhounchristian.org) with any questions.

**BADMINTON RACKETS NEEDED**

Do you have any rackets lying around the house you no longer need? Please consider donating them to the Gym department for use. See Laura Kennett for any questions.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

It takes a village to run the school with excellence. WE NEED YOU! Please consider where you are able to volunteer. If you are available to help, see the links above. If you have questions before signing up, please contact the office.

- [Lunch](#) (10am-12pm):
- [Popcorn & Pickle Fridays](#) (Friday mornings from 7:30am-10:30am)
- [Library Aide](#) (Monday's 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm)
- For other opportunities, please contact your student's teacher, the office, or watch the Cougar Connection for opportunities.

## **MOTHER SON CARNIVAL**

Come one, come all! Join us for a Mother Son Carnival on April 13th from 5pm-7pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets are on sale in the office until April 10th. Cost is \$25 per mother and son(s) and includes a pizza dinner, carnival tickets, and more! See you there!

**LAST LUNCH ORDER OF THE YEAR!!!** Lunch orders for May are open! Please order by April 19 by logging into the [FACTS Family Portal](#). We still need volunteers through the end of the year; sign up to serve lunch from 10:15–11:45am through our [Sign Up Genius](#). Be sure to keep in mind dates your student might be absent for mission or end of year trips and will not need to purchase a lunch.

**AMENDMENT TO 2023-2024 SERVICE HOUR AGREEMENT:** We have amended our Service Hours Agreement, as signed during the enrollment process, for the school year 2023-2024, and also for next school year 2024-2025. Previously, hours were expected to be logged by April 30, 2024 – **we are changing the “served and logged by” date to the last day of school, which is MAY 31, 2024.** We are trying to make this service hour expectation easier for our families to fulfill. Payment for any unserved hours will now be due by June 30, 2024. If you were planning on serving your hours for 2024-2025 between May 1-31, 2024, please contact [office@calhounchristian.org](mailto:office@calhounchristian.org) and we will credit it towards the 2024-2025 school year.

## **THEATRE OPPORTUNITIES**

- Calhoun Christian School is partnering with Lakeview for theatre. The next play will be for “Imagine A Dragon”. Information for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades is attached.
- Upcoming opportunities for other grades will be:
  - May-June - for High School (current 9-12)
  - June-July for Middle School (current 5-8)
- Calhoun Christian School Theatre in partnership with What-A-Do Theatre is proud to announce our summer musical. This year, 2024, we will be doing THE MUSIC MAN!
  - This musical is open to CCS students in grades 4-12. (Must currently (23-24) be in 4th grade).
  - Auditions for this musical will be held on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
  - We will be rehearsing beginning June 3rd and we will meet every day (start and end time TBD) for two weeks (approximately 8 hour rehearsals) including Saturday if needed. We will be performing on Thursday, June 13th, Friday, June 14th, and Saturday, June 15th. A more detailed schedule will be forthcoming.

## **FOLLIES**

April 19 & 20 “CCS Has Got Talent”. Come join us for a night of home-grown entertainment and refreshments. Follies is a Mission Trip Fundraiser for High School. Be sure to invite family and friends.

## **ST. JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SUMMER CARE PROGRAM**

If you need summer care for your child, please see the attached PDF for more info on St. Joes summer care program. Forms need to be turned in by Friday, April 12, 2024

## **HOUSING**

Do you, or someone you know have a rental house available? There are a couple families that are in need of a rental home. If you have any resources, please contact [rhea.bennett@calhounchristian.org](mailto:rhea.bennett@calhounchristian.org)

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Our next blood drive will be Wednesday, April 24, 2024 1:00 pm to 6:15 pm. Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS [1-800-733-2767]. Spring into action! Give blood for a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice. PLUS, automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$7,000 gift card. There will be two winners chosen! Terms apply: [rcblood/spring](http://rcblood/spring)

## **CCS MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**

**It's time to start cleaning out your closets because CCS's annual garage sale is coming up on May 4<sup>th</sup>! Table spaces will be \$10 per family and pays for advertising and use of CCS property.**

Some volunteer opportunities include:

- High School Students: assist with design and local marketing (including social media) of the sale (1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve – looking for 2-3 students)
- Driving students: Affixing flyers on community bulletin boards at locations such as grocery stores, convenience stores, churches, etc.
- Muscles: Set-up (Friday 5/3 after school) and Tear-down (Saturday 5/4 starting at 3pm), and floating during the sale for assistance in loading bigger or heavier items
- "Floaters" to assist booths and shoppers with various tasks and breaks
- Foodies: Donate baked goods for sale during the garage sale (to be sold at individual family tables)

**See the attached flyer for TABLE RESERVATION and VOLUNTEER sign-ups. More information to follow soon!**

## **SPORTS NEWS**

Save the dates for summer camps! More details to come soon!!!

- June 17-21: Basketball Camp
- June 24-28: Volleyball Camp

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

04/13: Mother/Son Carnival

04/19: Follies

04/20: Follies

04/27: PROM

04/29 – 05/03: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

05/05-05/11: 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade Mission Trips

05/13: Awards Night

05/15: Senior Mission Report

05/17: Last day on site for Seniors

05/22: MS Finals; 11:30 am Early dismissal for MS

05/23: MS Finals; 11:30 am Early dismissal for MS

05/24: MS Finals; 11:30 am Early dismissal for ALL  
05/24: Commencement 6:30 pm  
05/27: NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day  
05/28-05/31: Middle School Trip  
05/29: Field Day  
05/29: HS Finals; 11:30 am Early dismissal for HS  
05/30: HS Finals; 11:30 am Early dismissal for HS  
05/31: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL; 11:30 am Early dismissal for ALL  
06/01: LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS  
06/06: Popsicles on the Playground

### **SPORTS CALENDAR**

04/09: Varsity Girls Soccer @ Heritage Christian 5:30 pm  
04/10: MS Girls Soccer vs Plainwell 6 pm  
04/11: Varsity Girls Soccer vs Barry County 5 pm  
04/12: Boys Volleyball matches 3-8 pm  
04/15: Varsity Girls Soccer @ Tri Unity 6 pm  
04/16: Varsity Girls Soccer vs Bronson 5 pm  
04/16: MS Girls Soccer vs Three Rivers 6:45 pm  
04/18: Varsity Girls Soccer vs Maple Valley 5:30 pm  
04/18: MS Girls Soccer @ Kalamazoo Cougars 6:45 pm  
04/22: Varsity Girls Soccer @ Quincy 5 pm  
04/22: MS Girls Soccer @ Quincy 6:45 pm  
04/24: Boys VB matches 3-8 pm  
04/25: MS Girls Soccer vs Comstock 4:30 pm  
04/25: Varsity Girls Soccer vs Delton 6 pm  
04/30: MS Girls Soccer vs Lakeview 4 pm  
05/02: MS girls soccer @ Vicksburg 5:30 pm  
05/02: Varsity Girls Soccer @ Bronson 5:30 pm