



Calhoun R-VIII Newsletter

October-November 2022



Upcoming Dates:

Dec 7 – K-8 Community Meeting, 7:00 pm

Dec 10 – Honor Band at Smith Cotton

Dec 12-15 – Dental Bus

Dec 13 – Winter Music Program and Art Show, 6:00 pm

Dec 15 – School Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

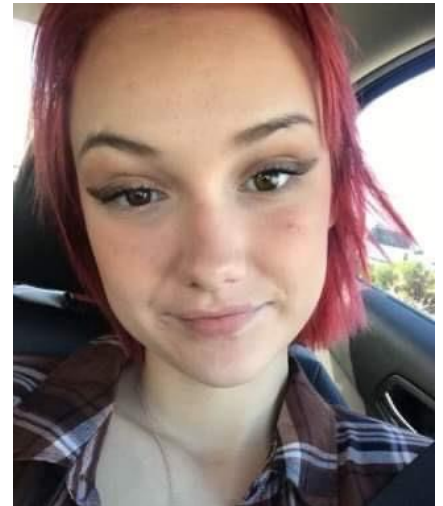
Dec 16 – Last Day of 1st Semester, Early Release, 12:30 pm

Dec 19-Jan 2 – No School, Winter Break

Trinity Egbert

Trinity Shaw Egbert is our second senior at Calhoun R-VIII this year. In her spare time, she likes to sew, paint, do yoga, and read. Her mom Stacy Rusche and sisters Amanda and Jessica are her most influential role models. Her mental health was the biggest challenge she faced these last four years. It is a major factor in why she chose to attend school online. Of her time here, she will most remember having met many friends from Calhoun and through her mom having been a part of the district for so many years. She also went to preschool in Calhoun and has lots of family in this district.

Calhoun Eagles
Proudly Present...



Trinity’s future plan is to become a dental hygienist. In ten years, she will have graduated college and started her career as a dental hygienist. When asked about her advice for the underclassmen, she responded, “My advice is to never give up even when it seems impossible. Your education is something nobody can ever take away from you.”

Elementary Cross-Country

Several elementary students from Calhoun Elementary competed in the open cross country meet at Montrose on Wednesday evening, October 19. All



students finished the race. Competing were Matthew Morgan, Gavin Smith, Owen Pennock, Carson Antwiler, Lilly Antwiler, and Lillianna Amtwiler. The students were accompanied by Coach Kreisel and Mr. Holman.

Fire Prevention Week

On October 14, the Calhoun Fire Department came to each Elementary classroom. First, they demonstrated what a firefighter looks like with full gear on so the kids would understand that someone safe and helpful is underneath. The kids loved getting a close look at the gear and trying to lift some of it with supervision. Then, the classes were taken on a tour of the fire truck in the school parking lot. They got to see the lights, take turns going in the cab, and they loved hearing the siren! Thank you, Calhoun Fire Department, for the great time learning about your job and for all you do for the community.



Eagle Pride Marching Band

On October 15, the Eagle Pride Marching Band attend UCM Homecoming. They performed with the mass band on the field along with other bands from across the state. The flute section got an extra surprise this year when they received some coaching from the Director of Bands. The students did well and enjoyed their time together on and off the field.



Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was full of presentations and dressing up, and the students came away with useful information. First, the Prevention Coordinator from Compass Health gave an interactive presentation about drugs to grades 7-12. The students did a good job paying attention and asking pertinent questions.

On October 26, Lyle East, a local cattle/sheep dog trainer did a demonstration with his best dog and some ornery ducks. It was incredible to watch how the dog responded to his trainer's stance, gestures, and whistles. It was even more incredible that he was able to herd a bunch of ducks who did not want to cooperate. Well done! Mr. East also talked about how

the path life takes you on is not always what you expect. You also should never sell yourself short on the dreams you have; if you can make a living doing what you love, then get out there and go for it.

On October 28, a therapy dog trainer came to the Elementary classrooms with her therapy dog. The students loved getting to meet them both.

Red Ribbon Week Dress-Up Days:

October 25--- Other Than a Backpack Day

October 26---Wear Red Day

October 27---- Red, White, and Blue Day

October 28--- School Colors/Eagle Gear Day



Haunted Trail

Our spooky Eagles brought us an amazing Haunted Trail once again. The students always show how dedicated and hardworking they can be, and the Haunted Trail has never disappointed. Thank you to Shawn Duensing for organizing this event and to all the volunteers who give up hours of their time daily to make this a success.



Veterans Day

CALHOUN VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

NOVEMBER 11, 2022

- Star Spangled Banner
 - Performed by Kimber Marriott
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Read by Mrs. Anita Calhoun's Kindergarten class
- HS Band
 - Military Ball Tunes
- Guest Speaker - Stacy Rusche
- 3rd-6th Grade Music
 - "This is my Country," *Rodger Emerson*
- Guest Speaker - Mike Lamb
- K-2nd Grade Music
 - Ribbon Dance "The Liberty Bell March," *John Philip Sousa*
- Recognition of Veterans

All Veterans are invited for refreshments after the ceremony in the cafeteria.



Thanksgiving/Grandparents Day

Shout out to Kairrie Harris for an amazing Thanksgiving dinner. The spread was delicious, including turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, stuffing, and rolls with butter. We all stuffed our faces and enjoyed the company of staff, students, and grandparents. We also constantly had people coming by to pick up meals. We are so grateful to be able to serve the community in this way every year.

12 Days of Christmas

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1 12/1 Thurs.	The Stockings were hung by the chimney with care... Wear your favorite holiday socks!	7 12/9 Fri.	With the lights all aglow... Wear sparkles or lights, bring a flashlight for reading
2 12/2 Fri.	Jingle Bell Rock... Wear bells and listen to Christmas music while you work!	8 12/12	Sleigh Bells Ring, Are You Glistening? Wear your nicest holiday outfit
3 12/5 Mon.	I took a lick of a peppermint stick... Wear red and white like a candy canel	9 12/13	Let it Snow or Angels We Have Heard on High... Dress in white as a snowman or a Christmas angel! the Christmas program is tonight!
4 12/6 Tues.	Deck the halls... Wear your favorite holiday accessories (necklaces, ears, jewelry, earrings)	10 12/14	Elf on the Shelf, Santa Needs Help! Dress like one of Santa's helpers - an elf, a reindeer, Mrs. Claus...
5 12/7 Wed.	You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch... Dress in green like the Grinch!	11 12/15	Baby, it's cold outside... Wear your favorite flannel clothing today!
6 12/8 Thurs.	There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found... Wear your favorite Christmas head gear!	12 12/16	Silent night...Early out! Wear PJs. Today is Stuff the Stockings and Christmas Party day!

Donations

Calhoun R-VIII would like to thank the following for their donations to our students and our school:

Freedom of Road Riders Motorcycle Group—black pens, Kleenexes, and notebooks

Knights of Columbus—winter coats, \$40.00 toward breakfast/lunch accounts

Missouri Army National Guard—10 ear warmers

Community Meeting for Possible K-8 Transition

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Preparing motivated, responsible, productive, lifelong learners

At the October School Board meeting, the school board decided they wanted to gather some information from parents of our current students about the option of moving Calhoun R-VIII to a K-8 district and allowing our Calhoun High School students the opportunities they currently do not have because of our low enrollment numbers. From the responses we got back, over 85% of families are in favor of moving to a K-8 District and providing opportunities for our High School students. We currently only have 21 total students in grades 9th-12th. It is very difficult to have enough students for extracurricular, co-curricular opportunities and for a variety of academic classes and programs. This has nothing to do with district finances, this is not a cost saving measure; Calhoun R-VIII school district has very strong balances in the bank, with over 50% reserves and can continue on as a K-12 school district without any financial concerns. This conversation is strictly about the lack of opportunities for High School students due to low enrollment.

We do not have a Business, Ag or FACS teacher to offer FBLA, FFA or FCCLA organizations that promote leadership opportunities because we do not have enough students to fill those elective courses. We are only able to offer these courses and many others online such as upper level Science, upper level Math, Computer Science, Business, Agriculture, Family and Consumer Science, Industrial Technology to name a few.

K-8 districts misconceptions or common questions:

- Will I have to provide transportation to the other schools for my High School students? **The answer is NO.**
 - Calhoun would be required to provide bus transportation to one area high school, such as to Clinton, Windsor or Leeton, but not all 3.
- Will this affect my taxes? **The answer is NO.**
 - You will continue to pay taxes to Calhoun R-VIII Schools, not the area school districts higher tax rates.
- Will funding be cut for Calhoun Schools if they go to K-8? **The answer is NO.**
 - We will continue to get the same funding because any student that finishes 8th grade is technically still a Calhoun student for funding purposes. Calhoun would pay tuition to the school district the student chooses to attend for High School, so we continue to get funding for those students from the state. Similar to how Leesville has paid Calhoun Schools for their students to attend High School in Calhoun over the years.

Some area K-8 Districts and their K-8 enrollments:

- Leesville-109
- Shawnee Mound-51
- Davis-48
- If Calhoun moved to K-8 we would be approximately 60 students in K-8

Years ago Calhoun graduated 15-20 students regularly and smaller classes would still be 10-15 students. The last three years we have graduated 6, 4 and 3 students and this year will graduate 3 students. With these small class sizes in high school, our students just don't have the same opportunities as other area High Schools.

We will have a community meeting for anyone interested in asking questions and discussing the possibility of transitioning to a K-8 and allow our High School students opportunities at area High Schools they don't currently have.

Meeting date will be December 7th at 6pm in the Calhoun Schools gymnasium for anyone interested in attending.

Financial Statements

Calhoun R-VIII School District
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Bank & Cash Reconciliation

Fund Cash Balance by Fund

Fund Number and Description	Cash Balance	Comments
001 - GENERAL FUND	950,058.76	
002 - TEACHERS FUND	65,387.61	
003 - DEBT SERVICE FUND	.00	
004 - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	26,330.16	
Adjustment 1 :	.00	
Adjustment 2 :	.00	
Adjustment 3 :	.00	
Adjustment 4 :	.00	
TOTAL :	1,041,776.53	

Bank Cash and Reconciled Balances:

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xxxx1805 - Main Checking - HAWTHORN	-14,912.00	381.23	
xxxx5628 - Savings - HAWTHORN	1,037,967.83	1,119,517.37	
xxxx2890 - CD - HAWTHORN	18,520.70	18,520.70	
xxxx1132 - Petty Cash - HAWTHORN	200.00	200.00	
Outstanding Amount: xxxx1805 - Main Checking - HAWTHORN	.00	-15,293.23	
Outstanding Amount: xxxx5628 - Savings - HAWTHORN	.00	-81,549.54	
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Menu

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Breakfast menu is subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	NO SCHOOL			1 Apple Strudel Fruit Juice Milk	2 Biscuit Gravy Fruit Juice Milk	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL	6 Breakfast burrito Fruit Juice Milk	7 Cereal Toast Fruit Juice Milk	8 Sausage/pancake On a stick Fruit Juice Milk	9 Biscuit Gravy Fruit Juice Milk	10
11	12 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	13 Egg & Cheese Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	14 Cereal Toast Fruit Juice Milk	15 Apple Strudel Fruit Juice Milk	16 Biscuit Gravy Fruit Juice Milk	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	

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Lunch Menu is subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	ALL 9-12 GRADE LUNCHES INCLUDES JUICE			1 Creamy Chicken noodle Carrots Broccoli Pears Milk	2 Cheeseburger on a bun Fries Baked Beans Apple Milk	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL	6 BBQ rib on bun Broccoli Fries Fruit Milk	7 Chicken patty Mashed potatoes Gravy Green beans Peaches Milk (bread, 7-12)	8 Taco Soup Fritos Corn Fruit Milk	9 Pizza Peas Salad Pineapple Chunks Milk	10
11	12 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Mixed Veggies Fruit Milk	13 Alfredo Carrots Salad Pears Milk	14 Chicken patty Mashed potatoes Gravy Green beans Peaches Milk (bread, 7-12)	15 Taco Salad Lettuce/Salsa Refried Beans Clementine Milk	16 Hot Dog on a bun Chips Corn Apple Milk	17
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