



Calhoun R-VIII Newsletter



Important Dates:

Dec 1 – ASVAB testing

**Dec 2 – CSA Adult Co-ed
Volleyball Tournament**

**Dec 4-9 – Tiger Classic @
Kingsville**

**Dec 5 – Title I and SAC
Family Night @ 5:30**

**Dec 12-Jan 16 – BOE
Candidate Filings**

**Dec 12 – Christmas
Concert and Art Show @
6:00 pm**

**Dec 13 – ECC Winter
Family Night @ 6:00 pm**

**Dec 18 – BOE Meeting @
6:00 pm (HS Computer
Lab)**

**Dec 19 – k-12 Early
Release @ 12:30 pm**

**Dec 20-Jan 3 –
Christmas break**

Lindsay Rusche is a senior who enjoys school and extracurricular alike. If she isn't studying or reading, she is hanging out with friends, playing volleyball, or watching *Bates Motel*, *Cupcake Wars*, or the ID Channel.



After high school, Lindsay plans on graduating William Woods University with a psychology degree, working at the state hospital in Fulton, MO, and putting her cat, Bella, through service animal training. She looks forward to someday being married with one kid, living in a nice little house, and starting a kitten rescue organization.

Lindsay remembers putting time and effort into her class functions. However, she also remembers struggling to find where she belongs: "It took me a while to understand that no



one can help me more than myself...I'm stepping up and powering through life." She has no specific role models; her views have made her "a combination of many different people." Her advice to the underclassmen: "Life only gets harder from here: learn how to balance your time...High school is as simple as it gets, so do your best."

Sports Highlights

The Calhoun Eagles started their basketball season by hosting the Sherwood Marksman on Friday November 17. The boys kept a strong lead all night, winning the game. The girls started strong, but ended up losing a close game. On Tuesday, November 28, they played the Northwest Mustangs at Hughesville. Both the boys and the girls made a good effort, but did not win either game. The Calhoun Eagles will also be participating in the Tiger Classic in Kingsville December 4-9.

Official Roster for the Calhoun Eagles—Athletic Director, Ron Kreisel

Eagles	Grade	Number
Andy Redding	12 th	5
Nicholas Rusche	11 th	14
Anthony Hilbert	12 th	15
Tristan Isabell	10 th	30
Ian Cooper	10 th	32
David Boonstra	12 th	33
Manager: Trenton Richey		
Coach: Jon Stackhouse		

Lady Eagles	Grade	Number
Taylor Trull	12 th	3
Kendra Phillips	12 th	4
Tylar White	11 th	20
Elana Hollinger	12 th	23
Rachel Kelso	11 th	25
Elizabeth Thomas	9 th	32
Manager: Desi Bailey		
Coach: Mike Lamb		
Assistant Coach: Dakota Ioanis		

Varsity Cheerleaders	Grade
Captain: Taylor Trull	12 th
Co-Captain: Elana Hollinger	12 th
Kendra Phillips	12 th
Hayli Watson	11 th
Tylar White	11 th
Jessica Price	10 th
Gracie Hollinger	10 th
Elizabeth Thomas	9 th
Coach: Brittany Riecke	

Calhoun vs. Sherwood Stats, November 17, 2017

Eagles	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks
Andy Redding	36	-	8	4	-
Anthony Hilbert	21	10	-	-	3
David Boonstra	10	7	-	-	-
Nicholas Rusche	2	-	-	-	-
Tristan Isabell	-	3	-	-	-
Ian Cooper	-	2	2	2	1

Lady Eagles	Points	Rebounds
Tylar White	11	10
Rachel Kelso	11	9
Elana Hollinger	7	-
Taylor Trull	2	-
Libby Thomas	2	-

Eagles vs. Freshman Marksman	1 st Half	Game
Score	46-24	69-48

Lady Eagles vs. JV Lady Marksman	1 st Quarter	Half	3 rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Game
Score	11-7	19-9	4-16	10-16	33-41

Calhoun vs. Northwest Stats, November 28, 2017

Eagles vs. Mustangs	Lady Eagles vs. Lady Mustangs
50-70	36-54

Brackets for Tiger Classic @ Kingsville, December 4-9

Tiger Classic

BOYS SEEDS									
				1) Chillhowee Tuesday Dec. 5 - 4:30		8) Hermitage Thursday Dec. 7 - 7:30			
				4) tie Heartland Tuesday Dec. 5 - 6:00					
5th Place Saturday Dec. 9 3:30				4) tie Calhoun				Saturday Dec. 9 7:30 1st Place	
				2) Drexel Tuesday Dec. 5 - 7:30					
		Thursday Dec. 7 - 6:00		7) Kingsville					
				3) Green Ridge Tuesday Dec. 5 - 9:00					
7th Place Saturday Dec. 9 2:00				6) Miami				Saturday Dec. 9 5:00 3rd Place	

Tiger Classic

				GIRLS SEEDS			
				1) Kingsville			
			Bye	Monday No Game	Kingsville		
			Wednesday Dec. 6	8) Bye	Wednesday Dec. 6 6:30		
			No Game	4) Green Ridge			
				Monday Dec. 4 - 5:00			
				5) Miami			
		Friday Dec. 8 5:00				Friday Dec. 8 8:00	
5th Place				2) Drexel			1st Place
				Monday Dec. 4 - 6:30			
				7) Chilhowee			
			Wednesday Dec. 6 5:00		Wednesday Dec. 6 8:00		
				3) Heartland			
				Monday Dec. 4 - 8:00			
				6) Calhoun			
		Bye				Friday Dec. 8 6:30	3rd Place
		Friday Dec. 8 No Game					
7th Place							



Veteran's Day

On November 10, Calhoun R-VIII honored our veterans. They were welcomed that morning with a breakfast and then cheered for by the elementary students, as the veterans made their way to the assembly waiting for them in the gym. The Color Guard was presented by Anthony Hilbert and David Boonstra, and then Student Council President Elizabeth Thomas gave a welcome speech. The *Star Spangled Banner* was performed by the HS Band, followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance*, led by the Kindergarten.

Kimber Marriott, Emmaleigh Smith, and Trevor Fields gave a sweet performance of Cheryl Dyson's poem "Veterans Day." They were followed by the 3rd-6th Grades performing *This Flag We Fly*, who were then joined by the Kindergarten and 1st-2nd Grade for an exhilarating rendition of *You're a Grand Old Flag*, which included dancing with colorful streamers and plates. Anthony Hilbert concluded this portion of the assembly by reciting the patriotic poem "To Honor the Veterans."



Our guest speakers for the morning were James Burson and our current mathematics teacher, Mr. Lamb. Mr. Burson told us stories of his time in the Air Force with passion and excitement; Mr. Lamb, equally passionate, gave us a glimpse of what it's like to be away from family when serving in the military and how grateful military personnel are for the sacrifices their families make. All of the veterans then had the opportunity to stand for their branches during the *Medley of Armed Forces* video.



To conclude the assembly, the HS and 6th Grade Bands performed *Patriotic Salute*. Then, the HS Cheerleaders gave a honorable performance of *God Bless the USA*. Finally, the room fell still, as Autumn Rusche played Taps and moved us all. Our veterans then lined the gym wall, and the students took a moment to shake hands and thank the veterans for their service and dedication. It was a sweet ending to a respectful assembly.



Grandparents' Day

November 17, 2017, brought us a turkey dinner and beloved grandparents. After a delightful Thanksgiving dinner in the cafeteria, the grandparents were welcomed into the gym for a concert in their



honor. The 3rd-6th Grades sang *This Flag We Fly* and *Just Chillin'*. The Kindergarten and 1st-2nd Grades sang *Mittens and Gloves*; they also encored *You're a Grand Old Flag* from the Veteran's Day assembly. The Elementary and JH Bands performed *Cousin Louie*, while the 6th



Grade and HS Bands encored *Patriotic Salute* from the Veteran's Day assembly. The HS Band also performed *Let's Get It Started*. The students loved spending the afternoon with their grandparents.



Pep Rally

Our first pep rally of the year had students and teachers alike up and moving. We were introduced to this year's Eagles and Lady Eagles and their coaches/manager. The HS Cheerleaders did a



fantastic job getting people to participate in cheers and games. The Hoola-Hoop Chain challenged their spatial awareness by using kids of all heights. The Blindfold race was a sight to be seen, with the blindfolded students being directed by the ones they were leading. Then, the race was definitely on, as the coaches all had to move a cookie from their foreheads into their mouths without using their hands. The competition was intense, to say the least, but Coach Kreisel finally achieved victory, prompting

thunderous applause and cheering from his all his fans. The energetic assembly ended with celebratory dancing, and everyone had a blast.



Dear Eagle Community,

We made it through the Thanksgiving holiday break and are now looking toward Christmas. This is a magical time of year, but also one of the most challenging as a teacher! The students have their minds focused on the joys of the season and it is our job to help keep them focused despite all of the distractions!

This past month has been great at Calhoun R-VIII. We continue to achieve high attendance, students are engaged and learning, and we received notice that we are now fully accredited! The students at this school deserve the best and should be recognized for their abilities to achieve at high levels. The teachers and staff work hard every day to see that all students are provided with a high quality education. This move from provisional to fully accredit is an example of what the Eagles can accomplish.

I was so impressed with the staff and students at Calhoun for the hard work they put into the Veteran's Day breakfast and assembly and then the Thanksgiving Feast for Grandparents/Senior Citizens proved also to be a success. The hard work that goes into these things is always appreciated by all.

December will be full of fun activities and chances for parents to be a part of what is going on. Basketball was tipped off in a game vs. Sherwood on November 17 with many more chances scheduled in December through February for you to cheer on our boys and girls. A Literacy Night is planned for Tuesday, December 5, and music is on the calendar for December 12, and many more exciting things are sure to be added as we near the next holiday break.

I look forward to seeing many of you as you come out to support our school. Thank you for what you do to make this a great place for all of us!

Happy Holidays!

Ms. Russell

Music Notes

This fall has been a busy one for the Music Department.

Our **Eagle Pride Band** marched at the Colt Show, Leeton Fair, and Windsor and UCM Homecoming parades, as well as performed in the mass band at UCM's football game. The students represented themselves and the school well at each showing.

This year we have two **elementary bands**: Beginning Band, with 5th and 6th grade members, and Advanced Band. Our elementary bands meet with the JH Band time three days a week. This allows the JH Band to mentor and help the students to progress at a quicker pace. Our Beginning Band has mastered their first 6 notes—this includes reading music, fingerings, embouchure, breath support, and tonguing simultaneously. Our Advanced Elementary Band has risen to the challenge of playing with the JH/HS band on certain pieces. I am looking forward to seeing how far we can progress this year!

Elementary Music played instruments, moved, and explored music. We were able to take 3rd-6th grades to see the Kansas City Symphony perform on Oct 17! This was great fun; they had an Out of this World program mixing music with space exploration. Our very own Madalyn Ross won the writing composition contest and was recognized on stage.

Fall Fundraiser: Oct 17 we started our fall fundraiser. With great support from the community, we raised money for instrument repairs and ordering more elementary instruments!

Veteran's Day and Grandparents' Day Assemblies: Elementary Music performed, and the Advanced Elementary Band played with the JH/HS Band for both our veteran and grandparent guests on November 10 and 17, respectfully. I heard many compliments on how well the band played.

Christmas Concert and Art Show will be December 12, starting at 6:00 pm. All students report at 5:30. Please come out and support our students.

JH Honor Band: Three of our students were selected to participate in the JH Honor Bands, which will take place Jan 13 at the Smith-Cotton JH: Reese Hartgrave, Autumn Rusche, and Arionna Watson. The concert starts at 5:00 with the District Jazz Band playing first.

Thank you for supporting our students in their musical endeavors and their Music Department.

Musically yours,

Michal Hopkins

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Dear Community Members,

The district should be extremely proud of the Annual Performance Report (APR) that came out in November. The district increased its total point score by 23.2% over the 2016 score of 66.7%. According to the MSIP 5 criteria, the school district is in the Accredited category.

This level of improvement is accomplished by a concerted effort on the part of the teachers, students, staff and community.

I congratulate you all on a job well done!

	2014	2015	2016	2017
APR Total Points	90.5/140	125.5/138	92.0/138	124.0/138
Percent of Points	64.6%	90.9%	66.7%	89.9%

Respectfully,

John Thompson

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Superintendent

BASKETBALL CO-OP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CALHOUN R-VIII 2018-2019.

Many positive attributes come from small numbers in rural schools. At the same time, it can create some problems when it comes to participation in district sports activities. As the student numbers continue to decline we must look at other opportunities so our students can participate in those district offered extra-curricular sport activities at Calhoun R-VIII.

The district has looked into the possibility of co-opting with neighboring school districts for basketball next year. This option provides a level of competition our athletes might not receive as a member of our program and it offers the opportunity for greater social interaction.

We presently have four boys who have committed to participating in basketball for the 2018-2019 season. This number includes four junior high players that will be freshman next year. There are six girls, if all participate that would make up our girls program next year. Eight potential junior high players would make up the coed junior high team for next year.

MSHSAA has certain stipulations regarding the co-opting process. We have contacted the districts that meet that requirement and they have declined to participate co-opting with the district next year.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact Ron Kreisel or John Thompson at 660-694-3422.



Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery



When?

December 1, 2017 from 8:30am to 11:30am

Who takes it?

All Sophomores, as well as some Juniors and Seniors

What's it for?

The ASVAB is designed to be helpful to virtually all students, whether they are planning on immediate employment after high school in civilian or military occupations, or further education at a university, community college, or vocational institution. It can help you identify your interests, clarify what is important to you, and better understand your skills and abilities.



TITLE I & SAC Family Night!!

Join us for food and Christmas Bingo-
oh, and a surprise!!!!

When: Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 5:30pm

Where: In the elementary cafeteria ☺

Who?? Calhoun students and their families!!

Calhoun Eagles' Art Show and Christmas Concert!

When: December 12,
Doors open at 5:30 pm
Concert starts at 6:00 pm

Where: Art Show-Cafeteria
Christmas Concert-Gym



Who: All are welcome!!!!

Come support our young
artists and musicians!

Adult Co-ed Volleyball Tournament



Saturday, December 2nd 9:00am

Calhoun Gymnasium

**Donuts and concessions
available**

**CALHOUN STAFF ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR
FIRST ANNUAL CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT.**

**Teams are made of 6 players (no more than 3 men on a team) and will
be played using a single elimination bracket. Cost for each player is \$15.**

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Calhoun Staff Association to provide scholarships to Calhoun students and additional classroom resources to teachers.

Calhoun Early Childhood Center

Winter Family Night



When: Wednesday, December 13th 2017

Where: Calhoun Early Childhood Center
Calhoun, Mo.

Time: 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Meal provides for families.

Activities: Holiday games , Making Ornament , Crafts, Prizes, Snacks and much more!!



NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING

Notice is hereby given to the patrons of the Calhoun R-VIII School District, that the declarations for candidacy for Director of the Board of Education may be filed with the Board Secretary beginning Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Times for filing will be (8:00 AM to 3:30 PM) on the days, that school is in session. Tuesday, January 16, 2018 is the final day for filing. On the first and last dates, December 12, 2017 and January 16, 2018 hours for filing will run from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

The Calhoun R-VIII School District will have two Directors who shall serve as members of the Board of Education for the Calhoun R-VIII School District for three years each.

Eligible candidates must be at least 24 years of age, be a resident taxpayer of the district, have resided in Missouri at least one year prior to their election to the Board, be current in the payment of all taxes as stated below, in addition, be a United States citizen.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2017

	INCIDENTAL FUND 1	TEACHER FUND 2	DEBT SERVICE FUND 3	CAPITAL IMP FUND 4	TOTAL
Beginning Bal Oct 1, 2017	\$56,477.79	(\$79,850.20)	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	(\$5,372.41)
Receipts through Oct 31, 2017	\$132,235.15	\$119,550.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$251,785.29
TOTALS	\$188,712.94	\$39,699.94	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$246,412.88
Disbursements through Oct 31, 2017	\$169,651.71	\$114,625.59	\$0.00	\$13,825.00	\$298,102.30
Balance Oct 31, 2017	\$19,061.23	(\$74,925.65)	\$0.00	\$4,175.00	(\$51,689.42)
Beginning Balance July 1, 2017	\$59,879.47				
YTD Receipts through Oct 31, 2017	\$785,627.51				
TOTALS	\$845,506.98				
YTD Disbursements through October 31, 2017	\$897,196.40				
TOTALS	(\$51,689.42)				
LESS INVESTMENTS	\$0.00	**			
OPERATING BALANCE October 31, 2017	(\$51,689.42)				
\$17,236.78	CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT				
\$200.00	PETTY CASH				

Calhoun R-VIII - Lunch Menu for December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Breakfast Breakfast sandwich, cook's choice, sweet potato fries, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch Grilled cheese sandwich, soup of cook's choice, fruit/veg bar, milk.	2
3 Breakfast Breakfast and lunch menu are subject to change. Lunch "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."	4 Breakfast Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch Chicken nachos, corn, fruit/veg bar, milk.	5 Breakfast Sausage pancake on a stick, pineapple, juice, milk. Lunch Hotdog on bun, baked beans, fruit/veg bar, milk.	6 Breakfast Pancake or waffle, cook's choice, pears, juice, milk. Lunch Chicken stir fry rice, steam veggies, fruit/veg bar, milk.	7 Breakfast Biscuit and gravy, peaches, juice, milk. Lunch Baked potato, cottage cheese, bread stick, fruit/veg bar, milk.	8 Breakfast Breakfast sandwich, cook's choice, sweet potato fries, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch Chicken patty on bun, chips, fruit/veg bar, milk.	9
10	11 Breakfast Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, fruit, milk. Lunch Cheeseburger on bun, oven fries, fruit/veg bar, milk.	12 Breakfast Sausage pancake on a stick, pineapple, juice, milk. Lunch Oven baked chicken, veggies with cheese, bread stick, fruit/veg bar, milk.	13 Breakfast Pancake or waffle, cook's choice, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch Spaghetti, green beans, fruit/veg bar, milk.	14 Breakfast Biscuit and gravy, peaches, juice, milk. Lunch Taco salad, refried beans, fruit/veg, juice, milk.	15 Breakfast Breakfast sandwich, cook's choice, sweet potato fries, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch Chicken and waffle, fruit/veg bar, milk.	16
17	18 Breakfast Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch Breaded chicken patty, mashed potato and gravy, green beans, fruit/veg bar, milk.	19 Breakfast Sausage pancake on a stick, pineapple, juice, milk. Lunch Goulash, steamed veggies, fruit/veg bar, milk.	20 Breakfast NO SCHOOL Lunch WINTER BREAK	21 Breakfast NO SCHOOL Lunch WINTER BREAK	22 Breakfast NO SCHOOL Lunch WINTER BREAK	23
24	25 Breakfast NO SCHOOL Lunch WINTER BREAK	26 Breakfast NO SCHOOL Lunch WINTER BREAK	27 Breakfast NO SCHOOL Lunch WINTER BREAK	28 Breakfast NO SCHOOL Lunch WINTER BREAK	29 Breakfast NO SCHOOL Lunch WINTER BREAK	30
31						