



# Calhoun R-VIII Newsletter

December-January 2018



- Important Dates:**
- Dec 18 – Early Out/  
Christmas Break**
  - Dec 19-Jan 4 – No  
School/Christmas  
Break**
  - Jan 4 – Teachers’ PD Day**
  - Jan 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter/  
2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
Begins**
  - Jan 19 – Conference  
Band at Kingsville**
  - Jan 21 – No School/  
MLK Day**
  - Jan 25 – Homecoming**

Skylar Elise Manis enjoys listening to music in her spare time. This past time helps her through the stress of school, which is what she will remember most about Calhoun R-VIII. Her biggest challenge over the last four years has been fighting her procrastination. Thankfully her dad has been there to help her, and he is even her most influential role model.



Skylar’s future plan is to find a job that she will love doing. In 10 years, she sees herself happily married to the one she loves and having some kids. Her advice to the underclassmen is, “Don’t be late; be prepared, and work hard.”



**Sports Highlights**

**Lady Eagles Basketball Shining Season Start**

One December 3, Tylar White hit a 3 pointer with 14.2 seconds left on the clock as the Calhoun Lady Eagles defeated the Chilhowee 35-32 in the first round of the Tiger Classic at Kingsville. Rachel Kelso and Tylar each had double-doubles to lead the Eagles statically. Three girls played in their first varsity game. Desi and Elli



Bailey each made a 3 for the Eagles, and freshman Autumn Rusche made and potential game-saving play on defensive fast break. The Lady Eagle advance in the winners bracket and will play first seeded Drexel at 7:30 on December 4. First year Coach Hayli Isabell won her first game. She is 1-0 as a coach. Congratulations and way to go Calhoun Alum.

**All-Tournament Team**

Rachel Kelso made the All-Tournament Team at the Tiger Classic held the first week of December Kingsville.

## **Pushing Through the Pain**

On December 11, The Lady Eagles battled injury and sickness in a 36-56 loss at Green Ridge last night. Elli Bailey suffered a knee injury midway into the 2nd quarter and had to leave the game. The Eagles dropped behind 30 points, but came back to score 19 points in the final quarter to finish with a 36- 56 margin. Freshman Autumn Rusche scored the first goal of the game, while Rachel Kelso scored 20 for the first time this season and Tylar White added 14. The next morning, Coach Kreisel received an email from the Green Ridge Athletic Director, Bobby Brown. He checked up on Elli, wished her a speedy recovery and said, “Thanks for coming over last night and please pass along to your Coach and Team that they played hard and competed under the circumstances last night.”

### **Principal Update**

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!

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. We have a great staff and group pf kids!

December will be full of fun activities and chances for parents to be a part of what is going on. Girls’ basketball was tipped off with an impressive showing at the Tiger Classic in Kingsville with many more chances scheduled in December through February for you to cheer on our Lady Eagles. Our young musicians, singers, and artists were on display at the Holiday Art and Music Program on December 10. It was great to see the stands full of families and friends supporting these talented students.

Upcoming activities before we dismiss for our holiday break include students preparing for finals and holiday celebrations in the classrooms. Grinch Day will be December 18 with Elementary parties scheduled for that afternoon prior to early dismissal. I wish for you a blessed holiday and to express my appreciation for your support in making our school a great place to learn!

Happy Holidays!

Ms. Russell

## Eighth Grade Boys Receive Recognition Reward

On November 29, 2018 Mrs. Glasscock and Ms. Russell took two eighth grade students to be recognized by the Clinton Midday and Sunrise Optimist Clubs at their annual Youth Appreciation Dinner. These boys, Jacob Harris and Aaron Gibbs, were selected for the academic achievements as well as for their exemplary behavior at school. The represented Calhoun well. Ms. Russell stated, "It was an honor to accompany these fine young men as they received this award."



## Science Students Have a Blast

Duensing has been at it again, training his future mad scientist in all types of chemical reactions. The students have been eager to show us videos and pictures after class each day of the new combinations they've been working with. The most recent class worked with liquid nitrogen and water, and it had the students \*bursting\* with excitement.



## Scholar Bowl Success

On Saturday, December 1, Calhoun's middle school and high school scholar bowl teams competed at the Kickapoo Scholar Bowl tournament, hosted by Kickapoo High School in Springfield, Missouri. 28 high school and 14 middle school teams competed on this day. The high school team ran into some difficult competition, but it was a great experience going up against schools that we don't normally get to compete against from southern Missouri.

### High School Results

1. Marionville 150, Calhoun 20
2. Glendale (Springfield) "A" 190, Calhoun 10
3. Gainesville "B" 140, Calhoun 20
4. Kickapoo (Springfield) "B" 360. Calhoun 20
5. Weaubleau "A" (L) 290, Calhoun 40
6. Clever "B" (L) 90, Calhoun 20



The middle school team ended up winning two games on Saturday, the same number of wins the high school team had throughout the entire season last year! The middle school team even had two students who made the list of the top scorers. 7th graders Maddie Ross and Hunter Marriott tied for 20th place out of approximately 100 middle school students who played Saturday. This means that they answered a lot of questions correctly and their individual performances were both really impressive!

### Middle School Results

1. Weaubleau "B" 50, Calhoun 160
2. "Scholars A" (Springfield Public Schools Gifted Student Program) 300, Calhoun 80
3. Hickory Hills 210, Calhoun 50
4. Marionville "B" 70, Calhoun 110
5. Reed "A" 390, Calhoun 40
6. Richland 160, Calhoun 100



After the competition, the teams spent some time exploring the original Bass Pro Shop where they spent time looking around and enjoying the Christmas lights and decorations. Afterwards, the team had dinner at Lambert's Cafe, where the kids did their best attempt at catching rolls! Saturday was a very long day, but as their coach, I couldn't be more proud of their efforts! Special thanks to Mr. Lamb for tagging along and helping out!



## Christmas Concert and Art Show

December 10 was the annual Art Show and Christmas Concert.

Community members were able to walk the halls in the Elementary and around the cafeteria to look at student art work from every grade level.

The students did an excellent job showcasing their talents and efforts, but two students' shown through. According to Mrs. Young, "Senior Art student Skyler Manis is up for a challenge, in art class, especially when it

uses her creativity and can be done how she sees it. The colored pencil drawing of snowman reindeer family is coming straight from her enthusiasm for art and for life." Children who came as well were able to see Santa Claus again this year. He passed out candy canes to all the children and even took pictures with them.



The Christmas Concert theme was *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree*, and the kids definitely rocked it. The night started with the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band performing *Mozart Melody* and *Jingle Bells*. Then, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders performed *The Spirit of the Season* and *Feliz Navidad*, which was a fun intro to Spanish for them. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands decided they would have some *Christmas Fun*, while the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band decided to kick it up a notch by *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree*. The Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Graders also performed *Rockin' Around*



*the Christmas Tree* and *Christmas Is Here*. Special recognition goes to Kimber Marriott and Christopher Nelson for being excellent leaders during the preparation and production of this concert.

A surprise addition came with 5 students volunteering to do a trio and a duo. Maddison Goodloe, Trenton Ethridge, and Andrew Morgan performed *White Christmas*, and Nyvaeh Watson and Reese Hartgrave performed *Holly Jolly*



*Christmas*. We are proud of these students' love of music and dedication to the music program. Next, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders performed *O Christmas Tree* and *The Night Before Christmas*. The Eagle Pride Band debuted an additional member when our own Mr. Ioanis played bass clarinet with the students.

They performed *Deck the Halls with Chips and Salsa* and *Christmas "Pop" Sing Along*. We want to give a special thank you to Mr. Ioanis for his support of the band students and the band program. To conclude the evening, all the bands and grades came back out to perform *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* and encouraged the audience to sing along.





### NHS Christmas Care

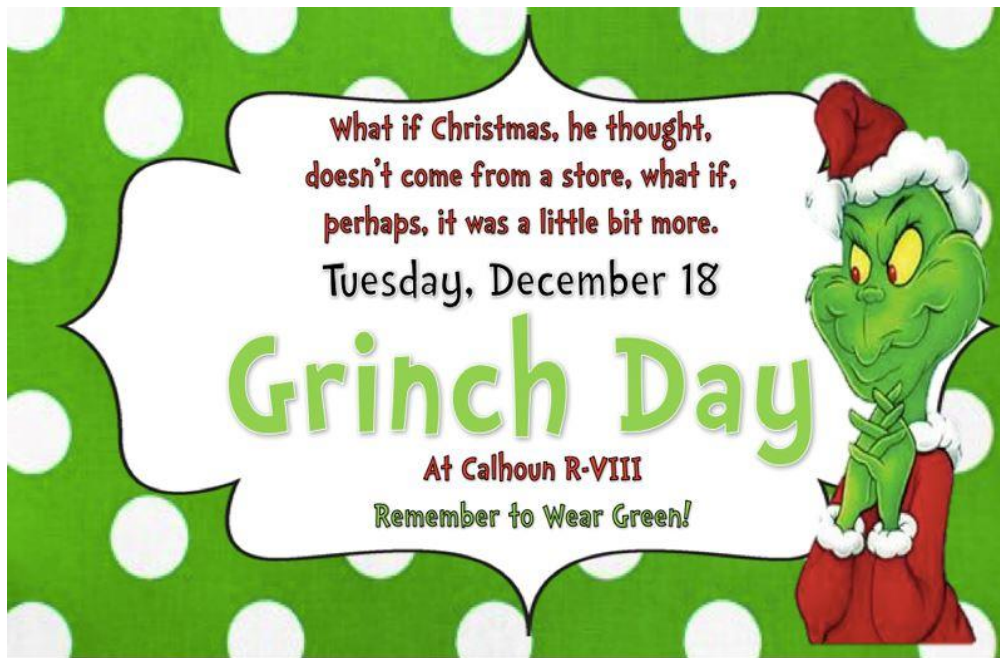
NHS members went to the Clinton Health Care Center on December 12. They spread Christmas cheer to the residents by doing activities and spending quality time with them.



The residents appreciated the visit, and the students got the chance to be the good cheer someone needed that day.

### Coming in January

Stay tuned for updates on the Elementary Christmas Parties and Grinch Day in the next newsletter!



### Yearbooks—New Pre-Order Price

After talking with our representative at Jostens, we have a special announcement for the 2018-2019 yearbooks: The 2018-2019 Yearbook pre-order price is \$15!

We will be sending order forms home with the students in January. We are excited to be able to bring you this special offer!



## **Financial Statement**

Due to the newsletter being sent out early this month, we will have two financial statements for you next month.

## **Menu**

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider. All breakfast and lunch meals are subject to change.*

### **January Lunch Menu**

Monday, 1/7-Cheeseburger on bun, oven fries, baked beans, strawberries, milk.

Tuesday, 1/8-Goulash, corn, pears, garlic toast, milk.

Wedn, 1/9-Chicken patty, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, peaches, bread, milk.

Thursday, 1/10-Fajita, spanish rice, orange, milk.

Friday, 1/11-Chili, grilled cheese sandwich, corn, applesauce, milk.

Monday, 1/14-Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, broccoli with cheese, pears, milk.

Tuesday, 1/15-BBQ rib on bun, baked beans, pineapple, milk.

Wedn., 1/16-Chicken patty, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, peaches, bread, milk.

Thursday, 1/17-Burrito, nachos, corn, orange, milk.

Friday, 1/18-Potato soup, roll, baby carrots, applesauce, milk.

Monday, 1/21-NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, 1/22-Pizza, corn, pineapple, milk.

Wedn., 1/23-Chicken patty, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, peaches, bread, milk.

Thursday, 1/24-Taco salad, refried beans, oranges, milk.

Friday, 1/25-Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich, steamed carrots, applesauce, milk.

Monday, 1/28-Egg roll, rice, steamed broccoli and carrots, orange, milk.

Tuesday, 1/29-Spaghetti, broccoli salad, pineapple, bread sticks, milk.

Wedn., 1/30-Chicken patty, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, peaches, bread, milk.

Thursday, 1/31-Chili cheese dog, oven fries, mixed fruit, milk.

### **January Breakfast Menu All Month**

Monday-Breakfast pizza, oranges, juice, milk.

Tuesday-French toast sticks, strawberries, juice, milk.

Wedn.-Cereal, toast, applesauce, juice, milk.

Thursday-Sausage pancake on a stick, pineapple, juice, milk.

Friday-Biscuit and gravy, peaches, juice, milk.