

September 16, 2021

Caledonia Community Schools Community:

The letter below is being sent to families today on behalf of the Caledonia Education Foundation. The parking lot at Caledonia Elementary will not be available for community parking until 4:00 pm so that student pick-up can remain safe and flow smoothly prior to the homecoming game festivities. Thank you!

CCS Administration

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CALAPALOOZA – Bringing the Community Together for a Cause

This will be a night to come together as a community to support our students, teachers and football team!

CALAPALOOZA is the Caledonia Education Foundation's (CEF) largest fundraising event of the year. We are inviting community members to join us in making this a successful event while bringing the Caledonia community together after a very long season of being apart. Their attendance and support will be an investment in the Caledonia student's education and future. This community wide party is free to attend in an effort to come together on homecoming!

CALAPALOOZA will be held Sept 24th from 3-8 pm in the Caledonia High School's south stadium parking lot and will feature multiple food trucks, live music by the Barenaked 90's, kid's activities, a pep rally with players, cheerleaders, and pep band. Enjoy great food from Saladino BBQ, Wildwood Family Farms Tacos, Pop's Kettle Corn, Kona Ice, Olly's Donuts, The Vault, and Brink's Ice Cream and more! Barenaked 90's will be live on stage and the kid's can come for a photo booth, face painting, and tattoos. Find a great spot to watch the homecoming parade that will come right by the parking lot at 5:00 p.m. on their way toward Main Street. We'll also warm up for the game with a pep rally, with cheers lead by cheerleaders and the CAL pep band! Pom poms and CAL rally towels will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. The football

coach and players will also stop by during the rally from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Sandra Wanzer, CHS Class of 1982 and owner of the Nighthawk restaurant will be recognized with the 2021 Honored Alumna award at 6:30 p.m. Fans can then head over to the stadium to cheer on the Fighting Scots to victory over the Grand Haven Buccaneers!

Proceeds from the event will go to fund CEF's grant program. CEF believes that strong schools build strong communities. Since 1998, CEF has been committed to funding academic resources, innovative programming, and enrichment opportunities for students at every grade level in every school throughout the district. Over 180 grants totaling more than \$450,000 have filled in gaps that fall outside the district's normal operating budget and most likely would not be possible without CEF's support. Since its inception, a goal of building a healthy endowment fund has been a main priority to sustain the many needs year after year. Donations can be made at the event and a 50 – 50 drawing will also be held to raise funds.

For more information on CEF and CALAPALOOZA call 616.891.0732, visit www.caledoniacef.org, and follow on Facebook.

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