



December 4, 2009

## INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Teaching character, compassion, and confidence to the youth of West Virginia for over 80 years

Dear Parents:

As one of the juniors entered the building one morning not too long ago, she stopped to talk for a moment. She reminded me that she works part-time at Ellen's Ice Cream and mentioned that a customer recently asked her about her uniform. Upon discovering that she attends Charleston Catholic, he volunteered that he had graduated from CCHS in the '60's. He shared his memories of those bygone days and asked about the current status of the school.

The student told me how much she enjoyed feeling connected with others, both "in the now" and from the past. I knew exactly what she was talking about and experience it regularly. For example, several years ago, as I was visiting a student in the hospital, a voice called my name and I was pleasantly surprised to discover a young woman who graduated at least fifteen years ago who is now a physical therapist in the hospital. I introduced her to the family and waited for what I knew would happen – that instant, unconditional acceptance that comes from being part of the Charleston Catholic community.

I see this all the time and it is one of the beautiful strengths of Charleston Catholic. An invisible web exists that somehow connects all who have some association with the school – as student, teacher or staff member, parent or other family member, graduate, coach, friend, or supporter. There is an instant connection – those "ah ha" moments – when you meet someone else who is somehow connected to Charleston Catholic.

In the big picture, these experiences are a tribute to people's pride in being part of the long-standing tradition that is Charleston Catholic. Our community is deep and broad and builds upon shared memories. This sense of community is something that is here for us, simply by virtue of the fact that we are here. I don't know about you, but I find that uplifting and somehow reassuring.

Charleston Catholic does lay claim to a proud tradition of excellence. The North Central Accreditation visit in mid-November was yet another reminder of this fact. The visit was preceded by months of preparation by faculty and staff during which time a comprehensive report was written describing every aspect of our school. The two-day visit allowed team members time to dig in depth and to see if we are doing what we say we are doing. The visit involved interviews with staff, students, parents, and community members; classroom visits; and an extensive analysis of the school's records, the written accreditation report, and its mounds of supporting documents. Every nook and cranny, figuratively and literally, was poked and prodded, undergoing meticulous scrutiny from every conceivable angle.

The results were exceptional. We were informed by the team chairperson that an excellent school typically garners three of four "commendations" from a team. These commendations are citations awarded for aspects of the school that mark "significant accomplishments in meeting and/or exceeding accreditation standards and requirements." **Charleston Catholic High School received eight commendations.** According to the exit report, *"The Quality Assurance Review Team commends Charleston Catholic High School for:*

- *The vision and mission of CCHS permeates the school community.*
- *The governance and leadership of CCHS is exemplified by a principal who passionately serves as a role model for a collaborative faith-filled atmosphere where participation, responsibility, and team work are encouraged.*
- *CCHS uses technology uniquely and effectively.*
- *Teaching and learning at CCHS is ensured by an atmosphere where a qualified and dedicated faculty makes effective use of technology and creates an environment of learning where self-assured, articulate students are encouraged to be independent thinkers and life-long learners.*
- *The school utilizes the products of the College Board to enhance student success in AP courses and on AP exams.*
- *The ninth grade study skills program enhances the probability of student academic success at CCHS.*
- *The academic advisor is a valuable resource that enables all students to reach their full potential through a comprehensive program that guides the students' journey to post-secondary success.*
- *The school leadership team has a readiness plan to ensure the future operation of the school."*

Even more than the commendations, wonderful as they are, was the heartfelt excitement displayed by faculty, staff, and students the next day when the results were shared with everyone during morning announcements. All of us felt validated by the team's stamp of approval. It's good to be reminded every now and then, particularly by external measures, that each of us is, indeed, part of an exceptional educational institution.

Debra K. Sullivan, Principal

**WELCOME** – to the newest member of the CCHS family! On Wednesday, November 25, Manny D’Brot entered the world at 6 pounds and 2 ounces. Proud parents are CCHS English teacher Alissa D’Brot and father Juan D’Brot, both CCHS graduates, and they report that everyone is doing well. During Mrs. D’Brot’s maternity leave, we are pleased to have Mrs. Carol Recco join us. Mrs. Recco is a retired English teacher and the mother of CCHS art teacher Becky Burch.

**CONDOLENCES** – We express our sympathy to a number of our students and their families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Chris Kay and Danielle Sadd’s maternal aunt, Maggie Graney’s great aunt, Tyler Zubick’s uncle, Andrew Bogan’s maternal grandmother, and Taylor and Morgan Deer’s paternal grandfather. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

**SECOND QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS ARE ENCLOSED** – Because we wanted to provide input to students and parents early enough in the quarter to give students time to “upgrade” their grades before exams started, some classes have fewer grades to report. Therefore, if a student failed to turn in an assignment or did poorly on a test, the percentage reported may be dramatically affected. Encourage your children to make the most of their upcoming academic opportunities to bolster their grades. Please keep in mind some “time considerations” - Exams are scheduled for December 16 – 18. The first semester ends on Friday, January 15, 2010, two weeks after we return from Christmas break. Upon our return from Christmas vacation, teachers will cover additional coursework, give tests, etc. which will be calculated in second quarter grades and will affect the first semester average. As of today, if students are not where they want to be (or should be) academically, time remains for students to improve grades, if a very serious approach is taken to address deficiencies.

**FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE** -- All classes will have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. **If on any day we have a two-hour delay due to weather, we will start that day’s exams at 10 a.m. and school will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. or 3 p.m., depending on the day’s exam schedule. If school is cancelled on any exam day due to weather, exams for that day will take place on the *next day the school is open, even if it means pushing exams to January 4.* **IN THE EVENT OF ANY WEATHER-RELATED CHANGES, CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION.** Students should prepare for exams by reviewing past tests and quizzes, using study guides that some teachers have prepared, rereading notes and homework/class assignments, reworking math problems, and so on. First semester report cards will be mailed Friday, January 22, 2010.**

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| <u>Sixth grade:</u>   | Wednesday, 12/16 | exams for periods 2 and 5; 11:15 dismissal    |
|                       | Thursday, 12/17  | exams for periods 1 and 8; 11:15 dismissal    |
|                       | Friday, 12/18    | exams for periods 7 and 6; 11:15 dismissal    |
| <u>Seventh grade:</u> | Wednesday, 12/16 | exams for periods 1 and 3; 11:15 dismissal    |
|                       | Thursday, 12/17  | exams for periods 5 and 4; 11:15 dismissal    |
|                       | Friday, 12/18    | exams for periods 2 and 8; 11:15 dismissal    |
| <u>Eighth grade:</u>  | Wednesday, 12/16 | exams for periods 1 and 3; 11:15 dismissal    |
|                       | Thursday, 12/17  | exams for periods 5 and 7; 11:15 dismissal    |
|                       | Friday, 12/18    | exams for periods 2 and 8; 11:15 dismissal    |
| <u>High school:</u>   | Wednesday, 12/16 | exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal    |
|                       | Thursday, 12/17  | exams for periods 6, 7, and 4; 1:00 dismissal |
|                       | Friday, 12/18    | exams for periods 8 and 3; 11:15 dismissal    |

**THOUGHTS ON MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMS** – Semester exams for middle school students serve an instructional purpose; namely, helping students learn how to take exams so they are better prepared for high school. For this reason, middle school exams make up only a small percentage of the overall grade. Focus your attention on quarter grades to get a more accurate assessment of your child’s progress. Also, to assist your children in doing their best, please make sure they have adequate rest and a good breakfast before coming to school each day.

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** – The turnout was impressive! Teachers had **1,537 individual conferences**. It is wonderful that so many parents take the time to sit down face to face with teachers, spending time sharing insights and information. Parents’ response to these conferences is a real testament to the partnership existing between parents and school.

**HOPE KIDS' NIGHT OUT** -- HOPE participants are sponsoring an evening of games, snacks, crafts, and more for children in grades K-5 on Friday, December 11, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Grade School. A \$10 donation per child along with the pre-registration form must be submitted by December 9. Registration forms are available at Sacred Heart Grade School.

**SKI CLUB**-- Ski club forms are available. Students and faculty chaperones will travel on chartered buses to Winterplace for five Wednesdays: January 13, 20, 27 and February 3 and 10. Buses leave school at 3:30 p.m. and return at 10:30 p.m. The price is unchanged from the last couple of years. For \$225 students receive transportation, lift tickets, and ski rentals. Lessons each time are also included, if desired. For students wanting to rent blades or snowboards, the price is \$295. There will be a mandatory 15 minute meeting on Wednesday, January 6, at 3 p.m. for all ski club participants. There will be an optional meeting for parents on Tuesday, December 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. If this is the first time your child has participated, it is highly recommended that you attend this parent meeting. If you have questions, please call Ms. FitzGerald. **Students must submit the ski club contract and a medical emergency form. Forms and fees should be returned to school by December 11.**

**CLAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT**-- By the time you receive this newsletter, the Clay County Christmas party will have taken place (Saturday, December 5). The number of families requesting our help was up this year, reflecting economic conditions throughout the country. There were 216 families with 516 children involved in our project, a proactive way to provide direct services to needy children. Most of the children attend our party at The Church of the Risen Lord in Maysel and have their photos taken with Santa, enjoy cookies, receive stockings from the elves, and pick up their bundles of Christmas gifts and food boxes. We thank all of our families. Your support of this project is what makes it work. The generosity of our Charleston Catholic community is always heartwarming and humbling. *Thank you for your generosity to the children of Clay County!*

**2010-11 SCHEDULING FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS** – Scheduling forms will be distributed to students by the end of March.

**NEW STUDENTS FOR 2010-2011**–The Admissions Committee has released its schedule for the upcoming school year. If you have other children or are asked by non-CCHS families about the school, please refer to this section of the newsletter. **Applications for all grade levels will be available on-line ([www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org](http://www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org)) by Monday, January 11. Mail completed applications directly to CCHS.**

**Monday, January 11** – application packets for new students available on-line.

**Wednesday, January 27** – information meeting for parents of prospective students (grades 6-10) at 6:00 p.m. in the CCHS library.

**Monday, February 1**– deadline for receipt of applications of students currently attending Catholic schools who wish to be given first consideration. Applications from area Catholic schools received after this date lose “first consideration” status and are placed in the general pool of applicants.

**Thursday, February 4** – prospective 6<sup>th</sup> graders visit CCHS 9:30 – 11:15 a.m. (5<sup>th</sup> graders not currently enrolled at Sacred Heart Grade School must call CCHS office to make reservations. 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Sacred Heart will be invited automatically.)

**Saturday, February 6** – admissions test for all prospective students at 10:00 a.m. in CCHS Commons

**Monday, February 8** – first day applications will be processed from students in public schools

**Friday, February 19**– deadline for all students to submit applications who want to be considered in the first round of acceptances

**Friday, March 26** – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by February 19 – applications received after February 19 will be reviewed periodically by the Admissions Committee and notification as to enrollment status will be mailed at that time)

**NOTE** – It is rare for CCHS to accept students as juniors and seniors. Generally speaking, only juniors and seniors moving into the area attending Catholic schools elsewhere will be considered.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** – Help your child discover a variety of age-appropriate leisure-time activities to enjoy with friends, such as bowling, ice skating, going to movies, watching televised athletic events at each others' houses, playing Frisbee, cooking, and skiing. Encourage your child to see “social life” on a broader level, not as going to a bunch of “parties.” Habits learned now will affect your child’s outlook for a lifetime.

**UNITED WAY** – Did you know that you may designate Charleston Catholic High School as a recipient of your donation to the United Way? Pledge cards include a place on the back where you can earmark your dollars to go to the 501c3 organization (CCHS is such an organization) of your choice. Please consider this avenue to benefit CCHS!

**TRAVELING ART EXHIBIT** – Many thanks to PVA for sponsoring the traveling art exhibit of Antoni Gaudi which will be visiting the school in association with Spanish classes January 25-29th. Stop by and see the art exhibit and other student work located outside the library on the second floor.

**PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL SPORTS** -- In order to participate in an athletic event on a particular day, a student must be in school for the FULL DAY on the day of the event. This “full day” policy includes appointments so students need to avoid scheduling appointments during the school day. Students are also expected to be on time on days following athletic events.

**A REMINDER ABOUT GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WINTER**

**SPORTS SEASON** – Phone calls complimenting our students and parents at athletic events are always a joy to receive. However, phone calls from parents or administrators from other schools criticizing CCHS fans’ behavior is always disheartening. All of us are judged by a few. Please show good sportsmanship and, if you see someone else being unsportsmanlike, become part of the solution. Let’s work on this together to make it a great season!

**FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES** – Biology teacher Amy Arnold and her family grow Christmas trees. They have a few trees (mostly white pine) that are ready to be harvested. If you are interested, please call 304-286-4520 after 6:00 pm or on weekends anytime.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** -- Please mark your calendars for the week of January 25-29! During Catholic Schools Week each winter, the PVA reaches out to the community around us and participates in an act of community service. This year, we are working with Manna Meal and will be collecting donations to support their program. For people living outside in the winter there are a lot of things they need. Here is a list of some of the items needed:

Food products with FLIP TOP LIDS (canned fruit and canned meats) plus Beef Jerky  
Hand warmers, flash lights, all hygiene products, toilet paper

More specific details about the CSW project will be shared with the students in early January. If you have questions, please contact Paula Jameson @ 949-2478 or Julie Robinson @ 345-1225.

**PAX CHRISTI** -- is sponsoring “Manna Meal Mondays.” On the first Monday of each month, students are invited to bring in a **box or bag of dried cereal** as a donation to Manna Meal, an interdenominational sponsored soup kitchen located in the parish Hall of St. John’s Episcopal Church. Manna Meal feeds over 200 people two meals a day, every day of the year. Cereal collection boxes are located in Theology class rooms.

**H1N1 UPDATE** – Our vaccination rate among our student body is exceptional. Well over 82% of our students were vaccinated during the school’s H1N1 clinic on November 16. Many thanks to our CCHS parents who helped and to members of the Charleston-Kanawha County Health Department and Kanawha County Schools who helped in this effort. Continue to encourage your children to follow healthful practices. Simple steps do make a difference.

**SCIENCE BOOK CLUB** – has been launched with the Scat by Carl Hiaasen as the first book. Ender’s Game by Orson Scott Card is the next novel up for discussion. Science teachers have a sign up sheet to gauge participation. There is a link to the book club on the CCHS website Extranet under Clubs and Activities with more information.

**NOT USING YOUR OLD RECEIVERS AND SPEAKERS?** -- With another eight SmartBoards installed or on order, CCHS is in need of sound systems to maximize the functionality of the boards. If you have old stereo systems (receiver and speakers) that you are no longer using, consider donating them to the school where we will put them to good use as SmartBoard audio systems.

**MRS. THOMAS’ TIDBITS** –

1) **A wonderful opportunity for parents of seniors** -- Judy Kee of the WV Higher Education Policy Commission will join us on Wednesday, January 20, at 6 p.m. in the computer lab to assist parents enter FAFSA information directly into the Federal website. Parents will need to choose their PIN number rather than letting the FAFSA processor select one and will need to bring their PIN and their child’s PIN to the workshop. If you don’t have PINs, you can get them at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). This should be done immediately since it takes time for the requests to

be processed. Parents will also need to bring their 2009 W-2s and/or 2008 tax return. **Please contact Mrs. Thomas to register by Friday, January 15. Limited space is available.**

2) Do you “Twitter?” Keep up with the latest news, information, and deadlines from Mrs. Thomas’ office by signing up on Twitter at CCHScollegeprep to receive periodic “tweets” which may be sent to your e-mail or phone as a text message. Instructions on how to sign up for Twitter are on our website.

3) SAT and ACT testing and registration dates (CCHS code: 490-205)

**SAT and SAT Subject Tests** (can register on line -- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)):

| TEST DATE  | DEADLINE    | LATE REGISTRATION |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| January 23 | December 15 | December 30       |
| March 13   | February 4  | February 18       |
| May 1      | March 25    | April 8           |
| June 5     | April 29    | May 13            |

**ACT:** (can register on line -- [www.act.org](http://www.act.org))

| TEST DATE   | DEADLINE   | LATE REGISTRATION |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| December 12 | November 6 | November 7 - 20   |
| February 6  | January 5  | January 6 - 15    |
| April 10    | March 5    | March 6-19        |
| June 12     | May 7      | May 8 - 21        |

4) Students wishing to take AP tests for non-AP courses (e.g., world history, biology, foreign languages, etc.) may choose to do so and must notify Mrs. Thomas in February.

5) **PROMISE scholarship and FAFSA deadline – March 1.** Students must complete **BOTH the PROMISE and the FAFSA applications in order to be considered for the PROMISE scholarship. Additionally, colleges and universities throughout the country use FAFSA information to determine scholarships and financial aid. Go to [www.promisescholarships.org](http://www.promisescholarships.org).**

6) Students interested in applying for the Honors Program at WVU will need to fill out an Honors Program application in addition to the WVU application. Both are available on-line.

7) The health department asks all schools to keep students’ immunization records updated. If your child has had recent shots, please send CCHS a copy of new health records.

8) When seniors go on college visits, they are encouraged to take a CCHS profile, their transcript, and a resume. Be prepared! Seniors, you may or may not have an official interview but each time you make contact with admissions offices you are making an impression on them about yourself and CCHS.

**ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY** – Charleston Catholic is now selling 3 foot by 6 foot customizable banners for advertisements at the CCHS Athletic Facility. The banners will hang behind the basketball teams’ benches (opposite the fans). What a great way to reach out to the Charleston Catholic community! Contact Kathy Crain at (304) 342-8415 or (304)541-4182 for details.

**STRUCTURED STUDY TIME** – Students have the opportunity to attend the **Homework Clinic**, a distraction and technology-free hour of supervised work, every Monday-Thursday from 3-4 p.m. Students must sign up at the beginning of the day and will be charged a fee of \$5 per session, or \$18 for the week. e.g., snow delays/closings) will be posted there so you won’t have to spend time glued to the radio or television!

**NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)** –

1) Order forms for fleece jackets with CCHS logo, white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts are available on the CCHS website. For questions, please contact Lisa Dundervill (344-2566) for fleece jackets, Joanne Bronikowski (344-8850) for green polos, and Lisa Cassis (925-5946) for white polos.

2) **INNISBROOK ORDERS** – Time to think about holiday wrapping paper! Go to [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com) and click on “Buy Innisbrook Products” and enter CCHS school number 121949. Call Lisa Dundervill at 344-2566 for more info.

3) **Athletic family passes** are available through the PVA. These passes are good for **immediate family members only** (not cousins, in-laws, ex-in-laws, grandparents, fiancées, etc.) to attend CCHS home games. **The passes do not cover away games, tournaments played at home, homecoming games, or any SSAC tournaments.** Cost is \$150 for all home middle school games only, \$175 for all home high school games only, and \$200 for all home games (both levels). A \$100 student or senior citizen pass for all games is also available. **Each adult in a family will be issued a pass that must be shown for admission to games.** Please ask Janet Kawash (304-768-3948) if you have questions about these passes.

4) **Table cloths** – PVA has checked the white table cloth inventory and there are ten white 72 inch round table cloths out. Please return these table cloths to the office ASAP.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

- to senior **Laura Gould** whose artwork was featured in the Artmares exhibit, during the October and November ArtWalks.
- to **Natalie Tupta**, a 2009 CCHS graduate, who received a \$1,000.00 scholarship awarded by the National Latin Exam. Natalie was eligible to apply for this scholarship after earning a gold medal on the National Latin Exam during her senior year. She is the first Latin student in the history of CCHS to receive this honor.
- to the **Quiz Bowl Team** for their 3<sup>rd</sup> place showing at the Sagacity tournament at the University of Pittsburgh in which 18 teams from 3 states competed. Team participants were Ben Williams, Meredith Summers, Hillary Frame, and Josh Arnold. The win qualified the team for the NAQT National tournament for the third year in a row.
- to **Mrs. Burch and the CCHS art department**. The Clay Center has asked the CCHS art students to curate an exhibit featuring works from the Clay Center's permanent collection, which will open on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Students will participate in all parts of the process, from selecting the pieces to actually hanging the exhibit and publicizing it. Visit <http://cchsclaycenter.blogspot.com/> to keep an eye on their progress!
- to **Pam Farris**, CCHS parent and Executive Director of Leadership West Virginia, who was honored by the LWV class of 2009 with a donation to the CCHS athletic department. As Mrs. Farris commented: "Both Michael and Taylor have enjoyed and learned from the many opportunities provided them over the years through CCHS athletics. We certainly love those State Championships but, more importantly, how we get there."
- to the **CCHS Drama Club** for its uplifting, excellent musical production of "Back to the 80's" presented in November. What a talented group of students and teachers! All of us look forward to upcoming productions from this talented group of students and teachers. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is the winter production.
- to **CCHS cross country** runners Sami Harris, Ally Hoyer, A.J. Laska, and Marcus Black for their runs at the sloppy and muddy state championship. Sami became the 8<sup>th</sup> girl in CCHS history to finish in the top ten and to be first team all state. Ally finished 17<sup>th</sup> and was named second team all state.
- to the **high school JV volleyball team** which finished the season with a record of (27-8-2). The JV was the Riverside JV Tournament Champion, and Capital Metro JV Tournament Runner-up. Melissa Head and Erica Marcus were named to the Riverside JV All Tournament Team, and Jennifer Head and Caroline Seufer were named to the Capital Metro JV All Tournament Team.
- to the **high school varsity volleyball team** which won its first ever State Championship, by defeating 4-time defending State Champ, Wirt County, in straight sets in the Finals. The Varsity finished the season with a record of (61-5), recording a school record 61 wins, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> most volleyball wins in State history. CCHS had a record breaking 34 match winning streak to end the season, without dropping a set. They were the St. Albans Tournament Runner-up, Irish Invitational Tournament Champion, Sectional Champs, and Regional Champs. CCHS was ranked No. 1 in the state for the entire season. CCHS was awarded the 2009 Team Sportsmanship Award by the Kanawha Southern Volleyball Officials Board for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. Katie Stricker, Alison Gregory, Sarah Skeens, and Mackenzie Polen were named to the St. Albans, Irish Invitational, and West Virginia State Class A All Tournament Teams. Five players were named to the West Virginia Sports Writers Association Class A All State Volleyball Team – Katie Stricker (1<sup>st</sup> Team), Sarah Skeens (1<sup>st</sup> Team), Alison Gregory (2<sup>nd</sup> Team), Mackenzie Polen (Special Honorable Mention), and Jennifer Head (Honorable Mention). Four players were named to the Daily Mail All Kanawha Valley Team – Katie Stricker (1<sup>st</sup> Team), Alison Gregory (1<sup>st</sup> Team), Sarah Skeens (1<sup>st</sup> Team), and Mackenzie Polen (2<sup>nd</sup> Team). Katie Stricker was named Kanawha Valley Player of the Year. Vince Stricker was named Kanawha Valley Coach of the Year.
- to the **CCHS boys' soccer team** for its accomplishments this season: West Virginia High School State Champion 2009 AA-A; 22 wins – 1 loss – 1 tie; ranked #4 regionally and #23 nationally by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA); goals scored – 103 or 4.3 per game; goals allowed – 18 or .7 per game; five all-county players (Seth Ritchie, Taylor Farris, Tommy Trupo, LJ Stanley, Tanner Jameson); 7 all-state players named by WV Coaches' Association (five 1<sup>st</sup> team (Kenny Dexter, Alex Higgins, Seth Ritchie, Tommy Trupo, Taylor Farris), one 2<sup>nd</sup> team (LJ Stanley) and one honorable mention (Peyton Hutcheson). Coach Keith Hutcheson was named Coach of the Year for A-AA. Tommy Trupo was named forward of the year. WV Sportswriters Association first team: Seth Ritchie, Tommy Trupo, Taylor Farris; second team: LJ Stanley; special honorable mention: Alex Higgins, Kenny Dexter; and honorable mention: Peyton Hutcheson.
- to the **CCHS high school girls' soccer team** for its accomplishments this season: Their Class AA-A championship in 2009 was the second straight for the CCHS girls' team, in the first two years that the state championship was divided into two classes (AAA and AA-A). The team's record was 20 wins, 1 loss, and 4 ties.

They played 12 AAA schools during the regular season, finishing with an 8-1-3 record against them. They also played and beat (on its home field) a team from Ohio (River View) that finished in the final 16 of the Ohio State Tournament. Six players were named to the Coaches' First Team All-State team (Emily Blake, Amanda Johns, Rachel Silverman, Meg Whelan, Abby Vorholt, Donovan Reed) and two were honorable mention (Stephanie Supcoe and Diane Bronikowski). Emily was named Class AA-A Forward of the Year. Kevin Nelson won the Regional Coach of the Year Award for the second time. The WV Sports Writers Association honored All-State captain Emily Blake; 1<sup>st</sup> team: Diane Bronikowski, Amanda Johns, Rachel Silverman, and Abby Vorholt; and 2<sup>nd</sup> team: Donovan Reed, Victoria Thomas, Meg Whelan. On the season the team scored 107 goals and allowed only 8 and had 20 shutouts for the year. The team finished the regular season ranked #1 in Class AA-A and #2 overall, behind only University. The team also finished ranked #12 in our Region in the National Soccer Coaches' Association of America's (NSCAA) rankings, which includes teams from Maryland, Tennessee, Kentucky, and West Virginia. The team has been awarded, for the past three years, the NSCAA's Girls' Team Academic Award, given to teams with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher.

### **THANKS –**

- to the **PVA** for all the wish list items requested by teachers for their classrooms. The number and variety of items is impressive. In fact, between September 1, 2008, and September 1, 2009, PVA has committed over \$53,000 to support CCHS programs, including items for the library, classroom instructional materials, HOPE support, laminator supplies, remodeling of the faculty restroom, athletic department expenditures (e.g., banners for gym, letters and pins), electrical upgrade of the commons, ice machine and soup/food warming unit for lunch program, staff development for teachers, lighting for drama productions, pep band supplies, quiz bowl buzzer system, school scrapbook supplies, congratulatory newspaper advertisements, Project Graduation, baccalaureate reception, and so many other items and activities. PVA's donation of talent, time, and treasure makes all the difference in the quality of programs that can be offered at CCHS. Many, many thanks from all the students, faculty, and staff!
- to all of our **coaches** for their commitment, poise, and skill in helping our teams achieve notable successes.
- to **athletes, coaches, team parents, parents, and fans** who work hard to ensure that CCHS teams are class acts, representing themselves and our school community so beautifully.
- to Michelle Wicks and Judy Kee from the WV Higher Education Policy Commission who gave a very informative presentation to our parents on college financial aid.
- to everyone who is helping make our **Clay County Christmas** the success that it is, making a difference in the lives of our neighbors to the north. Additional thanks go out to Dickinson Gould (CCHS class of 1995), president of Buzz Products, for donating trucks and drivers to transport the goods to the party in Maysel. What a difference his help has made these last few years!
- to **PVA** for providing soups, salads, and desserts for faculty and staff during the parent-teacher conferences. This sustenance kept everyone going throughout the long day!
- to **PVA** for providing breakfast for North Central team members and an after school reception for the NCA team and CCHS faculty and staff. Wonderful!
- to **Kevin France**, alumnus of CCHS, who spoke at a science seminar about his work on the Hubble Telescope. This marked a repeat visit, with updates on Kevin's work in this cutting edge endeavor.
- to everyone who purchased cookie dough to support the junior class in their prom fundraising efforts.
- The Charleston Catholic High School Quiz Bowl team hosted the **Shamrock Invitational Quiz Bowl Tournament** on October 31<sup>st</sup>. There were fifteen teams representing twelve schools from the area. The tournament would not have been possible without director Jean Wallace, who spent many hours preparing for the event. The team would like to thank everyone that was part of the endeavor. Special thanks to readers, scorekeepers and timers Shawn Weaver, Josh Fix, Debra Sullivan, Trina Leone, Lorrie Iszkula, Jennifer Shaf, John Canfield, Kate Fitzgerald, Marie Zboinski, Linda Parker, Robin Snyder, Marc Williams, and Diane Beckerle. Cafeteria and registration workers included Dorothy Scharf, Jill Helmick, Dianna Canfield, Amal Sankari, Dena Wilcox, and cafeteria coordinator Diana Reynolds. Amy Arnold, the team coach, would like to especially thank the various student volunteers, the Varsity team members who worked instead of competing, persons who donated food items, and everyone else who helped with this event.

**SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE** – – The weather is already worsening. Here's a brief reminder of the CCHS weather policy. Remember that school closings and delays are also announced on the CCHS web site.

- 1) CCHS/SHGS will NOT follow ANY of the Kanawha County Schools' weather-related procedures.
- 2) Families will need to connect to the CCHS website or listen to the radio/television for changes to CCHS/SHGS schedules. The following stations will be notified by 6:15 a.m. if there are changes to be made: WV Public Radio, WCBS,

WCHS-TV, WSAZ-TV, V100, Kicks96, Super 102, WBES, WKAZ, and WQBE.

- 3) If no announcements are made for CCHS/SHGS, classes will be held on the regular schedule.
- 4) **If a two-hour delay is announced, classes will start promptly at 10 a.m.** The building will not open until 9:30 to give staff time to get to school. Please do not drop off your children before 9:30!
- 5) As always, if you cannot get your child to school for health or safety reasons, notify the school.

### CALENDAR FOR 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

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| Saturday, December 5               | Clay County Christmas party   |
| Sunday, December 13                | photo club workshop 2 – 4 p.m.  |
| Wednesday-Friday, December 16 – 18 | exams   |
| Monday, December 21                | first day of Christmas vacation                                       |
| Saturday, January 2                | Capital City Showcase   |
| Monday, January 4                  | classes resume  |
| Friday, January 15                 | end of first semester   |
| Monday, January 18                 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – no school                               |
| Wednesday, January 20              | 6 p.m. FAFSA financial aid help for senior parents                    |
| Friday, January 22                 | 10 <sup>th</sup> grade retreat at John XXIII; Pax Christi blood drive |
| Saturday, January 23               | HS Winter Waltz 8 – 11 p.m.   |
| Week of January 24                 | Catholic Schools Week/Gaudi Spanish art exhibit                       |
| Wednesday, January 27              | prospective parent night 6 p.m.                                       |
| Thursday, February 4               | fifth grade visit   |
| Monday, February 15                | Presidents' Day – no school   |
| Friday/Saturday, February 19/20    | A Midsummer Night's Dream (drama club)                                |
| Friday, March 19                   | end of third quarter  |
| Monday, March 22                   | week of standardized testing for grades 6-8 (tentative)               |
| Spring break                       | Italy trip for Latin students; Costa Rica trip for high school group  |
| Friday, April 2                    | Good Friday – first day of Easter break                               |
| Monday, April 12                   | classes resume  |
| Thursday, April 22                 | 9 <sup>th</sup> grade retreat at Camp Virgil Tate                     |
| Friday, April 23                   | diocesan inservice for teachers – <b>no school for students</b>       |
| Saturday, April 24                 | Prom  |
| May 3 – 14                         | AP exams  |
| Saturday, May 29                   | baccalaureate   |
| Sunday, May 30                     | graduation  |
| Monday, May 31                     | Memorial Day – no school  |
| Wednesday-Friday, June 2-4         | exams for grades 6 – 11   |

| Mon                            | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  |
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| Week of December 7 - Pizza     | Beef taco<br>Spanish rice<br>Super nachos                      | Christmas dinner:<br>Turkey and stuffing<br>Mashed potatoes<br>Gravy<br>Green beans<br>Pumpkin bar | Biscuits<br>Eggs<br>Sausage<br>Hash browns                         | Hot Italian subs<br>Greek salad                    |
| Week of December 14 - Pizza    | Bacon cheeseburgers<br>Shoestring fries                        | No lunch<br>Exams  | No lunch<br>Exams  | No lunch<br>Exams                                  |
| Week of January 4 - Pizza      | Bowl of chili<br>Chili chip cheese<br>Taco salad               | Chicken cacciatore<br>Mashed potatoes<br>Green beans<br>Rolls                                      | Cheeseburger<br>French fries<br>Celery carrots with ranch dressing | Chicken a la king with biscuit<br>Vegetable medley |
| Week of January 11 - Pizza     | Meatball subs<br>Antipasto salad                               | Chicken nuggets<br>Baked sweet potato  | Steak hoagie with green peppers and onions<br>Onion rings          | Baked mac&cheese<br>Corn dogs<br>Corn              |
| Week of January 18 - No school | Pizza  | Grilled chicken sandwiches<br>Baked potato   | Burrito day<br>Spanish rice  | Baked rigatoni<br>Bosco stix<br>Salad              |
| Week of January 25 - Pizza     | Italian sausage sandwiches<br>Curly fries<br>Super pasta salad | Stir fry chicken with rice<br>Pita   | Footlong hot dogs<br>Nachos  | Buffalo chicken strips<br>Chicken Caesar salad     |