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## INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents:

I recently had the unexpected opportunity to chat for nearly three hours with a lawyer from the northern part of the state. Although in no way associated with our school, he said that he had heard and read astonishing things about Charleston Catholic and wanted to come and find out for himself. So he called me and arranged an appointment.

During our time together, most of it spent wandering throughout the building as we talked, we explored the whole package. Right up front, he commented on our college-going rate – typically 100% of our seniors enroll in college following graduation here – and recognized the significance of this fact not just within West Virginia, but when compared to schools across the country. He marveled over our students' exceptional rate of involvement in extracurricular activities of all sorts. He was impressed with the striking educational credentials and experiences of faculty and staff, recognizing the exceptional make-up of the adults working with our students, remarking how this depth and diversity affects student achievement and perceptions of themselves within a broader context. He valued the presence of our middle school program within the building, noting how we can prepare our students to succeed in the rigorous CCHS academic arena. He peppered me with questions about parent involvement, marveling over their participation in baccalaureate, graduation and moving up, Catholic schools week, sports and other extracurricular activities, food service, special projects, hospitality, provision of instructional materials, and the like. Even though we traveled the halls late on a school day afternoon, he commented on the cleanliness and upkeep of the building. He kept the questions coming fast and furiously as we walked.

In a follow-up letter to me, he commented that our school's "quality was reflected throughout the building." He maintained that Charleston Catholic's success boiled down to high expectations for all. And he's right. We expect great things from our faculty and staff at all levels and positions. We expect the same from our students. We expect no less from our parents. I call it the "culture of the school." As a whole, the ethos of Charleston Catholic is defined by the notion of excellence, a spirit of service, and a commitment to high ideals.

And it works.

Most days of our school year can be characterized simply as being productive, busy ones, days in which everyone gets along well with each other. Regardless of happenings outside the building, our building atmosphere remains fairly predictable – organized, calm, upbeat, industrious, creative, and encouraging. The focus is on helping young people find and achieve their personal best, connect with others, see the broader world, and develop spiritual and intellectual habits and abilities that will shape their way of being in the world throughout their lives.

At the bottom line, each member of our extended CCHS family must take seriously the task of nurturing all of our young people. Each time we succeed, we make the world a little bit better. Thanks to each of you for doing so throughout this school year.

Have a peaceful, healthy summer.

Warmest regards,

Debra K. Sullivan, Principal

**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: Max Gottlieb's stepmother; Zoe Schafer's grandmother; Emily Sherrard's maternal grandmother; Taylor Farris's maternal grandfather; Keaghan, Seth, and Tristan Ritchie's maternal grandmother; Alexandra and Zachary Ayoob's maternal grandmother; Patrick Lynch's great-grandmother; Abbie Riser's grandmother; Tanner Whipkey's grandfather; Brody Prudnick's great uncle; and substitute teacher Patricia Noronha's brother. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

**FINAL REPORT CARDS** – are enclosed in this mailing. Applaud your children's accomplishments. In August, help them set short- and long-term goals for the new year. Keep in mind that second semester grades determine a student's athletic eligibility for fall and winter sports, i.e., a 2.0 is required.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** -- The school office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. through June 25. The office will reopen Monday, August 2 at 9 a.m.

**NEW AND USED TEXTBOOKS FOR 2010-11** – The used book sale on Wednesday, June 9, was quite a success! Many of the books were sold, but there are still some unsold books which will be available during August registration days. Checks received for used textbooks sold at the June book sale have already been mailed out in the envelopes families provided with each used book. **If you still have a few used books you would like to sell in the August book sale, they will be accepted August 9 and 10.** Remember, each used book must have a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the name of the book written on the back of the envelope. CCHS will make an attempt to sell any unsold books throughout the year. We reserve the right to dispose of any books no longer required at CCHS.

New textbooks ordered during June will be available for pick-up during August registration days. At registration, students will receive their schedules and all elective used books will be sold as well as any remaining required used books. **New book orders must be placed during August 11-12 registration days since the school will place a book order on August 13 at 8:30 a.m.** REMINDER: All math books are new this year and must be ordered during registration days. Additionally, do not purchase used workbooks. **While the school will place a “clean up” book order on August 25, this order is for stray book orders that result from schedule changes. NO BOOK ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN BY CCHS AFTER AUGUST 25.** Should you need to purchase books after that date you will find the book ISBN numbers available on the CCHS website to order the books on your own. It's much easier to do it through CCHS!

**2010-11 REGISTRATION DAYS** -- The following times have been set aside for students to pick up their schedules, pay class fees, buy used textbooks, order new textbooks, and pick up/buy gym uniforms. Student schedules are completed during the summer months and will not be available until August registration days. **Schedules for each particular grade level will only be available during the times listed below, so it is critical that parents and students adhere to the schedule listed.** If families with more than one child would like to pick up schedules and so on for all their children at one time, they must come on Thursday, August 12, from 2:30 - 4 p.m. At all other times, schedules and other items for each grade level listed will be the only ones handled at particular time slots. **There will be no exceptions.**

**Wednesday, August 11**

9 - 10:30 a.m: Seniors only

10:30 – noon: Juniors only

**CLOSED NOON - 1 P.M.**

1 - 2:30 p.m.: Sophomores only

2:30 - 4 p.m.: Freshmen only

**Thursday, August 12**

9 - 10:30 a.m.: 8th graders only

10:30 – noon: 7th graders only

**CLOSED NOON - 1 P.M.**

1 - 2:30 p.m.: 6th graders only

2:30 - 4 p.m.: Families with more than one student wishing to register all their children at one time; also, anyone unable to come at scheduled times

**DEBATE, ANYONE?-** -The Speech Team would like to branch out and try debate during the 2010-2011 school year. We are looking for individuals in our community with experience in this area who would be willing to help us get started. If this describes you, please call the school office or email Mrs. D'Brot at [dbrotcchs@hotmail.com](mailto:dbrotcchs@hotmail.com).

**9TH GRADE OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY** – It's time to start another tradition at CCHS! Much like we begin the senior year experience with a retreat, including a rafting experience on the New River, we plan to “bookend” the Irish high school years by starting the freshman year with a unique event. Planned for Thursday, September 16, at Camp Virgil Tate, our freshman, their teachers, and school staff, will spend the day together learning, reflecting, playing, and creating. Details will be forthcoming in the August newsletter.

**SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP** -- has been cancelled. Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Erby plan to offer the camp next summer for interested students who complete fifth or sixth grade in the 2010-2011 school year.

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

1) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Pre-orders placed in May for white polos will be available for pick up at August registration. **IMPORTANT UPDATE:** The fleece jackets (both charcoal and heather gray) worn by CCHS high school students are being phased out. A student currently owning a gray fleece that is in good shape and still fits may wear that fleece as part of the uniform during the 2010-11 school year. New black jackets with the CCHS logo may be ordered at August registration.

2) **INNISBROOK ORDERS** – may be placed throughout the year and will be shipped directly to you -- and CCHS will get credit for your order. Go to [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com) and click on “Buy Innisbrook Products” and enter CCHS school number 121949. Contact Lisa Dundervill (344-2566) for more information.

3) **Cafeteria Volunteers** -- If you are interested in helping in the cafeteria for the interim schedule (August and September 2010) please send your name, email address, complete mailing address (street, city, and zip code) and phone number to Crystal Dupay at 210 Ariel Heights Charleston, WV 25311 or call Crystal at 344-2168. The regular cafeteria volunteer schedule for October 2010 through June 2011 will be completed for the school year after volunteers submit their CCHS Cafeteria Volunteer Form following 2010-2011 school registration.

4) **CARE OF UNIFORM FLEECE** – Parents have reported that the best way to retain the shape and the consistency of the fabric is to NOT dry the fleece with a fabric softener sheet or include fabric softener in the wash cycle. Line drying is recommended.

5) **HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?** – The PVA is missing 150 plastic clips with Velcro strips used to attach skirting to tables. Without the clips, they are unable to use the skirting which helps transform the Commons for special events. If you have any information about the clips, please contact Mary Crigger at 304-346-6063.

**VIRTUS**– All parents or other adults who volunteer, coach, drive students, chaperone, etc., are required by the Diocese to complete the diocesan sexual abuse awareness training before being allowed to work with our students. Sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, at 6 p.m. at CCHS and Wednesday, September 8, at 6 p.m. in St. Albans (St. Francis of Assisi). Complete information, links, and forms are on the CCHS website (NOTE: At the national VIRTUS site, look up “Wheeling-Charleston diocese” to see dates, etc.). Please contact Ms. FitzGerald with questions.

**COME, SING JOYFULLY UNTO THE LORD!** -- Singers in all grades are invited to join the CCHS choir for the 2010-11 school year. Choir members will practice during their lunch periods on Tuesdays. Musicians are encouraged to share their talents in meditation music. Interested students should fill out a “Musician Survey” during registration in August. Questions? Call Mrs. Stone at 304-927-3614.

**SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES** – The news media is filled with reports of colleges and employers’ use of Facebook and other sites to determine admissions, scholarships, and job offers. We continue to receive alerts from colleges telling of their policies related to “monitoring public information channels” (e.g., FaceBook). As our students have been told, once they put something on the internet, “it’s public.” Some wise students have “gotten the message” and are using these websites as marketing tools, putting up information about themselves that present positive impressions (e.g., their sports photos and stats). Personal information – address, full name, phone number, etc. – should never be listed.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL** – If you or someone you know is interested in coaching middle school volleyball, please get in touch with Bill Gillispie at 304-342-8415. We have an excellent assistant volleyball coach who will help at practice and will take care of administrative tasks. We want to continue to build on our successes!

**PHOTO WEBSITE** – Check out unofficial CCHS photographer Russ Miller’s website. The photos of athletics and events are truly spectacular!

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES REQUIREMENTS** – Students who attended CCHS during the 2009-10 school year may begin to fulfill next year’s community service and fine arts/humanities requirements during the summer months. These activities must be submitted during the first quarter in order to receive credit. 6<sup>th</sup> graders and other students new to CCHS in 2010-11 may not begin to work on these requirements until after the requirements are discussed in theology and English classes in August.

**RISING SENIORS** -- Photo Graphix is the official CCHS yearbook photographer and will be sending out a letter to each senior before the end of June. Seniors should arrange to have photos taken at the studio this summer (5018 MacCorkle Avenue, one block before the Dunbar Toll Bridge). For those students **ONLY WANTING THE “OFFICIAL PICTURE,”** (i.e., suit jacket for boys, formal drape for girls), Mike Hall will set aside dates for CCHS seniors. **Students wanting clothing changes and/or indoor/outdoor shots** can call and make appointments (768-2000) any time during the summer. For pricing info, go to the website www.wvphoto.com. Seniors who have not had their Photo Graphix sitting by the time school pictures are taken in September will have their senior yearbook photo (one shot) taken at the same time as underclassmen.

**STUDENTS COMPLETING SUMMER PACKETS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSES FAILED DURING 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR** – must take their end-of-summer finals with Simone Thomas on Monday, August 9, at 9 a.m.

**FAMILIES WISHING NEWSLETTERS/REPORT CARDS/PROGRESS REPORTS SENT TO 2 ADDRESSES** – must send in 12 stamped addressed envelopes by the first week of August.

**UNIFORM NOTES-** As announced last June, this year girls will have the option of uniform skorts, shorts, or twill or corduroy pants. **UNIFORM SKIRTS MAY NO LONGER BE WORN.** Two styles of navy skorts from Lands' End School (item numbers 25021-0BPX and 39372-8BP1) have been approved. We are currently working with Charleston Department Store to add skort styles there as well. Finalized information will be available in the August newsletter. To order from Lands' End School, visit the website at [www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school) or call 1-800-469-2222. Charleston Catholic has a Preferred School Account with Lands' End (preferred school number is 900133356), meaning that when the preferred school number is used, 3% of the school's net sales are returned to Charleston Catholic, and parents become eligible for discounts and free shipping. Register at <http://www.landsend.com/> for e-mails. You will get several a week, but many times there are coupons for free shipping, 30% off, etc.

Navy twill and corduroy pants in a variety of styles have been approved for both girls and boys and are available from Lands' End School and Charleston Department Store.

**An addition to the uniform this year will be black jackets sold by the PVA.** These jackets may be worn over the uniform shirt and will be phased in to replace gray fleeces. Fleeces may still be worn this year but will no longer be sold.

Please check the school website ([www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org](http://www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org)) to see the complete list of uniform guidelines.

**A REMINDER ABOUT UNIFORMS-** Part of the "package" at Charleston Catholic High School is the school uniform. Uniforms are just that -- uniforms. They are not intended to reflect the fashion trends of the moment. This includes clothing, accessories, jewelry, shoes, hair, etc. The purpose of the school uniform is to contribute to the academic atmosphere of the school. Please take time to go through your children's uniforms now and discard anything that is **FADED, worn, torn, or otherwise inappropriate** in a business-type atmosphere. A full description of uniform guidelines may be found in the handbook on our CCHS website. If you have any questions about uniform guidelines please call Ms. FitzGerald in August.

**SUMMER READING** -- Each CCHS student is required to read selections for upcoming English classes as part of the school's summer reading program. Information about each book is on the CCHS website. Encourage your students to read these descriptions before starting to read so that they will get a preview of what is ahead. Tests will be given at the beginning of school in August -- students should be prepared the first full day of school. Additional reading and writing activities involving the book(s) will occur during the first two weeks of school. Check Amazon.com to find less than list prices. No written responses are required during the summer but will be assigned after school begins. **Reminder to students: Finish reading before school begins. Start the year with solid grades!**

#### SUMMER READING LIST:

**Grade 12: (choose any two)** *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin; *Lavinia* by Ursula Le Guin, *The Good Thief* by Hannah Tinti, *As Easy As Falling Off the Face of the Earth* by Linda Rae Perkins

**Grade 11: (both books are required for all)** *The Color of Water* by James McBride **and** *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

**Grade 10: (both books are required for all)** *Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle **and** *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie R. King

**Grade 9: (both books are required for all)** *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer **and** *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

**Grade 8: (both books are required for all)** *The Gospel According to Larry* by Janet Tashjian **and** *Let the Circle Be Unbroken* by Mildred Taylor

**Grade 7: (both books are required for all)** *Rascal* by Sterling North **and** *The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke

**Grade 6: (both books are required for all)** *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart **and** *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

#### **MRS. THOMAS' TIPS --**

1) SAT and ACT testing and registration information and registration is available online at -- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) (CCHS code: 490-205).

2) Senior final transcripts will be mailed by June 25 to the colleges indicated by the students.

3) Class of 2011 (rising seniors) will need to complete their fine arts requirement by the end of the third quarter of their senior year and community service hours by the second Friday of May in order to be considered for exam exemptions.

4) **New students** (except those attending area Catholic elementary schools) must mail final report cards and achievement test results to the office by **August 2**.

5) Drivers' Proof of Enrollment forms will not be processed again until classes begin in August.

6) College applications are due to Mrs. Thomas by November 1.

7) In the fall, Mrs. Thomas will schedule meetings for parents of rising 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

8) Terra Nova results will be mailed with the August newsletter for this year's middle school students.

**FALL SPORTS** -- Students must have a completed doctor's physical (administered after June 1, 2010) to give coaches on the first day of practice. This physical is good for the entire school year. Once teams have been selected, students participating on teams must turn in their athletic fees (\$75 per sport) before uniforms will be issued. **A student who has not turned in athletic uniforms from another sport will not be permitted to participate in the next sport.** CCHS students in grades 7-12 are eligible for athletics if they meet SSAC requirements (including having 2.0 GPA at end of 2009-10 second semester) and CCHS expectations, i.e., good behavior. Sixth graders are encouraged to continue involvement in community and recreational sports leagues. If you have questions about fall sports – how to get involved, when practices start, and so on -- please contact Bill Gillispie, CCHS athletic director, at 550-5702 or coaches for individual sports, listed below.

**Athletic Director: Bill Gillispie – 550-5702: [cchsathletics@yahoo.com](mailto:cchsathletics@yahoo.com)**

**HS Golf – Bill Gillispie: [cchsathletics@yahoo.com](mailto:cchsathletics@yahoo.com)**

**HS Boys Soccer – Keith Hutcheson: [keith.hutcheson@afnetwork.com](mailto:keith.hutcheson@afnetwork.com)**

**HS Girls Soccer – Kevin Nelson: [knelson@huddlestonbolen.com](mailto:knelson@huddlestonbolen.com)**

**HS Volleyball – Vince Stricker: [strick@dow.com](mailto:strick@dow.com)**

**HS & MS Cross Country – Scott Welch: 304-344-3006**

**HS Cheerleading – Kari Chipps: [kari.chipps@gmail.com](mailto:kari.chipps@gmail.com)**

**MS Boys Soccer – Domenic Cipollone: [dcipollone@suddenlink.net](mailto:dcipollone@suddenlink.net)**

**MS Girls Soccer – Sam Fox: [sfox@fsblaw.com](mailto:sfox@fsblaw.com)**

**MS Volleyball – contact Bill Gillispie, Athletic Director (see above)**

**HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADER TRYOUTS** -- are scheduled for the first week in August, along with a camp to be held at CCHS. Please contact coaches Ms. Kari Chipps at [kari.chipps@gmail.com](mailto:kari.chipps@gmail.com) or Mrs. Lindsey Dolan at [lindseydolan@yahoo.com](mailto:lindseydolan@yahoo.com) for more information.

**STUDENTS NEW TO CCHS**–New students (7<sup>th</sup> grade or higher) who have already been accepted to CCHS for the 2010-11 school year who are interested in playing fall sports should contact the individual coaches listed above or Bill Gillispie, our athletic director, for information (550-5702 or [cchsathletics@yahoo.com](mailto:cchsathletics@yahoo.com)).

**GAZETTE EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS AWARD (GEISA)** -- It's been an exciting year for sports at both the middle school and high school levels. Our teams' successes reflect the hard work and dedication of our students and coaches. Our students bring to the sports arena the same work ethic and standards of excellence that they display in the classroom. They are, indeed, student athletes in the finest sense.

This year marks the third consecutive year that Charleston Catholic won the GEISA! *Gazette* sports writer Dave Hickman stated "it was a record smashing performance by a **perennial powerhouse** that highlighted the *Gazette's* 14<sup>th</sup> annual West Virginia high school all-sports rankings."

According to Tommy Atkinson in the June 11, 2010, Charleston *Gazette*: "**Catholic left little doubt it was the top Class A sports program in the state again this school year, winning its third straight GEISA title and sixth overall with more points than any school in any class has amassed since the all-sports rankings began during the 1996-97 school year.** The Fighting Irish's 86 points are four more than the previous record held by Wheeling Central in 2004-05. Not only that, but Charleston Catholic won Class A this year by a 48 9/10-point margin, far and away the largest margin in GEISA history. . . Catholic was so dominant this season it could have split into boys and girls schools and finished first and second, respectively, in the Class A GEISA standings. The Irish boys teams scored 46 1/2 points and the girls teams totaled 39 1/2. Williamstown, second in the overall standings, had 37 1/10 points. . . . But in addition to state titles in boys and girls soccer, boys and girls tennis, golf and volleyball, the Irish also finished second in boys basketball and boys track, third in boys swimming, fourth in girls swimming and girls track, and made the state semifinals in girls basketball." Congratulations to all on earning this beautiful achievement!

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** – CCHS parent Eileen Goldberg is looking for volunteers to help at the Alzheimer's Association office at 1111 Lee Street East, Charleston, WV 25301. Please contact Ann Ali at 304-343-2717.

**IMMUNIZATION NEWS** – In an effort to keep all of our students healthy, we ask you to check with your doctor to see if your child's immunizations are up to date. If you have any updates to your records, please provide a copy to the office.

**Required immunizations:** 4 or more doses of DTaP, the last one after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 3 or more doses of IPV (Polio), the last one after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 2 doses of MMR, the first one after the first birthday  
 3 doses of HepB (Hepatitis)  
 2 doses of Varicella (Chicken Pox)

**Recommended immunizations:** 1 dose Tdap (Tetanus Booster)  
 3 doses of HPV (Cervical Cancer)  
 1 dose of MCV4 (meningitis)  
 Annual flu shot

**SUMMER TUTORING** – CCHS teachers Dorothy Scharf and Julia Hixson are available to tutor middle school subjects this summer. Please contact Mrs. Scharf for middle math at 304-552-6235. Contact Mrs. Hixson at juliamkroner@gmail.com.

**SCIENCE BOOK CLUB** – Offered through the CCHS science department, the first selection for the 2010-2011 school year is Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card. All students are invited to read the book and join in the group discussion which will be held in early October.

**HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA NOTES** -- The Drama Troupe is busy planning for next year's season. They hope to stage a revival of "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood," as well as another musical. As he makes plans for the upcoming term, Mr. Fix is in need of some information. High school students who would like to be part of a musical production next year should email the following information to Mr. Fix ([jmfixteach@aol.com](mailto:jmfixteach@aol.com)): 1. Name; 2. Availability (e.g., Fall, Winter, Spring); 3. Singing ability (e.g., beginner, intermediate, advanced); 4. Anything else students want to share about their singing/acting ability; 5. Any suggestions for potential musicals to be staged.

**ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY** – This spring, our maintenance crew has been hard at work installing a wall along the far side of the competition floor at the CCHS Athletic Facility. We already have several advertising banners on display. If you're interested in adding your business or well wishes to the wall, 3 foot by 6 foot customizable banners are available. What a great way to reach out to the Charleston Catholic community! To learn more and order a banner for your business, contact Kathy Crain at (304)541-4182.

### **THANK YOU** –

- to the PVA board and committee members and to everyone who was involved in activities throughout the year – we couldn't do it without you! So much good is being done through this group's efforts. No words are adequate!
- to CCHS faculty and staff, supportive parents, dedicated coaches, loyal alumni, Monsignor Sadie, and others in the community who collaborated to make the 2009-10 school year so successful academically, spiritually, personally, and athletically for the student body.
- to the Class of 2010 for their class gift. During our recent graduation ceremony, they announced their desire to use remaining class funds to help in several ways: restore the outside flag pole to use; donate \$2000 to HOPE; and start a fund to help rising seniors with books, tuition, and fees at CCHS. Each of these bequests is beautiful and so characteristic of this graduating class. Many thanks to the class of 2010 for their generosity to benefit others!
- to Mary Frances Casey, who has been and continues to be a major presence in our school community. While Mrs. Casey won't be on hand in the school office, expect to see her at a variety of school events!
- to chairpersons Lori Ray and Felice Joseph and every one who volunteered for the reception for the 8th grade moving up ceremony including Rosie Borman, Janet Kawash, Rebecca Burch, Ann Rembrandt, Andrea Zekan, Mona Dagostine, Erica Bailey, Maureen Runyon, Julia Hurney, Paula Jameson, Mischa DiFilippo, Ann Burdette, Barbie Covelli, Terri Imani, and Bernarda Bandak. The treats and punch were a delicious way to end a special evening. The help of everyone who assisted with set up, serving, and clean up was deeply appreciated by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade families. Thanks again for making the reception special!
- to Russ Miller for his COUNTLESS HOURS spent at CCHS athletic, graduation, and other events, taking thousands (millions?) of pictures for our families and the school. What a selfless gesture to benefit members of the school community!
- for speakers, receivers, and monitors dropped off for use with our SmartBoards and projectors.
- to Bill Gillispie and Eric Bailey for overseeing the CCHS golf tournament in May and for all those who supported this venture through their donations of food, prizes, and funds: Dickinson Gould; Mike Duda; Craig Berner and staff; Bill Signorelli; Joe and Albert Leonoro; Brian Wetzels; Mark Holstein; Roger Murad; Gus Sodaro; Sam Femia; Tracy Abdulla and Jeff Asbaugh; Kathy Crain; Lee and Matt Bradley; Pepsi Bottling; Jeff Hutchinson; David Wentz; Damon Frederick;

O'Charley's; T.G.I. Friday's; Mike Del Giudice; Mike Sokolosky; Claude Smith; Lewis, Glasser, Casey, & Rollins, PLLC; David Grubb; Pat Maroney; Steve Kawash; David Houchins; Drs. Rick and Kim Lough; Nick Casey; Eugene and David Sadd; Shawn Casey; Chris Joseph; John Curry; David Broyles; L. J. Fairless; and Mark Rosenhagen.

- to the 41 CCHS students who are working on 11 houses during HOPE (Housing Outreach Project Express) at the end of June in Clay County, improving living conditions for needy families. Special thanks to the 25 adults, including alumni, who took vacation days to lead work crews. Many thanks to Clay County Schools personnel and members of the Catholic Church of the Risen Lord at Maysel for going out of their way to make housing and dining arrangements for our HOPE crew. Many thanks, too, to all who donated funds to support this remarkable project. All monies go directly into the project, buying construction supplies and other necessary items. Deepest appreciation goes to **Jim Weimer**, HOPE construction superintendent, and CCHS theology teacher **Bill Mehle**, who spend the year making contacts, working with students and community members to organize, raise money, train, and then "do" HOPE. This project truly makes a difference in the lives of our less fortunate neighbors.

- to Project Graduation chairs Penny Gennette and Eileen Goldberg and the Project Graduation committee members, volunteers, and sponsors who made the all-night celebration such a memorable and fantastic experience for the Class of 2010, the CCHS junior class, and their guests. We particularly thank Laura Maddox, Adrienne Worthy, Leslie Gallian, Vivian Higgins, Debbie Bogan, Brian Farkas, Barbie Covelli, Lisa Dundervill, Tim Maddox, Libby Shrewsbury, Loretta Goolsby, Debbie DiFilippo, Sara Casingal, Michael Tupta, and Rick Henchey. Special thanks to all the businesses and individuals who supported this party with their generous contributions: Mary McQuain, Karen and David Miller, Kathy Crain, Main Kwong, Quaker Steak and Lube, Jimmy John's, Papa John's, and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts.

- to Liz Weisberg, chair, and to all who helped create a classy, delicious, beautifully decorated reception following Baccalaureate. Many thanks to the freshmen parents who contributed food items – spectacularly delicious! Special thanks to those who also gave their time and talents so generously throughout the weekend to make the evening so wonderful, including Kimber Asseff, Chrissy Hovorka, Dianna Canfield, Carla Stricker, Sharon Casto, Lisa Dobbins, Jill Helmick, Jack Smith, Rosie Borman, Karen Haddad, Veronica Argento, Terry Fletcher, Ann Rembrandt, Christy Prudnick, Janice Standish, Lisa Cassis, John Canfield, Donna Slayton, Jo Kessler, Ben Canfield, Alex Canfield, Alex White, Hunter White, Keifer Hovorka, Trish Weisberg, Marlo Weisberg, Vincent Stricker, Madison Helmick. A very special thank you to Terry Asseff of Terry Asseff Designs who donated her expertise for the beautiful "dream clouds" that hung from the ceiling. What a wonderful celebration for our graduates and their families and friends!

- to Mary Jo Swartz and Leslie Gallian and everyone who helped organize, prepare, and clean up after the middle school athletic banquet. Special thanks to Gary Lane and the staff at the Pope John XXIII Center for all their support in making this an enjoyable evening for all and with amazing attendance!

- to 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Toni Erby for organizing the sixth annual eighth-grade-downtown-litter-pick-up. Our 75 8<sup>th</sup> graders spent a morning combing downtown streets and riverbank to rid our neighborhood of debris. Thanks, too, to parents and staff who helped supervise the students!

- to Margaret Santmyer and Ralph Walker for their donations of gloves to be used by next year's science classes.

- to Georgette George for speaking to the Anatomy/ Physiology students.

- to LuAnn Summers, chair, and to the "village" of folks who sorted, priced, arranged, and sold used textbooks during the very successful used book sale last week. What a massive undertaking which directly benefits our families! Many thanks to Erika Bailey, Peri Bailey, Marsha Hoyer, Samantha Hoyer, Erin Hoyer, Scarlett Hutcherson, Sheila Kerekes, Lauren Kerekes, Lisa Moore, Sidney Moore, Jeff Summers, Meredith Summers, Madeleine Summers, Debbie Smith, Ericka Cap, Dylan Rosenlieb, Kimber Asseff, Diane Beckerle, Ben Beckerle, Nick Beckerle,

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- to Joe Sassler, former CCHS parent, who donated two printers and a scanner to beef up our CCHS technology.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

- to class of 2010 valedictorian Max Gottlieb and to salutatorian Emily Witsberger.

- to Tristan Ritchie, recipient of the Mary Ferretti Memorial Scholarship, a cash award toward college tuition.

- to Josh Arnold, recipient of the CCHS Alumni Award.

- to Adam Buscher and Megan Pulliam, recipients of the Les Cotto-Thorner Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Service.

- to Sami Scriptunas, recipient of the Mary Hart Brennan Creative Writing Award.

- to award recipients: Katie Stricker (Rensselaer Science Award), Meredith Summers (Harvard Book Award), Samantha Moore (HOBY).

- to Alexandra Ayoob, recipient of the Mary Jennings Memorial Scholarship, and to Christina Centofanti and Casey Gennette, recipients of the Charleston Catholic High School Scholarship of Merit, each worth \$1000 per year toward tuition during the high school years.

- to Kayla Boggess, Joshua Hufford, and Gina Marks, recipients of the Bobby Hypes Memorial Scholarship, \$1000 toward freshman year tuition, in memory of Bobby Hypes, deceased member of the class of 2008.
- to 8<sup>th</sup> grader Christina Centofanti for completing over 400 hours of community service this year, far exceeding the eighth grade requirement of 10 hours.
- to Meg Whelan, recipient of the scholarship established to benefit a rising senior each year at CCHS.
- to 8<sup>th</sup> graders who earned all A's during their 6 semesters of middle school at CCHS: Emma Hanna, Patrick Hart, Chris Kay and Quincy McKown.
- to Regional Math Field Day competitors Sami Harris for winning the ninth grade competition; John Daly for finishing sixth among all high school students and being awarded a scholarship to the West Virginia University Institute of Technology; and Michael Mallory for being named a high school alternate.
  - to all high school advanced honors math classes for finishing the state Math League competitions in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and to John Daly for finishing fifth in the state in the competition.
- to Drama Club students and sponsor Mr. Fix and other adults who staged three drama productions this year, with the last effort, "Cinderstein," being staged in May.
- to both **high school boys' and girls' tennis teams** for winning the class AA –A state championship. This marked the 5<sup>th</sup> in a row and 6<sup>th</sup> in the last seven years for the boys, while the girls won their 3<sup>rd</sup> in a row and 10<sup>th</sup> overall title. All seven girls' positions won state titles!
- to the **high school track** teams, using grit and determination in the face of intense competition at the state meet, with the boys earning its first state runner-up finish (narrowly missing the championship by 1 ½ points), while the girls achieved 4<sup>th</sup> place overall (missing 3<sup>rd</sup> place by 4 points). Out of 25 athletes competing, 21 came away with at least one medal. Both teams combined to produce five state champions and set two state records. Sami Harris is the state champion in the two mile and Alexandrine is the state champion in the 200 meter. Three of the boys' relays won championships while two others placed second. At the state meet, CCHS teams also set 8 school records!
- to the **high school softball** team, earning the sectional tournament championship and regional runner-up. Juniors Ally Hoyer and Marty Kay Wilcox were named first team all-state while Anne Marie Stonestreet was named Special Honorable Mention. Senior Stephanie Supcoe was named to the Honorable Mention team. Ally and Marty Kay were also named to the All Kanawha Valley team.
- to the **high school baseball** team, finishing with a record of 24-13, and winning its sectional and regional semi-final games before falling to state runner-up Man High School.
- to our **middle school spring sports teams**, all turning in solid performances. Both the middle school boys' and girls' tennis teams had excellent showings at the county championship. The baseball team and softball teams both continued their winning ways, learning a lot and having fun along the way. The golf team won the County championship, a tribute to the skill and determination of the players. Christian Casingal earned County medalist honors and may very well be the youngest player to qualify for the WV Amateur Golf tournament. The track team, with a young but energetic membership, continued a solid school track tradition.
- to class of 2010 member Justen Holstein for qualifying for this summer's WV Amateur Golf tournament, at which time he and Christian Casingal will be playing on the links at The Greenbrier.
- to all of our students, faculty, and staff for their numerous accomplishments this year!

**CALENDAR FOR 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR** – This calendar is being provided to help families plan for the next school year. With this information in hand, families should be able to look ahead and avoid student absences for family trips or other occasions. At the end of each semester, students must make up time missed for illness or other non-school related reasons (more than 5 absences per semester in any class) in order for class credit to be granted. Please note exam days -- students must take exams on the days/times when the exams are scheduled.

## CALENDAR FOR 2010-11

Monday, August 2	school office reopens
Monday, August 9	testing of middle school students who completed summer school packets 9 a.m.
Monday/Tuesday, August 9/10	last opportunity to turn in used textbooks for resale
Wednesday, August 11	registration for grades 9 – 12 9 - 10:30 a.m.: Seniors only 10:30 – noon: Juniors only <b>CLOSED NOON - 1 P.M.</b> 1 - 2:30 p.m.: Sophomores only 2:30 - 4 p.m.: Freshmen only
Thursday, August 12	registration for grades 6 – 8 9 - 10:30 a.m.: 8th graders only 10:30 – noon: 7th graders only <b>CLOSED NOON - 1 P.M.</b> 1 - 2:30 p.m.: 6th graders only 2:30 - 4 p.m.: Families with more than one student wishing to register all their children at one time; also, anyone unable to come at scheduled times
Friday, August 13	new textbook order submitted for orders placed August 11/12
Wednesday, August 18	first day for students
Tuesday, August 24	Virtus training for adults 6 p.m. at CCHS
Wednesday, August 25	last date for new textbook orders to be placed (after this date, families will have to purchase on their own)
Thursday/Friday, September 2/3	senior retreat
Monday, September 6	Labor Day – no school
Thursday, September 16	freshman class outdoor education day at Camp Virgil Tate (8:30 – 2 p.m.)
Saturday, September 25	Homecoming games and high school dance
Friday, November 12	Veterans' Day – no school
Wednesday, November 24	11:30 dismissal for Thanksgiving
Wednesday-Friday, December 15-17	exams
Monday, December 20	first day of Christmas vacation
Monday, January 3	classes resume
Monday, January 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – no school
Week of January 31	Catholic Schools Week (tentative)
Monday, February 21	Presidents' Day – no school
Monday, April 18	first day of Easter break
Sunday, April 24	Easter
Tuesday, April 26	classes resume
Monday, May 2	AP tests begin
Saturday, May 21	Prom
Saturday, May 28	baccalaureate
Sunday, May 29	graduation
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day – no school
Wednesday-Friday, June 1-3	exams for grades 6 – 11

*Congratulations,*  
**Charleston Catholic High School**  
**Class of 2010!**

**NOTES ON THE CLASS OF 2010**

- 100% are college-bound
- 100% participated in extracurricular activities during their years at CCHS
  - 83% entered CCHS in middle school
- 92% attended Catholic middle schools either in West Virginia or in other states across the nation
- 7% were named National Merit Finalists, a national recognition bestowed upon the top 1% of college-bound students
  - 66% qualified for the PROMISE scholarship
- were offered over \$4 million in academic, leadership, athletic, and service scholarships and awards
  - took a total of 160 Advanced Placement exams
- contributed over 4,000 community service hours during senior year

**The senior class of 2010 will be attending the colleges and universities in bold (37). All other colleges listed are schools where the students have been accepted – a total of 105!**

Alderson-Broadus College	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	<b><u>University of Charleston</u></b>
Appalachian State University	Ithaca College	University of Cincinnati
<b><u>American University</u></b>	James Madison University	<b><u>University of Dayton</u></b>
<b><u>Auburn University</u></b>	Lafayette College	University of Georgia
Barry University	Lehigh University	University of Hawaii
Belmont University	Louisiana State University	<b><u>University of Kentucky</u></b>
<b><u>Berklee College of Music</u></b>	<b><u>Marshall University</u></b>	<b><u>University of Louisville</u></b>
<b><u>Bethany College</u></b>	Marietta College	University of Massachusetts at Boston
<b><u>Boston College</u></b>	Maryland Institute College of Art	University of Miami
Bridgewater College	Miami University of Ohio	University of New England
Case Western Reserve University	Mount Union College	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Catholic University	Ohio Dominican University	University of Oregon
Chapman University	<b><u>Ohio State University</u></b>	University of Pittsburgh
<b><u>Clemson University</u></b>	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Richmond
Coastal Carolina University	Ohio University	University of South Carolina
Colby College	New York University	University of South Florida
Columbia College	Northeastern University	<b><u>University of Tennessee</u></b>
<b><u>College of Charleston</u></b>	North Carolina State University	<b><u>Vassar College</u></b>
<b><u>College of Wooster</u></b>	Penn State	University of Virginia
Concord University	Purdue University	Upper Iowa University
Denison University	<b><u>Queens University</u></b>	<b><u>Virginia Tech</u></b>
Dickinson College	<b><u>Radford University</u></b>	<b><u>Washington &amp; Lee University</u></b>
Duquesne University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Washington University – St. Louis
East Carolina University	Rhode Island College of Art and Design	West Liberty University
Elon University	<b><u>Ringling College of Art and Design</u></b>	<b><u>West Virginia State University</u></b>
<b><u>Fairmont State University</u></b>	Roanoke College	<b><u>West Virginia University</u></b>
<b><u>Flagler University</u></b>	Robert Morris University	<b><u>West Virginia Institute of Technology</u></b>
<b><u>Florida Institute of Technology</u></b>	<b><u>Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology</u></b>	West Virginia Wesleyan
<b><u>Florida State University</u></b>	<b><u>Shepherd University</u></b>	<b><u>Wheeling Jesuit University</u></b>
Georgetown College	Springfield College	Wittenberg University
<b><u>Georgetown University</u></b>	<b><u>Syracuse University</u></b>	Wofford College
George Washington University	<b><u>Texas A &amp; M University</u></b>	<b><u>Xavier University</u></b>
Glenville College	Transylvania University	
Georgia Tech	<b><u>Tulane University</u></b>	
Guilford University	University of Akron	
<b><u>High Point University</u></b>	University of Alabama	
Hollins		