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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:

It's always satisfying to look back on a school year and this year has certainly been filled with plenty of good, productive times. Students, faculty and staff, parents, coaches and friends of the school joined to create a healthy environment in which students were encouraged to expand their horizons, to work hard and do their best, and to accept responsibility for their actions.

I often remark that CCHS should not be taken for granted. And during graduation and at the baccalaureate reception, at the eighth grade moving up ceremony and reception, at sports events in our facilities and at Power Park, in the school hallways and office, at the Vandalia Gathering, in the Governor's Mansion and the Culture Center, and at the Farmers' Market and on downtown sidewalks, I have been reminded by so many people just how much so many of our students and parents -- and the community at large -- value Charleston Catholic. It's not perfect; no institution is. But we're able to examine our programs and operations, to make adjustments, and to set high standards for all involved. CCHS is widely recognized as a solid institution with a specific philosophy and mission, characterized by a strong belief in the sacredness of each person, academic excellence, respect, integrity, justice, service, and community.

On a related note, I continue to be humbled by families' voluntary contributions to the faculty and staff benefit Fund for Excellence. The response, including those who will be joining us for the first time in August, has been solid and sends, in a very tangible way, a strong message of thanks to faculty and staff for their role in shaping young people's lives.

With over 88% of the Class of 2011 having joined us in middle school, there is an understanding of the philosophy that pervades life here at school that then grows and reaches out to include all of our families. I look at our middle schoolers and know that the program they have been a part of here is one that prepares them so well for our high school program. The high school program then builds upon the foundation already existing and takes students to the next level. Take a few minutes to focus on the information about the Class of 2011 and you will get a glimpse of how a Charleston Catholic education, admittedly a very challenging seven-year program, pays off at the next level and in life in general.

Most days of our school year can be characterized simply as being productive, busy days. 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, get through the rough patches, see the broader world, and develop spiritual and intellectual habits and abilities that will shape and support them throughout their lives.

Because we are a community, 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.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I say "thank YOU" for sharing your children with us and for your trust and support throughout the school year. May your summer be filled with special blessings and with opportunities to enjoy family and friends.

Debra K. Sullivan, Principal

### ***Congratulations, Charleston Catholic High School Class of 2011!***

- 64 graduates
- 100% have been accepted into colleges and universities representing institutions across the nation, Central America, and Canada
- 97% participated in school extracurricular activities during their years at CCHS
  - 88% entered CCHS in middle school
- 13% were named National Merit Semi-Finalists, a national recognition bestowed upon the top 2% of college-bound students
  - 65% qualified for the PROMISE scholarship
- offered over \$6.2 million in academic, leadership, athletic, and service scholarships and awards
  - took a total of 213 Advanced Placement exams
- contributed over 4,000 community service hours during senior year, with over 3,100 of these hours benefitting special needs groups

**The CCHS Class of 2011 will be attending the colleges and universities printed in bold (35). All other colleges listed are schools where the students have been accepted – a total of 103!**

Arizona State University, **Ashland University**, **Auburn University**, Ave Maria University, Bard College, Belmont University, Bethany College, Boston University, **Carnegie-Mellon University**, Case Western Reserve University, Catholic University, **Centre College**, Charleston Southern University, **Citadel**, Clemson University, **Coastal Carolina University**, College of Charleston, Concord College, DePaul University, Drexel University, Duquesne University, East Carolina University, Eastern Kentucky University, Eckerd College, Elon University, Emory University, Emory and Henry University, **Fairmont State University**, Flagler University, Florida Atlantic, Florida Gulf Coast University, **Florida Southern College**, Florida Tech, **Fordham University**, Franciscan University of Steubenville, **Furman University**, George Washington University, Guildford University, **High Point University**, Jacksonville University, Marietta College, **Marshall University**, **McGill University**, **Ohio State University**, Ohio University, Otterbein College, New York University, **Northeastern University**, Penn State University, Presbyterian College, Purdue University, Queens University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Roanoke College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, St. Louis University, Saint Vincent College, **Sewanee: The University of the South**, **Shepherd University**, Southern Methodist University, Spaulding University, Stetson University, Syracuse University, Texas A & M University, **Texas Christian University**, Transylvania University, **Universidad de Guatemala**, University of Alabama, University of Arizona, **University of Charleston**, University of Cincinnati, **University of Dayton**, University of Delaware, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, University of Maryland, **University of Miami**, **University of Minnesota-Twin Cities**, University of New Hampshire, **University of North Carolina at Greensboro**, University of Notre Dame, **University of Pittsburgh**, University of Southern California, University of South Carolina, **University of Tennessee**, University of Toronto, **University of Virginia**, University of Wisconsin—Madison, **Vassar College**, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, **Wake Forest University**, **Washington and Lee University**, Waynesburg University, **West Virginia State University**, **West Virginia University**, **West Virginia Wesleyan**, Wheeling Jesuit University, **Wittenberg University**, Wofford College, **Xavier University**

**FOND FAREWELLS** -- Each year brings its share of personnel changes and next year will be no different. We bid fond farewell to Ms. Kelsey Wright who spent the year successfully helping high school students unravel the intricacies of trigonometry and advanced honors geometry. We also bid a partial farewell to Mrs. Robin Snyder, Latin teacher, who has been on staff for 24 years, structuring a Latin program that is second to none. She will return in the upcoming school year to teach Latin IV as we welcome a new Latin teacher to take the reins of Latin I through III. We are also thankful to Mrs. Ann Hamm, retired CCHS math teacher, for stepping in and taking over math classes so Mrs. Sarah Griffith could enjoy time with her newborn daughter, Anna. Each of these individuals has touched the hearts and minds of so many of our staff and students during their time with us. We will miss them but wish them well with their new adventures and challenges.

**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: teacher Dorothy Scharf’s mother; Haley Santmyer’s maternal grandfather; Ryan Edwards’ paternal grandfather; and teacher Scott Welch’s father-in-law. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** -- The school office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. through June 24. The office will reopen Monday, August 1 at 9 a.m.

**ACADEMIC NEWS** -- Since 1998, The *Washington Post* has ranked Washington-area public high schools using the Challenge Index, a measure of how effectively a school prepares its average students for college. In 2011, the Post expanded its research to schools across the country, generating a list of the “top 1900 public high schools.” Two West Virginia public schools made the list: Morgantown ranked 1,233 and Hurricane ranked 1481. By applying the formula to Charleston Catholic (i.e., dividing the number of Advanced Placement exams a school administered in 2010 by the number of graduating seniors), CCHS’s score would put our rank at 156. Nice to know! Members of the Class of 2011 took a total of 213 AP tests in Biology, Studio Art, Psychology, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Spanish, Physics, U.S. Government and Politics, Calculus, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, World History, and U.S. History.

**ASSESSMENT OF CATECHESIS/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (ACRE)** – is a nationally-normed test that helps school, parish, and diocesan leaders evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of students in our Catholic schools. The test, administered annually to 8<sup>th</sup> graders and juniors, measures religious beliefs related to God, the Church, Liturgy and Sacraments, Revelation, Life in Christ, Church History, Prayer/Religious Practices and Catholic Faith Literacy.

Our CCHS students, regardless of faith tradition, significantly outperformed national averages in all categories. It is remarkable that **91.3%** of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders scored at the Advanced or Proficient levels as compared to 84.7% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and 70.6% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders nationally.

Similarly, **96.9%** of CCHS juniors scored at the Advanced or Proficient level as compared to 72.6% at the diocesan level and 61.3% nationally. **100%** of the Catholic members of the junior class scored at the Advanced or Proficient level as compared to 75.9% in West Virginia and 64% of Catholic juniors nationally. Well done!

**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.

**NEW AND USED TEXTBOOKS FOR 2011-12-** Our first buyback under ESCO books is completed. One hundred and three boxes of books were shipped to the ESCO warehouse for cash or credit. The process was simple, and a capable crew of volunteers made it flow seamlessly. Over the next several weeks you should receive either a check or credit (according to your specification) for the books you submitted that were useable and in good condition. If you still have books that you would like to sell, you may do so online at our ESCO bookstore site: <http://cch.escobookstore.com/register> and follow the buyback procedure. **Many families trade/sell/purchase books on their own and, of course, this will continue to be an option.**

Our 2011-2012 booklist will be available online beginning Wednesday, August 10, at 9:00 a.m. (open 24-7) to coincide with the registration days at school. The booklist includes images of the textbooks and ISBN numbers. ESCO will provide free shipping for the first two weeks on your first purchase and 100% refunds for the first thirty days that the ESCO bookstore is open. You may purchase books through ESCO or through an online seller of your choice. If you order new books from ESCO, **and** if you chose a credit in the book buy back, you must have your yellow certificate number in order to apply your credit to new purchases.

This year ESCO bought back all books that we were using, regardless of the point of origin, because we were new to their process. For the 2012 buyback, ESCO will pay 40-50% of the purchase price for books **purchased from them** that we will use again the following year. Books that have not been purchased from ESCO will receive up to the "C" quality price quote, based upon market demand.

Please consider the book adoption schedule when planning your book purchases. You might not want to buy a brand new book at full price if the book will be changing the next school year! We follow the state adoption cycle which is currently as follows: 2013 Social Studies; 2014 Science and Health; 2015 Music, Art; 2016 Integrated Reading/Literature English Language Arts; 2017 World Language; and 2018 Mathematics. This schedule is subject to change based on state decisions, availability of textbooks, and introduction of new courses.

**2011-12 REGISTRATION DAYS** -- The following times have been set aside for students to pick up their schedules, pay class fees, order textbooks through ESCO, 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 11, 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 10**

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 11**

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

**PROJECT HOPE-** During the week of June 19- 25, 46 CCHS juniors and seniors will spend the week in Clay County with HOPE (Housing Outreach Project Express) working on 14 houses, improving living conditions for needy families. They will be joined by 14 college age alumni and 18 adults (parents, faculty, alumni) who took vacation days to lead work crews. Many thanks to all who donated funds as the group works to reach the \$40,000 goal necessary to support this remarkable project. All monies go directly into the project, buying construction supplies and other necessary items. 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. 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 all involved.

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

**FLAT SCREEN TELEVISION** – The television Mr. Mehle uses to show videos to his theology classes is fading. If you have a flat screen television that you would like to donate, please drop it off at school before June 24 or after August 1. Thank you!

**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. A session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, in the CCHS Commons at 6 p.m. Go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and choose the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to register. Another option available is completing the training online. At the VIRTUS website, go to Options, scroll down and choose online. Allow 1- 1½ hours to complete the program. Print out the certificate of completion and submit it to Ms. FitzGerald. It is still necessary to complete the background check and sexual abuse awareness statement which can be done by clicking on the link at the school website at [www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org](http://www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org).

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES REQUIREMENTS** – Students who attended CCHS during the 2010-11 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 2011-12 may not begin to work on these requirements until after the requirements are discussed in theology and English classes in August. One summer opportunity is the YWCA’s Girls’ Night Out event which benefits the Resolve Family Abuse Program. Help is needed August 11 and 12. Please contact Jewell Hughey at [carolinajrh@suddenlink.net](mailto:carolinajrh@suddenlink.net) for info.

**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](http://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 8, at 9 a.m.

**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: required** - *Siddhartha* by Herman Hesse. **Choose one:** *Lavinia* by Ursula Le Guin, *The Good Thief* by Hannah Tinti, *The Bards of Bone Plain* by Patricia A. McKillip

**Grade 11: (both books are required for all)** *The Color of Water* by James McBride **and** *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

**Grade 10: (two books are required for all) Choose one classic mystery:** *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle **or** *And Then There were None* by Agatha Christie. **Choose one contemporary world literature:** *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon **or** *Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter* by Adeline Yen Mah

**Grade 9: (both books are required for all)** *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan **and** *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

**Grade 8: (both books are required for all)** *The Gospel According to Larry* by Janet Tashjian **and** *Trouble* by Gary Schmidt

**Grade 7: (both books are required for all)** *Rascal* by Sterling North **and** *Uprising* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

**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 24** to the colleges indicated by the students.
- 3) Class of **2012** (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 May 1 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 1**.
- 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. **She will also meet with all the high school students in groups.**
- 8) Terra Nova results are included with **this newsletter** for this year's middle school students.
- 9) **Summer school packets** for current CCHS students must be returned to Keystone Credit Recovery by Monday, August 1. Those students will take their final summer school exam in the library on Monday, 8 August at 9:00.
- 10) **College shot clinics** are being offered by the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department. Registration forms, insurance information, cost, etc. are available at [www.kchdvw.org](http://www.kchdvw.org).

**UNIFORM UPDATE** -- The uniform is part of the CCHS package. As mentioned in the last newsletter, there are a few changes to note for next year.

- Skirts are no longer permitted. The school approved skirt is permitted; however, following the same timeline as shorts, skirts may only be worn until the end of September and then again beginning April 15. **Skorts should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.** The 2011-12 school year will be the final year for skorts. Students will be able to wear uniform pants or shorts.
- Please note that button down shirts must be blue or white, long or short sleeved, and **oxford cloth**. Fitted blouses or blouses with darts are not permitted.
- **Navy blue** corduroy or twill pants must not have any visible labeling. Uniform pants **do not** have patch pockets or rivets on the pockets. Pants must be worn at the waist and be of **modest fit**. Corduroys and twill pants must not be faded. Students wearing worn, faded pants will be considered out of uniform. Navy twill and corduroy pants from Lands' End School and Charleston Department Store in a variety of styles have been approved for both girls and boys.
- As always, please make sure uniforms are clean and in good repair. Full details of the uniform policy may be found in the handbook on the school website. The updated handbook for the 2011-2012 school year will be online at the beginning of August. Please call Ms. FitzGerald if you have uniform questions.

**IMMUNIZATION NEWS** – In an effort to keep children healthy , we ask you to check with your doctor to see if your child’s immunizations are up to date. Routine adolescent exams are a good way to make sure your child’s shots are current and meet the school entry requirements. 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 4th birthday  
 3 or more doses of IPV (Polio), the last one after the 4th 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

**The state is changing the immunization requirements for the 2012-13 school year. Please be aware of the additional doses that will be required next year:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> graders: 1 booster dose of Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)  
 1 dose of MCV4 (meningitis)
- 12<sup>th</sup> graders: 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)  
 1 booster dose of MCV4 if first dose of MCV4 was given before the child’s 16<sup>th</sup> birthday; a booster dose is not required if the first dose was given after the child’s 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY** – Add your business to The Wall in the competition gym 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.

**DIOCESAN PROJECT** – The Department of Catholic Schools has partnered with the EdVenture Group on a project to gather information to assist them with diocesan-level technology planning. If you would like to participate in the online survey, go to <http://tinyurl.com/dioceseparents> within the next few days.

**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. Also, please make sure that your children are not making their Social Security Numbers available. These have been known to be slurped up by nefarious types who use them to apply for credit cards! Always a new wrinkle. . .

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

- 1) **PVA Polos and Logo jackets** – Polos and black uniform jackets with the CCHS logo may be ordered at August registration. Although fleece jackets may no longer be ordered, students may wear their fleece jackets (and other uniform apparel, of course) in good condition.
- 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 2011) please send your name, email address, complete mailing address (street, city, and zip code) and phone number to Cyndi Persily, 126 Whispering Wood Road, Charleston, 25314. She may be reached at 304-925-6318. The regular cafeteria volunteer schedule for October 2011 through June 2012 will be completed for the school year after volunteers submit their CCHS Cafeteria Volunteer Form following 2011-2012 school registration.

**PHOTO WEBSITE** – If you haven't seen it, go to the CCHS website and check out unofficial CCHS photographer Russ Miller's website. The photos of athletics and events are truly spectacular! All of us benefit from Mr. Miller's devotion to our students as he works to create a history of CCHS in photos.

## **SPORTS ROUND-UP**

**I. 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! According to Gazette sports writer Dave Hickman, "The Irish compiled more points than any school in any class in the history of the ratings and now own four of the top five marks, all in the last four years." (June 7, 2011)

In addition to state titles in boys and girls soccer, boys and girls tennis, and volleyball, our Irish also finished as state runners-up in baseball, girls' swimming, golf, boys' track and girls' track. The boys' and girls' basketball teams both reached the semi-finals and the girls' cross country team finished 8<sup>th</sup>. In fact, our Irish teams scored GEISA points in 13 of the 17 sports we play. Congratulations to all on earning this beautiful achievement!

## **II. SPECIFICS ABOUT THE YEAR IN SPORTS**

- The **high school golf team** finished as class A state runner-up. Junior David Miller and freshman Aaron Persily both were named 1st team all state.
- The **high school volleyball team** won its 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive state championship, winning all matches in post season play in straight sets. CCHS finished the season with a record of (63-6-2), recording the 2<sup>nd</sup> most volleyball wins in State history for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive season, compiling a combined record of (124-11-2) over the past 2 seasons. CCHS was awarded the Team Sportsmanship Award by the Kanawha Southern Volleyball Officials Board for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and also was awarded the Sportsmanship Award at the State Tournament. The Irish received a record breaking and unprecedented four 1<sup>st</sup> Team All State selections (Katie Stricker, Mackenzie Polen, Alison Gregory, and Sarah Skeens), and a WV Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year Finalist (Katie Stricker). CCHS also picked up several PrepVolleyball.com National awards – Top Senior Setter Finalist (Sarah Skeens), All American and 1<sup>st</sup> Team Academic All American (Katie Stricker), and National Coach of the Year Finalist (Vince Stricker).
- The **middle school varsity volleyball team** finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 14 teams in Kanawha County with a 5-8 regular season record before losing a close match in the first round of the county tournament. The JV team finished with an 8-5 record. Both Varsity and JV played some of their best volleyball of the season on the biggest stage in the county, going undefeated in the annual Charleston Civic Center volleyball showcase in September.
- The **high school cross country team** boasted another successful season this year, hosting the regional meet, with the girls' team qualifying for states and Sami Harris winning the region. The boys' team qualified two runners for the state meet, Marcus Black and Michael Mallory. Sami Harris finished second at the state meet, tying her with the highest individual finish in school history and earning a spot on the first team all state. The girls team finished 8<sup>th</sup>. Marcus Black earned a spot on the 2nd team all state.
- The **middle school cross country team** was also successful with the boys winning the county championship and the girls finishing runner-up.
- The **high school boys' soccer team** won its second-in-a-row AA-A State Championship, with a well rounded team that allowed on average less than one goal per game. Special kudos to All-State Team honorees: 1<sup>st</sup> team Tommy Trupo, Sam Revercomb, and Tanner Jameson; Second Team Peyton Hutcheson and LJ Stanley; and Honorable Mention Keiffer Reed.
- The **middle school boys' soccer team** experienced an undefeated season and earned Kanawha County champion status, carrying on the team's remarkable history.
- The **high school girls' soccer team** finished the season undefeated with a 22-0-1 record and won its third straight state championship (the first such streak in soccer in more than a decade). The team finished the season ranked #24 in the nation by the National Soccer Coaches' Association of America poll and #40 in the nation by ESPN RISE, the first time the girls' program has ever been nationally ranked. On the season, the team scored 118 goals and allowed only 4, a state record. The team will start the next season with a 46-game unbeaten streak.
- The **middle school girls' soccer team**, comprised totally of seventh graders, experienced a successful, fun-filled season, finishing the season one spot away from the playoffs. With a very respectable 4-5-1 record, they beat the eventual county champion 2-1 in an away game. Two of the team's wins occurred in the last minute of the game when the Irish scored the game winners. With the addition of the rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders, the team looks to build on last season's success.

- The **girls' swim team** earned runner-up title at the state tournament, marking the first time in the history of the sport in West Virginia that a non-AAA team cracked the top two places. Ally Dupay was a double state champion in the 100 breaststroke and the 200 IM. All three girls' relays placed in the top six – the first time in CCHS swimming history.
- The **boys' high school basketball** team made its state tournament appearance, losing in the semifinals, with Nick George and John Paul Tupta being named to the All Tournament State Tournament teams. John Paul was named first team all state and was invited to represent CCHS in the North-South all star game.
- The **middle school boys' basketball team** enjoyed another successful season. The 23 boys represented themselves and the school well as they worked to become better players and a better team. The hard work paid off as they beat JA for the JV Tournament Championship and nearly beat Stonewall in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game in the varsity division.
- The **high school girls' basketball team** finished the season with 20-6 record and reached the State Semifinals. Four members made All State: Meg Whelan (2nd team), Ally Hoyer (3rd team), Victoria Thomas (HM), and Anna Wood (HM). Victoria Thomas also made the All Tournament Team.
- The **middle school girls' basketball team** played with determination and improved throughout the season, with the Varsity finishing 6 – 10 and the JV team going 5 – 5.
- The **high school cheerleading squad** competed in its first regional competition, placing 3<sup>rd</sup>. The team is looking forward to building the squad next year with tryouts scheduled in early August.
- **The middle school cheerleaders** showed hard work and determination throughout the season and provided inspiration for the teams.
- The **high school boys' tennis team** concluded its exceptional season by winning the AA/A State Tournament with six champions and one runner-up. This marked the sixth consecutive state-level victory for the team.
- The **high school girls' tennis team** experienced another phenomenal year, finishing the year with not only a state title but a clean sweep of all individual and doubles seeds. Mary Emma Maddox led the team at #1 singles and doubles, Claire Hamilton at #2 singles and doubles, Anna Wood at #3 singles and #1 doubles, Danielle Sadd at #4 singles and #2 doubles, and Ellie Grubb & Christina Centofanti completing the team at #3 doubles. Congratulations to all the girls for continuing the Irish tradition of state tennis championships by making this the 4th consecutive title.
- The **middle school tennis teams** played hard and had many victories. Maddie Preston finished runner-up in girls' singles and Austin Wilson finished runner-up in boys' singles in the Kanawha County Tournament.
- The **middle school golf** earned county runner- up. Eighth grader Christian Casingal won the tournament setting a new county record with a score of 74 at Big Bend golf course.
- The **high school track teams** had enormous success at the state track meet with both the boys' and the girls' teams finishing state runners-up. The athletes broke 8 school records at the meet and won 4 state championships: Keiffer Reed (pole vault), Michael Robinson (200 meter), the boys 4x200 relay (Alex Casingal, Will Dobbins, Michael Robinson, and Paul Witsberger), and the girls 4x800 relay (Quincy McKown, Sami Harris, Morgan Deer, and Emily Sotomayor).
- The **middle school track team** had enthusiastic participation throughout the season. 39 students participated.
- The **high school softball team** completed the 2011 season with a winning record. The season had numerous accomplishments and highlights for the 11 member squad, including victories over number one Buffalo and top ten ranked Man. The Lady Irish went on the road and defeated Huntington St. Joe twice in the sectionals, the first sectional victory in two years. Pitcher Ally Hoyer and shortstop Marty Kay Wilcox were both selected as 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State selections again for 2011, catcher Anne Marie Stonestreet was named 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-State, and freshman Brianna Ross was named Honorable Mention. Marty Kay Wilcox was also selected to participate in the 2011 North-South All Star game.
- The **high school baseball team** ended its season as Class A State Runner-Up, with a season record of 27-10. Senior members of the team (Alex Bobinger, Bo McKown, and Brody Prudnick) won a total of 91 games over 4 years. Alex, Bo, and Kiefer Hovorka were named to the All-State Tournament Team and Alex and Bo were named All-Kanawha Valley 2nd Team. Bo set CCHS single season records in at bats (141), plate appearances (157), and singles (53), and became the #2 leader in hits (68). Alex became the #2 RBI leader (53) and tied for the #2 pitching wins in a season (10), as well as in a career (22). Brody tied for #5 in Home Runs (6). The team set a record for the number of hits in a season (395). Alex and Bo (Washington and Lee) will continue their baseball careers in college.
- The **middle school baseball team** finished 5<sup>th</sup> place in the county, one spot away from the tournament. The team was led by a strong 8<sup>th</sup> grade that featured 10 players.
- The **middle school softball team** showed vast improvement over the course of the season and won more games and scored more runs than in the two previous years.

**SUMMER/FALL SPORTS TIDBITS** – Participation is not mandatory during summer events but students and encouraged to contact coaches or Athletic Director Bill Gillispie (304-550-5702) if they are interested in participating this summer or in the fall.

1) High school volleyball will start summer practice on Monday, June 13, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the athletic facility. The CCHS summer slam volleyball tournament will be played on Saturday, June 18 starting at 9:00 a.m. Any girl wishing to play may contact head coach Lindsay Kuncher at 1-724-875-5286 or by email at

[lindsay.r.kuncher@wv.gov](mailto:lindsay.r.kuncher@wv.gov)

2) Middle school girls' soccer: Four summer practices are scheduled at Cato Soccer Complex: Tuesday, June 21, 5-6:30; Thursday, June 23, 5-6:30; Tuesday, June 28, 5-6:30; Thursday, June 30, 5-6:30. Be sure to bring a ball, all appropriate soccer equipment (shin guards, shoes), and fluids.

Soccer Season -- Practices will begin on Monday, August 8. All regular season and tournament games will be played in Kanawha County. The season will be completed on or by October 31. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jason Reeves (304-550-1018).

3) 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 Park at [kparkcchs@gmail.com](mailto:kparkcchs@gmail.com) or Mrs. Lindsey Dolan at [lindseydolan@yahoo.com](mailto:lindseydolan@yahoo.com) for more information.

**FALL SPORTS** -- Students must have a completed doctor's physical (administered after June 1, 2011) 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 2010-11 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 - Sam Fox: [sfox@fsblaw.com](mailto:sfox@fsblaw.com)**

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

**HS Volleyball - Lindsay Kuncher: [lindsay.r.kuncher@wv.gov](mailto:lindsay.r.kuncher@wv.gov)**

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

**HS Cheerleading – Kari Park: [kparkcchs@gmail.com](mailto:kparkcchs@gmail.com)**

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

**MS Girls' Soccer - Jason Reeves: [jason.reeves@novartis.com](mailto:jason.reeves@novartis.com)**

**MS Volleyball - Doug Haag: [dahaag@dow.com](mailto:dahaag@dow.com)**

**NEW CCHS STUDENTS INTERESTED IN SPORTS**–New students (7<sup>th</sup> grade or higher) who have already been accepted to CCHS for the 2011-12 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)).

### **THANK YOU** –

- to the PVA board and committee members and to everyone who was involved in countless ways throughout the year – you are deeply appreciated! No words are adequate to express the good that is accomplished through this group's efforts. Special thanks to Steering members Mary Crigger and Scarlett Hutchinson upon their "graduation" after their many years of service to the school. You will be missed.

- to the many supporters of CCHS: Monsignor Sadie, faculty and staff, parents, coaches, alumni, and others in the community whose dedication and collaboration made the 2010-11 school year so successful academically, spiritually, personally, and athletically for the student body.

- to all who participated in and supported the first Walk for Adele in memory of Adele Bobinger. The walk raised over \$4,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and to start a scholarship for two rising seniors in Adele's name. Adele Bobinger was a member of the Class of 2002 who died of cystic fibrosis in March 2010. Adele's kind heart and love for Charleston Catholic will live on through the scholarship. A special thanks to the high school student council for organizing the walk.

-to the Class of 2011 for their class gift. During our recent graduation ceremony, they announced their desire to use remaining class funds to buy Smartboards for the high school theology classrooms and the health

classroom and to help support the Adele Bobinger scholarship for 2 rising seniors. Many thanks to the class of 2011 for their generosity.

- to coaches Keith Hutcheson and Vince Stricker for their many years of service as coaches at CCHS. They built strong, competitive, winning teams that were not only known for their athletic prowess but also for their determination, integrity, and respect shown toward opponents and officials. Keith and Vince are class acts and will be missed.

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- to Russ Miller for once again capturing the highlights of this school year through his remarkable photos and for taking HIS time to attend OUR athletic events, prom, graduation, and other events. What a treasure!

- to Bo Dolan (Class of 1996) and Dickinson Gould (Class of 1995) for overseeing the CCHS golf tournament in May. The tournament raised over \$6,000! Despite the rainy spring, the sun shone brightly on the field of golfers. Thanks to all those who supported this venture through their donations of food, prizes, and funds: Dickinson Gould (Buzz Food Service); Craig Berner (Edgewood Country Club); Bo Dolan; Sally Smith (Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love); Mike Duda (Red Carpet Lounge); Joe and Albert Leonoro (Leonoro's Spaghetti House); Ken Tackett (WV Golf Association); Bob Shay (Galperin's Jewelry); Sodaro's; Dolan and Kalaskey Orthodontists; Tad Tomblin (Twisted Gun Golf Course); Twin Falls Resort; Bill Signorelli (Security America); Roger Murad (Murad's); LJ Fairless (Snodgrass Funeral Home); Pat Maroney; Mike DelGiudice; Thomas Persinger; David Houchins (Scott & Stringfellow); Tim Gibbons (Gibbons and Kawash); Damon Ellis (Mani, Ellis, and Layne); Rea Stein (Liberty Distributors); Dynamic Physical Therapy; Tracy Wilkerson (Children's Dentistry); Tim McLean (Walker Machinery); Tony Tallarico (Power Parts Supply); Jason Ellis (Coastal REO Solution); Paul Smith (University of Charleston); Nick Casey, David Sadd, David Grubb, Pete Pauley.

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- to Wheeling Jesuit President Richard Beyer, Father Jim Fleming, and their admissions associates who spent an afternoon in May sharing information with our juniors.

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- to the Triana field sponsors who enabled our high school baseball team to continue their tradition of using the lush field of Triana as our home ballpark: Bucci, Bailey and Javins; Hoyer, Hoyer and Smith; Michael J. Tupta, DDS; Drs. Rick and Kim Lough; Energy Corporation of America; Bobinger family; Covelli family; Friends of CCHS.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

- to class of 2011 valedictorian Katie Stricker and salutatorian Christine Snyder.

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

- to Bo McKown, recipient of the CCHS Alumni Award.

- to Emma Busse, Emily Crigger, Sarah James, and Meg Whelan recipients of the Les Cotto-Thorner Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Service.
- to Katie Stricker who was named a 2011 U.S. Presidential Scholar. She is one of 141 students chosen for outstanding academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship, service, and contribution to school and community who will be honored in Washington DC in June. Additionally, Katie received the WVU Foundation Scholarship which covers all expenses for four years including tuition, room and board, books, and study abroad.
- to AJ Laska, recipient of the Mary Hart Brennan Creative Writing Award.
- to award recipients: Dominick Centofanti (Rensselaer Science Award), David Zekan (Harvard Book Award), and Claire Standish (HOBY).
- to Justin Snyder, recipient of the Mary Jennings Memorial Scholarship, and to Brian Borman and Peri Bailey, recipients of the Charleston Catholic High School Scholarship of Merit, each worth \$1,000 per year toward tuition during the high school years.
- to Sarah Kemp and Sam McKown, recipients of the Bobby Hypes Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000 toward freshman year tuition, in memory of Bobby Hypes, deceased member of the class of 2008.
- to 8th graders Kaitlyn Akers, Peri Bailey, Catherine Bandak, Elias Hoyer, Amanda Lane, Patrick O'Leary, and Samantha Riggs for completing over 100 hours of community service this year, far exceeding the 8th grade requirement of 10 hours.
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- to 8<sup>th</sup> grader Peyton Collias who exhibited perfect attendance for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Quite a feat!
- to rising seniors Graham Davis and Kelsey Higgins, the first recipients of the Adele Bobinger Scholarship, a cash award to help with tuition for their senior year.
- to Ben Canfield for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout this month.
- to Mrs. Scharf and the juniors who amazed all with their prom transformation of the Commons into a Caribbean island complete with pirates, ships, and treasures! Many thanks also to the parents and family members who helped to make this event possible. The work began months ago to create the awe-inspiring evening.
- to art teacher Becky Burch and the art students for their dazzling end of the year exhibit "The World as We See It." It is impressive to see the students' talent and creativity and the many techniques they have learned during the school year!
- to State Math Field Day competitors Sami Harris, Katie Stricker, and Kathryn Wantlin. Kathryn finished in second place in the sixth grade competition!
- to juniors Samantha Busch, Caleb Lee, Alexandrine Ratnani, Paul Witsberger, Mary Elliott, and Dominick Centofanti for their achievement in the Chemistry Olympiad sponsored by the American Chemistry Society. Charleston Catholic finished as the third place team in the region. Bravo!
- to all high school advanced honors math classes for winning the state Math League competition in Division B and to Dominick Centofanti and Sami Harris for finishing in the top ten in the state in the competition.
- Mr. Josh Fix, high school social studies teacher, who has been selected to attend a College Board summer institute at Beijing Normal University
- to Cece Nease who has received a certificate and pin of figure skating success from the U.S. Skating Headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to signify the Gold Level of Achievement in athletic and academic achievement.
- to the High School Quiz Bowl team consisting of Michael Carbone, Andrew Kaz, Kristi Gennette, Samantha Busch, Ben Canfield, Alex MacDonald, and Vincent Stricker and their sponsor Mrs. Arnold for their participation in the inaugural National History Bowl in Washington DC. The team was one of 72 teams selected to attend from an initial pool of over 800 teams in 32 states.

**THE GREENBRIER CLASSIC – DEADLINE!** –CCHS has partnered with The Greenbrier Classic to sell weekly badges for this Fed Ex Cup event taking place July 25-31, 2011, with CCHS benefiting from sales attributed to our school. To attend the event and support CCHS at the same time, simply go to [www.greenbrierclassic.com](http://www.greenbrierclassic.com) and select "Badges for Charity." Then, select the badge level you wish to purchase and select CCHS from the drop-down menu. CCHS will receive 30% of the proceeds of all badges purchased on our behalf between now and June 30 (the deadline has been extended). Thank you to those of you who already designated CCHS when you bought your badges!

**CALENDAR FOR 2011-12 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 2011-12** – Remember that exams must be taken on scheduled exam days and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester will have to make up those days at the end of the semester.

Monday, August 1	school office reopens
Monday, August 8	testing for middle school students completing summer packets; 9 a.m.
Wednesday, August 10	registration for grades 9-12 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 11	registration for grades 6-8 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
Wednesday, August 17	first day for students; 11:30 a.m. dismissal
Tuesday, August 23	VIRTUS training 6 p.m. in Commons
Friday, August 26	junior retreat
Thursday/ Friday, September 1-2	senior retreat
Monday, September 5	Labor Day – no school
Thursday, September 8	9 <sup>th</sup> grade outdoor education day at Camp Virgil Tate
Saturday, September 17	Homecoming games and high school dance
Friday, October 7	no school for students; teacher in-service
Friday, November 11	Veterans' Day – no school
Wednesday, November 23	11:30 dismissal for Thanksgiving
Wednesday-Friday, December 14 – 16	exams
Monday, December 19	first day of Christmas vacation
Tuesday, January 3	classes resume
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – no school
Monday, February 20	Presidents' Day – no school
Friday, April 6	Good Friday – first day of Easter break
Monday, April 16	classes resume
Saturday, April 28	prom - tentative
Monday, May 7	AP tests begin
Saturday, May 26	baccalaureate
Sunday, May 27	graduation
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day – no school
Wednesday-Friday, May 30 – June 1	exams for grades 6 – 11