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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents:

As the final seconds ticked away during the semifinal games at both the girls' and boys' state basketball tournaments, I was certain of three things: 1) that it was a victory that both teams had excelled throughout the season and post-season; 2) that we had lost the hard-fought semi-final games; and 3) that we had won something different. As the seniors came off the court and their younger peers took their places on the Civic Center floor for the final moments of each of the games, I heard a chant erupt from our student section. "Thank you, seniors!" What a wonderful, uplifting moment, not just for our seniors who were being recognized by their fellow students, but also for our school community. Such a sincere and spontaneous outpouring of support shows something so fine, so exceptional about our students' hearts. And while we are here to educate our young people's minds and to fill their spirits, we are also here to shape their hearts. Based on this small incident, I'd say we're doing pretty well in that department, too.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we make time to show appreciation to all those people in our lives and our children's lives who touch our hearts and our spirits in so many ways. Whether it's a coach who inspires, or a teacher who demands excellence, or someone – young or old -- who leads by marvelous example, let us notice their contribution in making our lives and our children's lives all the richer. We are blessed to have such people among us.

Debra K. Sullivan, Principal

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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: Will Farkas-Worthy's maternal grandfather, Jack Hurney's paternal grandmother, A.J. Laska's maternal grandmother, Oliver Segal's maternal grandfather, and Mr. Martin Jones' maternal grandmother. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

WELCOME – to the newest member of the Charleston Catholic family! Anna Marie Griffith, daughter of math and physics teacher Sarah and her husband Todd Griffith and big brother Jude, was born March 14, weighing in at 9 pounds 6 ounces. May each day be blessed and filled with wonder.

FOURTH QUARTER GRADES CAN TURN THINGS AROUND FOR THE SEMESTER – If you see that your children's third quarter grades are not a reflection of their abilities, help them make the fourth quarter stronger. Sometimes it's just a matter of not turning in assignments on time. Often it's not spending the time necessary to study for quizzes and tests. Don't accept excuses. Learning takes work. Please encourage your children to put forth the effort necessary to achieve their personal best.

TUITION INFORMATION FOR 2011-12 -- including a letter, general information, invoices, and loan information from First Bank of Charleston will be mailed on April 12. **Tuition payment in full is due June 15** (late charge assessed at \$1.00 per day after June 15). Students have already received/turned in their scheduling forms for next year and admissions letters to next year's students are going out at the end of the week.

DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE -- For the 21st consecutive year, the Tuition Assistance Program (**TAP**) strives to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it but may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Applying for **TAP through FACTS** is easy so start putting together the information you will need to apply (e.g., 2010 tax return information). Awards are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. **Apply on-line by April 20 at: <https://www.factstuitionaid.com>. The deadline, set by the diocese, is firm.** No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless an application is submitted and all required documentation is provided. Call Lisa Shay at CCHS for more information.

PAX CHRISTI UPDATE – On Saint Patrick's Day, Pax Christi sponsored "random acts of kindness." Each student in the school was given a shamrock with a random act of kindness on it. They were asked to perform that good deed sometime during the day.

FOOD FAST -- will be held on March 25-26, 2011 at Blessed Sacrament, South Charleston. The fast will begin at 7:00 p.m. on March 25th and end at 7:00 p.m. on March 26th. 43 CCHS high schoolers and 32 middle schoolers are signed up to participate with youth from around the vicariate. This is the sixth year students have participated in the Lenten retreat. The theme of the retreat is Solidarity of Souls "SOS."

CALLING ALL SOPHOMORE PARENTS—Hosting Project Graduation is the 10th grade parent project. It is an all night lock-in which will be at the Charleston YMCA on Sunday, May 29, 2011, from 10:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. The evening is the final send-off for our new graduates and a fun-filled event where they can safely gather together one last time. We need volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Betsy Crockett at (304) 346-7682 or Felice Joseph at (304) 957-2624. Also, watch for a letter in the mail asking for your help.

RESA III REGIONAL WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY BOWL – is scheduled at CCHS on Saturday, March 26. Registration starts at 9:00 and competition starts at 9:30. Many thanks to social studies teacher Jason Villers for hosting the event here at school and to Mrs. Amy Arnold and her high school quiz bowl students for their invaluable assistance. The high school quiz bowl team will be providing lunch for the competition to help fund their attendance at the National History Bowl in April. If you can help, contact Amy Arnold at 304-286-4520 in the evenings or at school between 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. or email at arnoldad1@yahoo.com.

CCHS SHAMROCK GOLF TOURNAMENT – is scheduled for Friday, May 20, at Edgewood Country Club. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The cost is \$100 per person (\$35 is tax deductible). Hole sponsorship is \$200. Please contact CCHS alumnus Bo Dolan (304-610-3186 or kdolan531@yahoo.com) or Eric Bailey (304-549-2303 or ebailey4@yahoo.com) to reserve your spot. The registration form is also available on the CCHS website – charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

SCIENCE TUTORS -- Peer tutoring is available to students for help in their science classes. Students wishing tutoring need to tell their science teacher, who will make arrangements.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS – to Sami Harris, Latin II student, the second CCHS student to win first place in the prestigious and challenging Maier Latin Cup contest sponsored by the Marshall University Classics Department. Sami will receive a \$500 cash prize and CCHS will proudly display the first place trophy for one year.

MRS. THOMAS' TIDBITS –

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

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

SAT and SAT Subject Tests (can register on line -- www.collegeboard.com:

TEST DATE	DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION
May 7	April 8	April 22
June 4	May 6	May 20

ACT: (can register on line -- www.act.org)

TEST DATE	DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION
June 11	May 6	May 7 - 20

3) Seniors needed to complete their fine arts requirement by March 11. Community service hours must be completed by May 13.

- 4) CCHS encourages students to take both the ACT and the SAT before the end of their junior year. Doing this allows students to get a baseline score and to prepare for future tests. Both tests are accepted by all colleges and universities for admission. We have found that students perform better on these tests if they are taken before the end of the school year. By the June testing dates, students tend to be tired and not as fresh. So, if possible, consider an earlier test date. Students may need to take SAT II subject tests which are best taken at the end of the sophomore or junior year or upon completion of courses being tested.
- 5) Juniors should visit colleges during spring break – pick up literature about schools, talk to admissions personnel, talk to students, look at dorms and classrooms, try the food, meet professors, ask “Does this atmosphere suit me?”

SCIENCE BOOK CLUB -- Students: Are you going to be sitting in a car or a plane over spring break? Or will you be relaxing at home for the week? Why not read a book while you are enjoying these other activities? The CCHS Science Book Club final reading selection for the 2010-2011 school year is The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, to be discussed in early May. Please see Mrs. Arnold if you have questions.

NINTH PERIOD – Students can complete their homework before leaving school in this structured, teacher-supervised time dedicated to quiet study in a safe environment. Ninth Period meets in French teacher Mrs. Hixson’s room (room 102) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 3 – 4 p.m. The cost is \$5/session.

GOLDEN HORSESHOE – All 8th graders in West Virginia schools have the opportunity to become Golden Horseshoe winners. The 45-minute computer test will be administered state-wide, with CCHS being scheduled for Thursday, April 7. There will be no make-up date.

SCIENCE CAMP -- Mrs. Erby and Mrs. Arnold, science teachers at Charleston Catholic High School, are offering a science camp for students entering CCHS 6th or 7th grades this fall. The camp will cover a variety of science topics and is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21st through Friday, June 24th from 9am to 3 pm. The cost is \$235.00, which includes a trip to the Clay Center and a daily snack. Students will need to bring their own lunches. Please contact either Mrs. Erby or Mrs. Arnold at 342-8415 or email tonyaerby@yahoo.com or arnoldad1@yahoo.com for more information.

TRIANA FIELD SPONSORS - - The **high school baseball team** has scheduled 12 home games at UC's Triana Field in Kanawha City. Sponsors are needed for each home game at a cost of \$150 per game. The sponsor’s name will be advertised at the field on game day. Please contact Bill Gillispie or Bill Mehle if you wish to be a sponsor.

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.

THE GREENBRIER CLASSIC –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 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 April 30. Thank you to those of you who already designated CCHS when you bought your badges!

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. Go to www.virtusonline.org and choose the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Under 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.

SAFE DRIVING -- Please encourage your student drivers to use common sense when driving. We don’t want to have tragedies that happen when students fail to wear seatbelts, ride in trunks (yes, it happens), speed, roar out of parking lots, carry too many passengers, and so on. Teenagers often feel that they are masters of the universe and that nothing can harm them. We know otherwise.

FINAL EXAMS –Remember, students who miss semester exams for reasons other than illness (who will be given the opportunity to make up the exams) will receive an F for those examinations. Just a reminder regarding the **seniors-only exam exemption policy**: Seniors may be exempt from second semester exams if: 1) the course is a two-semester course; 2) the teacher chooses to allow exam exemptions; 3) third and fourth quarter grades average to at least a 93; 4) fine arts requirements were completed by March 11 and community service requirements are completed by May 13.

Students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP exam and must take teacher- developed final exams.

Seniors who meet exam exemption requirements for their AP classes may be exempt from teacher- developed final exams. Seniors in non-AP classes who choose to take AP exams must also take teacher- developed final exams unless they meet the exemption standards. Non-seniors who choose to take an AP exam for an AP class in which they are not enrolled must take the final exam for their class. Students should prepare for exams by reviewing past tests and quizzes, using study guides that some teachers have prepared, rereading notes and homework/class assignments, reworking math problems, and so on.

SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE –

6th graders' exams:

Tuesday, May 31 – regular classes plus exams 7 and 8 (dismissal at 2:45 p.m.)

Wednesday, June 1 -- exams 1 and 5 (dismissal at 11:15 a.m.)

Thursday, June 2 -- exams 2 and 3 (dismissal at 11:15 a.m.)

7th graders' exams:

Tuesday, May 31 – regular classes plus exams 7 and 8 (dismissal at 2:45 p.m.)

Wednesday, June 1 – exams 1 and 5 (dismissal at 11:15 a.m.)

Thursday, June 2 – exams 2 and 3 (dismissal at 11:15 a.m.)

8th graders' exams:

Tuesday, May 31 – regular classes plus exams 7 and 8 (dismissal at 2:45 p.m.)

Wednesday, June 1 – exams 1 and 5 (dismissal at 11:15 a.m.)

Thursday, June 2 – exams 2 and 4 (dismissal at 11:15 a.m.)

9th, 10th, and 11th graders' exams:

Tuesday, May 31- regular classes plus exam for period 8 (dismissal at 2:45)

Wednesday, June 1 – exams 1 and 4 (dismissal at 11:15 a.m.)

Thursday, June 2 – exams 2 and 7 (dismissal at 11:15 a.m.)

Friday, June 3 – exams 3 and 6 (dismissal at 11:15 a.m.)

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA) –

1) The 2010-11 PVA Parent Packet is available online on the CCHS website. **The CCHS website also includes PVA sign-up forms for all activities.** You're encouraged to become as involved as you can!

2) Orders for CCHS logo jackets, white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts are placed **quarterly**. Forms are available on the CCHS website. For questions, please contact Lisa Dundervill (344-2566) for jackets, Joanne Bronikowski (344-8850) for green polos, and Lisa Cassis (925-5946) for white polos.

3) **CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS** -- If you are interested in helping in the cafeteria, please contact Crystal Dupay at Dupay@mindspring.com or call her at 344-2168.

TENTATIVE 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.

Wednesday, August 17	first day for students
Monday, September 5	Labor Day – no school
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
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day – no school
Wednesday-Friday, May 30 – June 1	exams for grades 6 – 11

CONGRATULATIONS

- to our CCHS Regional Math Field Day winners – Kathryn Wantlin (2nd place 6th grade); high school: Katie Stricker (1st place), Sami Harris (3rd place), Christine Snyder (4th place); seniors for the WVU Tech Scholarship Award: Michael Mallory, Christine Snyder, Katie Stricker.
- to Tommy Trupo who has been named Gatorade WV Boys' Soccer Player of the year for 2010-11!
- to the swim team on its 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 history -- with swimmers Emily Sotomayor, Ally Dupay, Abby Vorholt, Whitney Merrill, Morgan Deer, Lindsey Merrill, Taylor Deer, and Caroline Zekan.
- to our high school players and coaches for earning berths in both the girls' and boys' basketball state tournaments and for all of their accomplishments during the season and to our cheerleaders and their coaches for their enthusiasm and exceptional skill throughout the season. Remarkable!
- to Victoria Thomas, Nick George, and John Paul Tupta who were named to the All Tournament State Tournament teams and to the girls' basketball team for winning the Sportsmanship Award at the State Tournament.
- to our middle school basketball teams, coaches, and cheerleaders for their hard work and determination throughout the season.
- to 8th grader Jackson Ellis who will represent CCHS at the state-level National Geographic Geography Bee.
- to Emma Busse who was awarded the Youth Volunteer Award during the Charleston Area Alliance's "We Love Our Community" awards ceremony on March 17.
- to the high school quiz bowl team for winning the small school championship award at Parkersburg High school tournament on March 12.
- to the speech team for its strong showing at the state tournament. The team finished 7th overall, the highest ranking in its short history.

THANKS –

- to the PVA for providing the bus for faculty and staff to ride to Morgantown for the diocesan staff development session on April 8. A wonderful, relaxing way to spend time together and leave the driving to someone else!
- to all who supported HOPE through the Pasta Dinner. Over 100 dinners were served and over \$1500 raised to benefit the summer home repair project in Clay County.
- to our coaches. Their devotion and commitment to our students are deserving of our deepest appreciation. Their contribution to their players' lives is inestimable.
- to parents who have transported sports, quiz bowl, and speech teams all over the state. Your help is essential and deeply appreciated.
- to Mr. Ian Flores for donating an amplifier and speakers to the school.
- to art teacher Becky Burch for donating one of her original art works to the school – “Virginia Street Snack Attack” is a beautiful rendering of a typical moment for many of our CCHS students.
- to the Charleston Police Department for shepherding us on our recent all-school walks to the Civic Center. Their help was invaluable and ensured the safety of all involved.
- to Mary Beth Casdorff for her contribution of yarn to the Middle School Knitting Club.
- to Dr. Todd Witsberger for presenting an interesting discussion of the many forms of cancer and health related issues during a high school evening science seminar.
- to Vince Stricker for helping the Spanish Club organize a presentation on the history of the tango and a tango lesson.
- to Dr. Sara Nease, Josh Briscoe (former student and present medical student), and Dr. Michael Tupta for speaking to our anatomy class during the past quarter.
- to David Sadd, Sr., for donating 75 Irish hats to distribute to students during the state basketball tournament.
- to Mike Geisinger (CCHS 1970) for donating two historic trophies to add to the collection at the alumni room at the athletic facility.

CALENDAR FOR 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR

Saturday, March 26	West Virginia History Bowl Regional Tournament hosted by CCHS
T, W, Th, March 29-31	Terra Nova testing for 6 th - 8 th graders
Fri, Sat, April 1-2	tentative “Grease” performance by CCHS drama club

Thursday, April 7	Golden Horseshoe test for all 8 th graders
Friday, April 8	Diocesan staff development day – no school for students
Tuesday, April 12	Get a Life program for 7 th and 8 th graders, 8:00- 11:30 a.m.
Friday, April 15	tentative 8 th grade Community Clean Up- morning
Monday, April 18	first day of Easter break
Sunday, April 24	Easter
Tuesday, April 26	classes resume
Monday, May 2	AP tests begin
Fri, Sat, May 13-14	alternate “Grease” performance dates
Sunday, May 15	Middle School Athletic Banquet in the Commons
Wednesday, May 18	Irish Coffee House for high school students, 7-9 p.m. in the Commons
Friday, May 20	CCHS alumni golf tournament – contact Eric Bailey or Bo Dolan for information
Saturday, May 21	prom
Saturday, May 28	baccalaureate 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 29	graduation 7 p.m.
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day – no school
Tuesday-Friday, May 31-3	exams for grades 6 – 11
Thursday, June 2	8 th Grade Moving Up, 6:30 p.m. at Basilica

March/April Menu

NOTE: During Lent, we do not serve meat on Ash Wednesday or on Fridays. IF THERE IS A TEAM LUNCH SCHEDULED ON ANY OF THESE DAYS, PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE MEAT IN YOUR RECIPES!!!!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21- Pizza Pasta salad	22- Italian Day	23- Baked chicken Sweet potato	24- Meatball subs Fries	25- Cheese tortellini Garlic toast Greek salad
28- Cheeseburger French fries	29- Calzones Antipasta salad	30- Grilled chicken sandwiches Baked potato	31- Eggs Sausage Pancakes	Apr 1- Grilled cheese Minestrone soup
4 – Pizza Soup	5 –Buffalo wings Celery/ranch Fresh fruit	6 – BBQ sandwich Slaw Macaroni salad	7 – Corn dogs Potato soup Smiley fries	No School – staff development day
11 – Turkey Mashed potatoes Stuffing, beans	12 – Taco salad Super nachos	13 – Meatball subs Baked potatoes Corn	14 – Calzones Antipasta salad	15 – Mac & cheese Egg salad Homemade tuna salad
NO SCHOOL	EASTER	BREAK	THIS	WEEK
25 – Easter Monday – no school	26 – Pizza Pasta salad	27 – Grilled chicken sandwiches Sweet potatoes	28 – Cook’s choice	29 – Gyros Greek salad Pita/hummus

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC BANQUET is scheduled for Sunday May 15, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the *Charleston Catholic Commons*. Please note the change in place this year!!! Seating is limited, so we ask that you submit your reservations early, and that you limit your reservations to your athlete and his/her parents. No siblings or other family members, please. **The cost is 13.25 per person. BECAUSE THE MEAL WILL BE CATERED, ONLY THOSE ATHLETES, FAMILIES, AND COACHES HAVING PAID RESERVATIONS WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER THE EVENT. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Please complete the reservation form below and return it with payment (check payable to CCHS) to the CCHS office by **NO LATER THAN Monday, May 9, 2011**. No reservations will be accepted after that time. If you have any questions, please contact Ericka Bailey, Reservation Chairperson at ebailey530@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

*******Reservation Deadline—Monday May 9, 2011*******

Middle School Athletic Banquet Sunday May 15, 2011 @ 6pm CCHS Commons

Family Name: _____

Number of Persons Attending: _____ (x13.25) Total enclosed: \$ _____

Name(s) of athletes attending: _____ Grade: _____

_____ Grade: _____

_____ Grade: _____

Name(s) of parents attending: _____

**There is no charge for Middle School coaches; however reservations for family member(s) of coaches must be paid.