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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

This week I have noticed brightening mornings, spectacular sunrises, and chirping birds as I get in the car to come to school. It’s amazing how these small things lift my spirits. It has been a long, hard winter, and a long, hard year, but I am beginning to have glimmers of hope. COVID numbers have improved locally and nationally, and West Virginia is gaining positive national recognition for its vaccination efforts. This week we had our first normal five day week in a while! Maybe, just maybe, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Desmond Tutu said, “Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.” When we are in the trenches of tests and papers and ice storms, it is not easy to remember. Indeed, it does make the days easier when we acknowledge that there is light.

May we take some time in the coming weeks to look for the light and to focus on the things we are excited about. Let’s bring hope into our lives and the lives of those around us. Beyond that, let’s take our hope, turn it into action and make good things happen.

Warmly,

Colleen M. Hoyer

CONDOLENCES– We express our sympathy to our families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: cross country coach Hilton Ingraham’s father; Elizabeth Blanchard’s uncle; Addison Griffith’s grandfather; Andrew and Michael Strickland’s paternal grandfather, and maintenance staff member Greg Kennedy’s father. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

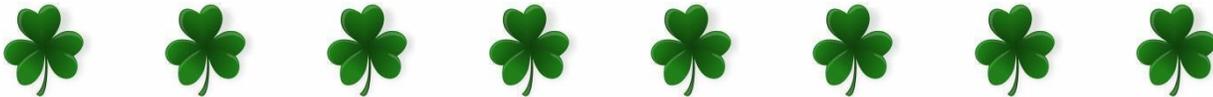


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ACADEMIC UPDATES

THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS- The Ren Web report that you receive this weekend will include grades through the halfway point of the third quarter. Students were given printouts from their teachers in their classes this week. Please thoughtfully review the report with your children. Look for and celebrate successes and determine if there are areas that can be improved on. It's often hard to stay motivated during the third quarter. Set realistic goals that can be achieved by the end of the quarter (March 26).



TENTATIVE SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Although the spring still seems far away, exams will be here before we know it. Hopefully, we will have normal semester exams in the spring! All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. 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 must have been completed by Friday, March 26, and community service requirements by Friday, May 7, 2021.** Students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP exam AND 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 will 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.

Seniors:	Tuesday/Wednesday, May 25/26 (schedule to be announced)	
Sixth grade:	Monday, 6/7	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:00 dismissal
	Tuesday, 6/8	exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:00 dismissal
	Wednesday, 6/9	exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:00 dismissal
7th/8th grade:	Friday, 6/4	exam for period 8 (8- 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Monday, 6/7	exams for periods 2 and 5; 11:00 dismissal
	Tuesday, 6/8	exams for periods 4 and 3; 11:00 dismissal
	Wednesday, 6/9	exams for periods 1 and 7; 11:00 dismissal

**Please note that 7th and 8th grade students will NOT take an exam in their foreign language or exploratory class. During that scheduled exam time, they will use the time to prepare for other exams. **

High school:	Friday, 6/4	exam for period 1 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Monday, 6/7	exams for periods 2 and 3; 11:15 dismissal
	Tuesday, 6/8	exams for periods 4 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Wednesday, 6/9	exams for periods 6 and 7; 11:15 dismissal

COVID COMMUNICATION UPDATES

COVID EXPOSURE REPORTING- It is good to see COVID numbers going down in the Kanawha Valley. It is worth noting that cases have remained steady/ slightly increased in the 10-19 age group. **We must continue to follow safety protocols in order to keep school open!** The ongoing and open communication between home and school related to illness and COVID cases and exposures is of utmost importance. Many thanks for keeping us in the loop. If anyone in your household is undergoing COVID screening due to an exposure or illness, please keep your students home until receiving negative test results. Minimizing potential exposures is an important step in preventing quarantines of significant numbers of students. Please use health@charlestoncatholic-crw.org to notify the school administration if you learn of an exposure of your student or a household member after school hours. Please use this email address to report COVID-19 exposures, positive tests, or questions. Please call the school office at 304-342-8415 and speak with an administrator if you learn of the exposure during school office hours.

ABSENCES- Virtual participation has been designed to support our students who are ill and to encourage students to stay home if they are sick so that we can keep our school community healthy. Planning for virtual learning, in addition to in person learning, requires significant time and effort from the teachers. Therefore, it should be utilized primarily in the cases of illness, exposure, or injury. **Students who miss school for reasons other than illness should contact a school administrator for approval prior to virtual participation.** Students who are ill with any symptoms should stay home from school. If your child will be absent from school, please communicate with the school office as soon as possible in the morning. You may email the office at appointments@charlestoncatholic-crw.org or begin calling the office as early as 7:15 to make us aware of an absence so we can prepare. Middle school starts class at 7:45 and high school starts at 8:00. Letting us know before school starts will help make the day go more smoothly for everyone!

RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDELINES AND VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION- Students who are ill will remain out of school for 3 days with improving symptoms. A negative COVID test or documentation of another condition (eg. strep throat, ear infection) from the student's physician will be required for a student to return to school. Students may attend school virtually for the days they are home if they are well enough and the office has been notified by a parent prior to the student logging on. Students who are sent home sick during the school day will follow the guidelines for three days of improving symptoms and a negative COVID test or documentation of another condition to return. **Students who leave during the school day will NOT participate virtually for the remainder of that day. They may begin to participate virtually on their first full day of the absence.** If a student misses class due to illness, it is important that he/she touches base with the teacher **and** checks Google Classroom for make up work. Students should not assume that all classes will be recorded.

TRAVEL- With Spring Break just around the corner, many families are considering travel in the near future. Charleston Catholic does not have a travel policy or a mandatory quarantine that will be enforced related to travel. However, travel can increase the risks of spreading COVID. If you choose to travel, please be diligent in COVID safety protocols—social distancing, wearing masks when with people other than household members, and handwashing. If you are unable to maintain these protocols, please consider one of the following options: 1) quarantine for 14 days before returning to school or 2) wait five days after your trip, get COVID tested (PCR) and receive negative results prior to coming back to school. Again, these suggestions are requests to keep our community healthy and to do all we can to keep the school building open and as many students in class as possible.

VACCINES- As you know, vaccines for coronavirus are now available for high risk groups. West Virginia has created an online pre-registration system for ALL West Virginians **over the age of 16**. Residents are encouraged to pre-register to receive updates on vaccine availability and to be offered an appointment when vaccine supplies allow. Currently, vaccine supplies are limited and high risk groups are receiving vaccination priority. However, pre-registering enables people to be offered an appointment when vaccine supplies allow. Pre-registration can be completed at <https://member.everbridge.net/747122446041089/login>

SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2021-22

2021-2022 SCHEDULING FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS –Scheduling/ registration forms for returning students will be distributed to students by the middle of March. Mrs. Herrick will meet with high school classes to discuss course requirements and options for next year. Grades are an important factor in course placement so students should continue to work hard until the end of the school year.

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2021-2022 –The admissions process for the upcoming school year is underway. If you have other children or are asked by non-CCHS families about the school, please refer to this section of the newsletter. Please note that there are changes in our format and events to accommodate safety protocols for COVID-19. Applications for all grade levels are now available online (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). **Applications should be completed by new students only. Returning students should complete a registration form (which will be distributed in English classes) but not an application.** Applications will be completed and submitted online. Virtual tours and admissions testing should be scheduled with Andrea Herrick at andrea.herrick@charlestoncatholic-crw.org. Detailed instructions are available on the CCHS website.

Monday, March 1– deadline for all non-Catholic school students to submit applications who want to be considered in the first round of acceptances

Friday, March 12 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by March 1 – applications received after March 1st will be reviewed periodically by the Admissions Committee and notification as to enrollment status will be mailed at that time)

NOTE – It is rare for CCHS to accept students as juniors and seniors. Only juniors and seniors moving into the area will be considered.

TUITION AND CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2021-22

TUITION RATES FOR 2021-22—will be released in mid-April. Invoices and loan information from Premier Bank will be mailed on April 15. **Tuition payment in full is due June 15** (late charge assessed at \$1.00 per day after June 15).

DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE— For the thirtieth year, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will continue its tradition of offering the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) in an effort to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it but may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to Most Reverend Mark Brennan’s commitment to Catholic education, funds have once again been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of assistance. Awards are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. Apply on-line at <https://www.factsmgmt.com>. Click on “Grant and Aid Assessment” and log in. Have your 2020 tax information available. Families with children currently enrolled or who are applying to enroll for the 2021-2022 school year should apply ASAP. **Applications opened on February 1. The deadline is April 30.** No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless an application and all required documentation is submitted, and the fee has been paid. The application fee is \$35. The Diocese will pay \$17.50 and families must pay \$17.50.



TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2021-22 – Please keep this calendar in mind as you plan for next year. Please 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 18	first day of school, 11:30 dismissal
Thursday, August 19	first full day of school
Monday, September 6	Labor Day-no school
Saturday, September 18	Homecoming
Thursday, November 4	Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 11	Veterans Day-no school
Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, November 24- 26	Thanksgiving Break
Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, December 15- 17	exams, 11:15 dismissal
Monday, December 20-	
Friday, December 31	Christmas Break
Monday, January 3	classes resume
Friday, January 14	end of second quarter, first semester
Monday, January 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-no school
Monday, February 21	Presidents Day-no school
Monday, April 11-	Easter Break
Monday, April 18	
Tuesday, April 19	classes resume
Friday, May 27	graduation
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day-no school
Wed/Thurs/Friday June 1- 3	exams, 11:15 dismissal
Friday, June 3	8 th grade moving up ceremony

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

1.) **West Virginia Governor's Schools:** The State of West Virginia is proud to offer The Governor's Honors Schools, summer sessions for academically and/or artistically talented students from across West Virginia. The programs are based on the premise that West Virginia's youth must be provided with special opportunities for learning and personal development in order for them to realize their full potential. There is no cost to families of students who are accepted to these competitive programs. Those who have attended these programs in the past describe them as "life-changing." It is time to start thinking about whether this might interest your child. For more information, visit <http://www.govschools.wv.gov/>

- **Governor's STEM Institute** - delivered virtually via WVU (dates in June and July TBA)

This program encourages students to delve into projects that allow them the time and opportunity to think and work like scientists, using high level mathematics and thinking skills. Current 7th and 8th graders may apply. Please let Mrs. Herrick know if you are applying.

- **Governor's School for Entrepreneurship (WVGSE)** - delivered virtually via WVU (three days weekly, June 14-July 22)

In an effort to provide a dream-realizing experience, WVGSE offers high-school students the chance to dream about a new business or product and then make it happen. Young innovators are thrown into an "accelerator" atmosphere where in three short weeks, they learn about business models, design thinking, and scaling new startup ventures. There are team competitions, a pitch competition, and the opportunity to actually launch a new business venture. In fact, every young innovator will be an entrepreneur by the end of GSE. Please let Mrs. Herrick know if you are applying.

2.) **SAT and ACT CLASS FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS**-- "Tricks of the Trade" is Charleston Catholic's very own SAT and ACT prep class. The course is designed by Mrs. Griffith (AP Calculus and AP Physics teacher) and Mrs. Herrick (Academic Advisor and former English teacher) specifically for our students, keeping in mind what they have already learned in class and building upon that knowledge. Students will split the time equally. The course will begin Sunday, March 14, and will run for three weeks meeting from 6-7:15 p.m.

via Google Meet. The cost is \$150. Please email Mrs. Herrick at andrea.herrick@charlestoncatholic-crw.org if you have any questions or if you wish to register your child.

3.) **Juniors--mark your calendars!** On April 13, CCHS will participate in the SAT School Day (a *free* test administered to all CCHS juniors).

4.) Reminder - Mrs. Herrick handles college visit requests. Students should get the forms from her and return the completed forms to her at least 2 days before the trip. **Seniors are allowed 2 college visit days; juniors are allowed 2 college visit days. College visits must be made before May 1.**

5.) 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.

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES--In order to participate in extracurricular activities on a particular day, a student must be in school for the **FULL DAY on the day of the event**. This "full day" policy includes appointments, so students need to avoid scheduling appointments during the school day. Students who have long-standing medical appointments, family funerals, or similar instances may be excused at the discretion of the Assistant Principal for Operations. Additionally, students must be at school for the majority of the school day in order to be eligible for practice. **Students are also expected to be on time on days following athletic events. If a student is suspended at school, that student is also suspended from athletic practices, games, etc. for the FULL DAY on the day(s) suspended (i.e., if a student is suspended for a Tuesday, the suspension includes involvement in any school activities -- sports, social, etc. -- for Tuesday evening also).**

SOCIAL MEDIA--Social media and networking are increasingly useful and prominent in our society. Charleston Catholic High School attempts to provide a safe environment for all individuals in terms of social networking, blogs, and any online publishing.

- The official use of the school logo and name are not permitted to be used on any personal online sources-blogs, websites, private groups, etc. without the written permission of the principal.
- Before publishing pictures of students online please consider parental wishes.
- Publishing disparaging and/or defamatory comments about the school or anyone in the school community is not permitted.
 - Engagement in online activities, such as, but not limited to, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. may result in disciplinary actions if the content of student or parent's accounts includes defamatory comments regarding the school, the faculty, or other students.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

RENWEB CONTACT INFORMATION –If any of your demographic information changes or if you are not receiving weekly RenWeb emails with grade reports, please update your demographic information in RenWeb. Log in to ParentsWeb through RenWeb and update your contact information by choosing “WebForms” under “School Information.” Address, phone number, and email information is located in the family demographic form. This is also where we get contact information for the Parent Alert texts that are used to communicate time sensitive and important school information (like weather related schedule changes.) If you have questions or need assistance, please call the school office.

VIRTUS– Be sure you are able to help! 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. Training is available online or at sessions periodically scheduled. To begin, visit the VirtusOnline.org and choose the online option. Allow 1- 1½ hours to complete the program. Print out the certificate of completion and

submit it to Mr. Villers. 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. If you have questions, please call Mr. Villers.

Adults who volunteer, coach, or chaperone, may be asked to update background and policy forms. Background checks must be updated every three to five years depending on your role in the school. Policy questionnaires should be updated if they were signed before 2014. Current Diocesan guidelines do not require volunteers to update the training portion of VIRTUS. Please contact Mr. Villers with any questions and to update your forms.

GLOVES NEEDED-- The science department is in need of latex and vinyl gloves of all sizes for dissections and other lab activities. Please contact Mrs. Arnold to coordinate a donation or drop off any gloves in the office. Many thanks!

SPIRIT SHOP— Call the office if you are in need of new spirit gear. Mrs. France and Mrs. Lovejoy would be happy to tell you about the offerings.

IMMUNIZATIONS--The health department asks all schools to keep students' immunization records up to date. If your child has had recent shots, please send CCHS a copy of new health records. **All rising 7th graders are required to have a Tdap booster and first meningococcal vaccine before they enter school in August. Rising 12th graders are required to have the second dose of the meningococcal vaccine before they enter school in August. Once your child has these vaccines, an updated immunization record must be submitted to Mrs. McLaughlin.**

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT FORMS -- for drivers' licenses and permits may be requested from the school office using the appointments@charlestoncatholic-crw.org email address. Please put PROOF OF ENROLLMENT REQUEST in the subject line. Include student's full legal name (no nicknames), date of birth MM/DD/YYYY), and home address in the request. It will take two school days for the forms to be completed by office staff.

IF YOUR LAST NAME IS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR CHILD'S NAME – please put the child's full name on all checks issued to CCHS and to any correspondence sent to the school.



WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK! – This year has presented challenges in acquiring photos for the yearbook. We need your help! You can share photos of sporting events and practices, school & community events, or e-learning photos. Start sharing today! **Share images directly from your phone by downloading the FREE Yearbook Snap app from the App Store or Google Play Store and using school code: goirish**

Be sure to share photos as soon as possible so that our staff can integrate them prior to their quarterly deadlines!

SENIOR ADS FOR THE YEARBOOK— Senior parents— don't forget to plan for your senior ads. Design and payment details should be coordinated with Ms. Marks. Email her at gina.marks@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

ART SUBMISSIONS FOR THE YEARBOOK- The yearbook class is seeking art that students have created during the pandemic or any art piece they have made this year that they are proud of and would like showcased in the yearbook. They can email a photo or a scanned copy to Ms. Marks at gina.marks@charlestoncatholic-crw.org or bring the piece to Ms. Marks to be photographed and returned. They should include artist's name, date, and a description/subject of the piece.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

GOLDEN HORSESHOE - A highlight of the eighth-grade year is the opportunity for a student to become a Knight or Lady of the Golden Horseshoe. Named for the golden horseshoes given to the early explorers of what is now West Virginia by Alexander Spotswood, the Governor of the Virginia colony, the program recognizes students for their knowledge of West Virginia history. In a few weeks, eighth-grade students from all over the state will take a computerized assessment on West Virginia history, facts, and trivia. Top scorers from each county are awarded by the Governor in a ceremony at the Capitol. Charleston Catholic's test date is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17th. To accommodate virtual learners, testing will be available until March 26th. In-person learners will be taking the test during their WV Studies class. Ms. Phebus and Mrs. Campbell will contact virtual learners regarding their testing arrangements. Students have been gathering information in WV Studies class, but additional practice questions can be found on the WV Culture and History website (wvculture.org) and the WV Department of Education website.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— Please consider supporting Charleston Catholic through Kroger and Amazon rewards programs. Your support is very much appreciated!

- 1.) The **Kroger Community Rewards** program can be used every time you grocery shop. To enroll, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use the Charleston Catholic organization number **LH615**. Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus Cards are available at the Customer Service desk at any Kroger. To participate in the program, just register your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card (as outlined above)**, use the card when you checkout, and Charleston Catholic will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis.
- 1.) When you shop at Amazon.com, the AmazonSmile program will donate 0.5% of your purchases to CCHS when you log in to your Amazon account using the address <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0630688> (or by clicking on the link on the School Home section of RenWeb) to enroll in the program.

DONATE TO HOPE 2021 – Planning continues for our 16th summer of HOPE. If pandemic conditions allow, we will partner again this summer with Bill & Addie Likens, who coordinate the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission (CAM) in Wayne and Mingo Counties. During the week of **August 1-6, 2021**, our group of juniors, seniors, college age alumni and adult work team leaders plan to make significant repairs at the homes of several low income families and seniors. We also plan for some of our volunteers to assist with the construction of a new house for a family. We are committed to raising **\$25,000, the amount needed to purchase all the building materials for the construction of the new home**. CAM will supplement our fundraising efforts with the materials necessary to complete the repairs on the other houses at which we will work, making these houses **warmer, safer, and drier**. A **slideshow of our HOPE experience** in the summer of 2019 can be viewed on our school website under the "Community Outreach" tab. The slideshow includes photos of the new house that some of our volunteers helped construct for a mom and her two young children in Mingo County.

Please consider making a **tax deductible donation, 100% of which will go toward the purchase of construction supplies**. Donate online at www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org and search "Donate to HOPE." Or simply click on this link: [HOPE 2021 Donation Form](#)



- 1.) For Lent this year, we have been exploring Black History, identifying many of those who are a part of our American History but frequently forgotten. We have been guided by the concerns expressed by Pope Francis in his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, on human fraternity, which was written in October. In paragraph 89, Pope Francis reflects “*I cannot know myself, he says, apart from a broader network of relationships, including those that have preceded me and shaped my entire life.*” We are working to know ourselves, our nation, our church and our world better this Lent. May our knowledge turn us ever toward love and toward the holy.
- 2.) Charleston Catholic students will have the opportunity during Lent to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation with social distancing guidelines in practice. On Wednesday, March 10, a number of priests will join us in the CCHS Chapel where students will be called to participate by grade. Any student who wishes to attend should receive permission from their teacher.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

- 1.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the heavier weight grey jacket and a lighter weight black jacket, both in full zip and quarter zip), white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts are available on the CCHS website. For questions, please contact Kathy Atassi (304-415-0071) for jackets, Marilyn Ford (304-610-4243) for green polos, and Sara Frame (304-389-1241) for white polos. OFFICIAL UNIFORM POLOS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH PVA. Please note that students who are members of athletic teams and academic competition teams are permitted to wear an official CCHS kelly green polo shirt with khaki pants to school on designated dates – normally home games and post season games.
- 2.) **Parent involvement** is a vital component of the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Parent involvement looks different this year than in the past. Your ongoing support and understanding are appreciated as we navigate the athletic program’s changing needs. With winter and spring sports getting underway, please be on the lookout for details and requests to help where possible. Please continue to cheer on the Irish!
- 3.) **Athletic family passes** will not be available this year due to the ongoing COVID guidelines and limited attendance policies for athletics.
- 4.) **PVA packets** including volunteer forms and all ordering forms for logo jackets, white polos, and green polos are available on the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Forms are being accepted in the school office and volunteers are still needed for some of our spring happenings.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

THE RETURN OF SPORTS AND ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY – As we approach the beginning of both winter and spring sports, the WV Board of Education waived the 2.0 grade minimum until March 19. That means students who have below a 2.0 unweighted GPA may participate in sports until March 19 while working to improve their grades to a 2.0. On March 19, the 2.0 requirement goes back in effect. Any student who does not have a 2.0 at that time will become ineligible to participate in sports and extracurricular activities. Charleston Catholic students are also expected to be in good behavioral standing to participate in extracurricular activities.



LIVE STREAMING OF GAMES-- Charleston Catholic once again will be partnering with Video Productions to bring you live broadcasts of some sporting events this year. Please email jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org for additional details or if you know any businesses who would like to sponsor. The more sponsorships we have the more games we can broadcast!

DON'T MISS A GAME!-- The Athletic Department will be selling fan cutouts that will be visible during the live streamed games this season. Each cutout will be \$50. The money will help support the livestreams, Hudl (film services) for the coaches, and locker room upgrades. Please email jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org for ordering information.

SPRING SPORTS-- Spring practices begin March 15th for high school sports and March 22nd for middle school sports. We have been holding information meetings at the school for each sport. If you missed the meeting, email jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org for the information. Spring sports offered are track (boys and girls), tennis (boys and girls), baseball (boys), softball (girls), and golf (boys and girls). Golf is only middle school in the spring.



ADDITIONAL ATHLETIC INFORMATION—Due to the pandemic shortened seasons, there is more of an overlap between winter and spring seasons than in years past. This is going to be a challenge for athletes who participate in both winter and spring sports. Athletes will still be able to participate in all the sports they would play in a normal school year. Both middle and high school athletes may participate in both seasons at the same time. The WVSSAC rule regarding winter and spring sport athletes states that if an athlete is playing a winter sport, he/she will only need to attend five spring practices to be eligible for spring sporting events. That being said, academics come first and our coaches recognize that this year's schedules will be more challenging. Please communicate with them and Mr. Nelson if time is needed for school work.

We are still developing guidelines on attendance and will be communicating those to coaches in the near future. Once we have the guidelines finalized, we will update you.

Please follow our twitter page [@cchssports](https://twitter.com/cchssports) for updates on scheduling, live streams, and other athletic news.

Please email jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org if you have any questions.

BASEBALL GAME DAY SPONSORSHIPS- Our high school and middle school baseball teams are scheduled to play 2021 home games at the Shawnee Sports Complex. While the field usage cost of our home games is included in our field sponsorship, we are responsible for the field usage cost for our practice time on the field. **Please consider a Game Day Sponsorship.** A **\$200 donation** will help us cover the cost of the field rental for a few days of practice. **Your firm, company, or family's name will be displayed at the field on your game date.** Baseball Game Day Sponsor Forms are available online on the school website. Click on the "Athletics Home" tab or search "Baseball Game Day Sponsorship." Or click on this link: [Catholic Baseball Game Day Sponsor Form](#)



CONGRATULATIONS

- to senior Elizabeth Rushworth for being selected as Charleston Catholic's Aquinas Medal recipient, a recognition given to one student at each Catholic school in West Virginia recognizing faithful discipleship, academic excellence, leadership, and service.
- to seniors Aubrie Custer and Aidan Paul who were selected as Charleston Catholic's St. Sebastian Medal winners. The award recognizes high achieving student athletes from each of the state's diocesan high schools who exhibit the qualities of sportsmanship, teamwork, academics, and a high respect for school, classmates, teammates, opponents, parish, and the community.
- to the Science Olympiad Team who experienced much success in the virtual competition this year. Students placed in the following events: Ornithology - 1st place (Jordan Loew and Juliana Veazey); Experimental Design - 3rd Place (Olivia Jonathan and Katherine Skinner); Sound of Music - 3rd Place (Jordan Loew and Juliana Veazey); and Protein Modeling - 2nd Place (Jordan Loew and Juliana Veazey). The team competed in all but two events during this crazy year and they are already excited for next year!



MANY THANKS

- to the PVA hospitality committee for the delicious Catholic Schools Week treats for the faculty!
- to Diana and Bob Hypes for their dedication to Charleston Catholic. On Friday, February 12, our annual "Wear Red for Bobby Day," Mr. and Mrs. Hypes bought pizza for students, faculty, and staff, though they were unable to visit this year because of COVID protocols. Many thanks to the students and faculty for their impressive showing of red and their \$2 donations which will be donated to the Bobby Hypes Scholarship. The award is given to a rising 9th grader each year during the 8th grade Moving Up Ceremony who shares some of Bobby's personality traits- kindness, determination, optimism. Mr. and Mrs. Hypes' ongoing commitment helps keep Bobby's legacy and example alive.
- to Amy Tawney, the PVA, and Spring Hill Bakery for providing "King Cake" cupcakes this year for students and faculty to continue the tradition of our Mardi Gras celebration while following COVID protocols.
- to the CCHS community for their participation in this year's Catholic Schools Week project as we supported five local charities (The Gabriel Project, Sojourners, Manna Meal, Catholic Charities and the Risen Lord Food Pantry). Generous donations poured in each day even with a Wednesday Snow Day and a Friday Remote Learning Day. Each organization was tremendously grateful when the items were delivered. It's amazing what our Charleston Catholic students are able to do as a collective community. Due to COVID protocols, this year's parent volunteers were responsible for sorting, packing, and delivering the items. A special thank you to all the parents who volunteered: Mary Blaydes, Brandy Messer, Kip Wilcox, Sara Frame, Megan Harris, Kerri Linton, and Alison Corbin. A special thank you to Sara Frame who spent hours sorting, organizing, and delivering. Huge thanks to Mr. Hoffmann for helping with mailings and tweets, Mrs. O'Leary and the 7th and 8th grade students for making posters and thank you cards for the charity volunteers and to Mr. Villers, Mrs. France, Mrs. Aubel, Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Collier, Mr. Madden, and Mr. Kennedy for their additional support and guidance. It truly took a village to make this happen. Thank you for your support. Our total donations this year are as follows:

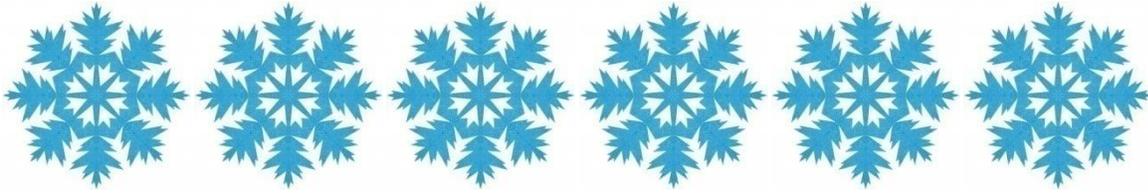
Gabriel Project – 1,061 total items of diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, wash, lotion, and assorted supplies; **Sojourners** - 585 items including pillows, pillow cases, dish soap, laundry detergent, towels, sheets, shower curtains, trash bags and assorted cleaning supplies; **Manna Meal** – 1,315 items including canned meat, canned soup, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, boxes of cereal and many assorted food items as well as the profits from the \$2 dress down day during the week; **Catholic Charities**- 1,386 items including blankets, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, toothpaste and toothbrushes, wipes and sanitizer, toilet paper, soap, paper towels and miscellaneous items; **Risen Lord Catholic Church Food Pantry**- 1,118 items including canned soup, canned vegetables, canned meat, macaroni and cheese, pasta, cereal, peanut butter, and miscellaneous items. The generosity that has been shown by the families of Charleston Catholic is something special to experience. Many, many thanks to project chair Cynthia Hemphill-Reehling who coordinated with the organizations, oversaw the sorting and delivery, and demonstrated extreme flexibility as the week presented schedule changes and challenges!



WEATHER CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE – We have already experienced our share of winter weather, and while I am hopeful that we have seen the end of it, there may still be more to come. **Remember that school closings and delays are texted through Parent Alert, are announced on the CCHS website, and are tweeted through cchsnews.**

- 1) CCHS/SHGS will NOT follow ANY of the Kanawha County Schools' weather-related procedures.
- 2) Families may connect to the CCHS website or listen to the radio/television for changes to CCHS/SHGS schedules. The following stations will be notified by 6:15 a.m. if there are changes to be made: WV Public Radio, WCBS, WCBS-TV, WSAZ-TV, V100, 96.1, and WKAZ. **The CCHS website will be updated, a tweet will be sent through cchsnews, and a Parent Alert text will be sent. PLANS FOR THE DAY (WHETHER REMOTE LEARNING, E-DAY, OR DAY OFF) WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CLOSURE.**
- 3) If no announcements are made for CCHS/SHGS, classes will be held on the regular schedule.
- 4) **If a two-hour delay is announced, classes will start promptly 2 hours after the normal start time. Middle school classes will start at 9:45 a.m. and high school will start at 10 a.m.** The building will not open until 9:30 to give staff time to get to school. Please do not drop off your children before 9:30! In the case of a two hour delay, teachers may post assignments for first and second periods in their Google Classrooms. Students should check at the end of the day to see!
- 5) As always, if you cannot get your child to school for health or safety reasons, notify the school.



SNOW E-DAY POLICY

We have already successfully utilized our e-day plan this year and we hope not to need it again! But just in case, a reminder of the plan is included below. In the event that the e-day policy becomes active, it will be noted on the school website and in the messages (Parent Alert and cchsnews) that announce the school closing.

If the e-day should become necessary, the following plan will be activated:

- 1) By 9 a.m. on days that school is closed, teachers will post instructions for their classes in their Google Classroom.
- 2) Assignments for each class will be about 30 minutes in length. Teachers will keep in mind what materials students would have available at home.
- 3) Completion of each class' assignments is required. Namely, as is the case in a regular instructional day, each e-day assignment counts for a grade in teachers' gradebooks. Failure to complete an assignment will result in a zero for each assignment. Teachers will post details about assignment submission in Google Classroom.

CALENDAR FOR 2020-21

CALENDAR. --Please use this calendar in your planning. Please remember that exams must be taken on scheduled exam days, and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester (if those students have not been participating in classes virtually) will have to make up those days at the end of the semester. Please note that, as is the case each school day, teachers administer tests/quizzes, have assignments due, and teach lessons on the days immediately preceding and following school holidays. Students who take extended holidays run the risk of affecting their grades.

Wednesday, March 17	Golden Horseshoe test for 8 th graders
Friday, March 26	end of 3rd quarter
Friday, April 2	Good Friday, beginning of Easter Vacation
Monday, April 12	classes resume
Tuesday, April 13	School day SAT for juniors
April 19- May 7	MAP testing window for 6 th through 10 th graders
Monday-Friday, May 3-14	AP Testing
Saturday, May 22	prom
Saturday, May 29	Baccalaureate and Graduation, 9:30 a.m.
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day holiday
Mon/ Tues/ Wed, June 7-9	exams for 6 th - 11 th graders
Wednesday, June 9	Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders