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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

I had the pleasure this week of spending a few minutes covering one of the high school foreign language classes. I must tell you—those few minutes were the highlight of my school day. The students were comfortable and enthusiastic. They were more than willing to “show off” their knowledge for me, going so far as volunteering to sing the songs that they know in French. And, sing they did! Every student in the class participated and they sounded quite good, actually.

These students knew they were in an environment where they could sing, regardless of the quality of their voices. That’s a big risk as a teenager! Yet because they knew their participation would be embraced by the teacher and their classmates, they went for it. My wish is that each of us has a space where we feel safe and comfortable enough to take risks in our learning. May we seek out others who encourage our growth, and may we offer that support in return.

Warmly,

Colleen Hoyer

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: Gage Tawney’s maternal uncle; Duncan McMaster’s grandmother; Sam King’s paternal grandfather; and Chase Dalporto’s paternal grandfather. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

FIRST QUARTER REPORT CARDS ARE ENCLOSED – Please take some time to review quarter grades, conduct grades, and comments with your child. Consider whether any relationship exists between behavior and achievement. Quarter grade point averages are included at the bottom of the quarter one column. The cumulative GPA is based solely on semester grades. The cumulative GPA reported on the current report card is a student’s grade point average as of June 2017. Remember, students must have a 2.0 semester GPA (not cumulative) in order to be eligible to participate in athletics. Freshmen and middle school students do not have cumulative GPAs at this time. Teachers have provided students with printouts that include details of first quarter grades which should offer additional information.

SET GOALS WITH YOUR CHILD(REN) FOR SECOND QUARTER ACHIEVEMENT—Begin by reviewing and discussing first quarter grades. Look at the printed grade sheets prepared by the teachers and sent home with your children. Do you see zeros or points recorded for one-half of the total possible? Zeros often indicate that an assignment/homework/paper/etc. was not turned in at all or was turned in more than one day late. Look at test grades and determine if study habits are working. Students should consider how hard they worked and what results they saw. Are they paying attention in class or when they do reading assignments? Are they completing assignments? Using this analysis, they are able to set realistic goals for the grades they would like to earn in each class this quarter.

STUDY SKILLS THAT MAY HELP YOUR CHILDREN STRENGTHEN THEIR GRADES – As we enter the second quarter, here are a few little things that can make a big difference. Please review this list and work with your children to make sure they're doing all they can (and should!) be doing.

- 1) Student should read the sections of the chapter BEFORE it is taught in class. By doing so, they develop mental hooks to hang information on during class presentations. Students sometimes consider reading assignments unnecessary- this couldn't be further from the truth!
- 2) Students should turn in ALL assignments. Often they haven't written them down in their assignment books so they completely forget they have them and fail to turn them in.
- 3) Students should take good notes in class. In many cases, they write down the outline a teacher has written on the board, but they don't fill it in with additional information that has been discussed or presented. Sometimes they believe that they can absorb the information just by sitting in class and listening. Research shows that students are more likely to remember information when they take notes in their own handwriting. Their notes should be meaningful to them and often need to be much more detailed than the teacher's general outline.
- 4) Students should review their notes before tests and quizzes. Similarly, they should use corrected past quizzes and tests as resources to review so that missed material is learned.
- 5) Studying is an active process. Staring at a textbook or notebook will not help students learn information. Try highlighting, making flash cards, creating graphic organizers, or writing and taking practice tests with the information.
- 6) Students must ask their teachers for help. If your child doesn't ask questions in class, then teachers will not know if or why the child is confused.

CHECK RENWEB LESSON PLANS FOR IMPORTANT DATES – Remember, teachers are posting dates of tests, quizzes, and projects in the Lesson Plans section of RenWeb. You can access the information multiple ways: 1) Login to ParentsWeb and choose Classes under School Information. Click on a specific class and then choose the Lesson Plan tab to see the dates for each class. 2) Choose Student Home or Lesson Plans under Student Information and the week's due dates are visible. Assignments for each week should be posted by 8 a.m. Monday. There is a tremendous amount of information available at your fingertips.



OTHER INFORMATION IN RENWEB- We also use RenWeb for demographic and medical information which should be entered and updated by parents by choosing WebForms under the School Information tab. Any address changes should be updated by parents in the WebForms. We will continue to use the email component of RenWeb, as well. You should now receive an electronic version of the newsletter in your inbox, in addition to the mailed version.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR – Teachers have established clear guidelines for student in class and school behavior. Expectations for students – academically and behaviorally – are quite high, as they should be. Students with less than satisfactory conduct grades (i.e., N's or U's) on report cards will be assigned lunch detention or will lose off campus lunch privileges. Administrators will notify and work with students when such incidents occur and will set expectations needed to regain these privileges.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Although we’ve just finished the first quarter, it’s time to look ahead to December’s exams. **Keep in mind that we administer exams before Christmas, but the semester does not close until January 12.** From January 2 through 12, teachers will be covering new material which will be calculated into the second quarter and first semester grade. **All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times.** **If we have a two-hour delay due to weather, we will start that day’s exams at 10 a.m. and school will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m.** **If school is cancelled on any exam day due to weather, exams for that day will take place on the next day the school is open, even if it means pushing exams to January 2.** **IN THE EVENT OF ANY WEATHER-RELATED CHANGES, CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE OR TWITTER FEED FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION.** Students should prepare for exams by reviewing past tests and quizzes, using study guides, rereading notes and homework/class assignments, reworking math problems, and so on. First semester report cards will be mailed no later than Monday, January 22, 2018.

Sixth grade:	Wednesday, 12/13 Thursday, 12/14 Friday, 12/15	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 3 and 7; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 5 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
Seventh grade:	Wednesday, 12/13 Thursday, 12/14 Friday, 12/15	exams for periods 5 and 7; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 1 and 2/3; 11:15 dismissal* exams for periods 4 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
Eighth grade:	Wednesday, 12/13 Thursday, 12/14 Friday, 12/15	exams for periods 5 and 7; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 3 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
High school:	Tuesday, 12/12 Wednesday, 12/13 Thursday, 12/14 Friday, 12/15	exam for period 2 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 dismissal exams for periods 1 and 3; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 6 and 8; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 4 and 7; 11:15 dismissal

*Seventh graders will not take a foreign language/ exploratory exam. Seventh graders who take French 2nd period will take their theology exam (3rd period) on Thursday, 12/14.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES -- If you have not yet scheduled your parent teacher conference for Thursday, November 2, please call the office to make your appointments. **Parent conferences for all grades are scheduled for Thursday, November 2, from 8 a.m. to noon; 1 to 5 p.m.; and 6 to 9 p.m.** **There will be no school for students on this day.**

Parents will meet with seventh and eighth grade teachers for 5 minutes and with sixth grade and high school teachers for 10 minutes. Specific organizational details are posted on the CCHS website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). **PLEASE BE ON TIME AND BE CONSIDERATE OF PARENTS WAITING FOR THEIR DESIGNATED APPOINTMENTS.** Know that serious problems cannot be dealt with in five or ten minutes! Please feel free to call individual teachers at school and talk to them on the phone if you cannot meet with them on November 2, or if you need to talk with them at length.

Teachers will begin conferences by asking you what you would like to know about your child. You will have just received the first quarter report card so your questions might focus on comments made on the report card, or on academic achievement, organizational skills (e.g., is child prepared for class, submitting work on time, etc.), or social aspects (e.g., getting along socially, asking content-specific questions, etc.).

BASEBALL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER- The high school baseball team is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner, hosted by Paterno's at the Park on **Sunday, December 3, 2017, from 4-7p.m.** Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, and drink (non-alcoholic). Takeout is available, as is a cash bar. Desserts are available for donations, as well. Dinner tickets are adults - \$10, and children (10 & under) - \$5. Tickets are available from baseball team candidates and in the school office. Please make checks payable to "CCHS" (memo line: Baseball Spaghetti). Enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Paterno's at the Park while supporting our baseball program.

CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SKI CLUB 2017-18 (grades 6 – 12) --



Ski dates: January 10, 17, 24, 31, & February 7 (February 14 make-up date)

- Optional parent information meeting - Tuesday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. in CCHS library
- Mandatory student meeting – Wednesday, January 3, at 3:00 p.m.-- Students will receive an overview of rules and responsibilities.
- Buses will leave school for Winterplace promptly at 3:30 p.m. and return to CCHS at 10:30 p.m.
- Ski Club members are expected to be on time when leaving CCHS and when leaving Winterplace. Students must be on the buses at Winterplace by 9:00 p.m.
- Please be on time to pick up your children. Buses drop off in front of Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral so please do not park on this side of the street.
- The decision to cancel Ski Club because of weather will be made the day of the trip by 11:00 a.m. Additional Wednesdays will be added to the end of the season if trips are cancelled due to weather. If school is cancelled on a Wednesday because of snow, do not assume we will cancel Ski Club. Conditions are probably good for skiing and, if it is possible to transport the students safely, we will have Ski Club. Check the CCHS website www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org or cchsnews tweet for the final word.
- Cost: \$275 for shaped skis or, if you are bringing your own equipment; \$350 for rental of blades or snowboard. Increased transportation costs have caused the participation prices to go up this year. These amounts include lift tickets and transportation for all five dates. Lessons are available for every level of skier each Wednesday at no extra cost. Students renting equipment from Winterplace must complete a liability form in its entirety, including credit card information. This form will be given to students after they register for ski club.
- **Helmets are strongly encouraged.**
- Students must submit ski club contract and a medical emergency form. These forms will be available by November 17. Forms and fees must be returned to school by December 12.

SOPHOMORE CAMP—This year all sophomores enrolled in Catholic high schools in the Diocese will participate in The Summit, a 3 day 2 night camp at Camp Bosco in Huttonsville. Our sophomores will be attending from Wednesday, April 25, 2018, through Friday, April 27, 2018. Students will depart from school at lunch time on Wednesday and will return to school on Friday afternoon. The camp will be structured in a seminar style experience with speakers and breakout sessions focused on leadership. The cost of \$150 per student will cover food, lodging, and transportation for the experience. Activities will be led by diocesan personnel, but faculty and parent chaperones will be engaged in monitoring students. **Parent volunteers are needed!** More details will be shared as they become available.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

HOMEWORK CLINIC- Middle school science teacher Toni Erby offers this teacher-supervised time dedicated to distraction-free homework completion and study. The clinic meets in Mrs. Erby's room on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 3-4 p.m. At 4 p.m., Mrs. Erby will walk the students to the Virginia Street door for pick-up. The cost is \$10/ session. Students are encouraged to bring a snack.



MIDDLE SCHOOL WORLD CULTURES CLUB- Join us for an exciting multi-cultural experience! All middle schoolers are invited to the Middle School World Cultures Club on Wednesday, November 1, from 3-4 p.m. in the library. We will be celebrating the Day of the Dead with snacks, crafts, songs, and more. Cost is \$5 to cover food and supplies. Please R.S.V.P. to Mrs. Hurt at jennifer.hurt@charlestoncatholic-crw.org. Can't join us this time? Our next event will be Tuesday, December 5, where we will be celebrating the Latin Saturnalia.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

ADVANC-ED SURVEYS-- Charleston Catholic High School has proudly been accredited by the North Central Association of Schools since the 1960s. North Central, now a part of the AdvancEd organization, requires schools to engage in continuous reflection and improvement during a five year accreditation cycle. Charleston Catholic will be visited by a team of diocesan school staff members and principals as part of our accreditation process in February 2018. Parents, students, and faculty members are invited to complete a survey providing feedback on the school program and school effectiveness. Many, many thanks to those of you who have already completed the survey! The link will be emailed again on Monday, October 30. Your participation and your feedback are much appreciated.

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.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION – Make sure you are staying informed. A wealth of information is at your fingertips on the school website- from the school newsletter to athletic events to the school calendar. Take some time to become familiar with all the latest features on the school's website --www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org. Additionally, please be sure you follow CCHS news on Twitter for important announcements from the school office. **Text "follow cchsnews" to 40404 and you will receive all cchsnews tweets** as text messages. It's easy to stay informed!

GOING OUT OF TOWN? – If parents are going to be out of town, please leave contact information with Mrs. Lovejoy in the office. In case of an emergency, we need to be able to contact you!

WANT YOUR PHOTOS IN THE YEARBOOK? - So do we! Students, parents, and teachers can contribute content to the yearbook staff by uploading photos directly to our website for potential use in the book. You can share photos of sporting events, performances, school & community events, or shots of you and your friends our staff photographers might have missed. Start sharing today! **Share images directly from your phone by downloading the FREE hjeShare app using school code: goirish**

OR:

- 1) Go to www.hjeshare.com
- 2) Enter the school code: goirish
- 3) Locate the picture (file) you want to upload. You can Ctrl+click to upload as many as 10 photos at a time.
- 4) Click Open.
- 5) Click each thumbnail to select and enter any relevant information about the images.
- 6) Click Submit Image Information when you are done.

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



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 Diocese guidelines do not require volunteers to update the training portion of VIRTUS. Please contact Mr. Villers with any questions and to update your forms.

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT FORMS -- for drivers' licenses and permits may be requested in the school office using the CCHS request form. It will take two school days for the forms to be completed by office staff.

SAFETY AND DRIVING

SAFETY MATTER – Our prime downtown location offers many benefits. However, it also brings challenges at times. We must be proactive in our safety measures. As students venture out in the community during lunch or after school, it is important that they are aware of their surroundings. Please review with your children the importance of leaving a place where they do not feel safe and making an adult aware of the uncomfortable situation. Additionally, all doors to the school building are locked during the school day. Entry is granted only through the main Virginia Street doors. Please be patient when awaiting entry to the building. For safety reasons, students and faculty are instructed not to open ANY door to let visitors into the building. The office staff works hard to respond to the doorbell when it chimes and to receive and welcome all guests, but it may take a moment or two before you are admitted. You may be asked to identify yourself before being permitted entry—this is for everyone's safety. Please don't take it personally! Upon entry, please report directly to the office to sign in and receive a visitor's pass.

STUDENT DRIVERS – Please encourage your student drivers to be responsible, safe drivers. Emphasize to them the importance of following the speed limit, wearing seatbelts, not reclining seatbacks, pulling into and out of parking lots cautiously, being aware of pedestrians. They should not be speeding through yellow lights, texting or talking on cell phones while driving, or fiddling with music. Lunch hour is a high traffic time around downtown and students should be especially cautious when driving and parking. It is easy to get distracted from the enormous responsibility of driving. Tragedies happen in an instant. If you see inappropriate or reckless driving behavior while students are involved in school, please note the license plate and make of car and notify Mr. Villers. Otherwise, if you recognize an unsafe student driver, parents would appreciate knowing this information from you!

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

West Virginia Governor's Schools: The State of West Virginia is proud to offer The Governor's Honors Schools, residential 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." While the applications are not yet available, it is time to start thinking about whether this might interest your child. For more information, visit <http://www.govschools.wv.gov/>.

- **Governor's Honors Academy (GHA)** - Site and Date TBA

This program offers endless opportunities for the highest achieving rising seniors to live and study with like-minded students in an intellectually stimulating environment. Current juniors may apply.

- **Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)** - Marshall University (June 24-July 14)

This program is designed for rising juniors who write, dance, sing, play an instrument, act, draw/paint or work in digital media. Current sophomores may apply. Please let Mrs. Vollmer know if you are applying.

- **Governor's School for Math and Science (GSMS)** - Sites and Dates 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.

- **Governor's School for Entrepreneurship (WVGSE)** - Site and Date TBA

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.



NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

1) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - As the weather gets cooler, it is time to think about ordering uniform jackets and long sleeve polo shirts. Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the heavier weight grey jacket and also 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 Samantha McCarty (samccarty6@gmail.com or 304-964-2296) for jackets, Christi Preston (304-550-0239) for green polos, and Marsha Hoyer (304-552-8065) 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 to school on designated dates – normally home games and post-season games designated by the principal. This option is new to middle school students. Please order now to be ready for the beginning of winter sports season.

2) **CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS** – Many thanks to those of you who have already volunteered to help in the cafeteria. If you would like to be placed on the schedule during the second semester, please contact Kim Javins (kim.javins@suddenlink.net or 304-549-3939). If you are unable to attend on your scheduled day, please find a sub and let the kitchen staff at school know by calling the school at 304-342-8415.

3) **Parent involvement** is critical for the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Helping transport students to games and practices, working gates, being supportive of the players and coaches, attending games, and participating in the team lunch program are just a few ways that parents help. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams! Each sport is allocated one team lunch and guidelines and dates for these lunches will be distributed to parents at the beginning of each season, once team rosters have been established.

4) **Athletic family passes** are available through the PVA. These passes are good for immediate family members only (not cousins, in-laws, ex-in-laws, grandparents, fiancées, etc.) to attend CCHS home games. The passes do not cover away games, tournaments played at home, or any SSAC tournaments. Cost is \$150 for all home middle school games only, \$175 for all home high school games only, and \$200 for all home games (both levels). A \$100 student or senior citizen pass for all home games is also available. An order form for sports passes is also in the PVA Parent Registration Packet so you may order them later in the semester. Please contact Lynn Brookshire at 304-541-4649 if you have questions about these passes.

5) **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). Completed forms will be accepted throughout the school year. Please drop off in the school office.



1) With the observance of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, the month of November is a time to remember those who have gone before us. Charleston Catholic has a Book of Remembrance, with names of deceased loved ones, which will be located in the chapel all month. Over the years, students have shared names of loved ones they would like remembered in prayer by our school community. This month, students can include additional names when they visit the chapel for class mass or other occasions. Your loved ones will be kept in our prayers throughout November.

2) The CCHS Annual Woodcutting day to Big Laurel in Mingo County will be Friday, November 10 (NO SCHOOL in honor of Veterans Day). This is an opportunity for juniors and seniors. See Mr. Mehle or Ms. Linehan for more details.

3) We're adding another service trip this summer! During the week of June 17-23, a group of Charleston Catholic students and staff will serve at Bethlehem Farm, a Catholic community in Summers County that does basic home repair for those in need and promotes sustainable practices by living the Gospel cornerstones of prayer, service, community, and simplicity. Any CCHS student who has completed 10th grade by the summer of 2018 is welcome. More information will be available in theology class or in the Campus Ministry Center.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION AND SERVICE TO OTHERS-- Charleston Catholic High School is collecting the pink Box Tops for Education that can be found on many different products. The sixth grade Theology classes will be coordinating the program, but we need the help of everyone in the school community to make the program a success. Our goal is to use the money raised through the Box Tops to help local nonprofit agencies that the students will be learning about in Theology class. Box tops don't have to be trimmed neatly - simply tear them off and stick them in an envelope or sandwich bag. Please check the top to make sure it has not expired!

WATCH YOUR MAILBOXES -- Our annual appeal letter will be mailed in early November. This year's funds will be directed toward the Building on Excellence campaign which supports our fourth floor addition. How exciting that our school continues to thrive and grow! As you consider charitable opportunities as we approach the end of the year, please consider a financial gift to Charleston Catholic. Charleston Catholic is designated as a 501-c3 organization. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE- Fundraising efforts for the fourth floor addition continue as we strive to raise \$2 million. Please consider a donation or a pledge payable over three years to support the project. All families are asked to make a sacrificial gift. Not everyone can give the same gift, but everyone can make the same sacrifice. Naming opportunities are available. Please contact Simone Thomas in the school office for more information.



CLAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT--Plans are progressing for our annual Clay County Christmas Party! Each year approximately 500 children and their families are served through this project which highlights the bond between families in Clay County and the CCHS/ SHGS community. Anyone willing to donate goods or funds should contact the school office -- cash donations are needed to assist with extra stocking stuffers, a special something extra for the food boxes, and miscellaneous needs. The entire school is involved in the project: getting stockings, providing stocking stuffers and gifts for specific children, stuffing stockings, bagging gifts by family, loading trucks, and on and on. The party will take place in Clay County on Saturday, December 2. Two groups of seniors actually go to the party: 1) morning helpers -- truck unloaders and organizers (who leave CCHS around 7 a.m. and then return midmorning to CCHS);

2) day-long helpers -- seniors who represent a variety of clubs and have specific tasks to perform. We'd like to take more students but the church facility in Maysel is very small. The timetable for the Clay County Christmas Project is:

1) **Friday, November 17 - \$2 jeans day** - to raise money for photo paper and ink -- each Clay County child gets his/her picture taken with Santa during our party!

2) **Tuesday, November 21 (at the latest)**- Students will receive the name and other information about their Clay County children. Students are asked to purchase a \$35 gift. Please do not exceed the \$35 limit but buy as much as you can for \$35. Try to hit right at the mark! It is very difficult on families when children within the same family do not receive "equitable" gifts. If a CCHS student is unable to participate in this aspect of the Clay County Christmas Project, please alert Mrs. Colleen Hoyer. Parents wishing to help with gifts for additional children are encouraged to inquire in the office.

3) **Tuesday, November 21** - Stockings and stocking stuffers are due to theology teachers. We try to fill 500 stockings, so we count on each student to bring in the requested items. Each student needs to bring a 12-14 inch stocking (about \$2 from K-Mart) along with their grade level's stocking stuffer assignment. The dollar store is a great resource for these items. We are providing this information now so you can keep an eye out for bargains!

Each 6th, 7th, and 8th grader: One 12 to 14 inch stocking to be filled, 3 small boxes of crayons (8 or 16 count), 3 thin coloring books, 3 mechanical pencils, 2 chapsticks and 1 pair of stretchy gloves-one size fits all.

Each high school student: One 12 to 14 inch stocking to be filled, 3 hairbrushes, 3 tubes of toothpaste, 3 toothbrushes individually packaged, 1 chapstick and 2 pairs of stretchy gloves-one size fits all. **EXTRA ITEMS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

4) **Tuesday, November 28**- Food items are due -- Each homeroom will be preparing food boxes. Each student will be asked to provide specific food items. The majority of the food boxes are being provided by Sacred Heart Grade School children. CCHS students help fill the remainder of the boxes required by the number of families participating. Students will sign up for food items in their homerooms.

5) **Wednesday, November 29** - Wrapped gifts are due with the family number and Clay County child's name securely taped on the front.

6) **Various dates** -- Our student activity groups, service clubs, and other student groups are also participating by donating cookies, candy canes, etc. These students will receive specific information from their sponsors.

Thank you for your commitment to the children of Clay County!



SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— For those of you planning to get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping, please keep Charleston Catholic in mind. It's easy to do!

- 1.) The **Kroger Community Rewards is a simple but beneficial program.** To enroll, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use the Charleston Catholic organization number **83696**. 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.
- 2.) 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.

HOPE 2018 – Planning is underway for our 14th summer of HOPE in Clay County, WV. Our group of juniors, seniors, college age alumni and adult work crew leaders will make significant repairs at the homes of 8-10 low income families and seniors in Clay County during the week of June 10-15, 2018. We need to raise **\$35,000** to purchase building materials to make these homes warmer, safer, and drier. Please consider making a **tax deductible donation, 100%** of

which will go toward the purchase of construction supplies. Checks can be made payable to Charleston Catholic and sent to the school office to the attention of Bill Mehle, HOPE Coordinator, or donate online at www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org and search “Donate to HOPE.”



ATHLETIC UPDATES

SPORTSMANSHIP AT CCHS – As we approach the beginning of a new athletic season, it is a good time to review our expectations for our student athletes, coaches, fans, and parents. With almost 100% of CCHS students involved in extracurricular activities, athletics play a role in the lives of many of our families. The success of our program leads to increased attention on our athletes, coaches, and families. While it is easy to get swept up in the emotion of the moment, our athletes, coaches, parents, and fans should demonstrate the values of integrity, respect, and community at all times. People judge our school by viewing the behavior of those who represent it most visibly. Charleston Catholic is committed to ensuring that sportsmanship is always a part of our athletic programs. We will require participation in the National Federation of State High School Association’s sportsmanship course in the event that a student athlete, student parent, or fan is ejected from a contest by an official of the sport. The course must be completed for further participation or admittance to athletic contests. In addition, the person ejected from a game must sit out 10% or more of the total number of regular season games (e.g., 2 soccer/basketball, 3 baseball/softball, etc.) following the ejection. For more information about the NFHS course, which gives a better understanding of sportsmanship and how it impacts the educational process, go to www.mfhslearn.com. Please talk to Lee Bradley for additional information.

FULL DAY POLICY FOR PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL SPORTS – To participate in athletic events, students must be in school for the full school day on the day of the scheduled activity. If a student is late or absent for any part of the day on a game day, that student is not permitted to play that day. This “full day” policy includes leaving school for appointments, so students need to avoid scheduling appointments during the school day. **Students are also expected to be on time each morning following an athletic event.** Students who have long standing medical appointments, family funerals to attend, or other similar instances may be excused at the discretion of Mr. Villers. Although suspensions are rare at CCHS, when 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). In addition, if a student is suspended for a Friday, the suspension holds for Friday evening but does not continue for Saturday unless the student is also suspended for Monday.

CCHS BASEBALL FAN GEAR 2018-- is now on sale through **Friday, November 3**. Order forms are available in the school office.

TRAVEL—Students may not drive to school events, such as field trips or “away” athletic events, taking place at locations other than Charleston Catholic facilities or other designated “home” locations. Students must ride to and from the event with adults (age 21 or older) who have met the Diocesan requirements for field trip drivers.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY – Are you looking for a new way to advertise your business? Take advantage of 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 a banner promoting 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.

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

UNIFORM UPDATE – As we approach winter weather and boots begin to make an appearance, please review uniform shoe guidelines as stated in the handbook. Shoes must be leather dress shoes that are primarily black, brown or navy in color. Shoelaces must be the same color as the shoe and must be tied. Shoes that have a place for shoelaces are required to have shoelaces. Soles may not exceed 1 inch, and heels may not exceed 1½ inches. All shoes must be closed at the toe and heel and have a hard sole. Shoe tops must be below the ankle bone. The following type of footwear is not permitted: sandals, moccasins (soft or hard soled), athletic shoes (even if leather), platform shoes, fleece-lined shoes/slippers, clogs, or boots.

LATE WORK POLICY- Work is due on the date and in the class period designated by teachers. If a teacher accepts late work, work is accepted one day late for 50% credit of the score the student would have earned (e.g., if a paper was worth 100 points and the student earned 80 of those points, turning in the paper one day late turns that grade into a 40.). If work is turned in two days late, the assignment earns 0 points.

SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE –Although I am not at all ready to think about winter weather, these recent mornings force me to realize that winter will be here before I know it. Here’s a brief reminder of the CCHS weather policy. **Remember that school closings and delays 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 and a tweet will be sent through cchsnews.**
- 3) If no announcements are made for CCHS/SHGS, classes will be held on the regular schedule.
- 4) **If a two-hour delay is announced, classes will start promptly at 10 a.m.** The building will not open until 9:30 to give staff time to get to school. Please do not drop off your children before 9:30!
- 5) As always, if you cannot get your child to school for health or safety reasons, notify the school.

CONGRATULATIONS

-to the high school golf team for an impressive third place finish in the State Tournament earlier this month. Senior Nate De’Temple and junior Wilson Meeks were named to the 2017 All State Team. Nate also earned the title of Kanawha County Player of the Year earlier in the season. Congratulations to the coaches and team members on their many successes!

- to the high school boys’ and girls’ cross country teams on a successful season! The girls’ season culminated with a win at the regional meet which advances them to the State Meet on Saturday, October 28, at Cabell Midland High School. Senior Reuben Beasley and junior Matthew Casey qualified for the state meet on the boys’ side. The boys’ team had several strong finishes throughout the season. We wish them good luck this weekend!

- to seniors Nate De’Temple and Mandy Spiegel, the CCHS winners for the Wendy’s High School Heisman Award. Like the Heisman Memorial Trophy, this award is given to student athletes who demonstrate athletic and academic excellence with integrity. Both will advance to state level competition.

- to the high school girls’ soccer team, on a fantastic regular season and sectional and regional championships. The girls defeated Oak Hill by a score of 7-1 in the regional final to earn a berth in the state tournament next weekend in Beckley. The girls will play defending state champion Winfield in the semi-final match on Friday at approximately 11:00 a.m.

- to the high school boys’ soccer team who played with determination all season and will cap things off with a State Tournament appearance next weekend after defeating Oak Hill in regional competition. The boys will play Nitro in Beckley on Friday, at approximately 6:00 p.m.

- to the middle school girls' soccer team who finished the season as the regular season champions with an impressive 11-1 record. They earned the runner up title in the Kanawha County Tournament. Well done!
- to the middle school boys' soccer team on a great season, finishing third in the regular season standings with a record of 8-2-2. They advanced to the Kanawha County Tournament where they lost in the semi-final round.
- to the middle school volleyball team, whose hard work led to consistent improvement. Their regular season efforts earned them a spot in the Kanawha County Tournament where they fell in the first round.
- to both boys' and girls' middle school cross country teams on a remarkable season and a strong performance at the Kanawha County meet. The girls' team finished fourth and the boys' team finished in fifth place out of ten schools. Each team had multiple top 3 finishes throughout the season. Bravo!

MANY THANKS

- to the PVA and all of our parent volunteers. We are blessed with their involvement and their commitment to the success of the school. We are especially appreciative of the PVA's sponsorship of Wish List items- those "extra" items for the teachers and their classrooms!
- to Doug Imbrogno who joined the senior theology classes to share his insights on the Buddhist tradition.
- to the fall coaches for their dedication to our student athletes as they instill the values of hard work and teamwork.
- to everyone who supported the junior class prom fundraiser by purchasing food items. The items will be delivered to juniors on November 15. Juniors will deliver to customers immediately after school the same day.
- to Stephen Saldanha, 2010 CCHS graduate, for his science seminar presentation entitled Medical School 101: How to get there and how to stay there. His talk was informative, entertaining and well received by the 71 students in attendance in the Krupa Annex gathering space.

CALENDAR

FAMILY TRIPS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC. -- Please avoid taking students out of school for vacations, family trips, appointments, etc. If students miss school for any reason (including illness), it is their responsibility to find out what they missed. The policies for making up work are included in the Parent-Student Handbook. If your child is ill or will miss school for any reason, please notify the school office by 8:30 a.m. In addition, at the end of the semester students will have to stay after school to make up any time missed during excessive absences/tardies.

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 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.

Friday/ Saturday, October 27-28	fall drama performance, "The Taming of the Shrew", 7:30 p.m., Commons
Thursday, November 2	Parent-teacher conferences, NO SCHOOL for students
Friday, November 10	Veterans Day holiday- NO SCHOOL
Monday, November 13	FAFSA completion workshop for senior parents, 6-8 p.m.
Friday, November 17	\$2 jeans day for Clay County Christmas
Tuesday, November 21	stocking stuffers due
Wednesday, November 22	11:30 dismissal for Thanksgiving holiday
Thursday/Friday, November 23-24	Thanksgiving holiday
Tuesday, November 28	food items due
Wednesday, November 29	wrapped gifts due
Saturday, December 2	Clay County Christmas party
Tuesday, December 5	optional ski club parent meeting, 6 p.m.
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, December 13-15	exams
Saturday, December 16	beginning of Christmas vacation
Tuesday, January 2	classes resume
Wednesday, January 3	ski club student meeting, mandatory, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10	ski club
Friday, January 12	end of the first semester
Monday, January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday- NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, January 17	ski club
Saturday, January 20	HS Winter Waltz, 8-11 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24	ski club
Monday, January 29- Friday, February 2	Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday, January 31	ski club
Wednesday, February 7	ski club
Friday/Saturday, February 9-10	winter drama production
Monday, February 19	Presidents' Day holiday- NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, February 27	8th grade retreat
Friday, March 16	end of 3rd quarter
Friday, March 30	Good Friday, beginning of Easter Vacation
Monday, April 9	classes resume
Monday – Friday, April 16-20	Terra Nova Testing for 6 th -10 th grades
Wednesday- Friday, April 25-27	sophomore Summit at Huttonsville
Friday, May 4	freshman retreat
Friday/ Saturday, May 4-5	spring drama production
Monday-Friday, May 7-18	AP Testing
Saturday, May 19	prom
Thursday, May 24	baccalaureate, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 25	graduation and Project Graduation, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day holiday
Wednesday/ Thursday/ Friday, May 30- June 1	exams for 6th-11th graders
Friday, June 1	Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders



LUNCH MENU

LUNCH PROGRAM –We continue to make adjustments to our school lunch program, hoping to encourage students to follow the healthful eating practices established in their homes. If you have suggestions, please share them with us! The school lunch program offers a variety of foods -- salads, sandwiches, microwavable items, fruit, cereal, etc. -- on a daily basis in addition to a rotating menu. We do not sell sodas – our drink selection includes milk, water, flavored water, and juice. Students may not “charge” their meals. **Students are certainly encouraged to bring bag lunches from home.** Middle school students have a snack time during the course of the day at which time they may eat snacks brought from home or purchased in the Commons. **Students are not permitted to have food deliveries (e.g., pizza, fast food) made to the school.** The average cost of a sandwich, drink, and chips is \$4. Prices will be adjusted throughout the school year to reflect the changes in market prices. If you have questions about the food program, please contact Mr. Villers.

November- December Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30- Pizza Jennifer Scalzo Harmony Brown Stacie Mayhorn	31- Grilled chicken sandwiches Potato salad David Mitchell Sandra Mitchell Greg Bolles	1-Mass Meatball subs Cheesy potatoes Susanne Coffield Vicki White Tasha Agnew	2-NO SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES	3-Tacos Taco salad Chips and salsa Lynn Brookshire Laura Cunningham Ron Rushworth
6- Bosco sticks Potato soup Chicken soup Dara Aliff Erica Baumgras Pam Delgra	7- Homemade lasagna Greek salad Lori Dalporto Dena Peery Beth Bloch	8- Chicken teriyaki with rice Pita & hummus David Mitchell Sandra Mitchell Gail Carter	9- BBQ sandwiches Cole slaw Baked beans Betsy Cimino Shawna Meeks Barb Higgins	10- NO SCHOOL Veterans Day
13- Pizza Vegetable soup Emily Bumgarner Wendy Johnson Niki Kurten	14- Spicy chicken sandwiches Celery & carrots w/ ranch Sara Frame Cindy Keith Helen Kesari	15- Mac & cheese Corn dogs Paula Durst Kassy Kelley Michael Kawash	16- Thanksgiving dinner-turkey/dressing, mashed potatoes, strawberry pretzel salad, green beans, rolls, pumpkin bars Angela Stone Rachael Carrico Cathy Davis	17- Cooks' choice Molly Erlandson Malorelee Wilkes Natalie Tennant
20- Calzones Cheesy chicken enchilada soup Susie Murad Melissa Castleberry Samantha McCarty	21- Sweet & sour chicken on rice Egg rolls Amy Monday Josie Moore Bill Flanery	22- 11:30 Dismissal NO LUNCH	23- THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL	24- NO SCHOOL
27- Pizza Macaroni salad Jennifer Scalzo Harmony Brown Stacie Mayhorn	28- Bread bowls Chicken noodle, taco, cheesy broccoli soup Stephanie Sullivan Larra Winter Noelle Starek	29- Grilled chicken sandwiches Kathy Atassi Krista Black Karrah Pauley	30- Pancakes, cheesy eggs, sausage, fried apples, croissants Uma Dave Susan Jarvis Wendy Young	Dec 1- Hamburgers Steak fries Tina Caldwell Greg Bolles Nichole Custer
4- Bosco sticks Soup Alex Macia Nat Namsupak Shannon Elliot	5- Stuffed shells Chicken Caesar salad Cheesy rolls Kassy Kelley Paula Durst Carrie Lakin	6- Chicken tenders Baked potatoes Jaime Bowman Chris Williams Vicki White	7- Christmas dinner-Ham, cheesy potatoes, corn, sweet potatoes, strawberry pretzel salad, rolls Barb Higgins Julia Murphy Deborah Swiger	8- Mass- Cooks' choice Susan Veazey Pat McCutcheon Feli McKown

Volunteers 1 and 2: 10:30- 12:45
Volunteer 3: 11:15- 12:45

Mass Day- Volunteers 1 and 2: 11:00- 1:15
Volunteer 3: 11:45- 1:15