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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

Earlier this week, as I stood at the front door to greet the students, I realized I had a gigantic grin on my face. It came as I watched our students enter the building with their wrapped gifts of all shapes and sizes for this weekend's Clay County Christmas Party. I was especially tickled as I heard the students' conversations as they walked past me, about wrapping paper choices and about the challenges of wrapping some of the uniquely shaped gifts. I even heard a few of them comparing their boxes and sharing details of what they bought. My joy sprung from their enthusiasm for giving to others.

Thank you. Thank you for embracing this project and the children of Clay County. Thank you for supporting our young people in their efforts to make this world a little brighter. Thank you for helping others experience the magic of the season.

I wish you a peaceful Advent and very happy Christmas season. May you and your families experience the magic of Christmas.

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: Thomas Bloch's paternal grandfather and business manager Lisa Shay's sister. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

SECOND QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS – Progress report grades for the second quarter closed on Wednesday, November 22. Updated progress reports will be emailed from RenWeb on Saturday, December 2. Teachers provided students with gradesheets in class this past week. Please review these reports for specific information about grades. Are assignments being submitted (0 out of “points possible” is a big clue)? Are assignments being turned in on time (look for half the “points possible” – one day late is worth half, submitted after one day is worth 0 points)? How are your children doing on quizzes and tests? There is still plenty of time for students to improve their grades before the semester ends if they take a very serious approach to address deficiencies. Exams are scheduled for December 13 – 15 (all students) and on December 12 for part of the regular school day (high school only). **The first semester closes on Friday, January 12, 2018, two weeks after we return from Christmas break. Upon our return from Christmas vacation, teachers will cover additional coursework, give tests, etc. which will be calculated in second quarter grades and will affect the first semester**

average. As of today, if students are not where they want to be (or should be) academically, time remains for students to improve grades. Remember, test dates and project due dates are posted in the Lesson Plans section of RenWeb for each class.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Though it is hard to believe, exam time is less than two weeks away! 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 Tuesday, 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.

HAVE YOU HEARD?—In a recent MSN post, Charleston Catholic was named the best private school in West Virginia! According to the article, at least one high school in each state ranks in the top third of all U.S. high schools. 24/7 Wall St. reviewed rankings from Niche, a neighborhood data clearinghouse. Factors such as SAT and ACT scores, the quality of colleges considered by students, the college attendance rate, student- teacher ratio and racial and economic diversity were considered to determine the list of the best private schools in each state. Congratulations to the students and faculty of Charleston Catholic for their continuous quest for excellence! Check out the full list at <http://a.msn.com/00/en-us/BBEMaXm?ocid=se>.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – Many thanks to all of the parents who scheduled time to meet with their children's teachers on conference day at the beginning of November. Though it is a long day for teachers, the communication and partnership between home and school are well worth it. We value the opportunity to discuss your children with you. This year, we held an impressive 946 appointments. Wow!

SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2018-19

2018-2019 SCHEDULING FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS – It is time to begin our planning for the upcoming school year! Scheduling/ registration forms for returning students will be distributed to students in early March. Students should be focused now on doing their best in their current classes since grades are an important factor in course placement.

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2018-2019 –The Admissions Committee has released its schedule for the upcoming school year. If you have other children or are asked by non-CCHS families about the school, please refer to this section of the

newsletter. **Applications for all grade levels will be available online** (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org) **on Wednesday, January 3. Mail completed applications directly to CCHS.**

Wednesday, January 3 – application packets for new students available online.

Wednesday, February 21 – information meetings for parents of prospective students (grades 6-10). We have planned two options: 1) **at 8:15 a.m.** -- Following the information session in the library, parents will have the opportunity to tour the school as a group while classes are in session. 2) **at 6:00 p.m.** – information session in the CCHS library followed by a tour of the school.

Thursday, February 22 – prospective 6th graders visit CCHS (5th graders not currently enrolled at a local Catholic elementary school must call CCHS office to make reservations.)

Saturday, February 24 – admissions test for prospective students from 10:00 a.m. – noon - CCHS Commons

Monday, February 26 – deadline for receipt of applications of students currently attending Catholic schools who wish to be given first consideration. Applications from area Catholic schools received after this date lose “first consideration” status and are placed in the general pool of applicants.

Tuesday, February 27 - first day applications will be processed from students in non-Catholic schools

Friday, March 2 – deadline for all non-Catholic school students to submit applications who want to be considered in the first round of acceptances

Friday, March 16 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by Friday, March 2 – applications received after March 2 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. Generally speaking, only juniors and seniors moving into the area attending Catholic schools elsewhere will be considered.



MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

THOUGHTS ON MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMS –Semester exams serve an instructional purpose for our middle school students, helping them learn how to study for and take exams so they are better prepared for high school. For this reason, middle school exams make up only a small percentage of the overall grade. In fact, sixth grade exams are included in the second quarter grade and do not count as a separate calculation in semester grades. Quarter grades provide a more accurate assessment of your child’s progress. Also, to assist your children in doing their best, please make sure they have adequate rest and a good breakfast before coming to school each day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WORLD CULTURES CLUB- Upcoming Middle School World Cultures Club meetings include Tuesday, December 5, for the Latin Saturnalia, and Tuesday, January 30, for the French celebration of Le Chandeleur. Meetings take place in the library from 3-4 p.m. and there is a \$5 fee for snack and supplies. E-mail Mrs. Hurt at jennifer.hurt@charlestoncatholic-crw.org to sign up. All middle school students are welcome.

HOMEWORK CLINIC- Middle school science teacher Toni Erby offers this structured, 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. The cost is \$10 per session. Students are encouraged to bring a snack.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 4-7 p.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.

SOPHOMORE CAMP— Once again this spring, 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!**

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. Forms are available in the office and must be returned with fees to school by December 12.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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 – Don't miss out! All you need to know is at your fingertips on the school website- from the school newsletter to athletic events to the calendar and handbook. Check it out at--www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org. Additionally, important reminders from the school office are tweeted through CCHS news on twitter. It's easy to get these reminders. Just text **“follow cchsnews” to 40404 and you will receive all cchsnews tweets** as text messages.

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.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES – Healthy lifestyle habits are created at a young age. Help your child discover a variety of age-appropriate leisure-time activities to enjoy with friends, such as bowling, ice skating, going to movies, watching televised athletic events at each others' houses, playing Frisbee, cooking, and skiing. Encourage your child to see that there is more to a social life than parties. Habits learned now will affect a child's outlook for a lifetime.

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 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.

ITEMS DROPPED OFF IN THE OFFICE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY—While you are welcome to bring assignments or lunch money that your children may have forgotten to the school office, the office staff will not deliver these items to students or interrupt class to call students to the office. Students may come to the office to retrieve items that they are expecting between classes, at lunch, or at break.



- 1.) Hope Village is open at First Presbyterian again this year! They are open from now until Christmas each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. By making a purchase from Hope Village, you are directly and profoundly impacting the lives of each artisan and their families. One hundred percent of the proceeds received from Hope Village go directly back to the artisans to help support their families with food, clothing, shelter, and education which enable them to live a more just and sustainable life.
- 2.) Our Advent opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, December 6, between 9 and 11am. Reconciliation is a lovely way to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas.
- 3.) A week of service at Bethlehem Farm: 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 from Ms. Linehan.

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, 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." 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) - West Virginia University June 25-July 15, 2018.** *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.*

2. 8th Grade Parent Meeting -- Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. Please come to learn about high school course offerings and requirements, high school extracurricular sports and activities, and the path to college and careers, including resume building, scholarship opportunities, and more. It's never too early to start thinking about your child's future.

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!

BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE- By now you should have received the 2017-18 annual appeal mailing. Funds from this year's appeal will be directed toward the remaining \$2 million construction costs of the fourth floor Krupa Annex. 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—Our Christmas party in Maysel will take place on Saturday, December 2, so by the time you receive this newsletter, the party will have taken place. As is tradition, participating children attend our party at The Church of the Risen Lord in Maysel and have their photos taken with Santa, enjoy cookies and hot chocolate, receive stockings from the elves, and pick up their bundles of Christmas gifts and food boxes. The project would not be possible without the work of Kathi Linkenogger and Risen Lord parishioners who have partnered with CCHS for almost 30 years to

host this party. This year, the Charleston Catholic community reached 155 families with approximately 400 children, a meaningful way for our community to serve our neighbors.

This annual event would not be possible without the efforts and generosity of our students, families, faculty and staff, and numerous other supporters. Wrapped presents, stockings, stocking stuffers, and food items were brought in by students over the last few weeks and filled classrooms last week. Additional support was provided by Sacred Heart Grade School children, their families, and faculty and staff who continued their tradition of involvement by providing approximately 200 food boxes for distribution to families at the party. Additional thanks go out to Dickinson Gould (CCHS class of 1995), president of Buzz Products, for donating trucks and drivers to transport the goods to the party in Maysel. We also thank Mike Arnold (AKA Mrs. Amy Arnold's husband), who served as Santa's photographer; and Debra Sullivan and David Hoffmann for their dedication "behind the scenes," coordinating the massive tasks of organization, processing information on the children and their families and preparing the cards and lists that keep the entire operation moving smoothly both at the school-level and during the party. The commitment and support from the school community is what makes this project work. *Thank you for your kindness to the children of Clay County!*



SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— While you are looking for deals this holiday season, please remember that it is easy to support Charleston Catholic as you shop. Kroger and Amazon both offer rewards programs that benefit the school.

- 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."



NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

1) Please mark your calendars for **Catholic Schools Week**, January 29-February 2. During this time each year, the PVA reaches out to the community around us and participates in an act of community service. This year, we are working with six different charities and will be collecting donations to support their various programs. People living outside in the winter

have many needs. We will be providing a list of specific charities and their needs in early January as Catholic Schools Week draws closer. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please call Jaime Bowman at 304-389-1943 or Miri Hunter at 304-552-4622. It is always heartwarming to see the kind and generous spirits of the Charleston Catholic Community in action.

2) 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.

3) 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) by December 11. The schedule for February through May will be released in January. 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.



4) 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.

5) As we begin the winter sports season, it may be worthwhile for your family to consider a family pass. **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.

6) PVA packets including volunteer forms and all ordering forms for logo jackets, white polos, and green polos are still being accepted. Forms are available on the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Our entire school community benefits from parent involvement!

ATHLETIC UPDATES

SPORTSMANSHIP AT CCHS – Charleston Catholic is committed to ensuring that sportsmanship is always a part of our athletic programs. While it is easy to get caught 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. **Our fans are expected to support and encourage our student athletes.** Even when opposing fans become negative, we must not engage in that behavior. 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.

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 and to be in school for the majority of a school day in order to be eligible for practice that day. 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.

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.

OPPORTUNITY – Share your business with the Charleston Catholic community! Join the companies that are already advertising on The Wall in the competition gym at the CCHS Athletic Facility. Customizable 3 foot by 6 foot banners are available. To learn more and order a banner for your business, contact Kathy Crain at 304-541-4182.

TRIANA FIELD BASEBALL SPONSORSHIP -- The high school baseball team plays its home games at UC’s Triana Field. **Please consider a Game Day Triana Field Sponsorship.** A \$200 donation covers the cost of the field rental for one game date. Your firm or company’s name will be displayed at the field on your game date. Game Day Sponsor Forms are available from our athletic director, Lee Bradley, and on the school website. Click on the “Athletics Home” tab or search Triana.



SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION



SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE –As December begins, please familiarize yourself with the winter weather policy. We certainly hope not to need it, we must be prepared! **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, WCHS radio, WCHS-TV, WSAZ-TV, WOWK- 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.

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

UNIFORMS – Christmas break is a great time to check the condition of uniforms. Check to make sure that pant hems are not frayed, that colors are not washed out, etc. Please make sure that your children are properly attired when they leave home. **Remember, uniform pants have a straight, trouser leg. Skinny leg or leggings like pants are prohibited.** No hats, scarves, bandanas, jackets, coats, sweatshirts, or non-uniform sweaters are to be worn in the building during the school day. These items, if worn, will be taken and may be kept till the end of the school year.

TOBACCO/ E-CIGARETTES -- Use of tobacco products or e-cigarettes in the school building, at school functions, during school hours, or while wearing a school uniform is strictly prohibited by state law and diocesan and school policy. Incidents involving tobacco/ e-cigarette use make the student subject to disciplinary action.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to the high school volleyball team and their coach for a strong season, finishing as sectional champions! The girls represented the school in fine fashion throughout the season.
- to the high school girls' cross country team and boys' team members Matthew Casey and Reuben Beasley who finished their season at the state meet.
- to the high school boys' soccer team and their coaches for an outstanding season ending with a loss on penalty kicks in the state semi-final game to eventual state champion Nitro. The boys played hard and with class all season long! Special congratulations to boys who were named to the All State teams: 1st team Jack Cimino, Michael Hoffman, and Ethan Malinoski; 2nd team Tucker Newell; Honorable Mention Wil Swan. Jack, Michael, and Ethan were also named All Kanawha Valley, with Tucker earning Honorable Mention and Wil being named Freshman of the Year. Congratulations to Coach Niall Paul who was named Region 3 Coach of the Year!
- to the high school girls' soccer team who finished the season as state runner up, falling in overtime of the state championship game to R.C Byrd. The girls had an exciting season and post season and were a joy to watch! Additional congratulations to All State Team members Mills Mullen and Jordan Keener (first team), Lindsay Carr (second team) and Sara Carr and Audrey Miller (honorable mention). Mills and Jordan were named All Kanawha Valley and Sara, Lindsay and Audrey earned Honorable Mention. Congratulations to Kanawha Valley Coach of the Year Amy Mullen!
- to sixth grader Tony Singh for winning the middle school Spelling Bee and to sixth grader Olivia Persinger for finishing in second place! Tony advances to the county spelling bee in January. We wish him success!
- to the high school drama club cast and crew and their faculty directors Mr. Fix and Ms. Elliott for their commitment to a tremendous rendition of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*. The hard work of cast members Grace Abdalla, Simon Agnew, Gabe Castro, Olivia Corbett, Chloe Cory, Mollie Council, Simone Coustasse, Olivia Crews, Celina Delgra, Thomas Flannery, Iris Hoyer, Irene Jonathan, Joy Justice, Audrey Keith, Mo Kranwinkel, Kathryn Lakin, Stephen Lewis, Rachel Mangano, Colleen O'Leary, Sydney Rashid, Ashton Rutherford, Elizabeth Shaf, Katie Spangler, Mandy Spiegel, Zsofia Stone, Sydney Sutphin, Delaney Wells, Alyssa Williams, Emma Wirts and crew members Simon Agnew, Drew Casingal, Chloe Cory, Iris Finn, Thomas Flannery, Hope Frawley, Audrey Keith, Rachel Mangano, Duncan McMaster, Will Strickland, Nathan Tran, Seth Uy, Anthony Wirts, Emma Wirts was evident to all! Bravo!

MANY THANKS

- to the PVA for the delicious lunch (and dinner for many!) of soups, salads, and desserts that nourished teachers on conference day and for the many, many ways they work behind the scenes to support the students and teachers. Additional thanks for the recent upgrade of the front door security system.
- to Melinda Kiss for directing the creation of the 2017-18 Student Directory- full of helpful information for the school community!
- to parents for taking the time to come to school and talk with teachers on conference day and to teachers for working a very long day (!) so that important conversations could help support our students.
- to Rabbi Victor Urecki of B'nai Jacob and to Mrs. Ibtesam Barazi, Vice President of the Islamic Center of South Charleston. Each spent a day recently speaking with the seniors on their respective traditions in the Theology Department's Religions of the World course. And thanks to members of the synagogue and the Islamic Center for hosting recent visits by members of the senior class.
- to the fall coaches for their guidance of our student athletes as they grow personally and athletically through their athletic endeavors.
- to Sister Rose Ann Hefner, CSJ, and Sister Maria Rukwishuno, SJI, and school chaplain Father Brian Crenwelge for sharing their vocation stories with students in theology classes earlier this month.
- to Mrs. Iva Dailey, parent and grandparent of numerous CCHS graduates, for her donation of a beautiful green afghan that will be raffled off later this school year to benefit HOPE!
- to Anita Casey and the WV State Bar for hosting an opening reception for the Senior Art Show. The artwork will be on display at the State Bar office until spring.
- to Mark Haas for sharing his time and talent with us by leading the music in our class masses each week.

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 who have had excessive absences/ tardies will have to stay after school to make up time missed.

Please use this calendar in your planning. 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.

Tuesday, December 5	optional ski club parent meeting, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, December 13	exam (high school only), regular dismissal
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, December 13	exams, 11:15 dismissal
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 3	application packets for new students available online
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	high school 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/ 8 th grade parent meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday/Saturday, February 9-10	winter drama production
Monday, February 19	Presidents' Day holiday- NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, February 21	prospective parents' meetings, 8:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Thursday, February 22	prospective 6 th graders' visit
Saturday, February 24	admissions test for prospective students, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m., Commons
Monday, February 26	application deadline for students who are currently enrolled in Catholic schools
Tuesday, February 27	8th grade retreat
Tuesday, February 27	first day applications will be processed from students in non-Catholic schools
Friday, March 16	end of 3rd quarter
Friday, March 16	first round of acceptance letters mailed
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 6 th -11 graders
Friday, June 1	Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders

LUNCH MENU

LUNCH PROGRAM –We continuously update and modify 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.

December- January Menu/ Volunteer Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4- Bosco sticks Soup Alex Macia Nat Namsupak Shannon Elliot	5- Stuffed shells Chicken Caesar salad 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
11- Pizza Vegetable soup Mary Supcoe Pam Council Dara Aliff	12- Cook’s Choice Amy Monday Josie Moore Dena Peery	13- Early dismissal; no lunch	14- Early dismissal; no lunch	15- Early dismissal; no lunch
1- New Year’s Day NO SCHOOL	2- January menu will be released before Christmas Sara Frame Dena Peery Erica Baumgras	3- Tasha Agnew Wendy Johnson Michael Kawash	4- Bert Fredeking Beth Bloch Yolanda Tam	5- Laura Cunningham Molly Erlandson Pam Delgra
8- Niki Kurten Mary Supcoe Alex Macia	9- Stacie Mayhorn Leighann Hamrick Susan Jarvis	10- Susanne Coffield Karrah Pauley Natalie Tennant	11- Sheila Moran Rachael Carrico Angela Stone	12- David Mitchell Sandra Mitchell Lynn Brookshire
15- MLK, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	16- Barb Higgins Lori Dalporto Emily Bumgarner	17- Gail Carter Cindy Keith Helen Kesari	18- Betsy Cimino Shawna Meeks Cathy Davis	19- Malorelee Wilkes Peggy Sadd Tracy Zachwieja
22- Susie Murad Melissa Castleberry Samantha McCarty	23- Stephanie Sullivan Larra Winter Bill Flanery	24- Jaime Bowman Chris Williams Jennifer Rago	25- George Metz Nichole Custer Pam Council	26- Feli McKown Susan Veazey Shannon Elliot

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