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# INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

I have spent a lot of time recently sitting on the floor. My nine month old daughter has been on the verge of crawling for over a month. We have spent countless hours sitting, as she stretches for toys just out of her reach, and I gently coax and encourage her to crawl to whatever the targeted toy might be. At first, she easily lost interest in the targeted object and switched her focus to a toy within her reach. Often, she would sprawl out on the floor and fuss or whine until I helped her get there. But, over the last few weeks, I have noticed a change. Now, when there is something that she wants, she goes for it. She tries to move me out of the way if I get between her and her goal. And, she has started crawling. She is determined, and I am thrilled.

Why am I thrilled? It is not just because she has met the developmental milestone. It is because I want her to develop grit. I want her to identify her goal and work until she reaches it. I know it sounds crazy to be focusing on grit in my infant, but I know just how important grit is and will be in her future.

University of Pennsylvania psychologist Angela Duckworth defines grit as a child’s “perseverance and passion for long- term goals.” She has researched grit for years and has been able to identify it as a better indicator for future earnings and happiness than IQ or talent. That’s right- the ability to work hard, face challenges, fail, and try again is key to determining long-term success and happiness.

It is hard for me to swallow that I need to let her fail. I want to hold her up and hand her every toy she wants but can’t easily reach. But then, I am not doing her any long-term favors.

As parents, we must let our children set their goals and work toward them. We can stand on the sidelines and cheer them on. We even need to pick them up and hug them when they fail--but we have to let them fail so they can learn to keep going. It is not easy for us, but it is what is best for our children. May we help the young people in our lives learn how to keep working until they get there!

Warmly,

Colleen M. Hoyer

**CONDOLENCES** -- We express our sympathy to one of our students and his family who has lost a loved one recently. May the soul of the departed rest in peace: Drew Casingal’s paternal grandmother. Please keep the Casingal family in your thoughts and prayers.

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## ACADEMIC UPDATES

**THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS-** This weekend's Ren Web report will include grades through the halfway point of the third quarter. Students were given printouts from their teachers in their classes this week. Please thoughtfully review the report with your children. Identify areas of strength and determine if there are areas that can be improved on. Set realistic goals that can be achieved by the end of the quarter (March 16).

**ACCREDITATION VISIT-** This week we were visited by the school accreditation team which was composed of the Department of Catholic Schools administrators from Wheeling, as well as administrators from other Catholic schools around the state. During their day at Charleston Catholic, they visited classes, met with the school administration, met with a small group of parents, and reviewed standardized tests results, survey results (from this fall), and other data. While the formal report will not be received until next week, their exit report was overwhelmingly positive! They were tremendously complimentary of the academic excellence that is evident in our school. They noticed the students' focus and engagement in classes and were quite impressed with our annual standardized test results and with the diversity of course offerings that are available to high school students. Special mention was made of the positive interactions between students and teachers and the well-structured classes. Several team members commented on the bright, clean building and on the high quality facility that we have here. The hard work and dedication of our school community makes Charleston Catholic the special place that it is. Many thanks to all for your involvement!

**SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE** – Although it still seems a long way away, spring exams will be here before we know it. All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. Students who miss semester exams for reasons other than illness (who will be given the opportunity to make up the exams) will receive an F for those examinations. Just a reminder regarding the **seniors- only exam exemption policy**: Seniors may be exempt from second semester exams if: 1) the course is a two-semester course; 2) the teacher chooses to allow exam exemptions; 3) third and fourth quarter grades average to at least a 93; **4) fine arts requirements must have been completed by Friday, March 16, and community service requirements by Monday, May 7.** Students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP exam AND teacher-developed final exams. Seniors who meet exam exemption requirements for their AP classes may be exempt from teacher- developed final exams. Seniors in non-AP classes who choose to take AP exams will also take teacher-developed final exams unless they meet the exemption standards. Non-seniors who choose to take an AP exam for an AP class in which they are not enrolled must take the final exam for their class.

<u>Seniors:</u>	Tuesday/Wednesday, May 22/23 (schedule to be announced)	
<u>Sixth grade:</u>	Wednesday, 5/30	exams for periods 8 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 5/31	exams for periods 5 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 6/1	exams for periods 1 and 3; 11:15 dismissal
<u>Seventh grade:</u>	Wednesday, 5/30	exams for periods 2 and 3; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 5/31	exams for periods 1 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 6/1	exams for periods 5 and 4/7; 11:15 dismissal

\* Seventh graders will not take a foreign language/ exploratory exam during the exam periods. Students who take French 7th period will take will take their theology exam (4th period) on Friday, June 1.

<u>Eighth grade:</u>	Wednesday, 5/30	exams for periods 2 and 3; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 5/31	exams for periods 1 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 6/1	exams for periods 5 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
<u>High school:</u>	Tuesday, 5/29	exam for period 3 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 dismissal
	Wednesday, 5/30	exams for periods 4 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 5/31	exams for periods 2 and 6; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 6/1	exams for periods 1 and 7; 11:15 dismissal

## SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2018-19

**2018-2019 SCHEDULING FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS** –Scheduling/ registration forms for returning students will be distributed to returning students in early March. Mrs. Vollmer will meet with high school classes to discuss course requirements and options for next year. Grades are an important factor in course placement so students should continue to work hard until the end of the school year.

**NEW STUDENTS FOR 2018-2019** – The important admissions dates are quickly approaching. If you have other children or are asked by non-CCHS families about the school admissions process, please refer to this section of the newsletter. **Applications for all grade levels are available online** ([www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org](http://www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org)). **Mail completed applications directly to CCHS.**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> graders visit CCHS (5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SOPHOMORE SUMMIT**— Preparation is underway for the sophomore retreat in Huttonsville. All sophomores enrolled in Catholic high schools in the Diocese will participate in The Summit, a 3 day 2 night retreat/ leadership workshop 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 days will be structured in a seminar style experience with speakers and breakout sessions focused on the Jesuit pillars of leadership. The cost of \$150 per student will cover food, lodging, and transportation for the experience. **Permission forms and payment information will be sent home on Monday, March 12, and will be due Friday, March 16.** Activities will be led by diocesan personnel, but faculty and parent chaperones will be engaged in monitoring students. **Parent volunteers are needed!** An informational parent meeting to share more details will be held on **Wednesday, March 14, at 7 p.m.** in the fourth floor chapel.

**THE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOOK CLUB**-- reading selection for the second semester is *Monarchs and Milkweed: A Migrating Butterfly, A Poisonous Plant, And Their Remarkable Story of Coevolution* by Anurag Agrawal. Any high school student (or parent!) may attend these monthly lunch discussions. The first meeting will be the week of February 12. Please contact Mrs. Arnold for more information.

## TUITION AND CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2018-19

**TUITION RATES FOR 2018-19**—will be released in mid-April. Invoices and loan information from First Bank of Charleston will be mailed on April 13. **Tuition payment in full is due June 15** (late charge assessed at \$1.00 per day after June 15).

**DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE** – For the twenty-seventh year, the Diocese of Wheeling- Charleston will continue its tradition of offering the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) in an effort to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it but may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to Bishop Bransfield’s commitment to Catholic education, funds have once again been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of assistance. Awards are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. Apply on-line at <https://www.factsmgt.com>. Click on “Grant and Aid Assessment” and log in. Have your 2017 tax information available. Families with children currently enrolled or who are applying to enroll for the 2018-2019 school year should apply ASAP. **The deadline is April 30.** No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless an application and all required documentation is submitted, and the fee has been paid. The application fee is \$30. The Diocese will pay \$15 and families must pay \$15.

**TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2018-19** – Please keep this calendar in mind as you plan for next year. Please remember that **exams must be taken on scheduled exam days** and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester will have to make up those days at the end of the semester.



Tuesday/ Wednesday, August 14-15 – registration days  
 Monday, August 20 - 1st day for students  
 Monday, September 3 - Labor Day holiday  
 Friday, October 5- Professional Development for teachers, NO SCHOOL for students  
 Thursday, November 1- Parent Conference Day, NO SCHOOL for students  
 Monday, November 12 - Veterans' Day holiday  
 Wednesday, November 21 - half-day for Thanksgiving  
 Thursday/Friday, November 22-23 - Thanksgiving holiday  
 Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, December 19 – 21 - exams  
 Saturday, December 22 - beginning of Christmas vacation  
 Monday, January 7 - classes resume  
 Monday, January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday  
 Monday, February 18 – Presidents’ Day holiday  
 Monday, April 15- first day of Easter vacation  
 Tuesday, April 23- classes resume  
 Thursday, May 23 – baccalaureate in evening  
 Friday, May 24 – graduation and Project Graduation in evening  
 Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day holiday  
 Monday/ Tuesday/ Wednesday, June 3-5 –exams for 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders  
 Wednesday, June 5 – Moving Up Ceremony for 8<sup>th</sup> graders

## 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) - Marshall University, July 1-21**

*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 STEM Institute** (Formerly Governor's School for Math and Science, GSMS)

*Recognizing that the scientific and mathematical discoveries that have made a difference in the world were developed over long periods of time by motivated, dedicated, thorough, and creative minds, the State of West Virginia offers the Governor's STEM Institute, inviting students to delve into projects that allow them the time and opportunity to think and work like scientists and engineers, using high level mathematics and thinking skills while employing the latest technology.*

- There are two sessions for **current 7th graders** at WVU. They are June 25-July 3 and July 5-13.
- Students who are **current 8th graders** will experience life in the quiet zone at the Green Bank Observatory, July 23-August 4.

### **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. Current high school students may apply.*

- 2.) **PROMISE scholarship and FAFSA deadline** – March 1. All students in the class of 2018 must complete BOTH the PROMISE and the FAFSA applications in order to be considered for the PROMISE scholarship. Additionally, colleges and universities throughout the country use FAFSA information to determine scholarships and financial aid. Go to [www.cfwb.com](http://www.cfwb.com) then Financial Aid Planning. (Note: Please use all zeros for the student ID number.)
- 3.) Students wishing to take AP tests for AP courses we do not offer (e.g., foreign languages, chemistry, etc.) may choose to do so and must notify Mrs. Vollmer or Mrs. Thomas by Friday, March 9.
- 4.) Reminder - Mrs. Vollmer handles college visit requests. Students should get the forms from her and return the completed forms to her at least 2 days before the trip. **Seniors are allowed 2 college visit days; juniors are allowed 2 college visit days. College visits must be made before May 1.**
- 5.) CCHS encourages students to take both the ACT and the SAT before the end of their junior year. Doing this allows students to get a baseline score and to prepare for future tests. Both tests are accepted by all colleges and universities for admission. We have found that students perform better on these tests if they are taken before the end of the school year. By the June testing dates, students tend to be tired and not as fresh. So, if possible, consider an earlier test date. Students may also take SAT II subject tests which are best taken at the end of the junior year or upon completion of courses being tested e.g., Biology, World History, U.S. History.

## HANDBOOK REMINDERS

**CYBERBULLYING** – Charleston Catholic attempts to provide a safe environment for all individuals. Cyberbullying involves the use of technology to support ongoing negative hostile behavior that is intended to harm others. Behaviors include, but are not limited to, posting rumors, threats, or hurtful statements on a social networking site, following social networking sites that contain rumors, threats, or hurtful statements, forwarding text or email messages or posting and/or reposting tweets that contain rumors, threats, offensive pictures or videos, pictures or videos containing sexual content, or hurtful statements about another person, and misrepresenting one’s self over a technological communication device. Offenders will be dealt with directly and severely by school administrators.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

**BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE**- Many thanks to all who have made a pledge or donation to support our Building on Excellence campaign for our fourth floor addition, the Krupa Annex. All donors will be recognized in the addition. **If you have not yet made your pledge, it’s not too late.** Pledges and payments can be made through the school website. Click on the Building on Excellence tab. Your support is sincerely appreciated.



**SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP**— It is easy to support CCHS when you shop—and it is very much appreciated!

- 1.) The **Kroger Community Rewards** program can be used every time you grocery shop. To register your Kroger Plus card, go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://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.

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION AND SERVICE TO OTHERS!**—Don’t forget to clip your Box Tops for Education and send them in to the sixth grade theology classes. Money raised through the Box Tops will be used 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!

**HOPE 2018** – Planning is underway for our 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org) and search “Donate to HOPE.”





- 1.) Fish Fry volunteers are needed at St. Anthony Parish (1000 6th St.) 5:00-8:30 pm each Friday of Lent (not including Good Friday): 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23. Volunteers serve food and drinks, clean up and bus tables, and eat for free! Call Theresa Ashworth at 304-546-8186 if you have questions.
- 2.) On Monday, March 12, members of the Diocesan Youth Staff will join us to share their enthusiasm and invite students to come to Camp Bosco over the summer. The camp has a variety of aspects: some for middle school, some for high school and some specifically focused on community service. Students will hear more details on March 12. See [www.campbosco.com](http://www.campbosco.com) for more information.
- 3.) This summer Charleston Catholic has an opportunity to serve at Bethlehem Farm, a Catholic community in Summers County that does basic home repair for those in need, ministers in the Alderson community and promotes sustainable practices by living the Gospel cornerstones of prayer, service, community, and simplicity. The dates are June 17-23. Current 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders can attend. Space is limited. Theology teachers have the applications. Parent volunteers may also be needed. Contact Molly Linehan with questions.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

**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.

**GOLDEN HORSESHOE** –A highlight of the eighth-grade year is the opportunity for a student to become a Knight or Lady of the Golden Horseshoe. Named for the golden horseshoes given to the early explorers of what is now West Virginia by Alexander Spotswood, the Governor of the Virginia colony, the program recognizes students for their knowledge of West Virginia history. Eighth-grade students from all over the state will take a computerized assessment on West Virginia history, facts, and trivia. Top scorers from each county are awarded a golden horseshoe by the governor in a ceremony at the capitol in May. Kanawha County's date for the Golden Horseshoe test is **Wednesday, February 28. There is no make-up date, so please make sure that your child does not have an appointment scheduled that morning!** Our eighth graders will be taking the test in the school computer lab during their WV Studies class that day. Students have been gathering information in WV Studies class, but additional practice quizzes can be found on the WV Culture and History website ([wvculture.org](http://wvculture.org)) and the WV Department of Education website. Ms. Phebus will hold study sessions after school from 3:00-3:30 every Thursday in February.

## NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

**All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.**

1.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the heavier weight grey jacket and 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](mailto: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.

2.) **Cafeteria Volunteers** – Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to serve lunch. Please be sure you report for duty on the days you are scheduled! **If an unforeseen conflict arises, please arrange for a substitute or call school ASAP so alternate arrangements can be made.** If you have questions about the schedule or would like

to get involved, please submit a CCHS Cafeteria Volunteer Form to the office to the attention of Kim Javins (kim.javins@suddenlink.net or 304-549-3939).



3.) **PVA volunteer forms** are still being accepted. Our entire school community benefits from parent involvement! The Parent Registration Packet is available on the CCHS website.

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 in the PVA Parent Registration Packet. Please contact Lynn Brookshire at 304-541-4649 if you have questions about these passes.

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**ATTENTION: FRESHMAN PARENTS** – The 9<sup>th</sup> grade class will continue the tradition of hosting the Baccalaureate reception for this year’s graduating seniors and their families on Thursday evening, May 24, 2018. This event takes significant planning and input from all freshmen parents. We are in need of 9<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteers to work in the following areas: decorations, homemade desserts and appetizers, beverages, servers, set-up/clean-up, and paper products. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Paula Durst at pdurst@spilmanlaw.com or 304-545-4483 or Nichole Custer at nicholecuster@gmail.com or 304-552-9374.

**ATTENTION: SOPHOMORE PARENTS** – Hosting Project Graduation is the 10<sup>th</sup> grade parent project. It is an all night lock-in aimed at giving the graduating class a safe and fun place to celebrate with their classmates and the junior class one last time. This year it is scheduled to be at the Charleston YMCA on Friday, May 25, 2018, from 10:30 p.m. - 4 a.m. We will need volunteers to help with this event and are looking for donations to use as prizes. If you can help, please contact Ericka Brown at browne1998@aol.com or 304-552-9017. Thank you in advance!

**ATTENTION: JUNIOR PARENTS**-- The juniors are in the planning and building phase for prom and are being encouraged to share their ideas with their parents. Any parent who would like to help should pass the word along through their child or contact Mrs. Leven at avrah.leven@charlestoncatholic-crw.org. You can sign up for Remind for periodic updates by texting to the number 81010 with the message @cchsprom18.

## ATHLETIC UPDATES

**SPRING SPORTS** – As we approach the beginning of spring sports, keep in mind that eligible students must have at least an unweighted 2.0 grade point average for the first semester and must be in good behavioral and academic standing at CCHS. **Spring head coaches** are HS boys’ and girls’ tennis: David Sadd; H.S. baseball: Bill Mehle; H.S. softball: Kevin Corbett; H.S. track: Scott Welch; M.S. baseball: Andy Higginbotham; M.S. track: contact Scott Welch; M.S. golf – contact Lee Bradley; M.S. boys’ and girls’ tennis: Ricky Nelson. Families should feel free to contact coaches or the school office for additional information.



**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.

**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.

**PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL SPORTS** – As we prepare for spring sports, it is good to review our attendance policy for participation. 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. Additionally, students are expected to be in school for the majority of a school day in order to be eligible for practice that 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.

## FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

**VIRTUS**– Be sure you are able to help! All parents or other adults who volunteer, coach, drive students, chaperone, etc., are required by the Diocese to complete the diocesan sexual abuse awareness training before being allowed to work with our students. Training is available online or at sessions periodically scheduled. To begin, visit the [VirtusOnline.org](http://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](http://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.**

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

**FOLLOW CCHS NEWS** –Important announcements from the school office AND ALL WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS/DELAYS are available through CCHS news on Twitter for. **Text “follow cchsnews” to 40404 and you will receive all cchsnews tweets** as text messages. You don’t even have to have a Twitter account!

**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.

**GLOVES?**— The science department is in need of rubber, latex gloves for students to use during lab work. Donations would be much appreciated. Please coordinate with Amy Arnold or drop gloves off in the school office.

**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](http://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!



## CONGRATULATIONS

- to senior Sydney Rashid for being selected as Charleston Catholic's Aquinas Award recipient, a recognition given to one student at each Catholic school in West Virginia recognizing faithful discipleship, academic excellence, leadership, and service. Sydney will be recognized at the diocesan Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Schools in Morgantown in April.

- to seniors Sara Carr and Timothy Kawash who were selected as Charleston Catholic's St. Sebastian Medal winners. The award recognizes high achieving student athletes from each of the state's diocesan high schools who exhibit the qualities of sportsmanship, teamwork, academics, and a high respect for school, classmates, teammates, opponents, parish, and the community. They will receive their medals at the Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Schools in Morgantown in April.

- to high school English teacher Shirley Lycan who has been recognized as the Silver Apple recipient from Charleston Catholic. The recognition is given to one teacher at each diocesan school who stands out for exemplary teaching and dedication to students. Mrs. Lycan will be honored at the Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Schools in Morgantown in April.

- to CCHS participants in the Kanawha County Math Field Day! Special congratulations to the students who placed (those who placed in the top 10 will move on to compete at the Regional Competition.) Individual recognition goes to Joey Muchow in 2<sup>nd</sup> place (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Noah McLaughlin in 2<sup>nd</sup> place (7<sup>th</sup> grade), Kevin Hayes in 3<sup>rd</sup> place (8<sup>th</sup> grade), and in grades 10-12: Reuben Beasley (15<sup>th</sup> place); Anthony Wirts (13<sup>th</sup> place); Sean Stricker (9<sup>th</sup> place); Joy Justice (4<sup>th</sup> place); and Simon Agnew (1<sup>st</sup> place). How impressive!

-to the student participants in the highly entertaining production of *The Trials of Robin Hood* and to faculty directors Mr. Fix and Miss Elliott for their commitment of time and talent. With over 60 members of the cast and crew, the show was quite an undertaking, but it turned out beautifully. The cast featured Grace Abdalla, Ben Acklin, Simon Agnew, Meredith Aliff, Matthew Ayoob, Ellis Brown, Lindsay Carr, Sara Carr, Tristan Carrico, Gabe Castro, Mollie Council, Simone Coustasse, Olivia Crews, Celina Delgra, Jenna DeTemple, Nate DeTemple, Iris Finn, Thomas Flannery, Allyson Gardner, Sarrah George, Isabella Griffith, Robert Hamrick, Iris Hoyer, Grace Javins, Irene Jonathan, Audrey Keith, David Kershner-Leon, Vishal Kesari, Carter Kiss, Mo Kranwinkel, Kathryn Lakin, Stephen Lewis, Grace Litton, Rachel Mangano, Abigail Marcinkowsky, Anthony Matiga, Alissa McCarty, Colleen O'Leary, Elizabeth Pile, Sydney Rashid, Trenton Reed, Brady Roberts, Elizabeth Rushworth, Ashton Rutherford, Elizabeth Shaf, Katie Spangler, Nathan Tran, Sophia Veazey, Delaney Wells, Alyssa Williams, and Emma Wirts. Tech crew members were Ashton Brown, Chloe

Cory, Abigail Cunningham, Iris Finn, Thomas Flannery, Kaitlyn Keith, Maria-Celeste Kershner-Leon, Mo Kranwinkel, Kathryn Lakin, Matthew Lewis, Ricky Lian, Rachel Mangano, Duncan McMaster, Trenton Reed, Eva Toor, Nathan Tran, Seth Uy, Anthony Wirts, and Emma Wirts.

- to the swim team members and their coaches on a strong season and excellent showing at the Regional meet at Marshall University, including a overall runner-up finish for the girls team. Eleven members of the team will head to Morgantown this week to compete in the state championship. Special congratulations to state qualifiers Sara Carr, Lindsay Carr, Ally Cavender, Joy Justice, Mackenzie Layne, Olivia Lewis, Ben Acklin, Mason Cormany, Ethan Malinoski, Sean Stricker, and Trenton Reed.

- to the robotics team, CART, and team member and driver freshman Ian Cobbs for winning the VEX Excellence Award at the Bridge Valley Qualifier. The team has qualified to participate in states on March 3!

## MANY THANKS

- to the PVA hospitality committee for providing delicious Valentine's Day treats for the faculty.

- to the many parent volunteer bakers who prepared and supplied the ever popular King Cakes for our annual Mardi Gras treat. This tradition is a favorite among students and faculty alike! Special thanks to Kathi Atassi for coordinating the efforts.

- to everyone who has made financial donations to HOPE. Every dollar helps make the project a reality.

- to the parents of our student athletes who jump in to support the athletic program in countless ways, including transportation, treats, and through their willingness to work the scoreboard, man the concession stand, and keep the book. Your involvement makes the athletic program possible.

- to Bob and Diana Hypes for their ongoing commitment to Charleston Catholic. Mr. and Mrs. Hypes visited the school on Friday, February 9, our "Wear Red for Bobby Day," and provided free pizza to students, faculty, and staff for lunch that day. Many thanks to the students and faculty for their impressive showing of red and their \$2 donations which totaled \$831 to the Bobby Hypes Scholarship. The award is given to a rising 9<sup>th</sup> grader each year during the 8<sup>th</sup> grade moving up ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Hypes' continued dedication to the students of Charleston Catholic is something we are most appreciative of.

- to Bill Mehle, Lisa Hayes, Martin Jones, Ted Walker, Dorothy Pile and Molly Linehan for their willingness to bundle up against the cold and hit the slopes with the ski club, enabling us to again offer this very popular activity to our students.

- to all who supported this year's Catholic Schools Week project. This year we collected items for six different local charities during Catholic Schools Week, January 29 - February 2, and the outcome was fabulous! Each day students brought their donated items down to the Commons where the items were organized into boxes. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders helped load the boxes of donations into the vehicles for delivery. The following is a list of items for each charity: Trinity's Table - 363 items of spaghetti and sauces; Manna Meal - 584 items of canned meats, beans, and peanut butter and \$770 from the \$2 dress down day; Covenant House - 603 items of toiletries and warm weather accessories; Sojourners - 706 items of trash bags and other house hold items; Gabriel Project - 473 items of formula, diapers, baby bottles, creams, shampoos, sheets, and blankets; Catholic Charities of West Virginia - 462 items of light bulbs, toilet paper, laundry detergent and other house hold cleaning supplies. **Many thanks to project chairs Jaime Bowman and Miri Hunter, to volunteer Rosie Kardos who helped every day with sorting and delivering, to all of the parent volunteers who helped, to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for loading items, to Ms. Linehan for her involvement, and to everyone participated in making this year's Catholic Schools Week a success.**



## SNOW E-DAY POLICY

While we plan in excess of 180 days for each school year and have not yet needed to use any snow days, we never know what the weather might bring. We have two days still allotted in our calendar, and hopefully we will not have to use them. However, if we use all of our days, whether for weather or any unforeseen reasons (i.e., water or power outages), we will activate our e-day plan. Though we hope not to need the “e-day plan,” we want to alert our school community to the possibility now. **In the event that the e-day policy becomes active, it will be noted on the school website and in the cchsnews tweet that announces the school closing.**

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

1) By 9 a.m. on days that school is closed, teachers will post instructions for their classes in the Lesson Plan section of Ren Web for the current day. Students can access this information through any internet connection, e.g., computer, phone, iPad, etc.

2) Assignments for each class will be about 30 minutes in length. Teachers will keep in mind what materials students would have available at home. Some assignments may be reading, watching videos, applying a concept, working problems, completing a worksheet, writing an essay, etc. Students without internet access may need to call a friend to get assignments. As is always the case, if students do not have access to printers at home, they can send them to the CCHS printer on the school website.

3) **In order for a student to count the e-day as a day of attendance in each class, assignments must be submitted within two days of school’s reopening.** Because there may be rare cases in which families do not have home internet access, either through a computer, phone, or other device, this two-day allowance is being made to allow all students the opportunity to complete assignments and count toward attendance. Students who do not submit assignments within two days of the school’s reopening will be marked absent for each class for which an assignment was not completed.

4) Completion of each class' assignments is required. Namely, as is the case in a regular instructional day, each e-day assignment counts for a grade in teachers' gradebooks. Failure to complete an assignment will result in a zero for each assignment.



### SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

**SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE** – I hope we do not need this information anytime, but it is always better to 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, WCBS, WCBS-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.

## CALENDAR FOR 2017-18

**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. Remember that exams must be taken on 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. 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.

Sunday, February 18	RenWeb e-mail will contain 3rd quarter midterm grades
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 <sup>th</sup> 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 non-Catholic schools
Wednesday, February 28	Golden Horseshoe test date for eighth graders
Friday, March 2	National Latin Exam
Monday, March 5	8th graders visit the high school
Wednesday, March 14	Sophomore parent meeting about The Summit, 7p.m.
Friday, March 16	End of 3rd quarter, first round of acceptance letters mailed
Tuesday, March 20	National Spanish Exam
Friday, March 30	Good Friday, beginning of Easter Vacation
Monday, April 9	Classes resume
Monday – Friday, April 16-20	Terra Nova Testing for 6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> 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

## FEBRUARY- MARCH MENU

**NOTE: During Lent, no meat is served at Charleston Catholic on Fridays. If you are preparing a team lunch on a Friday, please be sure to adhere to this expectation.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19- NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day	20- Bosco sticks, cheesy chicken enchilada soup  Stephanie Sullivan Larra Winter Pam Delgra	21- Buffalo chicken tenders, smiley fries  Greg Bolles Gail Carter Cathy Davis	22- Steak hoagies with peppers and onions, steak fries  Cindy Keith Helen Kesari Shannon Elliot	23- Baked potato bar, vegetarian chili, broccoli and cheese  Paula Durst Kim Javins Ron Rushworth
26- Pizza, broccoli cheese soup  Mary Supcoe Erica Baumgras Alex Macia	27- Hot dogs, slaw, crinkle fries  Susan Jarvis George Metz Wendy Young	28- Grilled chicken sandwiches, chicken Caesar salad  David Mitchell Sandra Mitchell Vicki White	1- Bacon ceeseburgers, roasted potatoes  Jessica Anton Emily Bumgarner Yolanda Tam	2- Three cheese ciabatta bread, egg salad, green beans  Susan Veazey Malorelea Wilkes Jennifer Rago
5- Calzones, soup  Mitzi Brammer Greg Bolles Alex Macia	5- Meatballs or Italian sausage on pasta  Lori Dalporto Sara Frame Amy Monday	7- Chicken sliders, tots  Barb Higgins Cindy Keith Helen Kesari	8- Hot ham and Swiss on pretzel bread, Greek salad  Uma Dave Kassy Kelley Paula Durst	9- Cheese ravioli, deviled eggs, cheesy rolls  Lynn Brookshire Molly Erlandson Wendy Johnson
12- Pizza, macaroni salad  Nat Namsupak Mary Supcoe Dara Aliff	13- Taco pie, Spanish rice, churros  Dena Peery Keith Sayre Susan Jarvis	14- Spicy chicken sandwiches, celery, carrots, and ranch  Kathy Atassi Krista Black Pam Council	15- Loaded chicken wraps, potato salad  Julia Murphy Deborah Swiger Pat McCutcheon	16- Cheesy eggs, pancakes, hash browns, fried apples  Donna Sayre Kim Javins Ron Rushworth
19- Bosco sticks, Greek orzo salad  Susie Murad Melissa Castleberry Samantha McCarty	20- Turkey and Swiss on ciabatta, cheesy potatoes  Nichole Custer Bill Flanery Gail Carter	21- Chicken teriyaki on rice with Asian veggies  Jaime Bowman Josie Moore Chris Williams	22- Baked pasta with meat sauce, garlic sticks  Stacie Mayhorn Leighann Hamrick Michael Kawash	23- Cheese tortellini, Texas toast  Tina Caldwell Peggy Sadd Shannon Elliot
26- Pizza, soup  Harmony Brown Jennifer Scalzo Niki Kurten	27- Hot dogs, slaw, chili cheese fries  Stephanie Sullivan Larra Winter Wendy Young	28- Chicken pesto, broccoli and cheese  Tasha Agnew Shawna Meeks Betsy Cimino	29- Cooks' Choice  Feli McKown Natalie Tennant Angela Stone	30- No School - Easter Vacation

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