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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

This week I visited senior English classes to talk about Saturday’s Clay County Christmas party. As I described the children’s joy of meeting Santa and the sincere gratitude of the parents as they pick up their packages, I found myself talking about the spirit and magic of Christmas. Last night as I wandered the aisles of Christmas decorations at Target with my toddler, I was struck by her wide eyed wonder as she pointed up at the lights and ornaments on display. She literally “oohed” and “aaahed” as we shopped. I think I am beginning to understand the magic of Christmas.

As we begin the Advent season of waiting and preparation on Sunday, may we remember what we are waiting for. While Christmas decorations, gifts, and gatherings often grab most of our attention, may we also focus on preparing to share God’s love with others. When we look beyond ourselves and focus on bringing joy and peace to our community, we may experience God’s love for us and the true spirit of Christmas.

Many thanks to all of you for your participation in the Clay County Christmas project. May your families experience the same joy that our school shared with the families in Clay County this week. I wish you a peaceful Advent and a wonder-filled Christmas season.

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: Jacob Hufford’s father, Connor Blakley’s maternal grandfather, Savana Pringle’s brother, teacher Scott Welch’s mother in law, and Academic Advisor Andrea Herrick’s grandmother. 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 21. Updated progress reports will be emailed from RenWeb on Saturday, December 1. 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 19 – 21 (all students) and on December 18 for part of the regular school day (grades 7th-12th). **The first semester closes on Friday, January 18, 2019, two weeks after we return from Christmas break. Upon our return in January, 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 three 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 Monday, January 7. 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 28, 2019.

Sixth grade:	Wednesday, 12/19	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/20	exams for periods 3 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/21	exams for periods 5 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
7th/8th grade:	Tuesday, 12/18	exam for period 3 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 dismissal
	Wednesday, 12/19	exams for periods 2 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/20	exams for periods 4 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/21	exams for periods 1 and 5; 11:15 dismissal

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

High school:	Tuesday, 12/18	exam for period 3 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 dismissal
	Wednesday, 12/19	exams for periods 2 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/20	exams for periods 4 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/21	exams for periods 1 and 6; 11:15 dismissal



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, it is a valuable opportunity for communication and partnership between home and school. This year, teachers held a remarkable 1,014 appointments during conference time. Wow!

SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2019-20

2019-2020 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 on doing their best in their current classes since grades are an important factor in course placement.

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2019-2020 –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 Monday, January 7. Submit completed applications directly to CCHS.**

Monday, January 7 – application packets for new students available online.

Wednesday, February 20 – 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 gathering space followed by a tour of the school.

Thursday, February 21 – 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 23 – admissions test for prospective students from 10:00 a.m. – noon - CCHS Commons

Monday, February 25 – 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 26 – first day applications will be processed from students in non-Catholic schools

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

Friday, March 15 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by Friday, March 1 – applications received after March 1 will be reviewed periodically by the Admissions Committee and notification as to enrollment status will be mailed at that time)

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

THOUGHTS ON MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMS – All Charleston Catholic students take semester exams. However, they 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.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



- 1.) Our Advent opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Thursday, December 6, between 9 and 11am. Reconciliation is a lovely way to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas.
- 2.) The CCHS Annual Woodcutting day in Big Laurel in Mingo County will be Saturday, December 8. This day is a service opportunity for juniors and seniors. See Mr. Mehle or Ms. Linehan for more details.

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 2, 2018, 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 Monday, April 8, 2019, through Wednesday, April 10, 2019. Students will depart from school at lunch time on Monday and will return to school on Wednesday afternoon. The camp will be structured in a seminar style experience with speakers and breakout sessions focused on leadership. Activities will be led by diocesan personnel, but faculty and parent chaperones will be engaged in monitoring students. **Parent volunteers are needed!** More details will be shared as they become available.

CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SKI CLUB 2018-19 (grades 6 – 12) --



Ski dates: January 9, 16, 23, 30, & February 6 (February 13 make-up date)

- Optional parent information meeting - Tuesday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m. in CCHS library
- Mandatory student meeting – Tuesday January 8, 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: \$280 for shaped skis rental or, if you are bringing your own equipment; \$350 for rental of blades or snowboard. These amounts include lift tickets and transportation for all five dates. Lessons are available for every level of skier each Wednesday at no extra cost. Students renting equipment from Winterplace must complete a liability form in its entirety, including credit card information. This form will be given to students after they register for ski club.
- **Helmets are strongly encouraged.**
- Students must submit ski club contract and a medical emergency form. These forms will be available by November 16. Forms and fees must be returned to school by December 14.

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

MEDICATION-- Any student taking medication, prescription or over-the-counter, during school hours must report this to the school office. Students taking medication during school hours must have a Diocesan form on file in the school office. **Medication is to be given to the office staff who will dispense it at times designated on the permission slip.** All medications in the office will be returned to students at the end of the year. Medications are not kept from year to year.

ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES—As we enter a new season of extracurricular activities, it is helpful to review the eligibility requirement. Students shall meet the WVSSAC and Charleston Catholic eligibility guidelines in order to participate in all school athletic and extracurricular activities. Students are expected to maintain at least a 2.0 unweighted GPA to be eligible. However, in all cases, a student with academic or behavioral problems can be recommended

for ineligibility from all extracurricular activities by the principal. To be eligible for participation in Student Activities Council, students must maintain conduct grades of S. Eligibility is determined for each semester by examining the student's GPA for the previous semester. If a student does not maintain a 2.0 unweighted average for the first semester, he/she will be ineligible for participation the second semester. If at the end of the third quarter the student earns a 2.0 unweighted average, he/she becomes eligible at that time (i.e., at the beginning of the fourth quarter). If the student does not maintain a 2.0 unweighted average for the second semester, he/she will be ineligible for participation the first semester of the following year. If, during the first quarter, the student earns a 2.0 unweighted average, he/she becomes eligible at the beginning of the second quarter.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

HOMEWORK HOUR- The school library is open to all students for distraction-free homework completion and study each week on Monday - Thursday afternoons from 3-4 p.m. Mrs. Shindle is in the library to supervise students while they work.

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.

PARENT ALERT COMMUNICATION TOOL—We have tested and will increasingly be using our Parent Alert text system (a Ren Web component) as a means of communication in addition to the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org), Twitter feed (text “follow cchsnews” to 40404), and RenWeb email. Be on the lookout for these texts with important school updates.

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 or screen time. Habits learned now will affect a child's outlook for a lifetime.

UNIFORMS – Christmas break is a great time to check the “health” 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.

FORGOTTEN HOMEWORK?—While you are welcome to bring assignments 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.

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.

SENIOR YEARBOOK QUOTES— are due to Ms. Summers by December 21. Quotes must be properly attributed and have the senior's name on them.

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!



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 (June 30 -July 20)
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. Please let Mrs. Herrick know if you are applying.
 - Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)** - Marshall University (June 16-July 6)
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. Herrick know if you are applying.
 - Governor's STEM Institute (formerly GSMS)** - current 7th grader sessions at WVU (June 25-July 3; July 5-13)
current 8th graders at the Green Bank Observatory (July 22-August 4th)
This program encourages students to delve into projects that allow them the time and opportunity to think and work like scientists, using high level mathematics and thinking skills. Current 7th and 8th graders may apply. Please let Mrs. Herrick know if you are applying.
 - Governor's School for Entrepreneurship (WVGSE)** - West Virginia University June 13-July 3)
In an effort to provide a dream-realizing experience, WVGSE offers high-school students the chance to dream about a new business or product and then make it happen. Young innovators are thrown into an "accelerator" atmosphere where in three short weeks, they learn about business models, design thinking, and scaling new startup ventures. There are team competitions, a pitch competition, and the opportunity to actually launch a new business venture. In fact, every young innovator will be an entrepreneur by the end of GSE. Please let Mrs. Herrick know if you are applying.
- 2.) **8th Grade Parent Meeting** -- Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 30th, 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 collects the pink Box Tops for Education that can be found on many different products. The sixth grade Theology classes coordinate the program, but we need the help of everyone in the school community to make the program a success. Since beginning this program two years ago, students and parents have submitted over \$420 worth of Box Tops. This money is being donated to charities chosen by the students. Box tops don't have to be trimmed neatly - simply tear them off and stick them in an envelope or sandwich bag, and check the top to make sure it has not expired! Thank you for all your support!

ANNUAL APPEAL- In the next few weeks you will receive the 2018-19 annual appeal mailing. As you consider end of the year charitable donations, please consider a gift to Charleston Catholic. All gifts to Charleston Catholic benefit the students. Funds from this year's appeal will be directed toward school needs including tuition support, technology enhancements, and building upkeep. Remember that Charleston Catholic is a 501c-3 organization, so all donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your ongoing support.



CLAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT—Our Christmas party in Maysel will take place on Saturday, December 1. 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. We extend heartfelt gratitude to Kathi Linkenogger and Risen Lord parishioners who have partnered with CCHS for almost 30 years to make the party a reality. This year, the Charleston Catholic community reached 170 families with approximately 430 children, a meaningful way for our community to serve our neighbors.

The efforts and generosity of our students, families, faculty and staff, and numerous other supporters allow us to participate in this annual act of service. Wrapped presents, stockings, stocking stuffers, and food items have been arriving at school for the last few weeks. 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 (teacher Mrs. Amy Arnold's husband), who served as Santa's photographer; and Sherry Shindle and David Hoffmann for all of their work "behind the scenes," organizing and entering data, 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!*

HOPE 2019 – Planning is underway for our 15th summer of HOPE. This year we will partner with Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission and serve in Wayne and Mingo counties. Our group of juniors, seniors, college age alumni and adult work crew leaders will make significant repairs at the homes of low income families and seniors during the week of **June 23-28, 2019**. We need to raise **\$25,000** 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."



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 **LH615**. Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus Cards are available at the Customer Service desk at any Kroger. To participate in the program, just register your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card (as outlined above)**, use the card when you checkout, and Charleston Catholic will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis.
- 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.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

- 1.) **Catholic Schools Week, January 28 - February 1**, will quickly be upon us. Please mark your calendars and start stocking up now for any donations you are able and willing to make. During this time each winter, CCHS reaches out to the community around us to participate in an act of service for our neighbors in need. This year, we will be collecting donations for charities with a focus on children. While the CCHS family is familiar with most of the charities we will serve again this coming year, we will also serve the Bob Burdette Center (BBC)** and the students it assists. (A brief description of the BBC can be found following the schedule.) Below is a list of the charities and the items they have requested. Any 8th-grade parents who would like to volunteer to help work that week (i.e. by collecting donations from students, sorting donations, and delivery), please call Jessica Anton (304-546-2159) or Trina Smith (304-395-7733).

Monday, January 28 - Gabriel Project: Similac formula, diapers (size 5 and 6), diaper cream, wipes, bottles, baby shampoo, baby lotion, crib sheets, and baby blankets. Cash donations will also be accepted to be applied towards purchase of pack-n-plays and car seats.

Tuesday, January 29 - Sojourners: Personal items: soap, deodorant, shampoo, healthy snacks; Household items: wash cloths, bath towels, trash bags, laundry detergent, styrofoam bowls, styrofoam cups (8 oz. size); urgent need for: twin sheets, pillows, pillowcases

Wednesday, January 30 - Bob Burdette Center, Day 1: Sporting Equipment: hula hoops, basketballs, footballs, kickballs, ball pumps, soccer balls; Snacks: Goldfish, pretzels, chips, fruit snacks, cheez-its, Nutrigrain Bars; Dollar Store Prizes

Thursday, January 31 - (A) Trinity Table: - \$2 Dress Down Day AND (B) Bob Burdette Center, Day 2: School supplies: pencils, pens, markers, highlighters, crayons, colored pencils; Office Supplies: laminating sheets, hanging file folders, manila folders, copy paper; Science project supplies: cotton balls, toothpicks, straws, Playdo

Friday, February 1 - Bob Burdette Center Day 3: School supplies: construction paper, glue sticks, notebook paper, printer/copy paper, folders, index cards, notebooks, drawing paper

Thank you for your help!

**The BBC operates 3 sites: Edgewood Elementary, Emmanuel Baptist Church, and North Charleston Baptist Church. The BBC serves approximately 120 students in grades K-12 from Edgewood Elementary, Grandview Elementary, Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary, Stonewall Middle, and Capital High. The BBC provides children with a safe haven and increased opportunities that will prepare them for furthering their education and for life. In addition to homework assistance, a nutritious snack and meal, students participate in a number of enrichment activities, tutoring and mentoring. For further information: www.bobburdettecenter.org

- 2.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - As we head into winter and cooler weather, 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 a lighter weight black jacket, both in full zip and quarter zip), white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts are available on the CCHS website. For questions, please contact Kathy Atassi (304-415-0071) for jackets, 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.

- 3.) **CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS** – Many thanks to those of you who have already volunteered to help in the cafeteria. **SECOND SEMESTER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** **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 18.** In order to comply with the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department’s requirement that all cafeteria volunteers have a food handler card, all CCHS cafeteria volunteers must complete a 75 minute online training course and 30 question assessment with a score of 70%. The PVA will pay the registration cost and will provide volunteers with an access code to participate in the course. Please contact Stephanie Sullivan (wvsteph23@yahoo.com) for information on the Food Handler’s Card and Kim Javins (kim.javins@suddenlink.net or 304-549-3939) for information on scheduling. 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 (sectionals, regionals, etc.). 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. 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

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.

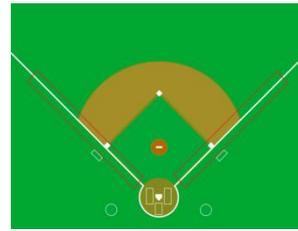


SPORTS UPDATE-- Fall sports have come to a close and winter sports are just underway.

- **The high school cross country boys and girls** finished their season with state meet appearances. Aubrie Custer finished 7th overall in the State Meet, becoming only the ninth girl in school history with a top ten finish and earning a spot on the All-State team. Congratulations, Coach Welch and the Irish, on a great season.
- **The high school volleyball team** finished the season in the regional tournament, losing in a very close match to Greater Beckley Christian after capturing the Sectional Championship. Elizabeth Kay was named special honorable mention on the All-State team this season. Coach Mourier was the KSVOA Coach of the Year! Congratulations, Coach Mourier and the Lady Irish, on a great season.
- **The high school boys' soccer team's** season culminated with an intense overtime loss in the semi-finals of the State Tournament to finish with a 23-2 record. The team had an amazing season with several individuals earning end of season honors: Jack Cimino- first team All-State and midfielder of the year; Michael Hoffman- first team All -State and defender of the year; Ethan Malinoski first team All-State and Player of the year; Wilson Meeks first team All-State; Tucker Newell second team All-State. Coach Paul was named Region 3 Coach of the Year. Congratulations to the team and their coaches on their many accomplishments!
- **The high school girls' soccer team** finished a terrific season as well! The Lady Irish finished as State Runner Up, losing in the State Championship game. Congratulations to players on their post-season recognitions: Lindsay Carr- first team All-State; Audrey Miller- first team All -State and defender of the year; Mills Mullen- honorable mention All-State.

We are anticipating an exciting winter sports season, too, and will keep you updated along the way. Mark your calendars now for some important winter athletic dates. The annual alumni night will be Friday, December 21, at the Athletic Facility, as the girls' basketball team takes on Riverside at 4:30 and the boys' JV and varsity teams will follow with games against Valley. Swimming regionals will be February 2 with the location to be announced. Girls' basketball sectionals will be February 18, 20, and 22 at 7 p.m. with the highest seed hosting. Boys' high school basketball sectionals will be February 25 and 27 and March 1 at 7p.m. and the highest seed will host. The middle school basketball county tournaments are still to be announced. Be sure to follow the winter sports season on Twitter @cchssports. Let's go Irish!

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 is scheduled to play 2019 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, Jacob Nelson, 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 with snow already falling, please familiarize yourself with the winter weather policy. We hope not to need it, but we must be prepared! **Remember that school closings and delays are announced on the CCHS website, are tweeted through cchsnews, and will be shared through RenWeb Parent Alert.**

- 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, please keep your child home and notify the school.

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

MEDICATION-- Any student taking medication, prescription or over-the-counter, during school hours must report this to the school office. Students taking medication during school hours must have a Diocesan form on file in the school office. **Medication is to be given to the office staff who will dispense it at times designated on the permission slip.** All medications in the office will be returned to students at the end of the year. Medications are not kept from year to year.

ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES—As we enter a new season of extracurricular activities, it is helpful to review the eligibility requirement. Students shall meet the WVSSAC and Charleston Catholic eligibility guidelines in order to participate in all school athletic and extracurricular activities. Students are expected to maintain at least a 2.0 unweighted GPA to be eligible. However, in all cases, a student with academic or behavioral problems can be recommended for ineligibility from all extracurricular activities by the principal. To be eligible for participation in Student Activities Council, students must maintain conduct grades of S. Eligibility is determined for each semester by examining the student's GPA for the previous semester. If a student does not maintain a 2.0 unweighted average for the first semester, he/she will be ineligible for participation the second semester. If at the end of the third quarter the student earns a 2.0 unweighted average, he/she becomes eligible at that time (i.e., at the beginning of the fourth quarter). If the student does not maintain a 2.0 unweighted average for the second semester, he/she will be ineligible for participation the first semester of the following year. If, during the first quarter, the student earns a 2.0 unweighted average, he/she becomes eligible at the beginning of the second quarter.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to sixth grader Jonah DiCocco for winning the middle school Spelling Bee and to sixth grader John Christian Settle for finishing in second place! Jonah will compete in the Kanawha County spelling bee in January. We wish him success!
- to the high school drama club cast and crew and directors Mr. Fix, Ms. Elliott, and Mrs. Walter for a tremendously successful performance of *Sherlock Holmes*. The actors were well prepared and confident on stage and the effects contributed to a very entertaining experience! The cast consisted of Grace Abdalla, Ainsley Blundon, Gabe Castro, Olivia Corbett, Mollie Council, Simone Coustasse, Olivia Crews, Celina Delgra, Jenna DeTemple, Allyson Gardner, Lauren Gillespie, Irene Jonathan, Audrey Keith, Carter Kiss, Mo Kranwinkel, Kathryn Lakin, Rachel Mangano, Victoria McKown, Colleen O'Leary, Ashton Rutherford, Elizabeth Shaf, Sydney Sutphin, Nathan Tran, Alyssa Williams, and Emma Wirts. Crew members were Drew Casingal, Ridge Cook, Chloe Cory, Jenna DeTemple, Robbie Fink, Ian-Isaac Flores, Irene Jonathan, Audrey Keith, Maria Kershner-Leon, Kathryn Lakin, Matthew Lewis, Ricky Lian, Tiffany Lian, Sydney Loew, Rachel Mangano, Duncan McMaster,

Lilly Namsupak, Elizabeth Shaf, Cameron Smith, Sean Stricker, Eva Toor, Seth Uy, Delaney Wells, Anthony Wirts, Emma Wirts, Izak Young, and Elizabeth Zacks.

MANY THANKS

- to the PVA for the fantastic meals that teachers enjoyed on conference day and for the many thoughtful ways they work behind the scenes to support the students and teachers.
- to Melinda Kiss for her efforts to create the 2018-19 Student Directory and to Mr. Villers for coordinating the online version of the directory-- what helpful information for the school community!
- to parents for making the effort to meet with teachers on conference day and to teachers for putting in the long hours (that day and every day) to build relationships that benefit students.
- to the twenty students who withstood windy and chilly weather to prepare eleven vulnerable homes for winter through Labor for Neighbor earlier this month. The students showed the CCHS commitment to service and justice and eleven families will be warmer this winter for their hard work.
- 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 Stephen Saldanha, 2010 CCHS graduate, for returning to speak to high school students for the second year. This year, he discussed the importance of basic science in the medical field with over 80 students at the second quarter high school science seminar.
- to the fall coaches for the countless hours they devote to creating valuable experiences for our student athletes. Your efforts are much appreciated!
- to Mark Haas for sharing his musical talents with our choir and student body to enhance the liturgical experience.
- to all in our school community who supported the junior class on their prom fundraiser.

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.

Saturday, December 1	Clay County Christmas party
Tuesday, December 4	optional ski club parent meeting, 6 pm
Tuesday, December 18	exams (7 th -12 th grades), regular dismissal
Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, December 19-21	exams
Saturday, December 22	beginning of Christmas vacation
Monday, January 7	classes resume
Monday, January 7	application packets for new students available online
Tuesday, January 8	ski club mandatory student meeting, 3pm
Wednesday, January 9	ski club
Wednesday, January 16	ski club
Friday, January 18	end of the first semester
Monday, January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday- NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, January 23	ski club
Wednesday, January 30	ski club

Monday, January 28- Friday, February 1 Catholic Schools Week
 Saturday, February 2 HS Winter Waltz, 8-11 p.m.
 Wednesday, February 6 ski club
 Friday/Saturday, February 8-9 winter drama production
 Monday, February 18 Presidents' Day holiday- NO SCHOOL
 Wednesday, February 20 information meetings for parents of prospective students (grades 6-10)
 Thursday, February 21 prospective 6th graders visit CCHS
 Saturday, February 23 admissions test for prospective students from 10:00 a.m. – noon - CCHS Commons
 Monday, February 25 deadline for receipt of applications of students currently attending Catholic schools for first consideration
 Tuesday, February 26 first day applications will be processed from students in non-Catholic schools
 Thursday, February 28 8th grade retreat
 Friday, March 1 deadline for all non-Catholic school students to submit applications who want to be considered in the first round of acceptances
 Mon – Fri, March 11-15 Terra Nova Testing for 6th-10th grades
 Friday, March 15 first round of acceptance letters mailed
 Friday, March 22 end of 3rd quarter
 Mon- Wed, April 8-10 sophomore Summit at Huttonsville
 Tuesday, April 9 SAT day for Juniors
 Monday, April 15 beginning of Easter vacation
 Tuesday, April 23 classes resume
 Friday, May 3 freshman retreat
 Friday/Saturday, May 3-4 spring drama production
 Monday-Friday, May 6-17 AP Testing
 Saturday, May 18 prom
 Thursday, May 23 Baccalaureate, in evening
 Friday, May 24 Graduation and Project Graduation, in evening
 Monday, May 27 Memorial Day holiday
 Mon/ Tues/ Wed, June 3-5 exams for 6th- 11th graders
 Wednesday, June 5 Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders

LUNCH MENU

December/January Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3- Cheeseburger, smiley fries Niki Kurten Kip Wilcox Mireille Hanna	4- Italian sausage sub, buttered noodles Sara Frame Erica Baumgras Feli McKown	5- Chili, baked potato bar Susanne Coffield Brandy Messer Heather Kittredge	6- Hot turkey and cheese on ciabatta, chicken Caesar salad Larra Winter Stephanie Sullivan Uma Dave	7- Mac and cheese, corn dogs Sheila Moran Cary Charbonniez Lynn Brookshire

10- Pizza, taco soup Jennifer Scalzo Harmony Brown Susie Murad	11- BBQ sandwich, steak fries George Metz Mary Collins Greg Bolles	12- Loaded chicken wraps, buffalo chicken dip with chips David Mitchell Sandra Hershberger Kathy Atassi	13- Christmas Dinner- ham, cheesy potatoes, corn, strawberry pretzel salad, sweet potatoes Helen Kesari Cindy Keith Susan Jarvis	14- Stuffed shells, garlic sticks Tina Caldwell Stefanie Henrich Susan Veazey
17- French toast, sausage patties, biscuits/gravy, fried apples Julie Griffith Marie Green Nat Namsupak	18- Cooks' choice Ron Rushworth Shawna Meeks Betsy Cimino	19- 11:15 dismissal- No lunch	20- 11:15 dismissal- No lunch	21- 11:15 dismissal- No lunch
7- Pizza Niki Kurten Kip Wilcox Nat Namsupak	8- Pork BBQ, cole slaw, roasted buttered potatoes Yolanda Tam Jaime Bowman Chris Williams	9- Chicken tenders, smiley fries Cary Charbonniex Karrah Pauley Gail Carter	10- Stuffed shells, Texas toast Susan Jarvis Feli McKown George Metz	11- Hot ham and cheese on pretzel bread, poppers Kerri Linton Alison Corbin Morgan Griffith
14- Bosco sticks, taco soup, fruit cups Susie Murad Mireille Hanna Wendy Johnson	15- Scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, hash browns Amy Monday Shawna Meeks Betsy Cimino	16- Bacon cheeseburgers, fries Susanne Coffield Heather Kittredge Carrie Lakin	17- Italian hoagies, mozzarella sticks Emilie Love Lynn Brookshire Angela Stone	18- Beef tacos, nachos, churros Michelle Endicott Sheila Moran Susan Veazey
21- MLK, Jr. Day No School	22- Pizza Kim Javins Sara Frame Paula Durst	23- Chicken alfredo, green beans David Mitchell Sandra Hershberger Brandy Messer	24- Spicy chicken sandwich, carrot sticks with ranch Heather Harrison Wendy Young Uma Dave	25- spaghetti, garlic sticks Bert Fredeking Jessica Griffith Tina Caldwell
28- Calzones, potato soup Jennifer Scalzo Harmony Brown Alex Macia	29- Turkey ciabatta, fruit salad Eric Baumgras Amy Monday Greg Bolles	30- Chicken parm over pasta, spaghetti salad Kathy Atassi Cindy Keith Helen Kesari	31- Meatball subs, curly fries Larra Winter Stephanie Sullivan Ron Rushworth	