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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

Yesterday we hosted the Kanawha Charleston Health Department and their community partners to offer a vaccination clinic for our students who are 16 and older as well as interested parents. The organization and efficiency of the operation was most impressive! Beyond that, the enthusiasm of our high school students was exciting, too. They, like many of us, yearn for a return to normalcy and are ready to do what they can to make it happen.

I recognize and understand how difficult this year has been in so many ways. Let's focus, though, on the resiliency that our young people are learning and demonstrating. We can all agree they will face countless challenges down the road. I am confident that the last year has given them some coping skills and internal strength to dig deep and face the obstacles they encounter.

An additional takeaway I have from this year is how much our students love being in school with their teachers and classmates. They want to be here on a daily basis and have been crestfallen when I have told them of exposures that require extended absences from school. I am inspired by them and their attitudes. It is something that has made a mark on me.

As we embark on our Easter Break, I wish each of you a very joyful Easter and a restful week. May you enjoy time with the special people in your life remembering the many blessings we have received.

Warmly,

Colleen Hoyer

CONDOLENCES -- We express our sympathy to a few of our students and their families who have lost a loved one recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Nick Giatras' maternal grandfather, and Mia Lough's paternal grandmother. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

THIRD QUARTER REPORT CARDS WILL BE MAILED APRIL 12– Once we return from Easter Break, report cards will be mailed. Please take some time to review the report card and teacher comments with your children. If you see that your children's third quarter grades are not a reflection of their abilities, discuss with them what changes can be made to make the fourth quarter stronger. The new quarter is an opportunity to start fresh, and they have plenty of time to turn things around for the semester. Use the detailed weekly reports from RenWeb to figure out exactly what is going on. Sometimes, it's just a matter of not turning in assignments on time. Often, it's not spending the time necessary to study for quizzes and tests. Don't accept excuses. This year has been hard and everyone is tired. However,

we will keep working until the end of the year. Learning takes work, and it is important work! Please encourage your children to put forth the effort necessary to achieve their personal best.



REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2021-22- and fees were due in the office, Friday, March 26. Double check with your child to make sure he/she has turned in the form!

SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – The end of the quarter marks the halfway point of the second semester. Spring exams will quickly be upon us! All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. Students who miss semester exams for reasons other than illness (who will be given the opportunity to make up the exams) will receive an F for those examinations. Just a reminder regarding the **seniors- only exam exemption policy**: Seniors may be exempt from second semester exams if: 1) the course is a two-semester course; 2) the teacher chooses to allow exam exemptions; 3) third and fourth quarter grades average to at least a 93%; **4) fine arts requirements must have been completed by Friday, March 26, and community service requirements are due by Friday, May 7, 2021.** Students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP exam AND teacher-developed final exams. Seniors who meet exam exemption requirements for their AP classes may be exempt from teacher-developed final exams. Seniors in non-AP classes who choose to take AP exams will also take teacher-developed final exams unless they meet the exemption standards. Non-seniors who choose to take an AP exam for an AP class in which they are not enrolled must take the final exam for their class.

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

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

High school:	Friday, 6/4 Monday, 6/7 Tuesday, 6/8 Wednesday, 6/9	exam for period 1 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 3:00 dismissal exams for periods 2 and 3; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 4 and 8; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 6 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
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TUITION AND CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2021-22

TUITION INVOICES FOR 2021-22—will be released in mid-April. Invoices and loan information from Premier Bank will be mailed on April 15. Once again this year, the tuition invoice will include the general and class fees. If you choose to use a Premier loan, the fees may be included in the loan amount or may be paid separately. **Tuition payment in full is due June 15** (late charge assessed at \$1.00 per day after June 15) and **fee payment is due by the August registration date** (students will not be allowed to pick up their schedules until registration fees are paid). More details will be included in the tuition packet mailed in April.

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



TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2021-22 – Please keep this calendar in mind as you plan for next year. Please remember that **exams must be taken on scheduled exam days** and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester will have to make up those days at the end of the semester.

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

COVID COMMUNICATION UPDATES

COVID EXPOSURE REPORTING- Despite the increased vaccinations in our area, positive COVID cases continue to rise in young people, particularly in the 10-19 age group. It is critical that we continue to practice COVID safety protocols. The ongoing and open communication between home and school related to illness and COVID cases and exposures is of utmost importance. Many thanks for keeping us in the loop. If anyone in your household is undergoing COVID screening due to an exposure or illness, please keep your students home until receiving negative test results. Minimizing potential exposures is an important step in preventing quarantines of significant numbers of students. Please use health@charlestoncatholic-crw.org to notify the school administration if you learn of an exposure of your student or a household member after school hours. Please use this email address to report COVID-19 exposures, positive tests, or questions. Please call the school office at 304-342-8415 and speak with an administrator if you learn of the exposure during school office hours.

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

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

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

VACCINES- As you know, vaccines have been opened for all West Virginians sixteen and over. The Kanawha Charleston Health Department continues to hold clinics regularly. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Health Department. Fully vaccinated people are exempt from quarantine after an exposure unless they begin to experience symptoms. That means fully vaccinated students with documentation are able to continue to attend school in person.

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

- 1.) **Immunizations--** The health department asks all schools to keep students' immunization records up to date. If your child has had recent shots, please send CCHS a copy of new health records. **All rising 7th graders are required to have a Tdap booster and first meningococcal vaccine before they enter school in August. Rising 12th graders are required to have the second dose of the meningococcal vaccine before they enter school in August. Once your child has these vaccines, an updated immunization record must be submitted to Mrs. McLaughlin.**
- 2.) **Reminder -** Mrs. Herrick handles college visit requests. Students should get the forms from her and return the completed forms to her at least 2 days before the trip. **Seniors are allowed 2 college visit days; juniors are allowed 2 college visit days. College visits must be made before May 1.**
- 3.) SAT and ACT testing and registration information is available online at -- www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org (CCHS code: 490-205).
- 4.) Juniors will take the SAT School Day test on Tuesday, April 13. Please make sure students are well-rested and well-fed that morning. Students should plan to bring snacks and water with them to school on this day, as they will not be dismissed to lunch. The test takes up to five hours to administer, and students will not attend afternoon classes on this day. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Herrick.
- 5.) Juniors should visit colleges (either in-person or virtually) during spring break and/or over the upcoming months. If you visit schools in-person, be sure to pick up literature, talk to admissions personnel, talk to students, look at dorms and classrooms, try the food, meet professors, and ask "Does this atmosphere suit me?"

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

UNIFORM SHORTS-The time for uniform shorts is almost upon us (beginning April 15). Please take a few moments to review the handbook guidelines for uniform shorts. Navy blue twill shorts must be no higher than 2 inches above the knee. Shorts must not have any visible labeling or rivets. Uniform shorts are not cargo style. Shorts must be worn at the waist and be of modest fit. Shorts must not be faded. Students wearing worn, faded shorts will be considered out of uniform. Shorts are worn from the beginning of the school year until October 15 and beginning April 15 until the end of the school year.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF REFRESHERS- Please keep the following guidelines in mind when dropping off and picking up students. **Students must never be dropped off or picked up directly in front of the school on Virginia Street.** Drop off or pick up should occur in the blocks before or after the school on Virginia Street or on Leon Sullivan Way in front of the school. Parents must pull to the curb to pick- up or drop off students. Students are also instructed they must only cross the intersection of Leon Sullivan and Virginia Street when the appropriate walk signal is flashing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOMECOMING WEEK—Plans for the 2020-21 Homecoming week are underway! While we usually celebrate Homecoming in the fall, this year has wreaked havoc on many of our traditions. However, we are planning to show our CCHS Irish Pride during the week of April 19-23 with a week of dress down days and some fun activities thrown in! Details will be shared with students after we return from Easter Break.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

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

- 1.) The **Kroger Community Rewards** program can be used every time you grocery shop. To enroll, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use the Charleston Catholic organization number **LH615**. Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus Cards are available at the Customer Service

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

- 1.) When you shop at Amazon.com, the AmazonSmile program will donate 0.5% of your purchases to CCHS when you log in to your Amazon account using the address <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0630688> (or by clicking on the link on the School Home section of RenWeb) to enroll in the program.

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

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



HOPE T-SHIRTS - Our annual fundraiser for our summer home repair in Wayne and Mingo Counties will kick off soon. T-shirt orders will be available to students in theology classes and adults can order in the office. There will be a design contest and the color will be decided by a team of students including the winner of the design. The price is \$12 for a short sleeved shirt and \$15 for long sleeves.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

- 1.) Homecoming t-shirts - We have combined our Catholic Schools Week t-shirt contest with our Homecoming t-shirts. Sydney Loew, Mira Bali and Bella Boggs designed our winning t-shirts. Orders will be taken online, April 1-12. T-shirts will be delivered to theology classes. Orders can be placed using [this form](#). The price is \$12 for a short sleeved shirt and \$15 for long sleeves.
- 2.) Many students collected money for Catholic Relief Services using the Rice Bowl program. Anyone with Rice Bowls at home should bring the money they collected to CCHS by Friday, April 30th.
- 3.) In order to be exempt from exams, seniors must complete their community service requirement by Friday, May 7th. All seniors must have their 30 hours completed in order to graduate. Any questions about community service should be brought to Mrs. Linehan Belcher.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEERASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

- 1.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the heavier weight grey jacket and a lighter weight black jacket, both in full zip and quarter zip), white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts are available on the CCHS website. For questions, please contact Kathy Atassi (304-415-0071) for jackets, Marilyn Ford (304-610-4243) for green polos, and Sara Frame (304-389-1241) for white polos. OFFICIAL UNIFORM POLOS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH PVA. Please

note that students who are members of athletic teams and academic competition teams are permitted to wear an official CCHS Kelly green polo shirt with khaki pants to school on designated dates – normally home games and post season games.

2.) **Parent involvement** is a vital component of the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Parent involvement looks different this year than in the past. Your ongoing support and understanding are appreciated as we navigate the athletic program's changing needs. Please continue to cheer on the Irish!

3.) **Athletic family passes** will not be available this year due to the ongoing COVID guidelines and limited attendance policies for athletics.

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

5.) **Cafeteria volunteers** are needed for the upcoming school year. Please contact Stephanie Sullivan at wvsteph23@yahoo.com if you would like to be on the cafeteria schedule for August and September 2021. Most volunteers will need to renew their food handlers cards. Stephanie will give you information for doing so once you have emailed her. Please indicate in your email if it has been more than 2 years since you took your food handlers course.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

END OF YEAR SENIOR EVENTS—Each year, we celebrate our seniors with a number of special events to mark their many achievements. We are planning to host several events for this year's seniors, though the events will be adjusted to accommodate COVID safety protocols. Parents of younger students are involved in planning and volunteering at these events. Please be on the lookout for requests to help and be ready to sign up!

- Freshmen parents will help with Baccalaureate/ Graduation set up and clean up on Saturday, May 29.
- Sophomore parents will help with Project Graduation on Thursday, May 27.

We are so appreciative of your support as we celebrate our outstanding young people!

ATHLETIC UPDATES

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.

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. 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.

WINTER SPORTS UPDATE- We are nearing the end of the delayed winter sports season.

High School:

The Lady Irish are currently ranked 7th in the State and have an impressive resume as they get close to sectional play. They have wins over three top ten AA schools, wins against two AAAA opponents, and a win over a top ten AAA school. The Lady Irish begin sectionals on April 14th.

The boys' basketball team is currently ranked second in the state. The Irish have been rolling recently, winning five straight. They have big wins over Notre Dame, St. Mary's, and Ravenswood. Their sectional play begins April 21st.

The swim team has had a successful season so far, and they are coming off of a winning meet as they prepare to enter Regionals. With multiple individual first place finishes so far this season, the Irish look to make a run in the postseason.

Middle School:

The boys' basketball team is currently number 1 in the conference with a 7-0 record. Unfortunately there will be no conference championship this season. The Irish are looking to end the season strong with an undefeated matchup against Westside on the horizon.

The girls' basketball team is in the top four of the conference. The Lady Irish are just coming off their biggest win of the season so far with a victory on the road vs. John Adams. The Irish only have two games remaining where they will face Elkview and East Bank.

SPRING SPORTS UPDATE—Spring sports are just getting started and will be extended into June. Competition will start on April 12th for the spring season. Please follow our twitter page for updates @cchssports.

LIVE STREAMING OF GAMES—Thanks to all of our sponsors for making live streaming possible during the winter season: Barkada's, Tupta Dentistry, Children's Dentistry, General Steak and Seafood, Apple Pie Embroidery, Hewitt and Salvatore, and Kresta Hill (Old Colony Realtors).

We are hoping to stream some spring sporting events as well and are looking for sponsors to make it possible. If you are interested in sponsoring, please email jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org

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

Please follow our twitter page @cchssports for updates on scheduling, live streams, and other athletic news.

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



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

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 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.

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

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

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

SENIOR YEARBOOK REMINDERS—Senior baby pictures and quotes should be turned in for inclusion in the yearbook. Photos can be emailed to Ms. Marks at gina.marks@charlestoncatholic-crw.org or turned in to Ms. Marks or Mrs. Lycan at school. Don’t forget to plan for your senior ads. Design and payment details should be coordinated with Ms. Marks. Please contact her with any questions.

VIRTUAL STUDENT YEARBOOK PHOTOS—Virtual students who did NOT have school pictures taken at the school should send their own yearbook portrait in the highest resolution to gina.marks@charlestoncatholic-crw.org. Please contact her with any questions.

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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

-to senior Kathryn Lakin for being selected as a winner of the 2021 National Merit Scholarship competition! Students honored each year by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) represent less than one percent of high school seniors in the United States. Approximately 1.6 million juniors from more than 22,000 high schools vied for entrance into the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Finalists who are chosen as scholarship winners are those candidates judged to have the strongest combination of academic skills and achievements, extracurricular accomplishments, and

potential for success in rigorous college studies. 7,500 Finalists will have been selected to receive National Merit Scholarships.

MANY THANKS

- to the Kanawha Charleston Health Department and their community partners for holding a vaccination clinic at Charleston Catholic this week to vaccinate interested students ages sixteen and above as well as any interested parents. What a wonderful opportunity to support the health of our school community!
- to the Parent Volunteer Association for the delicious lunch provided to the faculty before Easter break.

WEATHER CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE – While I hope and pray that winter weather is behind us, I have learned to expect anything this school year, so the guidelines for weather closings are included one more time.

Remember that school closings and delays are texted through Parent Alert, are announced on the CCHS website, and are tweeted through cchsnews.

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

CALENDAR FOR 2020-21

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

Friday, April 2	Good Friday, beginning of Easter Vacation
Monday, April 12	classes resume
Tuesday, April 13	School day SAT for juniors
Week of April 19	spring Homecoming week
Tuesday, April 27- Wednesday, May 5	MAP testing for 6 th through 10 th graders
Monday-Friday, May 3-14	AP Testing
Saturday, May 22	formal evening event for seniors
Thursday, May 27	senior retreat and Project Graduation for seniors
Saturday, May 29	Baccalaureate and Graduation, 9:30 a.m.
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day holiday
Mon/ Tues/ Wed, June 7-9	exams for 6 th - 11 th graders
Wednesday, June 9	Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders

