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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

Fall certainly arrived this week, according to both the calendar and the weather. Fall in West Virginia is something special to behold- the crisp mornings, the beautiful blue skies, the mosaic of colors that takes over the trees. Fall brings unique opportunities, too. Jumping in crunchy leaves is a highlight in my family! Apple and pumpkin picking and hay rides provide us the chance to be outside and to experience the cycles of nature.

As we continue to navigate the challenges of the pandemic, may we take advantage of the opportunities that present themselves and appreciate the wonders of the world around us. Let's focus this fall on the gifts in the world that God has surrounded us with and let's do what we can to be good stewards of those gifts.

I wish you a peaceful fall.

Warmly,

Colleen Hoyer

CONDOLENCES -- We express our sympathy to our students and their families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Nora and Wilkes Aliff's paternal grandmother; Sydney Williamson's father. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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WELCOME!—With great joy, we welcome the newest member of the CCHS community, Violet Ruth Herrick. Violet was born on September 7, weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces and measuring 21 inches. We congratulate Mrs. Andrea Herrick, her husband Jordan, and big sister Josie on Violet's arrival!

STAFFING CHANGES- Mr. William Timmermeyer has moved into the role of ninth and tenth grade theology teacher upon the departure of Mr. O'Leary who accepted a job as the Sports Information Director at Alderson Broaddus University. Scott Bobinger joins the maintenance/ athletic department staff in the role of Assistant Athletic Facility Director/ Maintenance. Welcome, Mr. Timmermeyer and Mr. Bobinger!

ACADEMIC UPDATES

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP NEWS— Earlier this month, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of the 2021 National Merit Semifinalists. It brings great pleasure to recognize three of our seniors who earned the title of National Merit Semifinalist: **Hayden Carriger, Kevin Hayes, and Tiffany Lian!** The National Merit Scholarship competition began last October when the juniors took the PSAT known as the National Merit

Scholarship Qualifying Test. The nationwide pool of semifinalists includes the highest scoring entrants in each state and represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. These seniors have the opportunity to continue in the competition for the National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$30 million that will be offered next spring. We congratulate Hayden, Kevin, and Tiffany, and we wish them success as they strive to become National Merit Finalists.

FIRST QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS—Though it is hard to believe, Friday, September 17, marked the mid-way point of the first quarter. That means that this weekend’s September 26 email contains the halfway point “progress report.” This week, teachers distributed grade sheets to their students, detailing student information on homework, labs, quizzes, tests, etc. Please go over this information with them. As you review your children’s progress reports, take time to help them focus on their successes and analyze areas of difficulty. Help them find balance in their lives, so they can manage academics, athletics and other extracurricular interests, social and religious activities, and family. Help them recognize the connection between hard work and learning.

MAP TESTING- All sixth through tenth graders will complete their first round of MAP testing by Monday! Students appeared focused and worked diligently on their online tests. Teachers will use the information gleaned from test results to design instruction for their students. I hope that students will be motivated to grow in knowledge and improve their scores throughout the year. Score reports and details for parents explaining scores will be sent home with first quarter report cards at the end of October. Students will test again in the winter and spring.

RENWEB UPDATES- Please be sure you have updated your contact information in RenWeb since it is valuable means of communication between home and school. In order to receive the weekly grade reports that are emailed each Sunday around midnight, your email information must be updated in the system. **We also use RenWeb for demographic and medical information which should be entered and updated by parents.** Please log in to ParentsWeb through RenWeb and update your address information by choosing WebForms under School Information. Address information is located in the family demographic form. RenWeb will also be used for periodic emails from school administrators (like the one containing this newsletter!). We will also continue to use our Parent Alert text system (a Ren Web component) as a means of communication, in addition to the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Parent Alert texts will include important time-sensitive information.



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD-- Middle and high school Science Olympiad teams have started practicing this week! Practice schedules (in person and virtual) are on each team's google classroom. The \$25 team fee is due on October 1st. We still need parent volunteers to help out with practices. If you are interested in joining, volunteering, or have questions please email Dr. Fannin at jackie.fannin@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

SCIENCE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY-- Students who are interested in working on a medical research project from Marshall University should contact Dr. Fannin at jackie.fannin@charlestoncatholic-crw.org

CHARLESTON CATHOLIC’S CHAPTER OF THE SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY-- The science department of Charleston Catholic has started a chapter of the Science National Honor Society. Students who meet the qualifications are encouraged to apply. Membership requirements and applications are posted in each science class's google classroom. For more information, please email Dr. Fannin.

STEM-- Dr. Fannin's STEM honors class is collecting cardboard for their cardboard boat regatta until October 1st. If you would like to donate cardboard, please drop off at the school office.

SCIENCE MENTORS--The CCHS science department is looking for individuals who would be willing to be science mentors for students. A science mentor is an individual who is willing to dedicate some of his/her time to help CCHS students practice for the state Science Olympiad tournament or to guide the student through a science fair project related to that individual's area of expertise. We are also looking for science research opportunities for CCHS students. These research opportunities may include projects that are offered through your place of employment and would be a great experience for students to learn about the research process and different science careers. If you are interested in being a science mentor or if you have research opportunities for CCHS students, please email Jackie Fannin at jackie.fannin@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

MU ALPHA THETA APPLICATIONS -- Students in high school math classes (algebra 2 and higher), have received information and applications to join the national mathematics honor society, Mu Alpha Theta. Acceptance requires a 3.0 unweighted average in math classes. Members of Mu Alpha Theta participate in and help run the CCHS Math Club, which provides free math tutoring to CCHS students, plans a Pi Day celebration, and participates in mathematics competitions. It is a wonderful opportunity. Please return your application to Mrs. Walter no later than Friday, October 15.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNIOR CLASS FUNDRAISER -- The juniors are selling pepperoni rolls from Marty's Italian Bakery. The juniors will be taking pre-paid orders from October 8 through October 25 to support the 2022 prom. All juniors will have order forms and they would appreciate your support. Please contact Mrs. Leven at avrah.leven@charlestoncatholic-crw.org if you have any questions.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES -- Parent conferences for all grades are scheduled for Thursday, November 4, from 8 a.m. to noon; 1 to 5 p.m.; and 6 to 9 p.m. There will be no school for students on this day. Details regarding format and scheduling will be coming soon. Scheduling will open on Wednesday, October 20. Please watch for an email in the next few weeks with important directions and details.

CCHS DRAMA IS BACK! --After an 18-month hiatus, Charleston Catholic Drama – returning for our 18th season – is proud to present our revival of our very first show, *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood* by Mary Lynn Dobson, first performed in 2005. It sure is hard to be humble when you're a swashbuckling, egocentric super-hero, but our gallant guy-in-green tries his best as he swaggers through this frantically funny, Monty Python-esque retelling of the classic tale. This time around, the legendary legend, in his never-ending quest to aid the needy, encounters a lovely damsel-in-distress (oddly obsessed with skin conditions); an ever-scheming sheriff who would rather bowl a strike than hit a bull's-eye; a gold-hoarding, bad-guy monarch wannabe; and a good-natured "Town's Lady" who manages to make her way into every scene, whether she belongs there or not. Combine them with an indomitable band of spoon-wielding Merry Men, and you've got an irreverent jaunt through Sherwood Forest you won't soon forget! **Performances will be October 22-23, 2021, at 7:30 pm.** Because of ever-changing conditions related to the pandemic, more information will be available as the show date approaches. Visit the CCHS website for more information coming soon!



COVID COMMUNICATION UPDATES

COVID EXPOSURE REPORTING- We have made strides to return to a more “normal” state at school. However, COVID case numbers continue to be exceptionally high in West Virginia and Kanawha County. We will continue to follow guidelines from the Kanawha Charleston Health Department in order to keep our school community as healthy as we can and to maintain “normal” in person education. **The ongoing and open communication between home and school related to illness and COVID cases and exposures remains of utmost importance. Many thanks for**

keeping us in the loop. If your student displays any COVID symptoms, please keep him/her home from school and contact the school office for return to school guidelines. 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.

VACCINES- As you know, vaccines are available for all West Virginians twelve and over. 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 even after an exposure. Vaccines are available daily at the Kanawha Charleston Health Department, many local pharmacies, and West Virginia Health Right.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

ASBESTOS AND PESTICIDE NOTIFICATIONS- Attached to this email is information regarding asbestos and pesticide use in the school. In compliance with Environmental Protection Agency regulations regarding asbestos management, the letter from the Diocesan Office of Buildings and Properties serves to notify all parents and teachers that there is an Asbestos Management plan on file in the school office. Anyone seeking more detailed information should contact Mr. Villers. Additionally, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture's notification regarding any use of pesticide is also attached. It allows you to request notification should specific levels of pesticides be used in the school building. If you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Villers.

STUDENT PARKING – Father Higgs has made parking spots available to our students on the gated lot on Quarrier St. across from the YWCA. Students will pay \$60/ month or \$240 for the first semester and \$300 for the second semester plus a \$10 deposit for a gate access card. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart. Spots will be assigned on a first come, first

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 app for potential use in the book. You can share photos of sporting events and practices, school & community events, or other school events. 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!

NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT MAILINGS -- Non-custodial parents who would like to receive copies of report cards should send a current mailing address to Mrs. Lovejoy in the school office. The list and labels are updated each year, so please be sure to notify Mrs. Lovejoy of your request.

VIRTUS– Be sure you're on board 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. To begin, visit the VirtusOnline.org and choose the online option. Allow 1- 1½ hours to complete the program. Print out the certificate of completion and submit it to Mr. Villers. It is still necessary to complete the background check and sexual abuse awareness statement which can be done by clicking on the link at the school website at www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org. If you have questions, please call Mr. Villers.

Adults who volunteer, coach, or chaperone, may be asked to update background and policy forms. Background checks must be updated every three to five years depending on your role in the school. Policy questionnaires should be updated if they were signed before 2014. Current Diocese guidelines do not require volunteers to update the training portion of VIRTUS. Please contact Mr. Villers with any questions and to update your forms.

APPOINTMENTS -- We strongly encourage you to make doctor's appointments after the school day so that students do not miss valuable instructional time. However, we know that this is not always possible. If your child must leave school for an appointment during the school day, **PLEASE EMAIL THE APPOINTMENT DETAILS TO THE SCHOOL AT** appointments@charlestoncatholic-crw.org **by 8:30 a.m.** The student will NOT come to the office before 8 a.m. to get an appointment slip. The office will update this information in the daily report. If a student is being picked up by a parent/guardian, the parent will call the office upon their arrival and the office staff will call to the student's class to dismiss them, or the parent may come in to the office to sign out the student. If a student is checking him/herself out for an appointment, he/she will come to the office to sign out before leaving. All students will need to stop in the main office when they return after their appointments to sign in.

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.

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.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE- There is available office space available for lease in the CCHS Athletic Facility located on Dee Drive in the Hillcrest Office Park. If you are interested in learning more, please call the school office and ask for information.

SCHOOL SPIRIT SHOP— The school spirit shop is stocked and open for business. We have a variety of gear ranging from ball caps, scarves and hats (photos below!), and canvas totes. Order forms and information are available by calling the office at 304-342-8415. Show your Irish pride!



NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

- 1.) **PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT** -- Wednesday, October 13th. The Preliminary SAT, also known as the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), is a practice version of the SAT exam given to all juniors and sophomores. 8th and 9th graders will take the PSAT 8/9 (a version of this test designed specifically for this age group). Please make sure that students are well-rested and have eaten a good breakfast on test day! The test is offered for free through the state and there is no need to pre-register.
- 2.) SAT and ACT testing and registration information is available online at --www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org (CCHS code: 490-205). All juniors should take each test at least once this year. All seniors should retake the tests before January if they would like to do better before applying to college.
- 3.) Junior and senior parents – if you have not been receiving Mrs. Herrick's updates about college visits, scholarships, etc., please email her at andrea.herrick@charlestoncatholic-crw.org to be added to her list.

4.) College Visits: While Mrs. Herrick is on maternity leave, Mrs. McLaughlin will handle college visit requests. Students should pick up the forms from her office 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. All college visits must be made before May 1.

FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES REQUIREMENTS – All students should submit their fine art/humanities critiques using the Google Form posted to their English teachers' Google Classrooms. Paper forms will no longer be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact your child's English teacher.



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 Carrie Groom (304-546-4927) for jackets, Kristina Whiteaker (304-610-5544) 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 designated by the principal.

2. **Cafeteria volunteers**– Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help. **WE STILL NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS.** It's not too late to get on the first semester schedule. Please take notice of the weekly reminder emails as the lunch times may vary based upon mass schedules and alternate bell schedules. If there is a change in schedule, it will be noted in the reminder email. All cafeteria volunteers should be COVID vaccinated and have a food handler card (see below).

****The Kanawha-Charleston Health Department requires all cafeteria volunteers to have a food handler card. Cards must be renewed every two years. In order to be in compliance with this requirement, 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 (304-807-0377 or wvsteph23@yahoo.com) for an access code. **Upon completion please submit a copy to the office which will be kept on file at the school and Athletic Facility.** ****

3. **Parent involvement** is a vital component of the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Helping transport students to games and practices, working gates and concession stands, being supportive of the players and coaches, and attending games. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams!

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. Passes may be purchased during registration days at the PVA table. An order form for sports passes was also included in the PVA Parent Registration Packet so you may order them later in the semester. Please contact Stephanie Hopkins (304-807-0052) if you have questions about these passes.

5. **PVA packets** including volunteer forms and all ordering forms for logo jackets, white polos, and green polos are available on the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Completed forms are still being accepted in the school office.



The Campus Ministry Office is pleased to share the following service opportunities. Please keep in mind that all service requires prudent choices to limit the spread of Covid-19. Plan to wear a mask for any indoor service and to follow all guidelines required by the service site.

- 1.) Charleston Sled Hockey, adaptive ice hockey for people with physical disabilities, begins their 7th season on October 4th. Middle or high school students who ice skate are needed as volunteers to help at practice. Practice is at the South Charleston Memorial Ice Arena on Mondays from 5:45 -6:45 p.m. from October until mid-March with 2 weeks off over the holidays. To volunteer, contact Linda Streets: charlestonnwvsledhockey@gmail.com or call 304-419-3368.
- 2.) The Knights of Columbus is partnering with Sacred Heart Parish for a food packing event to help end world hunger! This is a hand-on service project engaging all ages to pack bags of nutrient-rich food for hungry children and families around the world. 100,000 meals will be packed at Sacred Heart Pavilion, 205 Leon Sullivan Way, on Saturday, October 16, beginning at 8 a.m. To volunteer, contact Jack Walsh: john.walsh@kofc.org.
- 3.) Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center is looking for volunteers to help with grounds keeping or to help with events that they are hosting. To learn more, contact Gerri Wright at 304-342-0507 or gwright@dwc.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

CLAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT— Good news! Despite the need for a change in logistics and distribution, our long tradition of a Christmas project with the families of Clay County will continue. Each year approximately 400 children and their families are served through this project which highlights the bond between families in Clay County and the CCHS/ SHGS community. Parents and businesses willing to donate goods or funds should contact the school office -- cash donations are needed to assist with extra stocking stuffers and miscellaneous needs. The entire school is involved in the project: getting stockings, providing gifts for specific children, stuffing stockings, bagging gifts by family, loading trucks, and on and on. The gift delivery will take place in Clay County on Saturday, December 4. We will follow the same procedures as last year and will organize a drop off of our packages rather than hosting a Christmas party. Parishioners from Risen Lord Catholic Church will manage a drive by distribution for families after we deliver the gifts. We will not host a party at the church this year.



The timetable for the Clay County Christmas Project is:

- 1.) **Tuesday, November 23 (at the latest)**- Students will receive the name and other information about their Clay County children. Students are asked to purchase a \$35 gift. Please do not exceed the \$35 limit but buy as much as you can for \$35. Try to hit right at the mark! It is very difficult on families when children within the same family do not receive "equitable" gifts. If a CCHS student is unable to participate in this aspect of the Clay County Christmas Project, please alert Mrs. Hoyer. Parents wishing to help with gifts for additional children are encouraged to inquire in the office.

2.) Tuesday, November 30 – Stockings and stocking stuffers are due to theology teachers. We try to fill 400-500 stockings, so we count on each student to bring in the requested items. Each student needs to bring a 12-14 inch stocking (about \$2) along with their grade level's stocking stuffer assignment. The dollar store is a great resource for these items. We are providing this information now so you can keep an eye out for bargains!

Each 6th, 7th, and 8th grader: One 12 to 14 inch stocking to be filled, 3 small boxes of crayons (8 or 16 count), 2 thin coloring books, 5 mechanical pencils, 2 chapsticks, 2 small bottles (2- 3 oz) of hand sanitizer, and 1 pair of stretchy gloves-one size fits all.

Each high school student: One 12 to 14 inch stocking to be filled, 2 hairbrushes, 2 tubes of toothpaste, 2 toothbrushes individually packaged, 2 chapsticks and 1 pair of stretchy gloves-one size fits all.

EXTRA ITEMS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

3.) Tuesday, November 30- Food items are due -- Each homeroom will be preparing food boxes. Each student will be asked to provide specific food items. The majority of the food boxes are being provided by Sacred Heart Grade School children. CCHS students help fill the remainder of the boxes required by the number of families participating. Students will sign up for food items in their homerooms.

4.) **Wednesday, December 1** - Wrapped gifts are due with the family number and Clay County child's name securely taped on the front.

5.) **Friday, December 3-** Bags of wrapped gifts are collected and trucks are packed with gift bags and food boxes.

6.) **Saturday, December 4-** Items are delivered to Risen Lord Parish in Maysel.

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

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— Supporting Charleston Catholic when you shop is easy to do!

- 1.) The **Kroger Community Rewards is a simple but beneficial program.** To enroll, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use the Charleston Catholic organization number **LH615**. **If you are already enrolled, you do not need to update your account.** Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus Cards are available at the Customer Service desk at any Kroger. To participate in the program, just register your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card (as outlined above)**, use the card when you checkout, and Charleston Catholic will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis.
- 2.) When you shop at Amazon.com, the AmazonSmile program will donate 0.5% of your purchases to CCHS when you log in to your Amazon account using the address <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0630688> (or by clicking on the link on the School Home section of RenWeb) to enroll in the program.

HOPE 2021 RECAP – During the week of August 1-6, Charleston Catholic students, teachers, parents and alumni, helped make the homes of **five** Wayne and Mingo County low-income families **warmer, safer and drier**.

Participating from Charleston Catholic were 21 junior and senior class members and 20 adults. Our group from Charleston Catholic partnered with Bill and Addie Likens who coordinate the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission in Dunlow, WV, an outreach center sponsored by the Presbyterian Church. For the past 18 years the Likens have offered a variety of community services through the Dunlow Community Center. Services include a food bank that serves 300-400 families a month; an after-school program for area children; and a home repair and new home construction program for low income families. Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission hosted 5 weeks of volunteers for the home repair/construction program over the summer. The Likens made it possible to offer our HOPE project as one of these five weeks. They were gracious hosts who, together with volunteers from the local community, provided delicious meals and met the other needs of our group. Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission provided us the structure to make significant repairs at the homes of three families and to assist in the **construction of new homes for two families**. Along with mass Wednesday evening at Sacred Heart in Williamson, WV, and our evening programs offering an opportunity for reflection and prayer, Bill Likens shared his own story of growing up in a very low income family in southern Wayne County.

Significant work by our work teams moved two new homes closer to completion, including all the drywall finishing of one home in preparation for painting. A dedication and blessing of each of these houses is scheduled for October. Other of our work teams made **substantial repairs at 3 houses including the installation of a new metal roof on a double wide trailer, and the construction of handicap ramps at the houses of two other senior citizen households.**

All repairs and new construction were completed at no cost to the families. All labor was donated. Funds for the building materials were provided by generous donations from members of the Charleston Catholic community. We made a **\$25,000** donation for the cost of building materials for one of the new houses to Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission. We have committed ourselves to raising **\$25,000 by next summer to construct a new house for a family** served by the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission, which our HOPE volunteers will help build in June 2022. HOPE is scheduled for June 26- July 1.



ATHLETIC UPDATES

SPORTSMANSHIP AT CCHS – Extracurricular activities, play a critical role in the development of well-rounded young people. Students learn valuable lessons about teamwork, competition, hard work, and sportsmanship through their participation. Because of the consistent success of our athletic program, there is often increased attention on our athletes, coaches, and families. **When attending CCHS events, all community members must consistently uphold the Charleston Catholic High School values of sportsmanship, integrity, respect, and community.** It is easy to get carried away in the emotion of the moment; however, our athletes, coaches, parents, and fans should remain positive and focus on supporting our student athletes and our coaches. Charleston Catholic is committed to ensuring that sportsmanship is always a part of our athletic programs. We will require participation in the National Federation of State High School Association’s sportsmanship course in the event that a student athlete, student, parent, or fan is ejected from a contest by an official of the sport. The course must be completed for further participation or admittance to athletic contests. In addition, the person ejected from a game must sit out 10% or more of the total number of regular season games (e.g., 2 soccer/basketball, 3 baseball/softball, etc.) following the ejection. For more information about the NFHS course, which gives a better understanding of sportsmanship and how it impacts the educational process, go to www.nfhslearn.com.



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. To be eligible for practice, students must be at school for the majority of the school day. Students are also expected to be on time each morning following an athletic event. Students who have long standing medical appointments, family funerals to attend, or other similar instances may be excused at the discretion of Mr. Villers. Although suspensions are rare at CCHS, when a student is suspended at school, that student is also suspended from athletic practices, games, etc. for the FULL DAY on the day(s) suspended (i.e., if a student is suspended for a Tuesday, the suspension includes involvement in any school activities -- sports, social, etc. -- for Tuesday evening also). In addition, if a student is suspended for a Friday, the suspension holds for Friday evening but does not continue for Saturday unless the student is also suspended for Monday.

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. To limit exposure, it is strongly encourage to avoid carpools for away games and for each student athlete to ride with a parent or adult over the age of 21 from his/her household.

FALL SPORTS UPDATE-- The fall sports teams are mid-season and are enjoying success!

- The **high school golf team** has been posting very low scores this season. Warner Murad has posted the lowest score multiple times this season. They will be competing in regionals at Pipestem Resort on September 27th. The State Tournament will be October 5th and 6th in Wheeling.
- The **cross country teams** have been running very well at both the middle and high school levels. The middle school boys finished 1st at the Irish Invitational which included most of the county teams. The middle school girls have finished in the top three multiple times this season. Bella Boggs finished first overall in the Irish Invitational! The high school teams are doing really well also, finishing in the top ten in several meets to date. According to Coach Ingraham, they have been competing in very tough meets and have done extremely well. They are ready for regionals which will be October 21st.
- The **high school girls' soccer team** is 8-3 so far this season. The young Lady Irish have some big wins on their resume including Winfield, Parkersburg, and Phillip Barbour.
- **The high school boys' soccer team** is currently 3-3-2 under first year head coach Joe Johns. The Irish are competing very well with a tough schedule.
 - o Soccer sectionals will be October 18- 23.
- In the Kanawha County Conference, the **middle school girls' soccer team** is 7-0! The **middle school boys' soccer team** is 4-0-1. The County Championship Tournament will be October 25- October 27.
- The **middle school volleyball team** is 4-1 and ranked 3rd in the County. The Irish are led by first year head coach Chuck Pleska. They have had an amazing season so far! The County Tournament date has yet to be announced, but it will take place at WV State.
- **The high school volleyball team** is 8-7 this year so far. Last year the Lady Irish finished their season 6-21. The young Lady Irish have improved a lot this season and have competed with a very strong schedule. Sectionals will be November 1-4.

Best wishes to the fall athletes as they approach the end of the season tournament play! Go Irish!



HANDBOOK REMINDERS

UNIFORM UPDATE – Uniform shorts will be permitted until October 15. As the weather gets cooler, remember that team apparel (including sweatshirts and jackets) is not an approved part of the uniform and should not be worn in the building during school hours. Uniform jackets are available through the PVA.

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. Also, any medications kept at school for various reasons – e.g., asthma, allergies, etc. – should be sent to the office in a bag with the doctor's order, and an allergy or other medical plan, if applicable. Over the counter medicine such as Advil, cough drops, etc. need to be in a plastic bag with student's name clearly marked and with specific information stating when such items should be dispensed. **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. Please call the school to make arrangements for medications that are prescribed during the year.

MANY THANKS

- to Bishop Brennan and superintendent Mary Ann Deschaine for celebrating mass with us this week and for taking time to visit the school. Bishop Brennan was eager to visit classrooms and meet our students. We are so appreciative that he was able to spend time with us!
- to our outstanding PVA volunteers! Their willingness to offer support in so many different ways-- from working tables at registration to providing a delicious first day of school lunch for teachers, to serving lunch every day to working the gate and concession stand at sporting events, helps keep our school running smoothly. We are so blessed to have such a strong partnership.
- to our fall coaches for a strong start to the year and for challenging our student athletes to be the best they can be, both in skill and in effort and attitude.

CALENDAR

UPDATED 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 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.

<p>Wednesday, October 13 Friday, October 22 Fri/Sat, October 22-23 Thursday, November 4 Thursday, November 11 Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, November 24- 26 Saturday, December 4 Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, December 15- 17 Monday, December 20- Friday, December 31 Monday, January 3 Friday, January 14 Monday, January 17 Monday, January 31- Friday, February 4 Monday, February 21 Wednesday, February 23 Friday, March 18 Monday, April 11- Monday, April 18 Tuesday, April 19 Monday-Friday, May 2-13 Saturday, May 21 Thursday, May 26 Friday, May 27 Monday, May 30 Wed/Thurs/Friday June 1- 3 Friday, June 3</p>	<p>PSAT for 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders end of first quarter Drama Performance Parent Teacher Conferences Veterans Day-no school Thanksgiving Break Clay County Christmas Distribution exams, 11:15 dismissal</p> <p>Christmas Break classes resume end of second quarter, first semester Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-no school Catholic Schools Week Presidents Day-no school Golden Horseshoe Test for 8h graders end of 3rd quarter Easter Break</p> <p>classes resume AP Testing prom Baccalaureate, in evening graduation and Project Graduation Memorial Day-no school exams, 11:15 dismissal 8th grade moving up ceremony</p>
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