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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Teaching character, compassion, and confidence to the youth of West Virginia for over 90 years

Dear parents and students,

At Charleston Catholic High School, we focus on educating the hearts and minds of our young people. Our reputation of academic excellence speaks for itself. Our students' college acceptance rate, scholarship awards, and national recognitions are outstanding. Beyond that, though, is the heart. It's important that we are shaping the hearts of our young people and teaching them how to be good, caring people who show compassion and kindness to those around them.

As I visited classrooms over the last few weeks, I saw emphasis on empathy in multiple rooms. The ninth grade health classes were learning about friendships and how to support each other. They were reviewing the definition of *empathy*—the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. In the tenth grade English classes, they were finishing their study of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and writing essays about empathy and compassion between characters. These examples are wonderful ways to get our young people thinking about how to treat others.

We also have to put our words into action. Next week, during the week of All Saints Day, in the Communion of Saints as acts of fraternal charity, we will participate in a drive for Catholic Charities West Virginia. They are embarking on a project to provide necessary, every day supplies for those in need. We will help by donating items to support some of our neighbors. The competition with Huntington St. Joe's is a fun addition to the project, but the purpose is to practice the corporal works of mercy by engaging our young people in caring for others. I hope that by donating some of the everyday items that we have in excess, students may imagine what is like not to have their basic needs met and feel empathy for others.

Empathy does not have to be shown in grand gestures, though. It's in our daily interactions with one another- how we greet them, how we respond to their requests for help, how we act when someone else is hurt or struggling. I hope that we are showing love in our small actions- speaking and writing kindly, supporting efforts to build our community, and reaching out to include those who are marginalized. A smile and a friendly, welcoming action can make a world of difference. They can also make our world the kind of place we want our children to grow up in.

Thank you for you all you do to support our community and to support our young people as they learn to love one another.

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: Peyton Johnstone's maternal grandfather; Brooke Puskas' maternal grandfather; Hendrix Vir's paternal grandmother; Jude Griffith's maternal great-grandmother (math teacher Mrs. Griffith's grandmother); and Jacob Higgins maternal grandfather. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

STAFFING CHANGES- We are pleased to add three new faces to our staff. Darrell Hill has joined the maintenance staff and is working here at the school building. He brings a variety of experiences, and we are thrilled to have his knowledge! We also welcome John Dever who will be a part of the Theology department as Assistant Campus Minister. Mr. Dever will be involved with liturgy planning and community service coordination. Finally, we welcome Susie Murad to our kitchen staff. Mrs. Murad will be helping out while Mrs. Reynolds recovers from her shoulder injury. Please welcome these three new staff members to our community!

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

FIRST QUARTER REPORT CARDS ARE ON THE WAY – First quarter report cards were mailed today. Please take some time to review all aspects of the report card with your child(ren). Discuss quarter grades, conduct grades, and teacher comments. Consider whether any relationship exists between behavior and achievement. Ask your child to consider what they found challenging and where they were successful. Quarter grade point averages are included at the bottom of the quarter one column. The cumulative GPA is based solely on semester grades. The cumulative GPA reported on the current report card is a student's grade point average as of June 2021. Remember, students must have **an unweighted 2.0 semester GPA (not cumulative)** in order to be eligible to participate in athletics. Freshmen and middle school students do not have cumulative GPAs at this time. Earlier this week, teachers provided students with printouts that include details of first quarter grades which should offer additional information about their grades.

PLAN FOR SECOND QUARTER ACHIEVEMENT—Report card time provides you and your child(ren) with a wonderful opportunity to discuss achievements and areas for growth. It is important to recognize the effort that students put in and to commend them for their hard work. However, it is also time to evaluate what didn't go as well as hoped. The information in the detailed gradesheets sent via RenWeb email and provided to students by their teachers this week is valuable. Do you see zeros or points recorded for one-half of the total possible? Zeros often indicate that an assignment/homework/paper/etc. was not turned in at all or was turned in more than one day late. Look at test grades and determine if study habits are working. Students should consider how hard they worked and what results they saw. Are they paying attention in class? Are they doing the reading assignments? Are they completing written assignments? Allow students to identify what is working for them and what is not. Come up with new strategies for areas of difficulty. Using this reflection, they are able to set realistic goals for the grades they would like to earn in each class this quarter.

STUDY SKILLS THAT MAY SUPPORT ACADEMIC SUCCESS – As we move into the second quarter, there are a number of things students can do that have the potential to make a big difference. Please review this list and work with your children to make sure they're doing all they can (and should!) be doing.

- 1) Student should read the sections of the chapter BEFORE it is taught in class. By doing so, they develop mental hooks to hang information on during class presentations. Students sometimes consider reading assignments unnecessary- this couldn't be further from the truth!
- 2) Students should turn in ALL assignments. Often they haven't written them down in their assignment books so they completely forget they have them and fail to turn them in.
- 3) Students should take good notes in class. In many cases, they write down the outline a teacher has written on the board, but they don't fill it in with additional information that has been discussed or presented. Sometimes they believe that they can absorb the information just by sitting in class and listening. **Research shows that students are more likely to remember information when they take notes in their own handwriting.** Their notes should be meaningful to them and often need to be much more detailed than the teacher's general outline.
- 4) Students should review their notes before tests and quizzes. Similarly, they should use corrected past quizzes and tests as resources to review so that missed material is learned.
- 5) Studying is an active process. Staring at a textbook or notebook will not help students learn information. Try highlighting, making flash cards, creating graphic organizers, or writing and taking practice tests with the information.
- 6) Students must ask their teachers for help. If your child doesn't ask questions in class, then teachers will not know if or why the child is confused.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR – Teachers have established clear guidelines for students' in class and school behavior. Expectations for students – academically and behaviorally – are quite high, as they should be. Students who receive Ns or Us in conduct are not meeting school behavioral expectations. Administrators may add behavioral consequences and follow up with students when such incidents occur and will set expectations for behavior improvements.

RENWEB UPDATES – We continue to use RenWeb as a valuable communication tool, so please make sure the demographic information you have entered is accurate. We use this data to generate address labels for any school mailings, as well as for email addresses which are a vital means of communication. Please update any medical information that we need to have regarding your child as well. We also use the Parent Alert Communication component of RenWeb for important messages, such as any school closings or notifications from the office. These alerts will come as a text message to your phone so it is also important that we have an up to date cell phone number.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Though it is hard to believe, exams will be here before we know it. Keep in mind that we administer exams before Christmas, but the semester does not close until January 14. From January 3 (when classes resume) through January 14, teachers will be covering new material which will be calculated into the second quarter and first semester grade. All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. 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.

6 th grade:	Wednesday, 12/15	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/16	exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/17	exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
7th/8th grades*:	Tuesday, 12/14	exam for period 4 (8:00 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Wednesday, 12/15	exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:00 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/16	exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:00 dismissal
	Friday, 12/17	exams for periods 1 and 2; 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 period to prepare for other exams.

High school:	Tuesday, 12/14	exam for period 4 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 dismissal
	Wednesday, 12/15	exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/16	exams for periods 3 and 6; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/17	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal

MAP TESTING- Family Reports with student achievement information from the September MAP tests for sixth through tenth graders are included in the report card mailing. The Family Report provides details on each student’s national percentile and RIT score. They also include details on the student’s growth from fall 2019 to spring 2021 if they took MAP last year at any school (not just at CCHS). Students will test again in January and April. If you have questions about your child’s MAP scores, please contact Meredith Aubel at Meredith.aubel@charlestoncatholic@charlestoncatholic-crw.org or 304-342-8415.

SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY-- CCHS had their first official Science National Honor society meeting in October. The CCHS Science National Honor society will be providing social media updates for the science department, tutoring, and inviting guest speakers throughout the school year. For news and updates you can follow the science department on Instagram ([cchs.science](https://www.instagram.com/cchs.science)) and Snapchat ([cchs-science](https://www.snapchat.com/add/cchs-science)). Science tutoring will be offered on Thursdays from 3 pm to 4 pm after school in the Commons starting in November. Students who are interested in tutoring will have to sign up for sessions beforehand due to COVID health guidelines. If you work in a science-related field and would like to be a guest speaker please email Dr. Fannin at jackie.fannin@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD-- CCHS Science Olympiad would like to thank all of those who supported the team by purchasing Krispy Kreme doughnuts! There will be upcoming holiday fundraisers to help us raise money for the state tournament at Marshall University in March. For more information follow the science department on Instagram ([cchs.science](https://www.instagram.com/cchs.science)) and Snapchat ([cchs-science](https://www.snapchat.com/add/cchs-science)).



COVID COMMUNICATION UPDATES

COVID EXPOSURE REPORTING- We have made it through the fall with a minimal number of COVID cases and COVID quarantines. 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. **Ongoing and open**

communication between home and school related to illness and COVID cases and exposures remains of utmost importance. 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/positive case 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 or positive case during school office hours.

VACCINES- As you know, vaccines are available for all West Virginians twelve and over. It looks like younger children, ages 5-11, may be eligible as well in the near future. Fully vaccinated people are exempt from quarantine after an exposure unless they begin to experience symptoms. That means fully vaccinated students 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES -- Parent conferences for all grades are scheduled on Thursday, November 4, for all students and on Tuesday, November 9, from 1-5 pm for seventh and eighth grade students. **There will be NO SCHOOL for students on November 4. Seventh and eighth graders will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on November 9. Assignments for their afternoon classes will be posted in Google Classroom.**

Parents will meet with teachers for 10 minutes. Conferences between 8 and 12 pm will be virtual using Meet the Teacher. Specific details for running a video conference are attached to this email. Meet the Teacher times the conferences and automatically ends each conference at the 10 minute mark. Conferences between 1 and 5 pm and 6 and 9 pm will be in person in each teacher's classroom. All seventh and eighth grade conferences on November 9 will be virtual.

Teachers will begin conferences by asking you what you would like to know about your child. You will have just received the first quarter report card so your questions might focus on comments made on the report card, or on academic achievement, organizational skills (e.g., is child prepared for class, submitting work on time, etc.), or social aspects (e.g., getting along socially, asking content-specific questions, etc.).

FREE MATH TUTORING-- As a service to Charleston Catholic students, our school's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta provides free math tutoring. This year, the tutoring service will take place in the Commons on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. If a student is interested in getting some free peer math tutoring, they will need to sign up in advance using the Google Form shared through their math teacher's Google Classroom. If you have any questions, email Mrs. Griffith at sarah.griffith@charlestoncatholic-crw.org, Mrs. Walter at jean.walter@charlestoncatholic-crw.org, or Ms. Elliott at sarah.elliott@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER DANCE- A decision has not yet been made on whether the high school will have a Winter Waltz. Determination will be made the first week of January based on the COVID cases and situation at that time.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

APPOINTMENTS -- We strongly encourage you to make doctor's appointments after the school day so that students do not miss important class time. However, we recognize 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.

NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT MAILINGS -- Non-custodial parents who would like to receive copies of report cards and newsletters should send \$12 and 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.

SCHOOL SPIRIT SHOP— Cold weather--and state soccer tournaments!-- are coming. We have a variety of gear ranging from ball caps, scarves and hats (photos below!), and canvas totes. Hats are \$18 and scarves are \$20. Buy both for \$33! An order form is attached to the email. If you are interested in ordering any spirit wear, please submit the order form and payment to the school or call the office at 304-342-8415. Go Irish!



VIRTUS— Make sure you're 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. 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.

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.



WANT YOUR PHOTOS IN THE YEARBOOK? - 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**

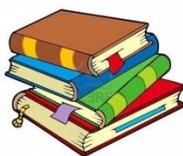
Be sure to share photos as soon as possible so that our staff can integrate them prior to their quarterly deadlines!

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.

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

- 1.) **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.
- 2.) **College Visits:** Mrs. McLaughlin handles 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.
- 3.) **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.
- 4.) **The PROMISE Scholarship Application** (www.cfvw.com/promise) and **2022-2023 FAFSA** (www.fafsa.gov) are now available; both are due by March 1, 2022. Seniors must apply by the March 1 deadline, even if they do not currently meet the test score or GPA requirements. The PROMISE application and tutorial link are available at cfvw.com/promise. Students can contact the WVHEPC office with questions at 304-558-4618 or PROMISE@wvhepc.edu.



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. 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. Please help how you can and cheer on the Irish!
- 4.) **Athletic family passes** are available through the PVA. Please consider purchasing a pass as we move from fall to winter sports. 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 may still be turned in to the school office.



- 1.) With the observance of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, the month of November is a time to remember those who have gone before us. Charleston Catholic has a Book of Remembrance, with names of deceased loved ones, which will be located just outside the office of our building. Over the years, students have shared names of loved ones they would like remembered in prayer by our school community. Your loved ones will be kept in our prayers throughout November.
- 2.) Huntington St. Joe's has challenged Charleston Catholic and Sacred Heart Grade School to a Competitive Drive for Catholic Charities during the first week of November. We're calling it the All Saints Week Drive. Beginning All Saints Day, which is November 1st, the following items will be collected at grade levels:
 - 6 - hard mint candy and white socks
 - 7 - nutrition bars and gallon and/or quart size zip lock bags
 - 8 - plastic rain ponchos and disposable razors
 - 9 - individual hand-warmers and white socks
 - 10 - travel pillows and hand wipes
 - 11 - personal hygiene items and bottled water
 - 12 - men's white (only white) briefs and deodorant

Any of these items are welcome from any grade level.

Items should be delivered to first period classes then they will be moved to the Chapel to be sorted.
- 3.) Vocations Awareness Week is Nov. 7-13. Celebrating the vocations of marriage, religious life, and holy orders, we will reflect each day on how people who have come before us have fully lived their vocations. Please consider joining the entire diocese in the prayers for vocations the second week of November.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

CLAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT— Plans are progressing for our modified Clay County Christmas this year. Approximately 400 children and their families will again be 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.

Any family unable to participate our Clay County Christmas project should email Colleen Hoyer at admin@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

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

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP—For those of you starting to think about holiday shopping, please keep Charleston Catholic in mind. It's easy to do! Thanks to all of you who are supporting CCHS in this way.

- 1) It is simple to use the **Kroger Community Rewards program, and it greatly benefits the school.** 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.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

FALL SPORTS UPDATE- Fall sports are coming to the close but there is still plenty of excitement yet to come!

- The **high school cross country teams** have had a very impressive season this year. The Lady Irish won the Kanawha County Championship. Aurelia Kirby won Freshman of the Year in the County and finished 2nd overall in the meet. Hannah Fisher finished 3rd in the County. Hilton Ingraham was named Kanawha County Coach of the Year. The Lady Irish won the Regional Championship this year as well. Aurelia Kirby was the individual Regional Champion. The boys finished runner up in the County Championship. Isaac Collins was Freshman of the Year in Kanawha County. The boys finished 2nd in Regionals. Both teams qualified for the State Meet which will be Saturday October 30th at Cabell Midland. We wish them much success!
- **Middle school boys' cross country** finished a terrific season as County Champions! Luke Passmore finished 3rd, Peter Basdekis finished 4th, Teddy Passmore finished 5th, and Charlie Barton finished 6th in the Kanawha County Championship Meet.

- **Middle school girls' cross country** finished an impressive 4th place in the County Meet. Bella Boggs finished 3rd overall!
- The **high school girls' soccer team** is once again headed to Beckley! The Irish dominated sectionals and regionals on their way to becoming Regional Champions. The Lady Irish enter the State Tournament as the #1 seed and will take on Oak Glen in the first round on Friday, November 5th at 4:30 p.m. Special congratulations to Coach Mullen on being named 2020-2021 Coach of the Year! She will be recognized during the State Tournament.
- The **high school boys' soccer team** is rolling as they head into the State Tournament. The Irish are on a 14 game win streak! The Irish went through sectionals and regionals without allowing a goal. The boys enter the State Tournament as a #2 seed and will take on Fairmont Senior in the first round. This is a rematch of last year's finals, and it will take place on November 5th at 11:30 a.m. in Beckley.
- In the Kanawha County Conference, the **middle school girls' soccer team** finished the season undefeated! They also won the County Championship game over John Adams 1-0! Congratulations, Lady Irish and Coach Aubry on an outstanding year!
- The **middle school boys' soccer team** finished tied for first place in the County in regular season standings. They advanced to the County Championship game after defeating South Charleston in the semi-finals. The Irish fell short in the championship game and finished as County Tournament Runners-up. Congratulations, Irish and Coach Bown on a great season!
- The **middle school volleyball team** showed major improvement over the course of the season, finishing 3rd in the County! The Lady Irish fell short in the County Tournament losing in the semifinals. It was an excellent year for the team and Coach Pleska.
- The **high school volleyball team** is 15-13 this season so far. They will begin the sectional tournament on Monday, November 1st, and will enter the tournament as a #2 seed. The Irish will host Webster County at the Athletic Facility at 6:00 p.m. The Lady Irish are looking to make the State Tournament for the first time since 2016.
- The **golf team** finished their season as 3rd in the Region. Warner Murad earned a spot in the State tournament with a second place finish in the Regional. Warner finished 10th overall in the State Tournament.
- Congratulations to the **high school cheerleaders** who placed 6th overall in the WVSSAC Gameday competition. The Irish finished above all other single A schools! The cheerleaders can be seen on the sideline this winter supporting our basketball teams.

WINTER SPORTS ARE HERE—Practices will be starting soon for winter sports. Please contact the coaches listed below if you are interested in a sport this season.

Middle School Cheerleading- Jake Nelson – jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org

Middle School Boys Basketball-Jeff Blaydes- jblaydes@hotmail.com

Middle School Girls Basketball- Dennis Thornburg- dthornburg1340@gmail.com

High School Boys Basketball- Hunter Moles- coach.moles@yahoo.com

High School Girls Basketball- Wes Hevener - wdhevener@gmail.com

High School Swimming- Katie Paulson- katie.paulsonwv@gmail.com

Follow our athletic programs by checking out the new athletic website at charlestoncatholicirish.com.



HANDBOOK REMINDERS

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION, MEDIA DEVICES, AND SOCIAL MEDIA-- Personal electronic devices including, but not limited to, cell phones, tablets, and iPods, have become an everyday part of life. However, the personal use of such devices is not permitted during the school day. **Electronic devices must be out of sight and disabled during the school day, upon entering the school building** from 7:45 a.m. (or upon entering the building after 7:45) until 2:45 p.m. E-readers may be used for academic purposes in high school English courses if permission has been granted by parents and the privilege has not been withdrawn by school faculty. Such devices must be turned OFF and out of sight upon leaving the high school English classroom and should not be in use anywhere else during the school day. **Cell phones may not be used in locker rooms or restrooms.** Students violating this requirement will have their item confiscated and turned into the office. The school office staff will notify parents of violations. Any subsequent violations will result in a fine of \$25. Repeat offenders may also be required to turn their device into the office at the beginning of each school day.

Smartwatches are becoming more prevalent in our daily use. Smartwatches that become distracting may be taken by the teacher. Smartwatches are prohibited during test days without exception. Smartwatches that are taken and given to the office will be treated as a cell phone and have the same consequences.

Social Media

Social media and networking are increasingly useful and prominent in our society. Charleston Catholic High School attempts to provide a safe environment for all individuals in terms of social networking, blogs, and any online publishing.

- The official use of the school logo and name are not permitted to be used on any personal online sources-blogs, websites, private groups, etc. without the written permission of the principal.
- Before publishing pictures of students online please consider parental wishes.
- Publishing disparaging and/or defamatory comments about the school or anyone in the school community is not permitted.
 - Engagement in online activities, such as, but not limited to, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. may result in disciplinary actions if the content of student or parent's accounts includes defamatory comments regarding the school, the faculty, or other students.

MANY THANKS

- to the PVA for their ongoing support. The Wish List gifts are a delightful treat!
- to our fall coaches for their commitment to our student athletes. They give tremendously of their time, talent, and treasure to help shape our young people into well-rounded, hardworking individuals.
- to the Clay Center for sponsoring foreign language and sixth grade exploratory class trips to the Van Gogh For All exhibit in the coming weeks.
- to all who purchased pepperoni rolls to support the junior class prom fundraiser. The items will be delivered to juniors on November 18. Juniors will deliver the items to their customers.
- to the guest speakers who visited the senior World Religions course and helped us see the great human traditions in a lived, personal way: Ravi Jaishankar shared about his journey within Hinduism. He was a contact of Molly Linehan Belcher's from a United Nations young adults' conference with Religions for Peace; Douglas Imbrogno, long time journalist, co-founder of the Meditation Circle in Charleston and former board member of the Bhavana Society Buddhist Temple and Retreat Center in eastern West Virginia, shared about how the Buddha's teachings have informed his daily life and perspective; and, most recently, Bill and Diana Mehle shared about their experience and impressions of living in Japan for our unit on Confucianism, Taoism, and Shinto. Our gratitude for each of our speakers joining us over ZOOM!

CONGRATULATIONS

-to the drama club for their return to the stage after an 18 month hiatus. Their performance of *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood* thoroughly entertained the audience and was a tribute to the hard work of the students to bring it to life. Along with faculty directors Mr. Fix and Mrs. Walter, we congratulate the cast of Lauren Camper, Hayden Carriger, Soleil Gloss, Olivia Hayes, Zoe Jarvis, Julia McAndrews, Rayna Nichols, John Christian Settle, Aidan Smith, and Calyn Taylor. We also congratulate the tech crew for the long hours that they invested in the performance: Sophia Bautista, Thomas Bloch, Abby

Boothroyd, Emily Bowen, Zoe Harrison, Kevin Hayes, Tiffany Lian, Sophia Messina, Zachary Mitchell, Darby Moran, Lilly Namsupak, Dylan Nguyen, Colleen Rogers, Nick Shaf, Joey Shawkey, Maleah Taylor, Emma Walden, and Ethan Wehrle.

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 (if those students have not been participating in classes remotely) 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.

Thursday, November 4

Tuesday, November 9

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

Friday, February 4- Saturday, February 5

Monday, February 21

Wednesday, February 23

Friday, March 18

Monday- Monday, April 11-18

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

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences for 7th and 8th grade only; 11:30 dismissal for 7th and 8th grade ONLY

Veterans Day-no school

Thanksgiving Break

Clay County Christmas Distribution

exams, 11:15 dismissal

Christmas Break

classes resume

end of second quarter, first semester

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-no school

Catholic Schools Week

winter drama performance, TBD

Presidents Day-no school

Golden Horseshoe Test for 8th graders

end of 3rd quarter

Easter Break

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