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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students,

It's been a busy month here at Charleston Catholic! Since the last newsletter, we have hosted parent teacher conferences; the high school cross country teams performed beautifully in the State Meet; our high school boys and girls soccer teams have won state championships; our volleyball team played in the State Tournament and was cheered on by the whole high school; Governor Justice and Babydog visited CCHS to present us with \$50,000 from the *I Got Vaxxed* competition; and we have prepped and readied for our Clay County Christmas Project. Whew! It makes me tired just thinking about it all. But it is just a sampling of life in a high school. Our students are busy, busy people, and they are accomplishing so many impressive feats. Reflecting on the moments of the last month brings a smile to my face. There have certainly been moments of frustration and disappointment, but they are outweighed by the many happy moments we have shared.

Beyond these large scale events, each student has had their own successes and challenges. Adolescents' days can be a roller coaster ride of ups and downs as they navigate academics, extracurriculars, and social life. As the caring adults in their lives, we have to help them identify the bright spots. Even if their grades are not as high as hoped, maybe there has been improvement that should be celebrated. It is also up to us to help them learn that everything will not always go their way. Sometimes they fail. We have to help them learn to handle the failure and to try again. Though that is challenging for us, it will ultimately help them be successful. This is how we can show our love.

During this holy season of Advent, I wish you hope, peace, love and joy. Let's embrace the challenge to focus on the joy in each day and to share the love of Christ in all we do.

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: Michael Minardi's paternal grandmother; Jackson Chandler's paternal aunt; teacher Brittany McClung's grandmother. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

SECOND QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS – Progress report grades for the second quarter closed on Tuesday, November 23. Updated progress reports will be emailed from RenWeb on Sunday, December 5. Please review these reports for specific information about grades. Are assignments being submitted (0 out of “points possible” is a big clue)? Are assignments being turned in on time (look for half the “points possible”)? How are your children doing on quizzes and tests?

Exams are scheduled for the week of December 13 (schedule included below). **The first semester closes on Friday, January 14, 2022, two weeks after we return from Christmas break. Upon our return in January, teachers will cover additional coursework, give tests (which will be calculated in second quarter grades) and administer exams which will affect the first semester average.** As of today, if students are not where they want to be (or should be) academically, time remains for students to improve grades.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Exams are only a few short weeks away! 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. Teachers will be providing guidance on how to prepare over the next few weeks. Please note that students will have 2 weeks of classes upon their return to school after Christmas break before the end of the semester. During those weeks, teachers will cover new material and make graded assignments.

If we have a two-hour delay due to weather during exam week, we will start that day’s exams at 10 a.m. and school will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. If school is cancelled on any exam day due to weather, exams for that day will take place on the next day the school is open. **IN THE EVENT OF ANY WEATHER-RELATED CHANGES, CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE, WATCH FOR A PARENT ALERT TEXT, OR FOLLOW THE SCHOOL’S TWITTER FEED FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION. First semester report cards will be mailed no later than Monday, January 24, 2022.**

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; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/16	exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/17	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal

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



COVID COMMUNICATION UPDATES

COVID EXPOSURE REPORTING- We remain vigilant as we approach winter weather and increasing indoor activities. We hope that with our high vaccination rate and precautionary measures, we will experience minimal COVID incidences. However, we don’t know what the coming months will hold. Please continue to do all you can to stay healthy. 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- Vaccines are now available for all West Virginians age five and over, and booster doses are available for all people 18 and over. Boosters may soon be approved for young people ages 16 and 17. 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 and remain a critical mitigation effort.

I GOT VAXXED RESULTS!—Congratulations and thank you to all for your efforts to keep our students healthy through your vaccination efforts. As you know, we were awarded \$50,000 to fund initiatives that will improve the student experience. Plans are in the works for some fun activities for all students. We are also looking at some long term improvements that will benefit our students. You'll be updated as plans develop!

SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2022-23

2022-2023 SCHEDULING FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS –Scheduling/ registration for the 2022-23 school year will start shortly after we return from break. Registration forms for returning students will be distributed to students in February. At this point, students should be focused on doing their best in their current classes since grades and work ethic are important factors in course placement.



NEW STUDENTS FOR 2022-2023 –The Admissions Committee has released its schedule for the upcoming school year. If you have other children or are asked by non-CCHS families about the school, please refer to this section of the newsletter. We will be returning to some in person events this year, but there will still be some modifications in place to accommodate COVID-19 safety protocols. **Applications for all grade levels will be available online** (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org) **by mid to late January 2022. Applications will be completed and submitted online. Detailed instructions are available on the CCHS website.**

Tuesday, February 1, 3:00 p.m. – after school visits for 5th grade students; students will meet Mrs. Hoyer and Mrs. Herrick, talk with a group of CCHS seniors, visit sixth grade classrooms, and tour the school.

Wednesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m. – Prospective Parent Meeting; parents will meet with Mrs. Hoyer and Mrs. Herrick in the chapel for an information session and a tour of the school building.

Friday, February 11 – deadline for receipt of applications of students currently attending Catholic schools who wish to be given first consideration.

Saturday, February 12, 10 a.m. – admissions assessment for students from Catholic schools

Monday, February 14 - first day applications will be processed from students in non-Catholic schools

Friday, February 18– deadline for all non-Catholic school students to submit applications who want to be considered in the first round of acceptances

Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m.- admissions assessment for students from non-Catholic schools

Friday, March 4 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by February 18 – applications received after February 18 will be reviewed periodically by the Admissions Committee and notification as to enrollment status will be mailed at that time)

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMS – All Charleston Catholic students take semester exams. However, they serve an instructional purpose for our middle school students, helping them learn how to study for and take exams so they are better prepared for high school. For this reason, middle school exams make up only a small percentage of the overall grade. In fact, sixth grade exams are included in the second quarter grade and do not count as a separate calculation in semester grades. Quarter grades provide a more accurate assessment of your child's progress. Help your children prepare for exams by encouraging them to study over a period of time rather than cramming the night before the test. Also, to assist your children in doing their best, please make sure they have adequate rest and a good breakfast before coming to school each day.

EIGHTH GRADE WV WRITING CONTEST-- *Goldenseal Magazine* has partnered with Charleston Catholic to create the First Annual *Goldenseal Magazine* Young Writers Contest! The winner of the essay contest will have his/her article published in the state's *Goldenseal Magazine*. What a wonderful opportunity to become a published author before finishing middle school! All Charleston Catholic 8th graders will be participating. Their articles must be at least 500 words in length and no longer than 2000 words. They may choose any topic they wish as long as it is related to West Virginia and is a work of nonfiction. Students will be choosing their topics and submitting them on December 10, 2021, through WV Studies. The final submissions will be due on March 1, 2022. Any questions about this contest can be directed to Miss Cline.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD-- CCHS Science Olympiad will be doing a holiday fundraiser the next two weeks before exams. Students can purchase candy cane grams for \$2 from a Science Olympiad officer or Dr. Fannin. A candy cane gram is a candy cane with a holiday-themed message attached that will be delivered to another student at the end of the day. The money will go towards the registration fee for the state tournament in March.

SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY--The Science National Honor Society will be offering science tutoring after school (3 pm to 4 pm) on Thursdays in December. Students who are interested in tutoring will sign up for sessions beforehand to reserve a spot due to COVID health guidelines.

Dr. Delidow, research faculty from Marshall University, will be doing a virtual presentation during high school lunch on Thursday, December 9th. All students are welcome to attend to learn more about her research at Marshall University.

Members of SNHS need to complete 21 hours of service before the end of the year and to attend meetings. Please be sure that your student is fulfilling the duties of a SNHS member at CCHS.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – Thank you to all of the parents who spent time last month meeting with their children's teachers on conference day. The turnout- both in person and virtual- was terrific! Parents and teachers had over 1,200 conferences this year. It is an exceptionally long day for teachers, yet conferences are a critical piece in building a partnership between home and school. Our young people need the caring adults in their lives to work together and support their growth.

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.

SCHOOL SPIRIT SHOP— CCHS gear makes great Christmas gifts! Check out the CCHS Spirit Shop for your holiday shopping. We have a variety of gear ranging from ball caps, scarves and hats, and canvas totes. If you are interested in ordering any spirit wear, call the school office at 304-342-8415 for an order form. Go Irish!



UNIFORMS – Take advantage of the time at Christmas break to check the “health” of uniforms. Check to make sure that pant hems are not frayed, that colors are not washed out, that uniforms still fit, etc. Please make sure that your children are in proper uniforms when they leave home each morning.

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.

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.

RENWEB UPDATES – RenWeb is a valuable communication tool, so please make sure the contact 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 have become a frequent means of communication. Please update any medical information that we need to have regarding your child as well. We use the Parent Alert Communication component of RenWeb for important messages, too, 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 a current cell phone number.



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!

GLOVES?— Our high school science classes would welcome the donation of rubber gloves to be used during lab work. Please contact Mrs. Arnold to coordinate a donation or drop off any gloves in the office.

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.

SAFETY REMINDER – Our students feel safe and comfortable in downtown Charleston, which is a benefit of our location. However, it is important that they maintain situational awareness. They should be aware of their surroundings when walking to and from parking lots or to parents' offices or the library after school. It is important for them to be focused on what's happening around them and not lost in their phones! Students should travel in pairs or small groups when possible. If approached by adults who they don't know, students should get out of the conversations as quickly as possible and should avoid sharing any personal information. Please have this conversation with your children to remind them of safety precautions they should take.

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.) **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.
- 3.) **College Visits:** Mrs. Herrick 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.
- 4.) **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.
- 5.) **The PROMISE Scholarship Application** (www.cfww.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 cfww.com/promise. Students can contact the WVHEPC office with questions at 304-558-4618 or PROMISE@wvhepc.edu.
- 6.) **Eighth Grade Parent Meeting** -- Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 8th, at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Herrick will offer a meeting for 8th grade parents regarding high school course offerings and requirements, the path to college and careers, including resume building, scholarship opportunities, and more. It's never too early to start thinking about your child's future.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

- 1.) **Catholic Schools Week, January 30 – February 5-** Faith, Excellence, Service. CCHS will again participate in National Catholic Schools Week by reaching out to lend a helping hand to community organizations. This year we are supporting six charities that make an impact on their communities with the help of our 8th grade students. Please mark your calendars and start stocking up now for any donations you are able and willing to make. Our \$2 dress down day will be Wednesday, February 2, and the \$2 donation will benefit Manna Meal. Below is the full list of charities and the items that they have requested. If any eighth grade parents would like to volunteer to help work that week, please call or text Ashley Stapleton (304-545-3800) or Trish Lusk (304-546-0558). Thank you in advance for your help with this project.

Monday, Jan. 31 - Gabriel Project - Baby items

- Similac formula, wipes, baby food, Desitin, baby shampoo and lotion, bottles and baby blankets

Tuesday, Feb. 1 - Sojourners - Household bedding items and cleaning supplies

- pillows, pillow cases, twin sheets, bath and face towels, plastic shower curtains, Pine Sol, bleach, laundry detergent, trash bags (30 gallon), dishwashing soap

Wednesday, Feb. 2—Manna Meal- Nonperishable food items and \$2 dress down day

- canned meats: chicken, tuna, fish, Treet, Spam, Vienna Sausages
- canned beans, legumes, lentils, soup, peanut butter, and cereal

Thurs, Feb. 3 – Trinity’s Table- food items

- canned vegetables, canned fruit, and canned soup

Friday, Feb. 4—Risen Lord Catholic Church Food Pantry (Clay County)- Food items

- peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, rice, dried beans, canned green beans, instant oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, soup, crackers, instant mashed potatoes, cereal, jelly, instant pudding, Bisquick, Vienna sausages, individually packaged tuna

2.) **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.

3.) **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. ****

4.) **Parent involvement** is a vital component of the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Working gates and concession stands, being supportive of the players and coaches, and attending games are important pieces. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams. Please help how you can and cheer on the Irish!

5.) **Athletic family passes** are available through the PVA. Please consider purchasing a pass as winter sports get underway. 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.

6.) **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). Forms are being accepted in the school office.

7.) Share your CCHS spirit this Christmas! The PVA is offering a custom **CCHS Christmas tree ornament** (pictured below). Ornaments are available for \$10 and make a great gift for alumni, students, faculty, and CCHS families. The order form is attached to this email.



+ + CAMPUS MINISTRY

- 1.) This coming Wednesday we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, December 8th. We will celebrate with our senior class attending mass in person with the rest of the school live-streaming from their classrooms. We had a similar set up for our mass with Bishop Brennan at the beginning of the school year. Although this isn't quite "normal" it does reflect the rhythm of the liturgical year that we have been without due to the pandemic. We continue to celebrate class masses each week.
- 2.) Thank you to all who participated in our All Saints Week collection for Catholic Charities. Together with Sacred Heart Grade School, we collected 754 pounds of personal care items! Theology students helped deliver items to the Catholic Charities office. The items will be packed and shared with the homeless in our local community.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

CLAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT— This Saturday, we will celebrate our annual Christmas tradition of delivering presents to Clay County. Though we will not have a Christmas party, we are working to maintain the spirit of the project and to serve our neighbors. It's beginning to feel like Christmas in our classrooms and hallways as stockings, food, and presents come into school each morning. Teachers will take the extra responsibilities of bagging and labeling presents so that they will be organized and ready for distribution in Clay. We are counting on help from the seniors and the faculty and staff to load up the trucks on Friday and to get everything unpacked and ready to go in Maysel on Saturday.

Kathi Linkenogger, parishioner at Risen Lord Church in Maysel, works tirelessly on her end to make this project work. She has volunteers organized and ready for Saturday to distribute presents to families as they arrive at the church. She and the Risen Lord parishioners have partnered with CCHS for approximately 30 years to plan and carry out the project. This year, the Charleston Catholic community reached 131 families with approximately 400 children, an important way for us to live our faith and love our neighbors.

This annual service would not be possible without the support of the entire CCHS community, students, families, faculty and staff, and others. The generosity and kindness of our community shines through each year through the presents, food, and stockings that have been shared with others. We also thank the Sacred Heart Grade School children, their families, and faculty and staff who continued their tradition of involvement by providing over 150 food boxes for distribution to families at the party. We sincerely thank Dickinson Gould (CCHS class of 1995 and current CCHS parent), president of Buzz Food Service, for continuing his long term commitment to the project by donating trucks and drivers to transport the goods to the party in Maysel. We also thank Sherry Shindle, Rodney LeGrand, and David Hoffmann (who briefly came out of retirement) for all of their efforts in preparation of the event to organize and enter data, process information on the children and their families, and prepare the lists that keep the entire operation moving smoothly. The commitment of the school community is what makes this project work year after year.



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

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP—Please keep Charleston Catholic on your gift list while you do your holiday shopping! It's easy to do!

- 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 **Amazon Smile 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

SPORTS UPDATE- We extend congratulations to a number of fall athletes on their post season recognitions.

- **Boys' Soccer-** First Team All State: Sully Groom, William Ball, and Kelan Swan
Second Team All State: John Patnoe
Honorable Mention- Sam Delgra
Region 3 Player of the Year-Sully Groom
- **Girls' Soccer-** First Team All State: Annie Cimino, Claire Mullen, Shannon Karr, Vivian Delgra
Second Team All State: Jill Uy
Region 3 Player of the Year: Vivian Delgra
- **Volleyball** Second Team All State: Chloe Clark
Special Honorable Mention: Zoe Jarvis
- **Cross Country-** Congratulations to Aurelia Kirby for finishing in the top ten at the State Meet which earned her First Team All State honors.

Winter Sports have begun! Please follow us on twitter @cchsports for updates. Also, check out the new website @charlestoncatholicIrish.com!



FALL SPORTS WRAP UP

- The **high school cross country teams** finished their season at the State Meet this year. Aurelia Kirby finished 10th in the State Meet! Hannah Fisher finished 21st, Isaac Collins finished 22nd, and Nicholas Shaf finished 34th. Congratulations Irish, Coach Ingraham, and Coach Shepler on a great year.
- The **high school girls' soccer team** is State Champions for the third year in a row! The Irish defeated Phillip Barbour 3-2 in an overtime thriller to secure the championship. Congratulations Lady Irish, Coach Mullen, Coach Uy, and Coach Cimino on a fantastic season!

- The **high school boys' soccer team** finished the season as State Champions for the first time since 2014! The boys defeated Point Pleasant 4-3 in overtime to win the Championship! Congratulations Irish, Coach Johns, Coach Kozera, Coach Ritchie, and Coach Ball on an amazing season.
- The **high school volleyball team** qualified for the State Tournament for the first time since 2016. The Lady Irish upset Summers County in Regionals to secure the 8th seed in the State Tournament. They fell to Ritchie County in the first round. It was an impressive season for the Irish, Coach King, and Coach Carper.

Go Irish!

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES— In order to participate in extracurricular activities on a particular day, a student must be in school for the FULL DAY on the day of the event. This "full day" policy includes appointments, so students need to avoid scheduling appointments during the school day. Students who have long-standing medical appointments, family funerals, or similar instances may be excused at the discretion of the Assistant Principal for Operations. Additionally, students must be at school for the majority of the school day in order to be eligible for practice. **Students are also expected to be on time on days following athletic events. If 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).**

HOMEWORK-- Homework is an integral part of the Charleston Catholic program. Homework builds self-discipline, reinforces study skills, and provides practice and review. Long term assignments and studying for tests are not part of the daily homework allotment. Homework brought in by parents will not be delivered to students. Homework may not be submitted via screenshots, pdf, or email unless previously approved by the teacher. Students may pick up work in the office in between classes.

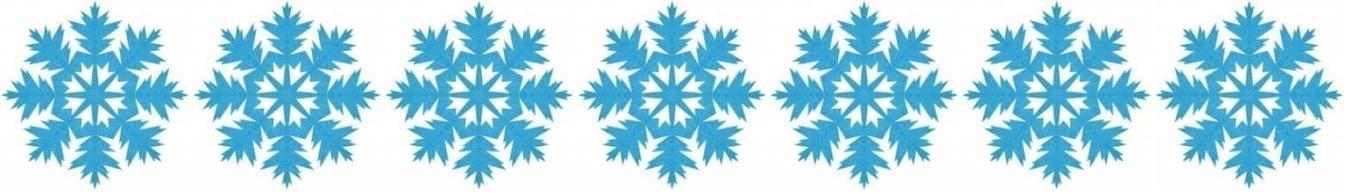
MANY THANKS

- to the PVA for their thoughtfulness to our faculty and staff. The conference day meals were delicious and provided the teachers a pleasant opportunity to gather together during a very long work day. The fall birthday treats were wonderful. The PVA makes us feel loved and supported and we are most appreciative!
- to teachers and staff for all they do to foster students' growth, both academic and personal. They are committed to and care deeply about our young people. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of caring adults.

SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE –Since December has arrived, it's time to prepare for winter weather. Here's a brief reminder of the CCHS weather policy. **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 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 at 10 a.m.** The building will not open until 9:30 to give staff time to get to school. Please do not drop off your children before 9:30!
- 5) As always, if you cannot get your child to school for health or safety reasons, notify the school.



CALENDAR

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.

Saturday, December 4	Clay County Christmas Distribution
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
Tues, Jan. 18- Friday, Jan. 28	MAP winter testing window for 6 th through 10 th graders
Monday, January 31- Friday, February 4	Catholic Schools Week
Friday, February 4- Saturday, February 5	winter drama performance
Monday, February 21	Presidents Day-no school
Wednesday, February 23	Golden Horseshoe Test for 8th graders
Friday, March 18	end of 3rd quarter
Wednesday, March 23	SAT school day for juniors
Monday- Monday, April 11-18	Easter Break
Tuesday, April 19	classes resume
Monday, April 25- Friday, May 6	MAP spring testing window for 6 th through 10 th graders
Monday-Friday, May 2-13	AP Testing
Saturday, May 21	prom
Thursday, May 26	Baccalaureate, in evening
Friday, May 27	Graduation and Project Graduation
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day-no school
Wed/Thurs/Friday June 1- 3	exams, 11:15 dismissal
Friday, June 3	Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders



Merry Christmas to all!