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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

Last Wednesday, our students started the new semester, which brings with it the opportunity for students to start anew. Grades from the first semester do not carry over; material from the first semester will not be tested on the second semester exam. What a wonderful and rare opportunity- a clean slate. I would guess that's an opportunity many of us would welcome.

Let's encourage our young people to make the most of this opportunity—to come to school ready to do the work that is necessary to learn and to be supportive of others in their learning. Let's challenge them to go beyond academics. This is the opportunity to be the person they want to be—they can build new relationships, strengthen their work ethics, and set achievable goals. Every day they have the opportunity to be the best person they can be.

I look forward to seeing our young people's growth and learning throughout the spring and accompanying them on their journey.

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: Gio and Elijah Cinco's paternal grandfather; high school softball coach Kevin Corbett's mother in law. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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WELCOME TO THE CCHS COMMUNITY! — Last week we welcomed a new teacher to our school community. Ms. Katy O'Reilly joins our science department and will be teaching seventh and eighth grade science for the remainder of the school year. Ms. O'Reilly graduated from the University of Charleston in December with a Bachelor's of Science degree with an emphasis in Secondary Science and Special Education. She was the captain of the Women's Soccer team at UC and has spent time coaching youth soccer in the Kanawha Valley. Ms. O'Reilly is excited to join us at Charleston Catholic!

We welcome Ms. O'Reilly to Charleston Catholic! Please introduce yourselves if you have the opportunity.

ACADEMIC UPDATES

FIRST SEMESTER REPORT CARDS— were mailed today. Semester grades are composed of first quarter grades, second quarter grades, and exam grades. When you examine your child's current report card, please note that **quarter GPAs** are reported at the bottom of each quarter's column. The semester GPA, calculated using current semester grades, is located at the bottom of the semester average column and is recorded on a student's middle school or high school transcript. As it appears on the high school report card, the GPA is weighted. However, the unweighted semester GPA is used for extracurricular eligibility determination. The **cumulative GPA (noted on high school report cards only)**, reported at the lower right under the teacher comments, is the cumulative grade point average for all high school semesters. Please note each of these details.

TRANSCRIPTS AND REPORT CARDS – At this time of year, there is a lot of talk about grades being recorded on a transcript. Transcripts are what colleges see, so it is important for you to know what is included in a transcript. In addition to demographic information (e.g., address, phone, birthdate, etc.), academic and attendance information is recorded. CCHS **does not** include students' Social Security numbers on transcripts. Students' courses are listed by grade level and **semester grades** for each course are included with **a letter grade and a number grade**. Quarter, exam, and conduct grades are NOT included on the transcript. Only high school courses (not middle school records) are recorded on the transcript that will be sent to colleges during a student's senior year.

PROMOTION POLICY – A review of the CCHS promotion policy is in order, now that first semester grades are official.

- 1.) All students (grades 6-12) must pass both semesters of theology in order to be promoted to the next grade level in June. The required number of community service hours and fine arts/humanities credits must also be completed before being granted a diploma or before being readmitted for the next school year.
- 2.) Promotion to the next grade is granted when a student earns credit for each semester's courses.
- 3.) Students who fail courses must enroll in CCHS-approved summer school programs during the summer following the failure to make up the credit if they wish to remain at CCHS. Students failing more than two semesters in one school year may be placed on academic probation or may not be readmitted to CCHS for the following school year.
- 4.) In 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students must earn a total of 7 credits each year. To be classified as a sophomore, a student must have earned 7 credits, 14 credits to be considered a junior, and 21 credits a senior.

MAP TESTING—Winter MAP testing begins this week for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Ninth and tenth graders will take their winter MAP tests next week. These results (which will be available later this winter) will allow you to see your child's growth during this school year. All sixth through tenth graders will test again in late April/ early May.

PSAT SCORES-- Score reports for the PSAT, which was taken in October by eighth through eleventh graders, are included in this mailing. There's an abundance of information in the reports. Please take some time to review it all!

RENWEB REMINDERS

RENWEB BEST PRACTICES—As we begin the second semester, students have the opportunity to make a fresh start with their grades in all of their courses! Reviewing your child's grades and having a healthy knowledge of and discussion about students' grades can help support your child in his/her academic pursuits. However, sometimes this knowledge can translate to additional stress on students. Below please find some ideas that might help RenWeb be a beneficial experience for your family.

1. **Monitor grades weekly. Facilitate discussion.**

By checking in weekly with Ren Web, parents are able to get the big picture of their child's week at school. Talk about what you see together. What did you learn this week? What did you do well? What did you find challenging? Were your study habits for the week successful? Do your study habits need to be adjusted for the upcoming week? Look for areas of strength and weakness.

2. Empower your child.

If your child has a question about a grade or a misunderstood concept, encourage him or her to talk to the teacher first. It is important that our children know we support them as they take control of their own learning.

3. Focus on the big picture.

Frequent monitoring of Ren Web places a large amount of unnecessary stress on students. Teachers create many assignments in their classes that allow students to learn and display their learning in varied ways over time.

Students need to have the freedom to participate in these various activities independently and to monitor their own daily progress in their classes.

4. Look for patterns.

RenWeb's itemized grade sheet can help you to identify learning and difficulty patterns. Is my child turning in homework? Did he or she earn any zeros this week? Are reading quizzes a problem? Is there a discrepancy between class work and test grades? If you see a pattern on your child's grade sheet, have a conversation about the patterns you see and decide if teacher follow-up, by either you or your child, is needed.

5. Set a time to review grades that works for your family.

While Ren Web grade updates go out at midnight, grade review doesn't have to be the way your family begins Sunday morning. What makes sense for your family? When do you plan for the upcoming week? Can weekly Ren Web grade review, as well as Ren Web Lesson Plan review, fit naturally into this planning time?



CALENDAR AND TUITION INFORMATION FOR 2023-24

TUITION RATES FOR 2023-24— Budgeting and financial planning for the 2023-24 school year were started this fall. As you have experienced in your personal lives, the school has faced rising costs over the last few years. Additionally, the Charleston area has been facing population decline which also impacts school enrollment. The coming school year will require us to be deliberate and thoughtful in our spending and in our budgeting. CCHS is financially independent. The school runs solely on the income generated each year from tuition and fees. To operate in a fiscally responsible manner, tuition increases for 2023-24 will be required and are being determined. The increase will fall in the 5-8% range with some of the multi-child discounts being decreased (not eliminated, but decreased). We have a number of financial aid opportunities available for families who need them. If you have concerns about tuition once it is released, please contact Mrs. Shindle or Mrs. Hoyer to talk about opportunities that are available. Tuition rates will be released in mid-April and invoices will be mailed at that time.

EXCITING NEWS REGARDING DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE— For the thirty-second consecutive year, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will continue its tradition of offering the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) in an effort to keep Catholic school education affordable for families who desire it but who may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to Most Reverend Mark Brennan's commitment to Catholic education, funds have once again been allocated for distribution to families in need of assistance. **This year, Phase 1 will be open to Catholic families only, but Phase 2 will be open to Catholic and non-Catholic families!! A flier is attached to this email with details.** Awards are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. Apply on-line at www.factsmgt.com. Click on "Grant and Aid Assessment" and log in. Have your 2022 tax information available. Catholic families with children currently enrolled or who are applying to enroll for the 2023-2024 school year should apply ASAP. Applications open February 1. **The deadline for Phase 1 is April 30, 2023; the Phase 2 deadline is August 31, 2023.** No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless an application and all required documentation is submitted, and the fee has been paid by the deadline. The application fee is \$35. The Diocese will pay \$17.50 and families must pay \$17.50.



TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2023-24 – Please keep this calendar in mind as you plan for next year. **THIS IS A TENTATIVE CALENDAR AND CHANGES ARE STILL POSSIBLE.** 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.

Wed., Aug. 16	First day of school for students
Mon., Sept. 4	Labor Day- no school
Mon., Oct. 23	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Thurs., Nov. 2	Parent-Teacher conferences
Fri., Nov. 10	Veterans Day
Wed., Nov. 22	E-day for students
Thurs., Nov. 23- Fri. Nov. 24	Thanksgiving holiday
Wed- Fri., Dec. 13-15	exams
Mon., Dec. 18- Tues. Jan. 2	Christmas break
Wed., Jan. 3	classes resume
Mon., Jan. 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- no school
Tues., Jan. 16	e-day for students, teacher professional development
Mon., Feb. 19	Presidents' Day- no school
Mon., March 18	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Fri., March 29- Fri., Apr. 5	Easter Break
Mon., Apr. 8	classes resume
Thurs., May 23	baccalaureate
Fri., May 24	graduation
Mon., May 27	Memorial Day- no school
Wed., May 29- Fri., May 31	exams for 6th -11th graders
Friday, May 31	Moving Up Ceremony for 8 th graders

SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2023-24

2023-2024 RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS –will change in its format and timeline for the coming year. Enrollment forms for returning students will be distributed to students on February 3. They should be returned by February 17 with the \$200 deposit to reserve your child's spot for 2023-24. Registration forms with course offerings and selections will be distributed in April. At this point, students should be focused on doing their best in their current classes because grades and work ethic are important factors in course placement.



NEW STUDENTS FOR 2023-2024– The Admissions Committee has released its schedule for the upcoming school year. Applications for all grade levels are now available online (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Applications will be completed and submitted online. Detailed instructions are available on the CCHS website.

Prospective Parent Open House

Parents will have the opportunity to talk with current parents and students and Mrs. Hoyer and Mrs. Aubel over light refreshments in the Commons to learn more about the school and go on a tour of the school building. We look forward to this opportunity to introduce prospective students and families to our community.

Fifth Grade Visit Day

Any fifth grade student is invited to attend our 5th grade visit day. It will be held on February 10th from 9 a.m. to noon. Fifth grade students will meet the current sixth grade teachers, take a tour of the school building, eat lunch in the Commons, and participate in their very first CCHS ‘pep rally.’ Families who do not attend Sacred Heart Grade School or St. Francis School should call the school office to register.

Prospective Student Night at the Facility

All prospective students and parents are invited to attend the CCHS vs. Poca basketball game on February 21 that will start at 7:00 p.m. Prospective families must call school to pre-register. Come out to support the Irish and show your Irish Pride!

Admissions Testing

All students applying to CCHS will take an admissions test prior to their application being reviewed. Any rising 6th grader from Sacred Heart Grade School will take their admissions test at SHGS during the school day. All other students and families will coordinate admissions testing with [Nancy McLaughlin](#).

Admissions Timeline and Calendar

Wednesday, February 1– Prospective Parent Open House

Friday, February 3- beginning of re-enrollment for current families

Friday, February 10 – applications accepted for current Catholic school families who wish to be given first consideration.

Friday, February 10- 5th Grade Visit Day, 9 am to noon

Thursday, February 16- deadline for applications from current Catholic school families to receive first consideration

Friday, February 17- applications open to the general public

Tuesday, February 21- Thursday, February 23- Admissions tests after school; call to schedule (except SHGS students who will test at school)

Tuesday, February 21– Prospective Student Night at the Athletic Facility

Friday, March 3 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by **February 24** – applications received after February 24 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

EIGHTH GRADE WV WRITING CONTEST-- *Goldenseal Magazine* has partnered with Charleston Catholic to offer the Second 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 for our students to become a published author before finishing middle school! All Charleston Catholic 8th graders will be participating in the contest. 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. Topics are being submitted this month and final submissions will be due in March. Any questions about this contest can be directed to Miss Cline.

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY BOWL-- In 2010, the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History began an exciting new challenge for eighth graders to test their West Virginia history: the West Virginia History Bowl Tournament. Teams of students from around the state face off in an academic bowl competition focusing on West Virginia history, literature, arts, architecture, geography and culture. Eighth graders in public, private and homeschool education programs are eligible to compete on the four-person teams in double-elimination tournament play. The regional tournament winners and the runner-up team move forward to the state tournament held in late April at the Culture Center at the State Capitol Complex. Congratulations to those who will compete and represent CCHS this spring-- Patrick Kirby, Jude Griffith, Katelyn Hentschel, Izzy Paulson, and Sam Thompson!

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOOK CLUB-- reading selection for the spring 2023 is *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us* by Ed Yong (2022). Interested high school students should join the Google Classroom for the group with the code **ku5g47o** and obtain a copy of the book by January 31. The group will meet four times this semester at lunch in the biology classroom to discuss assigned sections of the book. The first meeting will be in early February to discuss the first two chapters. If you are thinking of joining, you might take note that time spent in book discussion meets National Science Honor Society participation requirements, and a number of students have used their book club experience on applications and in interviews for summer activities, colleges, and scholarships! Contact Mrs. Arnold for more information.

CCHS DRAMA-- is proud to present "Monday Always Leads to Murder," a murder-mystery comedy by Pat Cook. "Mr. Monday, I want you to find this artifact," purrs sultry client Courtney Delecroix. "It's a choker worn by King Midas." Harry Monday sizes her up and asks, "You want me to find the Midas Muffler?" And once again, that cliché in a trench coat and fedora is off on another case, one which has him trying to solve a 20-year-old murder mystery and write a play about his career at the same time. Harry soon finds himself, as usual, way over his head! As chaos swirls around him, a mousy little woman wants Harry to take on a case for her and then Officer Brogan rushes in and arrests her; an actor starts masquerading as Harry; a janitor shows up at all the right (or wrong) times; and the curse of a missing artifact appears. But our man Harry manages to wisecrack his way through this fast-paced, clue-strewn mystery. You won't want to miss this exciting performance - Friday and Saturday, February 3-4, 2023, 7:30 PM. Tickets are available at the door; adult tickets are \$10 and students are \$7. All seats are general admission. Fine arts credit is available.

WINTER WALTZ- This year the high school Winter Waltz will return. The dance will be from 8:00 pm until 10:30 pm on Saturday, February 11. The dance will be in the Commons. Dance permission slips will be sent home the week before. Please pay attention to dress guidelines!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14— We will continue our annual tradition of remembering *Bobby Hypes*, a member of the CCHS class of 2008 who died of heart disease on February 5, 2006, with a "Wear Red for Bobby Day." Students may wear red sweaters/shirts with jeans or khakis with a \$2 contribution to help fund the CCHS Bobby Hypes Memorial Scholarship. The partial-tuition scholarship, awarded to a rising freshman each year, celebrates Bobby's life and reminds each of us to live as Bobby did – kindly, appreciatively, and enthusiastically. Mr. and Mrs. Hypes re thrilled we will be continuing the tradition and look forward to pictures of the students dressed in red! Donations to the scholarship fund are also accepted.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES—If you know in advance that your child will be missing school for a non-school related reason, please send your child to the office to pick up an Unexcused Absence Form ("purple form"). You will sign the form and then your child will get each teacher's signature and turn the completed form into the office. In many cases, students tell their teachers, but the office is responsible for recording absences and contacting parents. The "purple form" keeps everyone informed!

VIRTUS— Be 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 or at sessions periodically scheduled. To begin, visit the VirtusOnline.org and choose the online option. Allow 1- 1½ hours to complete the program.

There will be a new process for the remaining two components of compliance. They will be completed using digital forms through the Virtus system (virtus.org). A background check and sign off on the Form Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children MUST be completed online before you are able to volunteer. You must add Charleston Catholic as a location where you will be volunteering. If you have forgotten your password, or your user name, you can also call the Virtus help desk at 1-888-847-8870.

Additionally, adults who volunteer, coach, or chaperone, may be asked to update background and policy forms. Background checks must be updated every three years. 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 about how to update your forms.



OUTSIDE FORMS- If your child needs to have forms filled out by teachers or other school staff for a physician's evaluation, please send them to the main office with a note. Please note that any form filled out for the purpose of evaluation must be sent directly to a specific doctor or group; forms will not be returned to the child or parent.



WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK!—We need your help, **especially with pictures of middle school events!** You can share photos of sporting events and practices, school & community 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!

SENIOR ADS FOR THE YEARBOOK—Senior parents— don't miss the opportunity to recognize your child in the yearbook. Use the link below to buy your senior ad space.

https://yearbookforever.com/schools/charleston_catholic_high_school_buy_yearbook_197/53Tpjkz8nr434sz7EguUMQX0

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 Library on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Just drop in, no appointments necessary! If you have any questions, email Mrs. Walter at jean.walter@charlestoncatholic-crw.org or Mrs. Griffith at sarah.griffith@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

1.) **West Virginia Governor's Schools:** The State of West Virginia is proud to offer The Governor's Honors Schools, residential summer sessions for academically and/or artistically talented students from across West Virginia. The programs are based on the premise that West Virginia's youth must be provided with special opportunities for learning and personal development in order for them to realize their full potential. There is no cost to families of students who are accepted to these competitive programs. Those who have attended these programs in the past describe them as "life-changing." It is time to start thinking about whether this might interest your child. For more information, visit <http://www.govschools.wv.gov/>.

- **Governor's Honors Academy (GHA)** - Fairmont State University (June 18-July 8)

This program offers endless opportunities for the highest achieving rising seniors to live and study with like-minded students in an intellectually stimulating environment. Current juniors may apply. Please let Mrs. Aubel know if you are applying.

2.) **8th Grade Parent Meeting** -- Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the CCHS Chapel. Please come to learn about high school course offerings and requirements, high school extracurricular sports and activities, and the path to college and careers, including resume building, scholarship opportunities, and more. It's never too early to start thinking about your child's future.

3.) **PROMISE scholarship and FAFSA deadline** – March 1. All students in the Class of 2023 must complete BOTH the PROMISE and the FAFSA applications in order to be considered for the PROMISE scholarship. Additionally, colleges and universities throughout the country use FAFSA information to determine scholarships and financial aid. Go to www.cfww.com then Financial Aid Planning. (Note: Please use all zeros for the student ID number.)

4.) **PSAT results** for students in grades 8-11 results are available on collegeboard.org and have also been included with report cards. Please review these detailed reports and contact Mrs. Aubel if you have any questions.

5.) **Juniors--mark your calendars!** On March 22nd, CCHS will participate in the SAT School Day (a *free* test administered to all CCHS juniors; students are already registered for this test).

SAT Prep Class: CCHS is offering a SAT prep class that will run over the course of six weeks starting Sunday, January 29th, through Sunday, March 19th to help juniors prepare for the SAT School Day on Wednesday, March 22. To register, students will need to bring a check payable to CCHS to the main office where there will be a sign-up sheet. There are only 25 slots available for this course, so please make sure to register soon.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

- 1.) Mrs. Michaila Williams has joined CCHS Campus Ministry as the Community Service Coordinator. In this new role, Mrs. Williams has been in contact with service organizations across the Charleston area. She has set up service opportunities for both high school and middle school students. There is a new Google Classroom in place (accessed by the code: xvvi2uh) where service opportunities are regularly posted. Additionally, Mrs. Williams has begun evaluating community service for all grade levels on a quarterly basis. Service hour sheets should be filled out in the quarter in which the service is earned. If you have questions or service opportunities to share, please contact Mrs. Williams at michaila.williams@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.
- 2.) The HOPE Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, February 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the CCHS Commons. Dinner will include salad, pasta, meat or meatless sauce, bread, and dessert. All of the proceeds from the dinner will go toward the costs for the week-long HOPE project in June to help make homes of low income families in Wayne and Mingo Counties warmer, safer, and drier. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 (children under 5 eat for free) in the CCHS office ahead of time or at the door on Feb. 26th.
- 3.) February 22nd is Ash Wednesday this year. We will celebrate with an All School Mass in the Basilica. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent which is the 40 days of fasting, prayer and almsgiving that prepare us for Good Friday and then Easter. Charleston Catholic students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.
- 4.) During Lent, Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls will be available in all theology classes. Proceeds from the Rice Bowl reach communities in 101 countries.

- 5.) The eighth grade retreat will be on Monday, February 27, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the South Charleston Memorial Ice Arena (behind the Charleston Target store). The retreat will end at 2:15 p.m. at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center (100 Hodges Rd., Charleston). Students should be dropped off at the ice arena in the morning and picked up at the Pastoral Center in the afternoon. Parent volunteers are needed at 11:30 a.m. to transport the class from the ice rink to the Pastoral Center for the second half of the retreat. If you are able to help with the mid-day transport, please email Mrs. Linehan Belcher at molly.linehan@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— Kroger and Amazon both offer rewards programs that are easy to use and that benefit CCHS. Your support is much appreciated!

- 1.) The **Kroger Community Rewards is a simple but beneficial program.** To enroll, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use the Charleston Catholic organization number **LH615**. Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus Cards are available at the Customer Service desk at any Kroger. To participate in the program, just register your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card (as outlined above)**, use the card when you checkout, and Charleston Catholic will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis.
- 2.) When you shop at Amazon.com, the **AmazonSmile program** will donate 0.5% of your purchases to CCHS when you log in to your Amazon account using the address <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0630688> (or by clicking on the link on the School Home section of Ren Web) to enroll in the program.

HOPE 2023 Update – Planning has begun for our 18th summer of HOPE. We will partner again this coming summer with Bill & Addie Likens, who coordinate the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission (CAM) in Wayne and Mingo Counties. **HOPE 2023 is scheduled for the week of June 25-30.** Our group of juniors, seniors, college age alumni and adult work team leaders will make significant repairs at the homes of several low-income families and seniors. We also plan for some of our volunteers to assist with the construction of a new house for a family in need. We are committed to raising **\$25,000 to purchase building materials for the construction of the new home.** CAM will supplement our fundraising efforts with the materials necessary to complete the construction of the new home and to make the repairs on the other houses at which we will work, making these houses warmer, safer, and drier. A **slideshow of our 2022 HOPE experience** is posted on our school website under the "Community Outreach" tab. Also posted is a **video of the blitz-build of a new house for a family in need** that our volunteers helped construct in Wayne County last June.



NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

- 1.) **Catholic Schools Week, January 29 – February 4-** Faith, Excellence, Service. Catholic Schools Week is almost upon us, and we are eager to again participate by supporting a number of community organizations. This year we are supporting six charities that make an impact on their communities with the help of our 8th grade students and parents. 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 1, and the \$2 donation will benefit Catholic Charities West Virginia.
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 Megan Harris (304-382-6417) or Sabrena Gillis (304-389-6870). Thank you in advance for your help with this project.

Monday, Jan. 30 - Gabriel Project - size 3, 4, 6, and preemie diapers, wipes, baby toiletries including baby shampoo, lotion, diaper rash cream

Tuesday, Jan. 31 - Sojourners - bath and face towels, blankets, deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, cereal, kids' snacks, ground coffee, sugar

Wednesday, Feb. 1-\$2 dress down day benefitting WV Catholic Charities; Manna Meal- any non-perishable food items including peanut butter, jelly, cereal, Pop Tarts, canned meat with pull tabs for easy opening

Thurs, Feb. 2 – Bob Burdette Center- markers, crayons, colored pencils, highlighters, air-dry clay, gym toys and balls, Legos, card stock, activity books, math flash cards, Rubik's cubes, dominoes, twine, clothespins, quart sized Ziploc bags, prize box toys

Friday, Feb. 3–Risen Lord Catholic Church Food Pantry (Clay County)- any non-perishable food items including peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, rice, dried beans, canned fruits and vegetables, instant oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, soup, crackers, instant mashed potatoes, cereal, jelly, instant pudding, Bisquick

- 2.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the new green quarter zip fleece jacket, 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. **The ordering period for polos and jackets is open until January 27.** 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 Tina Caldwell at (304) 546-3081 or tina.caldwell1987@gmail.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. 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, homecoming games, or any SSAC tournaments.** Cost is \$175 for all home middle school games only, \$200 for all home high school games only, and \$250 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 is also in the PVA Parent Registration Packet. Please contact Kerri Linton at 304-228-4138. or klinton@pcsolutions.com 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 should be submitted electronically or to the school office.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

KING CUPCAKES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-- The PVA King Cake Committee is seeking volunteers to purchase King Cakes from Spring Hill Pastry Shop for "Fat Tuesday," February 21, 2023, for the students, faculty and staff to enjoy. If you are interested in purchasing cakes to assist with this project, please contact Amy Tawney by email at atawney@bowlesrice.com or by cell at 304-546-7179.

ATTENTION: JUNIOR PARENTS-- The juniors are in the planning phase for prom and are being encouraged to share their ideas with their parents. Any parent who would like to help should pass the word along through their student or contact Mrs. Leven at avrah.leven@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

COLLEGE VISITS- Juniors and seniors are encouraged to visit colleges to help in the college selection process. Juniors and seniors wishing to visit colleges during a scheduled school day will not be penalized for attendance purposes if they do not exceed a total of **2 days for seniors and 2 days for juniors**.

In order to be approved, requests for college visits must be submitted in writing (form in academic advisor's office) **at least 48 hours prior to the visit for approval by the academic advisor and principal. Visits must be completed by May 1.**

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT FORMS - In order to secure drivers' licenses and permits, students are required to provide proof of school enrollment. These state-mandated forms are available in the school office. Students must request these forms from the school secretary **at least two days in advance. Forms are not issued during July.**

ATHLETIC UPDATES

BASEBALL GAME DAY SPONSORSHIPS- Our high school and middle school baseball teams are scheduled to play 2023 home games at the Shawnee Sports Complex. While the field usage cost of our home games is included in our field sponsorship, we are responsible for the field usage cost for our practice time on the field. **Please consider a Game Day Sponsorship.** A **\$200 donation** will help us cover the cost of the field rental for a few days of practice. **Your firm, company, or family's name will be displayed at the field on your game date.** Baseball Game Day Sponsor Forms are available [here](#).

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY – In order for students to be eligible for athletics and extracurricular activities, students must have at least **an unweighted 2.0 grade point average for the semester** and must be in good behavioral and academic standing at CCHS in order to participate in extracurricular activities.



WINTER SPORTS UPDATES—

Swimming- The swim team has had an exciting year so far! They competed in the National Catholic Swim Meet earlier this month in Baltimore. Matthew Smith finished an incredible 4th place in the 100m breaststroke, and he broke his own school record! Lily Patnoe finished 14th overall at the national meet! Shout out to Sydney Williamson who also qualified

for the meet and to Lily Patnoe, Sydney Williamson, Hannah Fisher, and Palmer Brown whose relay team qualified. Regionals for the team will be on February 4th and the State Meet will be February 16th and 17th.

High School Basketball- Both the boys and girls are having an amazing season to this point! The boys are ranked 5th in the State and the Lady Irish are 10th in the State. The boys have huge wins over Ravenswood, St. Albans, and Poca. The girls have great wins over St. Mary's, Webster County, and Roane County. Sectionals for the Lady Irish begin on February 17th and for the boys on February 24th.

Middle School Basketball- The middle school boys' team is sitting as the 7th seed in Kanawha County right now. They battled through injuries early on, but have started to put things together as the season continues. The middle school Lady Irish have struggled with injuries all season. They are a very young team with only one 8th grader, but they are learning and growing.

High School:

Baseball: Will Bobinger- bobingwl@gmail.com

Softball: Kevin Corbett- kevin@rskinc.com

Tennis: David Sadd- davidsadd@suddenlink.net

Track: Scott Welch - scott.welch@charlestoncatholic-crw.org

Middle School:

Baseball: Brian Bruce - theebriandavidbruce@gmail.com

Softball: Chris Pence - cpence@hardypence.com

Tennis: Sid Gillis and Lisa Hunter - sidgillis@aol.com

Track: Hilton Ingraham - hiltingraham@ymail.com

Golf: Jacob Nelson - jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org



MANY THANKS

- to the PVA Hospitality Committee for the wonderful Christmas lunch they provided for the faculty and staff during exam week. It was enjoyed by all!

- to the following people for joining our seniors' World Religions classes in December to help our students appreciate the various Christian denominations present here in Charleston. Pastors Cindy and Derick Briggs-Biondi spoke to us of Church History. Pastor Sharletta Green spoke of her life and work within the Methodist tradition. Pastor Ryan Bandy of Bible Center shared about the non-denominational Christian movement. Fr. Joseph Hazar of St. George's shared about the Orthodox Church. Fr. John Finnell, formerly of Blessed Sacrament, shared the Catholic perspective and practice. And lastly, Rick Wilson of the American Friends Service Committee shared with us his experience walking the Camino Pilgrimage across northern Spain. We are grateful to be able to connect their lived experiences with our growing understanding and appreciation of the Christian denominations that make up our community.

- to Matt Frohnepfel, Josh Shindle, Molly and Jesse Linehan Belcher, Jason Villers, Meredith and Bill Aubel, and Ted Walker for spending a Saturday morning unloading trucks and organizing presents and food boxes at Risen Lord Catholic Church as part of our Clay County Christmas Project. Their hard work and positive attitudes made the morning go quickly and smoothly!

CONGRATULATIONS

- to our students representing Charleston Catholic at the Kanawha County Math Field Day on Wednesday, February 8th: Jonathan Wade (6th), Altay Bayraktar (7th), Peter Basdekis (8th), Ellie Hoblitzell (9th), Olivia Hayes (10th), Joey Muchow (11th), Lauren Camper (12th), Raymond Keith (12th), Claire Smith (12th), and Elias Whiteaker (12th).
 -to freshman Joseph Ward who won the school's Poetry Out Loud competition. Joseph will represent Charleston Catholic at the state competition in March.

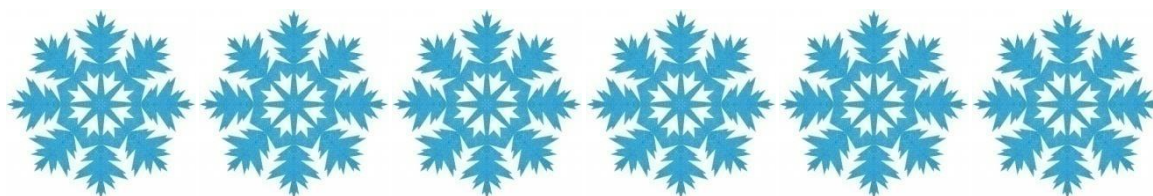
SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE – Though Mother Nature can't seem to decide which season it is, it is likely we will experience some wintery weather in the next few months. Let's be ready when it comes our way. 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, WOWK 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. IF THE DAY WILL BE REMOTE LEARNING OR E-DAY, THAT INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CLOSURE.**

3) If no announcements are made for CCHS/SHGS, classes will be held on the regular schedule.
 4) **If a two-hour delay is announced, classes will start promptly 2 hours after the normal start time. The school day will start at 10 a.m.** The building will not open until 9:45 to give staff time to get to school. Please do not drop off your children before 9:45!

5) **As always, if you cannot get your child to school for health or safety reasons, notify the school.**



CALENDAR FOR 2022-23

CALENDAR --Please use this calendar in your planning. Remember that exams must be taken on scheduled exam days, and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester will have to make up those days at the end of the semester. Please note that, as is the case each school day, teachers administer tests/quizzes, have assignments due, and teach lessons on the days immediately preceding and following school holidays. Students who take extended holidays run the risk of affecting their grades.

Monday, January 23- Friday, February 3
 Monday, January 30- Friday, February 3
 Friday, February 3- Saturday, February 4
 Saturday, February 11
 Monday, February 20
 Tuesday, February 21
 Thursday, March 9

winter MAP testing for grades 6-10
 Catholic Schools Week
 winter drama performance
 Winter Waltz for high school students, 8- 10:30 pm
 Presidents Day-no school
 Golden Horseshoe essay test for 8th graders
 Golden Horseshoe test for 8th graders

Friday, March 17	end of third quarter
Wednesday, March 22	SAT School Day for juniors
Friday, April 7-	Easter Break
Friday, April 14	
Monday, April 17	classes resume
Monday, April 24- Friday, May 5	spring MAP testing for grades 6-10
Monday, May 1- Friday, May 12	AP tests
Saturday, May 20	prom
Thursday, May 25	Baccalaureate, in evening
Friday, May 26	graduation and Project Graduation
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day-no school
Wed/Thurs/Friday, May 31- June 2	exams, 11:15 dismissal
Friday, June 2	Moving Up Ceremony for 8 th graders