



February 17, 2023

INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

Last fall I was given an orchid by the mother of one of our current seniors. It was beautiful and I did my best to keep it alive- following the watering directions and making sure it was situated to get plenty of natural light. It lasted longer than any orchid I had ever had. But, by Christmas, the leaves were gone and it did not look good- wilted leaves and a very crooked stem. Rather than giving up on it, though, I shaped it a little, put it on my windowsill, kept watering periodically, and hoped. That has been my practice for the last year. It crossed my mind more than once to throw it away, but I held onto my hope and an account from one of my friends about her orchids blooming again after a year, so I kept watering. This month, my patience and tenacity were rewarded! It started by greening up and then a few buds appeared. I currently have this beauty to behold on my window sill! What a delight!



And, more importantly, what a lesson. I was reminded of the importance of patience and tenacity- stick with it and don't give up. I was also able to experience the joy of having my hope fulfilled. This simple experience is a good reminder for me. My personal lesson is twofold: to help our young people understand the importance of the process- work hard, don't give up, and reward will come; and secondly, that we, as caring adults in their lives, treat those young people as our orchids—keep watering, be patient, and stick with it. Eventually we will watch them bloom!

I wish you an enjoyable long weekend.

Warmly,
Colleen M. 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: Samara Harrison's paternal grandmother; teacher Lisa Hayes' brother; and teacher Meg Damron's grandmother. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS- The Ren Web report that you receive this weekend will include grades through the halfway point of the third quarter. Students were given printouts from their teachers in their classes this week. Please thoughtfully review the report with your children. Look for and celebrate successes and determine if there are areas that can be improved on. The third quarter is often the most challenging for many reasons. Set realistic goals that can be achieved by the end of the quarter (March 17) and work with your children to stay focused and motivated to achieve them.



TENTATIVE SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – The year is flying by and spring exams will be here before we know it. All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. Students who miss semester exams for reasons other than illness (who will be given the opportunity to make up the exams) will receive an F for those examinations. Just a reminder regarding the **seniors- only exam exemption policy**: Seniors may be exempt from second semester exams if: 1) the course is a two-semester course; 2) the teacher chooses to allow exam exemptions; 3) third and fourth quarter grades average to at least a 93; **4) fine arts requirements must have been completed by Friday, March 17, and community service requirements by Friday, May 5, 2023.** Students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP exam AND teacher-developed final exams. Seniors who meet exam exemption requirements for their AP classes may be exempt from teacher- developed final exams. Seniors in non-AP classes who choose to take AP exams will also take teacher-developed final exams unless they meet the exemption standards. Non-seniors who choose to take an AP exam for an AP class in which they are not enrolled must take the final exam for their class.

Seniors:	Tuesday/Wednesday, May 23/24 (schedule to be announced)	
Sixth grade:	Wednesday, 5/31	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 6/1	exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 6/2	exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal
7th/8th grade:	Tuesday, 5/30	exam for period 3 (8- 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Wednesday, 5/31	exams for periods 1 and 4; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 6/1	exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 6/2	exams for periods 2 and 5; 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 time to prepare for other exams. ****

High school:	Tuesday, 5/30	exam for period 3 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Wednesday, 5/31	exams for periods 1 and 4; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 6/1	exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 6/2	exams for periods 2 and 6; 11:15 dismissal

SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2023-24

2023-2024 RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS –Enrollment forms for returning students were distributed to students on February 3. They were due by February 17 with the \$200 deposit to reserve your child's spot for 2023-24. Please turn your form in ASAP if you have not yet done so. Registration forms with course offerings and selections will be distributed in April. Now students should be focused on doing their best in their current classes. Grades and work ethic are important factors in course placement.

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2023-2024– The Admissions Committee is in the midst of the admissions cycle for the 2023-24 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. Please refer prospective families to the website!

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

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; call school to pre-register

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.

TUITION AND CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2023-24

TUITION RATES FOR 2023-24— 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. Invoices and loan information will be mailed in mid-April. **Tuition payment in full is due June 15** (late charge assessed at \$1.00 per day after June 15).

EXCITING CHANGES 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!!

Awards are based on 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 opened 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 TENTATIVE calendar in mind as you plan for next year. Please remember that **exams must be taken on scheduled exam days** and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester will have to make up those days at the end of the semester.

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; no school for students
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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD-- Students will compete in the State Science Olympiad tournament at Marshall University on March 4th. All team members have to fill out a form in order to compete. If you have any questions or need a form, please contact Mrs. Arnold.

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE SEMINAR—High school students are invited to the third quarter science seminar which is tentatively scheduled for March 13 at 7 pm in the 4th floor meeting area. The speaker will be Kimberly Dingess, an instructor in the Biology Department at Marshall University. The talk will focus on primate research.

ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

- 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/>.
- 2.) **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.)
- 3.) **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).

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

PLANNED ABSENCES--While the school does not encourage students to miss school for any reason, there is a procedure to follow when students know of absence(s) in advance. The purpose is to notify school personnel of a student's planned absence. **School-sponsored activities are excused (e.g., academic competitions, post-season sports play). All other absences are unexcused (e.g., doctor appointments, performances, funerals).** It is the student's responsibility to make up all class work, assignments, and tests missed due to the absence, according to school guidelines. Students must obtain an "Out of School Notification" form from the office for all planned absences.

1. Parent/Guardian must complete the form and indicate specific date(s) and reason(s) for the absence.
2. Student must present the form to teachers and obtain signatures indicating that the teachers are aware of the absence.
3. The form must be turned into the office. Official school records will reflect the status of the absence, i.e., excused for school-approved activities or unapproved for all other absences. If a school-sponsored excused form is not completed and turned into the office prior to the absence, it will be treated as an unexcused absence.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

SIXTH GRADE P.E. UNIFORM ORDERS— Sixth graders will take P.E. in the fourth quarter which begins March 20. Order forms for P.E. uniforms will be sent home with students next week. Please return orders and payment to the school office. Orders will be filled and sent home with students in time for the beginning of the fourth quarter.

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. Griffith at sarah.griffith@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

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.

GLOVES NEEDED-- The science department is in need of latex and vinyl gloves of all sizes for dissections and other lab activities. Please contact Mrs. Arnold to coordinate a donation or drop off any gloves in the office. Many thanks!

IMMUNIZATIONS--The health department asks all schools to keep students' immunization records up to date. If your child has had recent shots, please send CCHS a copy of new health records. **All rising 7th graders are required to have a Tdap booster and first meningococcal vaccine before they enter school in August. Rising 12th graders are required to have the second dose of the meningococcal vaccine before they enter school in August. Once your child has these vaccines, an updated immunization record must be submitted to Mrs. McLaughlin.**



YEARBOOK UPDATES—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

Also, the yearbook is in need of middle school pictures (especially sports pictures). Please submit pictures to our app - Walsworth's Yearbook Snap App. Use code goirish.

STEM--The High School Science Department is looking for individuals who would be interested in judging STEM research projects for a CCHS Science Fair on April 5. Individuals should have a degree in science or have experience in a STEM career to be considered a judge. If you are interested in becoming a judge or have questions about judging please email amy.arnold@charlestonesthcatholic-crw.org or sarah.griffith@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

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.

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 eighth graders will be participating in the contest. Their articles must be at least 500 words in length and no longer than 2000 words. Students are working on finishing their final drafts for submission on March 1. Any questions about this contest can be directed to Miss Cline.

GOLDEN HORSESHOE - A highlight of the eighth-grade year is the opportunity for a student to become a Knight or Lady of the Golden Horseshoe. Named for the golden horseshoes given to the early explorers of what is now West Virginia by Alexander Spotswood, the Governor of the Virginia colony, the program recognizes students for their

knowledge of West Virginia history. In the coming weeks, eighth-grade students from all over the state will take a computerized assessment on West Virginia history, facts, and trivia. Top scorers from each county are awarded their Golden Horseshoes by the Governor in a ceremony at the Capitol. Charleston Catholic's test date is scheduled for March 9. Students have been gathering information in WV Studies class, but additional practice questions can be found on the WV Culture and History website (wvculture.org) and the WV Department of Education website.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

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

The **Kroger Community Rewards** program can be used every time you grocery shop. To enroll, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use the Charleston Catholic organization number **LH615**. Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus Cards are available at the Customer Service desk at any Kroger. To participate in the program, just register your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card (as outlined above)**, use the card when you checkout, and Charleston Catholic will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis.

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.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



- 1.) 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.
- 2.) The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston invites juniors in high school through freshmen in college to come to TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) June 10-12, 2023, Saturday morning through Monday afternoon. It will be hosted by

St. Mary Parish, 3346 University Ave. in Morgantown. The cost is \$40 per person which includes lodging, food and supplies. To learn more or to register visit dwc.org/TEC

- 3.) The Diocese of Wheeling- Charleston is again offering the Catholic Youth Adventure Camp: Grow with us in the infinite love of Christ in the beautiful hills of West Virginia. Are you hoping to grow in your faith? Come to Camp Carlo in Huttonsville to grow in Christ's love while backpacking up a mountain, horseback riding through hidden trails, sliding down mystic waterfalls and humbling ourselves in front of the true Presence of our Lord during Mass and Adoration.
- June 25th – July 1st – Rising 6th graders to 8th graders
 - July 2nd – July 8th – A “catch all week” from 3rd grade through 12th grade
 - July 9th – July 15th – Rising freshmen to seniors in high school
 - July 16th – July 22nd – A “catch all week” from 3rd grade through 12th grade
 - July 23rd – July 29th – “A Camp Carlo Summer Vacation” free program for 7-12 year olds who receive support from the government or Catholic Charities



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 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. 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**– Thanks to the many cafeteria volunteers who spend their lunches with our students! 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.** ****
- 1.) **Parent involvement** is a critical 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 in a variety of ways. Please help how you can and cheer on the Irish!
- 3.) **Athletic family passes** are available through the PVA. These passes are good for immediate family members only (not cousins, in-laws, ex-in-laws, grandparents, fiancées, etc.) to attend CCHS home games. The passes do not cover away games, tournaments played at home, or any SSAC tournaments. Cost is \$150 for all home middle

school games only, \$175 for all home high school games only, and \$200 for all home games (both levels). A \$100 student or senior citizen pass for all home games is also available. Please contact Kerri Linton at 304-228-4138 or klinton@pcsolutions.com if you have questions about these passes.

- 4.) **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.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY – As we get ready to start a new athletic season, keep eligibility requirements in mind. 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.



All of our winter sports are approaching the end of their seasons if they have not already done so. The hard work of the student athletes and coaches is evident in their successes!

Swimming- The swim team is wrapping up their impressive season this week. They had a great regional performance. Lily Patnoe broke a 23 year old regional meet record in the 200 freestyle! She was also regional champion in the 100 breaststroke. Matthew Smith was regional champion in the 200 IM. He placed second in the 100 breaststroke. Both Lily and Matthew made the All Regional team and qualified for the State Meet! Sydney Williamson qualified in all four of her events. Anthony Metz qualified as an individual as well. Both boys' (John Patnoe, Alex Anton, Anthony Metz, Raymond Keith, and Adam Holtsclaw) and girls' (Sydney Williamson, Palmer Brown, Hannah Fisher, and Lily Patnoe) relay teams also qualified!

High School Basketball- Both the boys' and girls' teams are having amazing seasons to this point! The boys are ranked 4th in the State and the Lady Irish are 7th 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 finished just short of the postseason tournament, but the Irish showed steady improvement and finished strong. They look to build on their momentum next year! The girls had injuries all year but still made the Kanawha County tournament as an eight seed! They fell just short of a huge upset in the first round. It was a great season for both teams!



Spring sports will be starting at the end of February. If you are interested in joining one of the teams, please contact the coaches listed below for more information:

High School:Baseball: Will Bobinger- bobingwl@gmail.comSoftball: Kevin Corbett- kevin@rskinc.comTennis: David Sadd- davidsadd@suddenlink.netTrack: Hilton Ingraham- hiltoningraham@ymail.com**Middle School:**Baseball: Brian Bruce- theebriandavidbruce@gmail.comSoftball: Chris Pence- cpence@hardypence.comTennis: Sid Gillis and Lisa Hunter- sidgillis@aol.comTrack: Hilton Ingraham- hiltoningraham@ymail.comGolf: Jacob Nelson- jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org

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](#).



CONGRATULATIONS

- to senior Raymond Keith for being selected as Charleston Catholic's Aquinas Medal recipient, a recognition given to one student at each Catholic school in West Virginia recognizing faithful discipleship, academic excellence, leadership, and service.

- to seniors Palmer Brown and Eli Coleman who were selected as Charleston Catholic's St. Sebastian Medal winners. The award recognizes high achieving student athletes from each of the state's diocesan high schools who exhibit the qualities of sportsmanship, teamwork, academics, and a high respect for school, classmates, teammates, opponents, parish, and the community.

- to the students attending Kanawha County Math Field Day!!! Jonathan Wade, Altay Bayraktar, Peter Basdekis, Ellie Hoblitzell, Olivia Hayes, Joey Muchow, Lauren Camper, Raymond Keith, Claire Smith, and Elias Whiteaker. Special congratulations to students who placed at Math Field Day: Altay Bayraktar- 1st place in 7th grade; Peter Basdekis- 4th place in 8th grade; Ellie Hoblitzell- 3rd place in 9th grade. In the high school competition (grades 10-12) Elias Whiteaker-15th place, Joey Muchow- 12th place, Lauren Camper- 11th place and Raymond Keith- 10th place. Good luck to Altay, Ellie, and Raymond who are moving on to attend Regional Math Field Day!

- to the cast, crew, and faculty directors, Josh Fix and Matthew Hale, of *Monday Always Leads to Murder* for their wonderful performances earlier this month. The cast consisted of Michael Strickland, Maleah Taylor, Abigail Dotson, Rayna Nichols, Lauren Camper, Calyn Taylor, Zoe Jarvis, John Christian Settle, Tony Singh, Audrey Allred, Joey Muchow, Carlee Stone, and Sierra Bolles. Crew members were Anthony Scalzo, Colleen Rogers, Emily Bowen, Samara Harrison, Micah Hill, Robert Keith, Gwyn Lanning, Madeline Snyder, Juliana Veazey, Jonah Whiteaker, and Roxy Winter.

- to the High School Quiz Bowl Team for their victory at the Winter Regional competition for the National History Bowl in Logan County on January 21st. Their win qualified them for the National History Bowl and Bee Tournament in April. They also placed 5th overall and first in A/AA division at the Ripley invitational Tournament on January 28 where they qualified for the 2023 Small School National Championship Tournament which is in Chicago in April. Sophomore team member John Settle was the 4th place overall scorer at the tournament in Ripley and 1st place in A/AA division. Other participating team members were Olivia Jonathan, Anthony Scalzo, Julianna Veazey, Elias Whiteaker.

MANY THANKS

- to Dr. Kyle Palmquist, a Plant Ecologist at Marshall University, for her science seminar presentation on the role that fire plays in plant communities. Fifty-six students attended this lecture.

- to the PVA hospitality committee for providing delicious treats for the faculty during Catholic Schools Week.

- to Dianna and Bob Hypes for their generosity to and involvement with the Charleston Catholic community. On Tuesday, February 14, Mr. and Mrs. Hypes bought pizza for students, faculty, and staff, though they were unable to visit in person. Thanks also to all the students and faculty for wearing their red and making a \$2 donation to the Bobby Hypes Scholarship. The Scholarship is presented at the 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony each year to a rising 9th grader who shares some of Bobby's personality traits- kindness, determination, optimism. Mr. and Mrs. Hypes' ongoing commitment to CCHS helps keep Bobby's legacy and example alive.

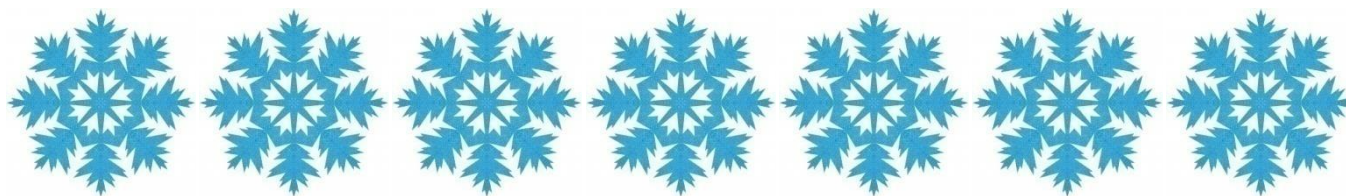
- to all who participated in our 2023 Catholic Schools Week project and contributed to making it an outstanding success! We collected 3,404 donated items to benefit Gabriel Project, Sojourner's Shelter, Manna Meal, Bob Burdette Center, and Risen Lord Food Pantry! We also collected over \$800 for Catholic Charities of WV! We couldn't have done it without the help of many volunteers. Thank you to our project chairs, Sabrena Gillis and Megan Harris, to Rodney LeGrand for his IT support, to parent volunteers Sarah Bailey, Tristen Judy, Amy Weber, Mirielle Hanna, Sid Gillis, Diane Nester, and Amy Tawney for their help with packing and delivering, and to our 8th grade students for their advertisements. The generosity of our families helped make an impact on the agencies that support those in need in our local community.

SNOW E-DAY POLICY

Though we are seeing glimpses of spring, it is unlikely that we are done with winter weather yet! We still have two extra days built into our calendar for snow. **In the event that the e-day policy becomes active, it will be noted on the school website and in the messages (Parent Alert and cchsnews) that announce the school closing.**

If the e-day should become necessary, the following plan will be activated:

- 1.) By 9 a.m. on days that school is closed, teachers will post instructions for their classes in their Google Classroom.
- 2.) Assignments for each class will be about 30 minutes in length. Teachers will keep in mind what materials students would have available at home.
- 3.) Completion of each class' assignments is required. Namely, as is the case in a regular instructional day, each e-day assignment counts for a grade in teachers' gradebooks. Failure to complete an assignment will result in a zero for each assignment. Teachers will post details about assignment submission in Google Classroom.



SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE – Though it has not felt much like winter recently, we still need to be prepared in case we do experience winter in the coming weeks. 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. Please remember that exams must be taken on scheduled exam days, and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester (if those students have not been participating in classes virtually) will have to make up those days at the end of the semester. Please note that, as is the case each school day, teachers administer tests/quizzes, have assignments due, and teach lessons on the days immediately preceding and following school holidays. Students who take extended holidays run the risk of affecting their grades.

Monday, February 20	Presidents Day-no school
Tuesday, February 21	Golden Horseshoe essay test for 8 th graders
Thursday, March 9	Golden Horseshoe test for 8 th 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