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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents,

As I dropped my daughter off at Sacred Heart and walked over to CCHS one morning this week, I couldn't help but notice the beautiful colors in nature right in front of me. I pointed them out to Mrs. Thomas who quickly took the photo below. I was fortunate to have my eyes up and to be looking out, so I was able to catch the moment. I, unfortunately, often fall into the same trap that so many of us do—looking down at my phone to check emails or texts or getting lost in a world of thought about my upcoming day.

It occurred to me how much I (and we collectively) miss when we only look inward and downward. I see it when I am out and about as people look down at their phones or their feet while walking the sidewalks. I noticed it afterschool this week as I saw our students staring at their phones rather than what was happening all around them. In some cases they were using their phones as cameras turned at themselves- they were literally only looking at themselves. Beyond missing the beauty all around us, we close ourselves off to new opportunities.

It seems simple at first, to think about looking out rather than in or down; on a broader scale, though, there's more to consider. It's natural to think about how changes and new situations impact us on a personal level— to look inward and downward. There is merit, though, to consider such events in the long term and from a wider perspective. Some things that may initially present challenges will bring positive results in the long term. Or maybe something that presents an individual hardship will serve the greater good. It's worth widening our lenses to realize that there is a much bigger world out there.

This can be particularly challenging for young people, but looking at the big picture and seeing beyond themselves will help them grow into thoughtful, mature adults. Considering the impact on others is not easy, but it is critical if we are going to do our part to make our world a kinder place. Let's encourage our young people to think beyond their personal needs and to see the colors around us.

I wish you a happy fall!

Warmly,
Colleen Hoyer



CONDOLENCES -- We express our sympathy to our students and their families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Chase Noland’s grandmother; and Austin Grigsby’s grandfather. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

FIRST QUARTER REPORT CARDS ARE ON THE WAY – **First quarter report cards were mailed today.** Look over and discuss quarter grades, conduct grades, and teacher comments with your children. Consider whether any relationship exists between behavior and achievement. Ask your child(ren) to consider what they found challenging and where they were successful. Quarter grade point averages are included at the bottom of the quarter one column. The cumulative GPA is based solely on semester grades. The cumulative GPA reported on the current report card is a student’s grade point average as of June 2023. Remember, students must have **an unweighted 2.0 semester GPA (not cumulative)** in order to be eligible to participate in athletics. Freshmen and middle school students do not have cumulative GPAs at this time. Earlier this week, teachers provided students with printouts that include details of first quarter grades which should offer additional information about their grades.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR – Expectations for students—academically and behaviorally—are appropriately high. Teachers have established clear guidelines for students’ in class and school behavior. Students who receive Ns or Us in conduct on their report cards are not meeting school behavioral expectations. Administrators may add behavioral consequences and will follow up with students when such incidents occur in order to set expectations for behavior improvements.

MAP TESTING- Family Reports with student achievement information from the September MAP tests for sixth through tenth graders are included in the report card mailing. The Family Report provides details on each student’s national percentile and RIT score. They also include details on the student’s growth from fall 2022 to fall 2023 if they took MAP last year at any school (not just at CCHS). Students will test again at the end of January and again at the end of April. If you have questions about your child’s MAP scores, please contact Meredith Aubel at Meredith.aubel@charlestoncatholic@charlestoncatholic-crw.org or 304-342-8415.

2023 SAT SCHOOL DAY- Senior families will find a printed score report from last spring’s SAT School Day enclosed in the report card mailing. Scores have been accessible online for several months, but we recently received the printed reports.

SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TUTORING OPPORTUNITY-- Twenty-three seniors, juniors and sophomores were inducted into the CCHS chapter of Science National Honor Society last month. The officers are: Co-Presidents Nicole Gao and Tony Singh, Vice President Sophia Bautista, Secretary Sarah Rahin, and Treasurer Calyn Taylor. To fulfill their service requirements, some of the honor society students will be available to peer tutor for middle and high science courses in the library on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 pm. Please contact one of the officers or Mrs. Arnold if you have any questions.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – If the second quarter goes as quickly as the first one did, exams will be here before we know it. We will administer exams before Christmas, though the semester does not end until January 12. From January 3 (when classes resume) through January 12, teachers will be covering new material which will be calculated into the second quarter and first semester grade. All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. Students should prepare for exams by reviewing past tests and quizzes, using study guides, rereading notes and homework/class assignments, reworking math problems, and so on.

6 th grade:	Wednesday, 12/13	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/14	exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/15	exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
7 th /8 th grades*:	Tuesday, 12/12	exam for period 7 (8:00 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Wednesday, 12/13	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/14	exams for periods 4 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/15	exams for periods 3 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 period to prepare for other exams.

High school:	Tuesday, 12/12	exam for period 7 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Wednesday, 12/13	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/14	exams for periods 4 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/15	exams for periods 3 and 6; 11:15 dismissal



UPCOMING EVENTS

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES -- Parent conferences for all grades are scheduled for Thursday, November 2, from 8 am to noon; 1 to 5 pm; and 6 to 9 pm and on Monday, November 6, from 1-5 pm for seventh and eighth grade students. **There will be NO SCHOOL for students on November 2. Seventh and eighth graders will be dismissed at 11:30 am on November 6. Assignments for their afternoon classes will be shared with students.**

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

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

JUNIOR CLASS FUNDRAISER -- The junior class is fundraising for Prom 2024! Back by popular demand, the juniors will be selling Roger's and Mazza's Pepperoni Rolls and will be taking pre-paid orders from until November 9th. Orders will be here in time for Thanksgiving! Each junior will have an order form and would appreciate your support. Please be on the lookout for more exciting fundraisers from the junior class this year! Please contact Mr. Nelson at rick.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org if you have any questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR- We are excited to announce that Charleston Catholic will host a Middle School Social Studies Fair on November 16, 2023. This event represents our students' hard work and dedication as they showcase their knowledge and passion for history and the social sciences. The Social Studies Fair is a fantastic opportunity for our middle school students to explore and present their research on a wide range of topics in the field of social studies. It allows them to sharpen their critical thinking, research, and presentation skills, all while delving deep into their chosen subjects. This year, **we are also looking for enthusiastic parents, guardians, or community members interested in volunteering as judges for the fair.** If you have a background or interest in social studies, history, geography, or related fields, we would love to have you participate. Your insights and feedback will be crucial in recognizing our students' hard work and promoting their passion for learning. If you are interested in being a judge at the Social Studies Fair, please get in touch with Phillip Kellison at phillip.kellison@charlestoncatholic-crw.org. Your participation will make a meaningful difference in our student's educational experience, and it's a fantastic way to engage with our school community.

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 or Mrs. Walter at jean.walter@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

BASEBALL SPAGHETTI DINNER- The high school baseball team will host its annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sunday, December 3, from 4-7 pm in the Commons. Tickets will be available in early November for \$15 and may also be purchased at the door.

FROM THE SCHOOL 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.

GLOVES? GLOBE?—Our high school science classes would welcome the donation of disposable gloves to be used during lab work. Additionally, Mrs. Arnold could use some student globes in her classroom. Please contact Mrs. Arnold to coordinate a donation or drop off any gloves in the office.

SCHOOL SPIRIT SHOP— Cold weather--and outdoor state tournaments!-- are coming. We have a variety of gear available in the school spirit shop. Check out the hats and scarves (pictured below!) and sport your CCHS gear while staying warm. Get the hat and scarf combo for \$32. If you are interested in ordering any spirit wear, please call the office at 304-342-8415. Go Irish!



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 "First Time Registrant" option. Allow 1- 1½ hours to complete the program.

The remaining two components of compliance 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.

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.



WANT YOUR PHOTOS IN THE YEARBOOK? - So do we! Students, parents, and teachers can contribute content to the yearbook by uploading photos directly to our app for potential use in the book. You can share photos of sporting events and practices, club meetings and events, school and community events, and student life. 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!

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. All seniors should retake the tests before January if they would like to do better before applying to college.
- 2.) College visit request forms are available in the office. Students should pick up the forms there and return the completed forms to the office at least 2 days before the trip. Seniors are allowed 2 college visit days; juniors are allowed 2 college visit days. All college visits must be made before May 1.
- 3.) **College representatives** are visiting, and these meetings typically take place during lunch. Dates and times will be available on the school calendar, and students will be reminded on the morning and afternoon announcements. All high school students should take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about different colleges. Colleges and universities want to see that students are interested in them!
- 4.) Common Application help is available every Monday during lunch in the library. This will go through October and November to ensure students feel prepared for their approaching deadlines.



NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

- 1.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Our next order period for white polos and uniform jackets will open NEXT WEEK-- October 30, 2023, and closes on November 10, 2023. Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the 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. White polos may be ordered through the In Stitches link: <https://cchsuniforms.itemorder.com/shop/home/>. For questions, please contact Cynthia Hemphill-Reehling (803-242-5087) 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.) Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help serve lunch. It's not too late to get on the second semester schedule. Please contact Tina Caldwell at (304) 546-3081 or tina.caldwell1987@gmail.com if you would like to be on the cafeteria schedule for January 2024 - May 2024. Pay attention to 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. ****
- 3.) **Parent involvement** is necessary for the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Helping drive students to games and practices, working gates, working concession stands, being supportive of the players and coaches, and attending games are just a few ways that parents help. Please check that your Virtus records and background checks are up to date by calling school and talking to Mrs. France. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams!
- 4.) **Athletic family passes** are available through the PVA. These passes are good for immediate family members only (not cousins, in-laws, ex-in-laws, grandparents, fiancées, etc.) to attend CCHS home games. **The passes do not cover away games, tournaments played at home, 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. An order form for sports passes is in the PVA Parent Registration Packet. Please contact Kerri Linton 304-228-4138 or klinton@pcolutions.com if you have questions about these passes.
- 5.) **PVA packets** including volunteer forms and all ordering forms for logo jackets, white polos, and green polos are available on the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Forms should be submitted electronically or to the school office.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK— During Catholic Schools Week, we will continue our tradition of reaching out to community organizations to help support their needs. This important annual service project is sponsored by PVA. Additional information will be sent in November and December, but you can start your planning now using the information listed below. We look forward continuing the tradition of service to our neighbors.

Monday-Risen Lord Food Pantry (non-perishable food items)

*Tuesday- Daymark (pillows and pillowcases, sheets (twin), towels and washcloths)

*\$2 dress down day recipient

Wednesday-Manna Meal (non-perishable food items)

Thursday-Covenant House (hygiene products)

Friday-Gabriel Project (diapers in sizes preemie, newborn, 4, 5, 6; disposable training pants; J&J baby wash; baby wipes)

CAMPUS MINISTRY

- 1.) The CCHS Annual Woodcutting day to Big Laurel in Mingo County will be Friday, Nov. 10th (Veteran's Day) this year! This is a day of outdoor work of splitting wood and delivering wood to elderly residents in Mingo County, who use it to heat their houses. Regardless of weather, volunteers enjoy the opportunity to be outside, to work hard, and to see tangible tasks that serve those in need. This special needs service opportunity is open to juniors and seniors. See Mrs. Linehan Belcher for more details.
- 2.) Our neighbor, First Presbyterian Church, has held Hope Village for over a decade, and Charleston Catholic has been a long-time supporter of this effort. Hope Village seeks out vendors who are lifting their artisans out of poverty, marginalization, and sex trafficking. Hope Village obtains beautiful, hand-crafted items on consignment, sells them and returns the proceeds to the vendors. The vendors pay a living wage to the artisans and support programs to educate and train others to engage in work that empowers them. We encourage this intentional Christmas shopping in First Presby's Recreation Room of the activities building (the building on the Boulevard). They will be open Nov. 12 (12pm - 3pm); Nov. 16, 17, 18 (10am - 3pm); Nov. 19, 24 (12pm - 3pm); Nov. 25 (10am - 3pm); Nov. 26 (12pm - 3pm); Nov. 30 (10am - 3pm); Dec. 1, 2 (10am - 3pm); Dec. 3 (12pm - 3pm).
- 3.) Are you interested in becoming a role model for a student at the Martin Luther King Center? We are looking for high school students who can participate in Thursday visits to the MLK Center after school on Thursdays beginning in late November. Responsibilities for this service will include help with homework, spending time to read with the students, and building relationships with younger students. For more information about joining the after school group, please email Mrs. Williams at michaila.williams@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

CLAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT— Plans are progressing for our Clay County Christmas this year. Approximately 300 children and their families will again be served through this project which highlights the bond between families in Clay County and the CCHS/ SHGS community. Parents and businesses willing to donate goods or funds should contact the school office -- cash donations are needed to assist with extra stocking stuffers and miscellaneous needs. The entire school is involved in the project: getting stockings, providing gifts for specific children, stuffing stockings, bagging gifts by family, loading trucks, and on and on. The Christmas party will take place in Clay County on Saturday, December 2.



- 1.) **Tuesday, November 21 (at the latest)** - Students will receive the name and other information about their Clay County children. Students are asked to purchase a \$45 gift. Please do not exceed the \$45 limit but buy as much as you can for \$45. Try to hit right at the mark! It is very difficult on families when children within the same family do not receive "equitable" gifts. **If a CCHS student is unable to participate in this aspect of the Clay County Christmas Project, please alert Mrs. Hoyer ASAP.** Parents wishing to help with gifts for additional children are encouraged to inquire in the office.
- 2.) **Tuesday, November 28** – Stockings and stocking stuffers are due to theology teachers. We try to fill 400 stockings, so we count on each student to bring in the requested items. Each student needs to follow the directions below for their

grade level's stocking stuffer assignment. The dollar store is a great resource for these items. We are providing this information now so you can keep an eye out for bargains!

Each 6th, 7th, and 8th grader: Two 12 to 14 inch stockings to be filled, 4 small boxes of crayons (8 or 16 count), 4 thin coloring books, 5 mechanical pencils and 2 pairs of stretchy gloves-one size fits all.

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

EXTRA ITEMS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

3.) Tuesday, November 28- Food items are due -- Each homeroom will be preparing food boxes. Each student will be asked to provide specific food items. The majority of the food boxes are being provided by Sacred Heart Grade School children. CCHS students help fill the remainder of the boxes required by the number of families participating. Students will sign up for food items in their homerooms.

4.) Wednesday, November 29 - Wrapped gifts are due to homeroom teachers. Labeling instructions will be provided with shopping details.

5.) Friday, December 1- Bags of wrapped gifts are collected and trucks are packed with gift bags and food boxes.

6.) Saturday, December 2- Items are delivered to Risen Lord Parish in Maysel. A small group of seniors will have the opportunity to attend and participate in the Christmas party.

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

Thank you for your kindness to the children of Clay County and your participation in this most important project!

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

ATHLETIC UPDATES

FALL SPORTS UPDATE-- The fall sports season is quickly coming to a close!

- The high school golf team finished sixth in the State! It was an amazing season for the Irish and Coach Jordan. Will Gruse finished 3rd in the State and made the A All-State team. Thank you to our seniors, Michael Strickland and Conner Mayhorn.

- The cross country team has been fantastic this year! The boys' team dominated regionals with a perfect score. Isaac Collins finished as regional champion! Will Barton finished 2nd; Peter Basdekis 3rd; Hunter Perry 4th; Ewan Becher 5th; Dickinson Gould 6th; and Charlie Barton 7th. On the girls' side, the team won the Regional Championship off of a tie breaker! Bella Boggs finished as Regional Champion. Hannah Fisher finished 3rd and Mary Rushworth finished 9th. They now prepare for the State Meet on October 28th at 9:00 a.m. at Cabell Midland High School. You can get tickets on our Twitter page.

- The high school soccer teams have been excellent this season. The boys won regionals in a PK shootout over Shady Spring. The girls won their regional 10-0 over Shady Spring. Both teams now go to Beckley for the State Tournament next week. The boys will attempt to go for their third straight State Championship as they take on Lewis County on November 2nd at 11:30 a.m. The girls will be going for 5 in a row as they face Weir High School at 4:30 p.m. on November 2nd.

- The high school volleyball team has played hard and shown a lot of growth this season. They are working to secure a spot in the State Tournament next month. Sectionals will be the week of October 30th and regionals will be November 4th. They will start sectionals at home on the 30th at 6:00 p.m. The State Tournament will start on November 8th.

- The cheer team has been working hard and will compete this year in regionals which will be held November 4th at Riverside High School.

- In the middle school Kanawha County Conference, the boys' soccer team finished as runners-up. They had an outstanding season and finished as regular season Co-Champions. The girls had a great season, losing in the semifinals of the County Tournament. The volleyball team finished the season with perfection! They never lost a set and finished as Kanawha County Champions for the 2nd year in a row! The middle school boys' cross country team finished as Kanawha County Champions for the 3rd year in a row! Luke Passmore finished 2nd, Teddy Passmore finished 3rd, Charlie Curry finished 7th, and Winston Hunter finished 10th. On the girls' side, two runners finished in the top 15: Rylee Wright finished 2nd and Bailee King finished 12th. What impressive results!



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

Middle School Cheerleading- Satin Carpenter- satinblackwell@gmail.com
 Middle School Boys' Basketball-Josh Shindle- josh.shindle@charlestoncatholic-crw.org
 Middle School Girls' Basketball- Dennis Thornburg- dthornburg1340@gmail.com
 High School Boys' Basketball- Hunter Moles- coach.moles@yahoo.com
 High School Girls' Basketball- Wes Hevener - wdhevener@gmail.com
 High School Swimming- Katie Paulson- katie.paulsonwv@gmail.com

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



HANDBOOK REMINDERS

MAKING UP WORK MISSED AND CONSEQUENCES OF ABSENCES-- Absence for sufficient reason entitles the student to an opportunity to make up the work missed. **It is the student's responsibility to obtain make-up assignments from teachers.** In general, the following guidelines will apply for making up work missed due to absence. Failure to make up work will result in zeros. Any work assigned prior to the absence and due during the absence must be submitted on time to receive full credit. To ensure that a student has no outstanding assignments it is recommended that the student check in with teachers on the day the student returns.

1. **Students who are in the building for any part of the day are required to turn in all assignments due that day to all of their classes.** Exceptions may be made by administration. Otherwise, late penalties shall apply. For example, students who arrive late or leave early must turn in all work due that day. (e.g., students leaving for appointments or school sponsored athletic events).
2. Long-range assignments (as designated by the teacher) made previously by a teacher (i.e., prior to a student's absence) are due **on the date assigned**. Otherwise, late penalties shall apply. Illness or appointments are not exceptions. Arrangements must be made to submit assignments on the day they are due.
3. Previously assigned homework is due the day the student returns. Otherwise, late penalties shall apply.
4. Students who were absent must talk to their teachers about completing work missed during their absence. Failure to complete these assignments on time will result in a zero for each un-submitted assignment. Students must submit make-up work as follows:

One-day absence: work is due the day after returning to school.

Two-day absence: work is due two days after returning to school.

Three or more day absence: work is due three days after returning to school.

5. Students who are absent are encouraged to check Google classroom and contact their teachers to learn what material was covered in class as well as what assignments are due. For prolonged absences (more than three days), students may request homework and other class assignments from the Assistant Principal for Student Support. Upon their return to school, students should check with their teachers about missing assignments.

6. Parents of children absent from school for extended periods of time due to major illnesses should contact the principal to discuss assignments from teachers. Parents should encourage their children to work on an appropriate amount of schoolwork so that, upon return to school, students' progress will not be jeopardized.

7. Students **suspended** from school/class are required to turn in previously made assignments on time, including those assignments due during the course of their suspension. While suspended, students are expected to make up class work/tests and will be given credit for the work submitted.

8. Students absent (for any reason including appointments, illness or other family circumstances, or being more than 10 minutes tardy to class) from a class period for five (5) or more days per semester may lose credit for that class or classes. The principal and assistant principal for operations shall examine students' attendance records at the end of each semester. In addition to completing make up work, in order for credit to be granted for each course, students must stay after school to make up time missed during excessive absences (5 or more), regardless of the reason for the absences.

MANY THANKS

- to the PVA for their involvement and support in so many ways. Wish List items have been arriving as a wonderful treat to teachers! Thank you for your kindness.

- to the returning and new guest speakers for our senior's World Religion course! Ravi Jaishankar joined us over Zoom from Colorado to share about his deepening journey with Hinduism. Dr. Christine Blice-Baum joined us for the first time this year to share about her practice of Buddhism. She is a retired Air Force chaplain and Lutheran pastor who is currently working on her PhD in Buddhism at the University of the West in California. Most recently, Bill and Diana Mehle shared about their experience and impressions of living in Japan for our unit on Confucianism, Taoism, and Shinto. Our gratitude for each of our speakers who help us see these great human traditions in a lived, personal way, bringing our textbook discussions to life! Your presence with us is invaluable!

- to Dr. Angie Settle for sharing some of her knowledge and experiences with the Leadership through Service students.

- to Wendy Morrison, a Clinical Laboratory Scientist and Quality Analyst for LabCorp in Tampa, FL, who spoke with over seventy high school students at the first science seminar of the 2023-2024 school year on the topic of the importance of the medical laboratory.



CONGRATULATIONS

- to the CCHS Quiz Bowl team on placing fourth in the Zanesville Invitational on October 14. Junior John Settle was the third highest individual scorer in the tournament with an average of 51 points per game. Good luck to the team members traveling to Virginia to compete on November 4th in the Eastern Montgomery Invitational.

CALENDAR

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

Thursday, November 2	Parent Teacher Conferences- no school for students
Monday, November 6	7 th /8 th Grade Conferences; 11:30 dismissal for 7 th -8 th graders ONLY
Friday, November 10	Veterans' Day- no school
Wed., November 22	E-day for students
Thurs., Nov. 23- Fri. Nov. 24	Thanksgiving holiday
Saturday, December 2	Clay County Christmas Party
Wed- Fri., Dec. 13-15	exams; 11:15 dismissal
Mon., Dec. 18- Tues. Jan. 2	Christmas break
Wed., January 3	classes resume
Friday, January 12	end of second quarter
Mon., January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- no school
Tues., January 16	e-day for students, teacher professional development
Mon., January 29- Fri., February 2	Catholic Schools Week
Mon., February 19	Presidents' Day- no school
Friday, March 15	end of third quarter
Mon., March 18	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Fri., March 29- Fri., Apr. 5	Easter Break
Mon., April 8	classes resume
Mon. May 6- Friday, May 18	AP tests
Saturday, May 18	prom
Thurs., May 23	baccalaureate
Fri., May 24	graduation
Mon., May 27	Memorial Day- no school
Wed., May 29- Fri., May 31	exams for 6 th -11 th graders; 11:15 dismissal
Friday, May 31	Moving Up Ceremony for 8 th graders