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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

Earlier this Easter season we welcomed Father Paul Wharton of Blessed Sacrament Parish as celebrant of an all school mass. Father Paul’s homily focused on light and darkness. He told of a dark basement that the residents of a home wanted to change—they sought to drive out the darkness. To do so, they tried using brooms to sweep it out and bats to beat it out, but neither worked. Then, they lit candles and took them to the basement and suddenly it was no longer dark. Father Paul reminded us that we all have light from God within us, and we have the power to drive out the darkness around us by bringing our light and not being afraid to share it. He encouraged the students to be light when they encounter darkness in the form of unkindness or hatred.

As the 2023-24 school year winds down, I find Father Paul’s message particularly inspiring. It is easy to get swallowed by the darkness, the stress, the exhaustion. But, as I watch our students working hard, achieving their goals, and surmounting challenges, I am reminded that they carry the light. They have bright futures ahead of them and they can use their light to drive out all types of darkness.

As we enter May, let’s remind our young people how to be kind and bright examples for all. Let’s celebrate the Class of 2024 and the many achievements of all of our students. Let’s focus on being and sharing God’s light.

Warmly,
Colleen Hoyer

CONDOLENCES -- We express our sympathy to a few of our students and their families who have lost a loved one recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Rylee Wright’s paternal grandmother; high school tennis coach David Sadd’s father and Luke Blaydes’ maternal grandfather. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

PROGRESS REPORTS – for the fourth quarter will be emailed over the weekend. It is often challenging for students to stay focused at this time of year with the weather getting warmer and spring activities picking up. Please help your children to continue working through the end of the school year. Encourage them to put forth the required effort. If students let up in their efforts, the good grades at progress report time may not necessarily equate to good grades at the quarter or semester – and vice versa! Also, keep in mind that second semester grades directly impact a student’s athletic eligibility for fall and winter sports, i.e., **an unweighted second semester 2.0 is required.**

SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Students will be taking their exams later this month! Exams are an important learning experience for students, and they will need to prepare diligently. 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%; and 4) **fine arts requirements must have been completed by Friday, March 15, and community service requirements by Friday, April 26, 2024.** 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 21/22 (schedule to be announced)	
Sixth grade:	Wednesday, 5/29	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 5/30	exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 5/31	exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal
7th/8th grade:	Tuesday, 5/28	exam for period 1 (8- 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Wednesday, 5/29	exams for periods 3 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 5/30	exams for periods 4 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 5/31	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, 5/28	exam for period 1 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Wednesday, 5/29	exams for periods 3 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 5/30	exams for periods 4 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 5/31	exams for periods 2 and 6; 11:15 dismissal



SCHEDULING CLASSES – The scheduling process for the upcoming school year is underway. Course request forms were due in the **office on Monday, April 29**. Because of the scope of the task, schedules won't be complete until registration in August. The process involves analyzing students' and parents' requests in addition to other pieces of the puzzle: standardized test scores; grades; teacher recommendations including information about each student's work ethic; class offerings; and so on. Significant time is spent in efforts to place students in appropriate courses. **If a student needs a tutor in any class or does not enjoy a particular subject, aspiring to Advanced Placement or advanced honors courses is a misplaced concentration of effort. Success in advanced honors/Advanced Placement courses in any subject is predicated on the understanding that the students in these classes enjoy the subject matter, enjoy putting forth the extra effort needed in these classes, and have a natural affinity for these courses. All CCHS courses are taught at the college preparatory level at the very least.** Encourage your children to do their best, using every ounce of their God-given abilities. It is far better for a student to be successful, productive, and happy in honors and college preparatory courses than to struggle unhappily and with modest success in advanced honors or Advanced Placement courses.

2024-25 TUITION, CALENDAR, AND TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

NEW STUDENTS - 2024-2025-- The Admissions Committee is still accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year. If you have other children or are asked by non-CCHS families about the school, please refer them to the school website where they can find applications for all grade levels (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Admissions questions can be directed to Mrs. Meredith Aubel, Academic Advisor, by calling the school office at 304-342-8415.

TUITION INFORMATION FOR 2024-25— including invoices, payment options, and loan information from Peoples Bank was mailed on April 15. This year’s tuition invoice includes the general and class fees as well. **Tuition payment in full is due June 15** (late charge assessed at \$1.00 per day after June 15) and **fee payment is due by the August registration date** (students will not be allowed to pick up their schedules until registration fees are paid). Please call Sherry Shindle at 304-342-8415 if you have not received your invoice or if you have questions.



DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE-- For the thirty-third 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 was open to Catholic families only, but Phases 2 and 3 will be open to Catholic and non-Catholic families.** 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 2023 tax information available. Catholic families with children currently enrolled or who are applying to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year should apply ASAP. **The deadline for Phase 1 was April 30, 2024; the Phase 2 deadline is July 14, 2024, and; the Phase 3 deadline is August 23, 2024.** 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 to families is \$25. Families should only submit one application per year, not one per phase!

FINALIZED CALENDAR FOR 2024-25 – The calendar for next year has been finalized. Please keep this 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. 21	First day of school for students
Mon., Sept. 2	Labor Day- no school
Mon., Oct. 28	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Wed., Nov. 6	Parent-Teacher conferences
Mon., Nov. 11	Veterans Day- no school
Wed., Nov. 27	E-day for students
Thurs., Nov. 28- Fri., Nov. 29	Thanksgiving holiday
Wed- Fri., Dec. 18-20	exams
Mon., Dec. 23- Friday, Jan. 3	Christmas break
Mon., Jan. 6	classes resume
Mon., Jan. 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- no school
Tues., Jan. 21	e-day for students, teacher professional development
Mon., Feb. 17	Presidents’ Day- no school
Mon., March 24	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Mon., Apr. 14- Mon., Apr. 21	Easter Break
Tues., Apr. 22	classes resume
Thurs., May 22	baccalaureate

Fri., May 23
 Mon., May 26
 Mon., June 2- Wed., June 4
 Wed., June 4

graduation
 Memorial Day- no school
 exams for 6th -11th graders
 Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders

TEXTBOOK PROCEDURES 2024-2025

Our scheduled textbook adoption this year is mathematics. For all middle school math classes, Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra II, the textbooks will not change. You are encouraged to take advantage of CCHS book order forms in June in order to have textbooks available for the start of school. All students will receive a book order form at school. Forms will also be available on the school website.

Middle School

Middle school students will receive order forms for required textbooks in English class in May. These forms must be completed by parents and returned to school by noon on June 14. Textbooks ordered in June should be available for pick up during registration in August. **Parents may order these books on their own if they so choose; please refer to the correct ISBN number on the textbook order form.**

Please note that the Theology consumable textbook used in middle school is included in your fees. Math textbooks for 7th grade will be ordered at registration once placement is known. A textbook fee for middle school foreign language will be assessed during August registration and all middle school foreign language materials will be provided by the teacher.

High School

An order form for textbooks for core classes will be given to students in English class and is due back in the office by noon on June 14. Textbooks ordered in June should be available for pickup at registration in August. **Parents may order these books on their own if they so choose; please refer to the correct ISBN number on the textbook order form.**

Electives and some placed courses must wait until August registration for schedules to be finalized.

Core Classes: English 9 Honors, Theology 9, Health, Physical Science Honors & Advanced Honors, English 10 Honors & Advanced Honors, Theology 10, Physical Education, English 11 Honors, English 11 AP, Theology 11, US History 20/21st Honors, English 12 Honors & AP, Theology 12

Geometry and Algebra 2 use the same book across all classes and these can be ordered in June.

Electives and Placement classes

High school students will order books for electives and placement classes once their schedule is known at August registration. **Parents may order these books on their own if they so choose; please refer to the correct ISBN number on the textbook order form which will be provided in August.**

AP Courses & Higher Level Math (Calculus AB, Calculus BC, PreCalc II/Calc A, Trig/Precalc, Math Functions, Economics, Human Geography, US Government, World History, US History, European History, Biology, Physics, Psychology, and Art History)

There is a **mandatory rental policy** for high school students in AP classes and higher level math. Students will rent their textbooks from the school, with a rental fee included in AP or class fees. All AP/Higher Level Math textbooks **must** come from the school.



English Novels

Parents may refer to a list that will be provided by the teacher next year for information about novels to be used in English classes during the school year and should order the novels required on their own. **CCHS will not order novels.** Please pay special attention to the details of the novels to be used when ordering (ISBN, printing number, edition, etc.). In some cases, these lists may not be complete and may be added to throughout the school year. Ample notification will be given in these cases.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CCHS DAY OF GIVING— Charleston Catholic will once again be participating in the Diocese’s annual Catholic Schools’ giving day, **One Mission One Day to Make a Difference**, on **Tuesday, May 7, 2024**. Please consider a gift to support CCHS as we continue security and technology upgrades. Our goal is \$15,000. Please consider participating in this online giving event!

GOLF TOURNAMENT—Join us for the Irish Classic Golf Outing to support the CCHS Athletic Department at Berry Hills Country Club on May 13. Tee-off times start at 10am with registration opening at 8 am. Additional details can be found at <http://birdease.com/irishclassic>.

SPRING BREAK 2025 - Have you ever wanted to visit South America? See Machu Picchu? Visit the Amazon? Mrs. Arnold and Ms. Chinn are organizing a Spring Break trip to Peru for 2025! The trip is open to rising seniors, rising juniors, and rising sophomores. We are looking for at least 30 travelers. Students must have B average in their science classes. Spots will go to seniors and juniors first. If there are any left spots left over, they will be available to sophomores. There is an informational session on May 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the CCHS Library for parents to learn more about the trip. Please RSVP by following the link: <https://bit.ly/3UcYA7N>

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

- 1.) The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources requires that all schools keep students’ immunization records up to date. All 7th and 12th grade students enrolled in WV public and private schools must have proof of immunizations or they will not be allowed to begin school in August. Students entering 7th and 12th grades must have 1 dose of the Tdap vaccine and 1 dose of the meningitis vaccine. If the 12th grade student received a meningitis vaccine before his/her 16th birthday, he/she is required to have a second dose of the vaccine at this time. CCHS must have an updated copy of the immunization records, which include these vaccines, on file in the school office in order to allow your child to begin school in August 2024. **If your student has had vaccinations in the past year, please send a copy of the new health record to CCHS Attn: Mrs. McLaughlin.**
- 2.) SAT and ACT testing and registration information and registration is available online at -- www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org (CCHS code: 490-205). CCHS encourages students to take both the ACT and the SAT before the end of their junior year. Doing this allows students to get a baseline score and to prepare for future tests. Both tests are accepted by colleges and universities for admission.
- 3.) Students who miss more than 5 unexcused class periods are required to make up time at the end of the semester. Mr. Villers will notify students who need to make up class time for excessive absences. Hours to be made up will be scheduled on exam days after dismissal time. Remember, only school-related activities (e.g., academic competitions, college visits, and early dismissal for school athletic events) are excused. Attendance at dance workshops/performances, family trips, non-school-related athletic events, etc. are NOT excused for attendance purposes and must be made up in order to receive Carnegie credits for classes.

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

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 summer months.**

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - In order to participate in extracurricular activities on a particular day, a student must be in school for the FULL DAY on the day of the event. This "full day" policy includes appointments, so students need to avoid scheduling appointments during the school day. Students who have long-standing medical appointments, family funerals, or similar instances may be excused at the discretion of the Assistant Principal for Operations. Additionally, students must be at school for the majority of the school day in order to be eligible for practice. **Students are also expected to be on time on days following athletic events. If a student is suspended at school, that student is also suspended from athletic practices, games, etc. for the FULL DAY on the day(s) suspended (i.e., if a student is suspended for a Tuesday, the suspension includes involvement in any school activities -- sports, social, etc. -- for Tuesday evening also).**



CAMPUS MINISTRY



- 1.) All community service hours must be completed, and the forms submitted to theology classes by Friday, May 17th. After that date, service hours will be doubled and must be completed in order to register for classes in August.
- 2.) The 8th Grade Retreat will be Tuesday, May 14th. Our 8th graders and senior ILMs will gather in the Commons at 7:55 a.m. They will travel to Spencer, WV, by bus and then spend the school day at Spring Heights Camp and Retreat Center. Lunch is provided. Students are encouraged to challenge themselves to move beyond their comfort zones by taking creative risks with their classmates. They will return by bus and be back at school at 2:45.
- 3.) The freshman retreat will be at Camp Virgil Tate on Thursday, May 16th. Parent drivers are needed. Freshmen will gather in the Commons at 8 a.m. Parent drivers will transport the students to Camp Virgil Tate where freshmen will spend a day together in friendship and communal spirit. If you are able to help drive students from CCHS to and from Camp Virgil Tate, please email Molly Linehan Belcher: molly.linehan@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.
- 4.) On Thursday, May 23rd, seniors will participate in our Senior Day of Reflection at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 305 E Street in South Charleston. The day begins at 8:30 am. That evening will be our Baccalaureate Mass.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

HOPE 2024 UPDATE – We are gearing up for our 19th 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 2024 is scheduled for the week of June 16-21.** 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. We appreciate the support we have received for our fundraising efforts for HOPE 2024! A **slideshow of last summer's HOPE experience** is posted on our school website under the "Community Outreach" tab.



ST. BALDRICK'S FOUNDATION-- Mark Ellis, high school chemistry teacher at CCHS, is raising money and awareness for childhood cancer research through the Saint Baldrick's Foundation. St. Baldrick's is the largest non-government funder of childhood cancer research grants. With tremendous help from the CCHS community he was able to raise \$1,001 in 2023. His 2024 goal is \$1,100. You may donate (even anonymously) on his website <https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/1146423/2024> . The shaving event is scheduled for June 20th, 6:00 p.m., at Tops Off Barber Shop in Charleston, WV.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

1.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the heavier weight grey jacket and 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 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.

1.) **Cafeteria volunteers**-- Many thanks to all who volunteered to help in the cafeteria. **Cafeteria volunteers** are needed for the upcoming school year. Please contact Tina Shannon (304-546-3081 or tina.caldwell1987@gmail.com) if you would like to be on the cafeteria schedule for August and September 2024. If you need to renew your food handlers' cards, Tina will give you information for doing so once you have emailed her. Please indicate in your email if it has been more than 2 years since you took your food handlers course.

2.) **Parent involvement** is important to 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!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ATTENTION: FRESHMAN PARENTS – The 9th grade class will continue the tradition of hosting the Baccalaureate reception for this year's graduating seniors and their families on Thursday evening, May 23, 2024. This event takes significant planning and input from all freshmen parents. We are in need of voluntary monetary donations from 9th grade parents to provide an unforgettable evening for our seniors!! A special thanks to everyone who has already contributed time and treasure! We are also in need of 9th grade parents to assist with set up for the Baccalaureate reception on May 23, 2024, and to help with clean up following the reception. Finally, 9th grade students are needed to work during the Baccalaureate reception and to help with clean up following the reception. Please contact Sabrena Gillis 304-389-6870 or Katie Paulson 304-610-6106 for further information regarding monetary donations, parent help with set up and clean up, and 9th grade student help.

ATTENTION: SOPHOMORE PARENTS – Hosting Project Graduation is the tenth grade parent project. It is an all-night lock-in aimed at giving the graduating class a safe and fun place to celebrate with their classmates and the junior class one last time. This year it is scheduled to be at the Charleston YMCA on Friday, May 24, 2024 from 10:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. We are in need of a few more donations and gift cards to use as prizes. All donations can be dropped off at

the office at any time. For more information, please contact Ashley Stapleton 304-545-3800, Mary Pozega 304-395-0335, or Courtney Lohri 443-865-1852. Thank you in advance!



ATHLETIC UPDATES



SPRING SPORTS UPDATE-

High School Tennis- The high school tennis teams will be participating in the 2024 State Tournament next week after claiming regional championships this week! The State Tournament begins on Thursday, May 9th. Both the boys' and girls' teams will be looking to defend their titles from last season.

High School Softball- The high school softball team hopes to keep their momentum going as they continue in post season play. They finished the regular season with a record of 9-7 and are currently playing in sectionals. The Lady Irish have had an impressive season. The softball regionals will begin May 13th.

High School Baseball- The high school baseball team looks to keep hopes alive as they begin post season play on May 13th. The baseball team is currently ranked number two in the state. They are hoping to continue their success through the end of the regular season and beyond.

High School Track- The high school track team is having a lot of success this season and performing well in big meets! The high school track State Meet will be on May 17th and 18th this year. Good luck to the track athletes!

Middle School Sports- Spring sports have flown by this spring, and each team has done exceptionally well. New middle school golf coach and Charleston Catholic alum Drew Cable has led the Middle School Golf team to a spot in the County Championship. Middle school track is having a wonderful season. Good luck to them on their quest for a County Championship. The middle school baseball team has had a fantastic season. They hope to be playing for the County Championship next week of May 6th. The tennis teams continue to excel and will be playing in the County Tournament on May 6th.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES REQUIREMENTS -- Remember, community service and fine arts activity forms must be submitted during the quarter in which the service was performed in order to receive credit. **Students who fail to meet their requirements during the school year must complete double the number of hours/events over the summer in order to re-enroll at CCHS.** Students should check with their theology teacher for questions about service hours and their English teacher for fine arts questions.

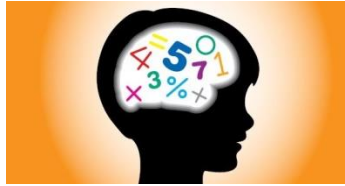
VIRTUS – Be sure you're able to help! All parents or other adults who volunteer, coach, drive students, chaperone, etc., are required by the Diocese to complete the diocesan sexual abuse awareness training before being allowed to work with our students. Training is available online or at sessions periodically 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.

The Diocese encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, you may also report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel or volunteers of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, by contacting one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext.353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also visit www.dwc.org, under "Accountability" for additional reporting mechanisms.



FREE MATH TUTORING-- As a service to Charleston Catholic students, our school's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta provides free math tutoring 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.

YEARBOOK UPDATES—We need your help gathering pictures for the yearbook! 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.

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.



MANY THANKS

- to the game day sponsors of high school and middle school baseball. Thank you so much for your support!
- to Father Roy Kurakula, Father Don Higgs, Father Paul Wharton of Blessed Sacrament, Father John Finnell who is retired from Blessed Sacrament, and Mark Haas for the time they spent with us this school year celebrating liturgies with each week.
- to Jenny Totten who spoke with our juniors about community development in McDowell County.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to eighth grader Danny Linton whose essay was selected for publication in *Goldenseal Magazine* through the Charleston Catholic Goldenseal Young Writers Competition. Goldenseal's editor was highly impressed with the quality of the submissions and also recognized Sam Ellison, Mikaden Hale, Lia Duffield, Levi Kimble, and Sara Zachwieja with honorable mention recognitions! Great work!
- to middle and high school French students for their excellent results on the National French Exam. Earning Honorable Mention were Kali Shawkey (1A), Teddy Passmore (1B), and Sophie Frame (4). Bronze medal winners were Luke Passmore (1B), Ewan Becher (4), and Gracie Frame (5/AP). At the silver medal level was William Salutillo (4) and earning a gold medal was Soleil Gloss (3)! Congratulations on these fantastic achievements!
- to junior Maddie Morris who was presented with the Harvard Book award which is given annually to a junior student in recognition of "excellence in scholarship and high character."
- to Latin Students who participated in Marshall University's Maier Latin competitions with impressive results: Honorable mentions earned in the Latin Cup competition by Annie Blevins and Izzy Paulson. In the sight translation competition Honorable Mentions went to Charlotte Hayes at level I and Isabelle Paulson at level II, and second place went to Jacob Brown at level III. Terrific work!
- to middle and high school Spanish students who participated in the National Spanish Exam recently with wonderful results. Earning Honorable Mention were Katelyn Hentschel (2), Alex Weber (2), Callie Bumgarner (3), Mateo Lao (3), Dickinson Gould (3), Cameron Lusk (3), Joe Haynes (3), and Sarah Rahin (5/AP). At the Bronze level were Alistair Gould (1B), Sabian Rashid (1B), Hannah Vriendt (3), and Jonah DiCocco (4) and earning a gold medal was Ellie Hoblitzell (3)! Muy bien!
- to the cast, crew and faculty directors, Mr. Hale, Mrs. Walter, and Ms. Chinn, of the drama club for their March performance of *Antigone*. Their hard work was evident in the successful performance! Cast members were Calyn Taylor; Arden Blevins; John Settle; Tony Singh; Annie Blevins; Maleah Taylor; Izzy Paulson; and Owen Newell. Crew members were Reece Bragg; Jack Curry; Gracie Frame; Samara Harrison; Harrison Harman; Katelyn Hentschel; Conner Mayhorn; Ella Newell; Owen Newell; Michael Strickland; Josey Thomas; and Jonah Whiteaker.
- to junior Zach Harrison on his 29th place finish at WV State Math Field Day!
- to junior John Christian Settle who was the first CCHS students invited to attend the prestigious Individual Player National Championship in Chicago earlier this month. John earned this honor for his consistently high standards of achievement in team Quiz Bowl Tournaments.

CALENDAR FOR 2023-24

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.

Mon. May 6- Friday, May 17	AP tests
Tuesday, May 14 th	8 th grade retreat
Thursday, May 16 th	9 th grade retreat
Saturday, May 18	prom
Thurs., May 23	baccalaureate in evening
Fri., May 24	graduation and Project Graduation
Mon., May 27	Memorial Day- no school
Wed., May 29- Fri., May 31	exams for 6th -11th graders; 11:15 dismissal
Friday, May 31	Moving Up Ceremony for 8 th graders