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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

At our end of the year liturgy last month, I took a few minutes to speak to the students before we went our separate directions for the summer. I talked to them about a Gospel reading from earlier this spring when Jesus reminded his disciples of the importance of love. In John 13:34, Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." That's the mission I gave to our students for the summer- love one another. I reminded them that it sounds easy when hearing it, but it can be a little more challenging to carry out when there's drama to get in the middle of or when people are not getting along.

Showing love to one another doesn't have to be a grand gesture or a huge show in front of a crowd. Of course those things are good- genuinely complimenting someone or standing up for someone who is being made fun of by others is important, and those are big ways of showing love for one another. Making sure everyone feels seen, valued, and cared for is also a way of showing love. Remaining calm and not trying to get even when someone lashes out at you is a way of showing love. Forgiving someone who has made a mistake is a way of showing love.

Let's make the conscious decision to love one another as the summer progresses. It can be as simple as smiling at someone, sending an encouraging text, saying "thank you," or asking how someone's really doing—and meaning it. "Love one another."

I wish you a peaceful, happy, and healthy summer.

Warmly,
Colleen Hoyer

BEST WISHES – It is that time of year when we must bid farewell to some of our beloved staff members as they leave us for the next steps in their journey. English teacher Lisa Hayes is retiring after over fifteen years at CCHS. During her time here she has taught every grade level except ninth! Mrs. Hayes looks forward to some downtime but will stay plenty busy and will be around the community. Keep an eye out for her! Middle school English teacher Patrick Herlihy is leaving CCHS to pursue other career opportunities. Mr. Herlihy will remain a loyal Irish supporter and can be counted on to cheer on our teams at big events!

We wish Mrs. Hayes and Mr. Herlihy well in the future!

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: Haley Jones' maternal grandfather and Mary Rushworth's paternal grandfather. Please keep those families in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

FINAL REPORT CARDS – were mailed today, Friday, June 13. Now that the year is over, it's helpful to do a "year in review" with your children. Talk with them about the academic year and help them to identify their successes and challenges. What were the highlights and struggles? Over the summer continue the conversation about setting short- and long-term goals for next school year. Please note that middle school report cards include a year-end GPA, which averages the two semesters this year. This is not a cumulative GPA! Keep in mind that **second semester grades determine a student's extracurricular eligibility (not the cumulative GPA) for fall and winter activities (an unweighted 2.0 is required).**

MAP GROWTH TEST RESULTS -- Enclosed with report cards, you will find scores from the Spring MAP tests for sixth through tenth grades. The Family Report provides details on each student's national percentile and RIT score. This report may also include growth details to show how your child's learning changed from the fall, to winter, to spring. If you have questions about your child's MAP scores, please contact Meredith Aubel at meredith.aubel @charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

SCHEDULING CLASSES – Scheduling for 2025-26 is underway! We have started narrowing down class offerings, determining course placements, and developing a master schedule for next year. The job will not be complete until the August registration days. The multi-stage 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. Please keep in mind that **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 enjoy the subject matter, enjoy putting forth the extra effort, and have a natural affinity for these courses. Remember that all CCHS courses are taught at the college preparatory level at the very least.** It is far better for a student to be successful, productive, and happy in honors and college preparatory courses than to struggle with limited success in advanced honors or Advanced Placement courses.

SUMMER READING -- Each CCHS student is required to read selections for upcoming English classes as part of the school's summer reading program. Information about each book is on the CCHS website. Encourage your students to read these descriptions before starting to read so that they will get a preview of what is ahead. It would be a good idea to take notes or write summaries for each chapter so they will remember what they read! Tests on the books will be given at the beginning of the school year in August – students should be prepared the first full day of school. Additional reading and writing activities involving the book(s) will occur during the first few weeks of school. Check the public library for copies and Amazon to find less than list prices. No written responses are required during the summer but will be assigned after school begins. Reminder to students: start the year right- finish reading before school begins. It is summer reading not back to school reading!!

SUMMER READING LIST:

Grade 12: **(both books are required for all)** *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Isiguro and *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse
Grade 11: **(both books are required)** *Into the Wild* by John Krakauer and *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
Grade 10: **(both books are required)** *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald and *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger
Grade 9: **(both books are required)** *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon and *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
Grade 8: **(both books are required)** *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London and *Sea of Monsters* by Rick Riordan
Grade 7: **(both books are required)** *Peak* by Roland Smith and *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan
Grade 6: **(both books are required)** *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen and *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

SEVENTH GRADE MATH PLACEMENT – Students' first differentiated academic experience occurs in seventh grade. Seventh graders study either Pre-Algebra or Algebra ½. The courses differ in pace, level of abstract versus concrete thinking required, and depth of material covered. Seventh graders enrolled in Algebra ½ are essentially skipping a math course. Students in this class must have exceptional math skills, expect and be capable of a big intellectual leap and extra work, and be committed to put forth extra effort. Faculty and staff work hard to ensure that all students are appropriately placed during their years at Charleston Catholic. Students are placed in 7th grade math courses based on **their 6th grade math class achievement, 6th grade MAP Growth scores, placement test results, teacher recommendations, and work ethic.** Students demonstrating appropriate ability and achievement in 6th grade math and in the measures listed above, as well as an advanced level of abstract thinking, are the only students who will be placed in Algebra ½ in the 7th grade**.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS—have been posted on the school website this summer. Check them out and begin stocking up! High school teachers will inform students of necessary supplies on the first few days of school in August.

2025-26 CALENDAR, REGISTRATION, TEXTBOOK, AND TUITION INFORMATION

TUITION INFORMATION FOR 2025-26— including invoices, payment options, and loan information from Peoples Bank was mailed the week of April 22. 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-– 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 2024 tax information available. **The Phase 2 deadline is July 14, 2025, and the Phase 3 deadline is August 23, 2025.** 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!

2025-26 REGISTRATION DAYS -- The following times have been set aside for students to pick up their schedules, have their yearbook photos taken, pay class fees, pick up/ place orders for textbooks, and pick up/buy uniform polos and jackets. Student schedules are completed during the summer months and will not be available until August registration days. **Schedules for each particular grade level will only be available during the times listed below,** so it is critical that parents and students adhere to the schedule listed. If families with more than one child would like to pick up schedules and so on for all their children at one time, they must come on Thursday, August 14, from 2:30 - 4 p.m. At all other times, schedules and other items for each grade level listed will be the only ones handled at particular time slots. There will be no exceptions.

Wednesday, August 13	9 - 10:30 a.m.: Seniors only 10:30 – noon: Juniors only CLOSED NOON - 1 P.M. 1 - 2:30 p.m.: Sophomores only 2:30 - 4 p.m.: Freshmen only
Thursday, August 14	9 - 10:30 a.m.: 8th graders only 10:30 – noon: 7th graders only CLOSED NOON - 1 P.M. 1 - 2:30 p.m.: 6th graders only 2:30 - 4 p.m.: Families with more than one student wishing to register all their children at one time; also, anyone unable to come at scheduled times

SCHOOL PICTURES -- PhotoGrafix is the official CCHS yearbook photographer. **Mike Hall will come to school ON REGISTRATION DAYS for official pictures for the yearbook for grades six through eleven. Students should come to registration prepared to have their yearbook picture taken.** Senior official yearbook photos (i.e., suit jacket, formal drape) will be taken during a school day in the fall. Seniors who want clothing changes and/or indoor/outdoor shots can call and make appointments (304-768-2000) any time during the summer. For pricing info, go to the website www.wvphoto.com.

FINALIZED CALENDAR FOR 2025-26 – 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. 20	First day of school for students, 11:30 dismissal
Mon., Sept. 1	Labor Day- no school
Mon., Oct. 27	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Thurs., Nov. 6	Parent-Teacher conferences- no school for students
Tues., Nov. 11	Veterans Day- no school
Wed., Nov. 26	e-day for students
Thurs., Nov. 27- Fri. Nov. 28	Thanksgiving holiday
Wed- Fri., Dec. 17-19	exams
Mon., Dec. 22- Friday, Jan. 2	Christmas break
Mon., Jan. 5	classes resume
Mon., Jan. 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- no school
Tues., Jan. 20	e-day for students, teacher professional development
Mon., Feb. 16	Presidents' Day- no school
Mon., March 23	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Fri., April 3- Fri., April 10	Easter Break
Mon., Apr. 13	classes resume
Thurs., May 21	baccalaureate
Fri., May 22	graduation
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day- no school
Mon., June 1- Wed., June 3	exams for 6th -11th graders
Wednesday, June 3	Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders

TEXTBOOK PROCEDURES 2025-2026

Our scheduled textbook adoption this year is social studies. The textbooks will not change for tenth grade United States History Honors and Advanced Honors, as well as eleventh grade US History Honors (20/21 C). All remaining history books in grades 6-9 will be new for 2025. Forms are also available on the school website.

Middle School

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 and English consumable textbooks used in middle school are 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 for eighth graders, and all middle school foreign language materials will be provided by the teacher. Seventh graders will have an exploratory fee that is assessed at registration.

High School

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, Statistics, 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.

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

1. Fall SAT and ACT registration is open to all students. SAT and ACT testing and registration information is available online at --www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org (CCHS code: 490-205). CCHS encourages juniors and seniors to take both the ACT and the SAT. Rising seniors should register for the first available test date.
2. New students (except those attending area Catholic elementary schools) must submit final report cards and standardized test results to the office by August 1.
3. Students taking summer school courses for credit recovery classes must have their courses completed by Monday, August 4th.

4. All students who are making up fine arts critiques must submit their critiques online prior to August 1.
5. 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 2025. **If your student has had vaccinations in the past year, please send a copy of the new health record to CCHS Attn: Mrs. France**.
6. Senior final transcripts were sent to colleges and the NCAA by **Wednesday, June 11**. These will be submitted electronically using Naviance to the school the student indicated he/she will be attending. If there are any changes to the student's college plans, please notify Mrs. Aubel immediately so that we can send the paperwork to the appropriate school. Please note that CCHS is not permitted to send any immunization records to colleges or universities.
7. Final records for seniors who applied for the PROMISE scholarship will be submitted on or before **Friday, June 13th**.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

1. PVA Polos and Fleece - CCHS logo jackets (including the heavier weight grey jacket, the lighter weight black jacket, both in full zip and quarter zip, and the green fleece jackets), white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts will be available for order at registration. For questions, please contact Kristina Whiteaker (304-610-5544) for green polos, Cynthia Hemphill-Reehling (803-242-5087) for green fleeces, and Katie Feola (304-552-1896) 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. STUDENTS PLAYING FALL SPORTS should check with their teams when practices start in August for order information or contact Kristina Whitaker.

2. Cafeteria volunteers are needed for the upcoming school year. Please contact Megan Cutlip at (304) 807-8253 or Megan.a.cutlip@gmail.com if you would like to be on the cafeteria schedule for August and September 2025. Some volunteers will need to renew their food handlers' cards. Megan will give you information to do 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.

******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 Megan Cutlip for an access code. **Upon completion please submit a copy to the office which will be kept on file at the school. ****

CAMPUS MINISTRY

1. Students who attended CCHS during the 2024-2025 school year may begin to fulfill next year's community service and fine arts/humanities requirements during the summer months. Any service completed over the summer must be submitted during the first quarter in order to receive credit. 6th graders and other students new to CCHS in 2025-2026 may not begin to work on these requirements until after the requirements are discussed in Theology and English classes in August.

2. There is an ILM Orientation Retreat on August 12, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Coonskin. Rising seniors who have applied to be ILMs should plan to attend this day of fun and reflection on the legacy you can leave on younger students at CCHS. Look on the ILM Google Classroom for more details to come!
3. Class of 2026: Mark your calendars! Our 'Senior Retreat on the River' will be August 28 & 29. Seniors meet at 7 a.m. on Thursday in the CCHS Commons. We travel by Adventures of the Gorge buses to the river and then spend most of the day rafting the lower New River. Once we leave the river, we travel by bus to Camp Virgil Tate where the class bonds over conversation, prayer and a bonfire. This retreat is memorable and sets the tone for senior year. You don't want to miss it!

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— As you are stocking up on supplies this summer, please consider supporting CCHS. The **Kroger Community Rewards can be used every time you grocery shop at Kroger**. To register your Kroger Plus card, 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, register your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card (as outlined above)** and use the card when you checkout, and Charleston Catholic will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis.

SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES–

1. Manna Meal Garden- (Middle School and High School)--Manna Meal Garden is now open and accepting volunteers! Students who wish to volunteer are welcome every Tuesday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Volunteers help Manna Meal transform hundreds of pounds of donated food (and produce from the garden) into healthy meals for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Students who participate are expected to help with the following:

- Weeding
- Planting
- Placing compost
- Packing donated food

Please contact Ms. Jean (304-610-2518) for more information.

2.. Ronald McDonald House Charities (Middle School and High School)--The Ronald McDonald House is seeking volunteers to assist with light housekeeping and cooking meals for families in need. Students who wish to make a meal must do so at the RMDH; you MAY NOT drop meals off for service. To complete service at the RMDH please use the link -- Get Involved | Volunteer - RMHC of Southern West Virginia (charlestonrmhc.org)

3. Habitat for Humanity Restore (High School Only)-- Habitat for Humanity Restore is in need of volunteers to help with sorting antiques, making an artistic display from books and other items, or helping to keep the store tidy and organized. Although the website states that you must be 18 or older, the Habitat for Humanities is willing to accept high school juniors and seniors only. Students who wish to volunteer must fill out the link below: Volunteer at the ReStore (charlestonwvrestore.org)

4. The Kanawha Charleston Humane Society is looking for volunteers this summer. --- Students under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This is a great way to give back to the community, gain valuable experience, and make a difference in the lives of animals in need. Students who volunteer will be expected to:

- Walk the dogs
- Help in the puppy room and kitten room
- Restock
- Refill dog bowls with food and water

Students who wish to volunteer must call in advance and ask for Taylor Myers at 304-342-1576.

5. **We welcome a new partnership with the Kanawha Hospice care!!**

The Kanawha Hospice Care has a new clothing pantry in which they will need volunteers on a weekly basis. You do not need to commit every week. Any day that you can volunteer is fine. The following shifts are available: Thursday, June 19th, 1p.m.-4 p.m. and Monday, June 23rd, from 10:00a.m. - 1p.m. or from 1p.m.-4 p.m. Additional details have been posted to the Google Classroom. Please direct all questions to Mrs. Williams.

HOPE 2025 - Thank you to all who have donated to HOPE 2025, our 20th summer of HOPE. During the week of June 15-20, our group of 33 rising seniors and adult work team leaders will partner with Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission in Dunlow, WV, for our week of home repair with very low income families and seniors. Two of our work teams will continue work on a blitz-built house constructed the week before we arrive, building decks, steps, a ramp, installing underpinning and other work. The house is being built for a senior woman whose husband died last fall. The house she and her husband lived in for years has had a failing roof for a decade, resulting in collapsing ceilings and an unhealthy living condition. The total cost of this modest house, including furnishings and appliances, is approximately $55K. **Through the generosity of our HOPE supporters, we will contribute $30,000 toward the cost of building materials, $5K more than originally planned!** Two other work teams will replace a leaky roof on a house, installing new sheeting and a metal roof for a senior who is rehabbing this house he bought, which is located behind his, for his two brothers who have been blind and mentally impaired since birth. Their family home recently burnt down. Our fifth work team will put a new metal roof on the trailer of a senior couple who are both dealing with health issues. The team will also complete work on a ramp to help them access their home. A **slideshow of our 2024 HOPE experience** is posted on our school website to get a sense of the kind of work our students will be doing this June. Thanks very much to everyone whose generous support makes this work of mercy possible again this summer.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

PE UNIFORMS –P.E. uniform order forms are attached to this email for **eighth and tenth grade students.** Eighth and tenth graders are the only students who will have PE in August when school starts. Please submit order forms to the school office by June 20. PE uniforms will be distributed at registration for those students who order in June. Orders will be accepted in August for those who don't submit earlier. 6th grade and 7th grade PE does not start until later in the school year, so they will place orders in the fall after school starts.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS -- The school office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. until Friday, June 27. Voicemail will be checked and calls returned throughout the month of July. The office will reopen on Friday, August 1, at 9 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURE CLUB UPDATE-- The International Culture Club had a fantastic first year! We ended with a live performance by the local salsa band *Cariño*, attended Uganda's Youth *Dance of Hope*, and celebrated with a vibrant international potluck. **Thank you to all the students, parents, and staff** who supported us. We're excited for what's to come next year!

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. Diocese guidelines require volunteers and employees to update the training portion of VIRTUS yearly. 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.

UNIFORM UPDATE -- The uniform is part of the CCHS package. The uniform policy and guidelines are spelled out completely in our handbook which is found on the website. The updated handbook for the 2025-2026 school year will be online at the beginning of August. The complete uniform code is listed below.

Please pay particular attention to guidelines regarding hair color and piercings (found under jewelry). Both are included below.

Dress and grooming must be neat and clean. It is expected that hair should be neat and clean at all times. Hair color must be a natural color. Hair may not be dyed a distracting color. Hairstyles must not impede eye contact with teachers.

Uniform Code:

Uniform pants/shorts may be purchased online from Schoolbelles at schoolbelles.com (our school number is #1246) or from Lands' End School at landsend.com/school (our school number is 900133356).

Shirts: Shirts must be either 1) a blue or white, long or short sleeved, oxford-cloth, button-down, with no visible labeling or 2) an official CCHS Polo. Oxford dress shirts must be worn tucked and buttoned. Polos must be purchased from PVA. Polo shirts may be worn untucked if the hem is straight and does not fall below the hip line. Fitted blouses or blouses with darts are not permitted.

Undershirts: While optional, if worn, undershirts must be solid white with no printing. Undershirts must not have collars or turtlenecks and sleeve length must match that of the uniform shirt. Undershirt may not hang below polo shirt.

Pants: Pants must be navy blue corduroy or twill pants and have no visible labeling or rivets. Pants must be worn at the waist and be of modest fit. (Pants deemed too legging-like by administration will not be allowed.) Legging or jegging-like pants are prohibited. Corduroys and twill pants must not be faded. Students wearing worn, faded pants will be considered out of uniform. Shorts: Navy blue twill shorts must be no higher than 2 inches above the knee. Shorts must not have any visible labeling or rivets. Uniform shorts are not cargo style. Shorts must be worn at the waist and be of modest fit. Shorts must not be faded. Students wearing worn, faded shorts will be considered out of uniform. Shorts are worn from the beginning of the school year until October 15 and beginning April 15 until the end of the school year.

Sweaters: Plain navy blue cardigan sweaters may be worn. Sweaters with embellishments, patterns, designs, etc. may not be worn.

Uniform Jackets/Fleece: Gray or black uniform jackets and green uniform fleeces may be purchased from the PVA. These may be worn as an additional layer to the uniform. No gym/team sweatshirts or jackets may be worn. The gray fleece has been retired and will no longer be part of the uniform.

Socks: Socks must be worn and must be clearly visible. Leggings are not permitted.

Shoes: Shoes must be leather dress shoes that are primarily black, brown, gray, or navy in color. Shoelaces must be the same color as the shoe and must be tied. Shoes that have a place for shoelaces are required to have shoelaces. Soles may not exceed 1 inch, and heels may not exceed 1½ inches. All shoes must be closed at the toe and heel and have a hard sole. Shoe tops must be below the ankle bone. The following type of footwear is not permitted: sandals, moccasins (soft or hard soled), athletic shoes (even if leather), platform shoes, fleece- lined shoes/ slippers, wedges, clogs, or boots.

Belts: Belts are optional. If worn they should be simple dress belts.

Jewelry: Ear piercings, if worn, may not be distracting. No other type of visible body piercing is allowed. Other jewelry, if worn, should not be distracting. Faculty or staff may require a student to remove offending jewelry.

Ties: If worn, ties must be tied at the neck and worn with an oxford cloth, button-down uniform shirt. Ties cannot be distracting or contrary to school expectations regarding clothing. Faculty or staff may require a student to remove offending ties.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

SPRING SPORTS UPDATE—

High School Tennis- The boys' tennis team is once again State Champions in a dominating fashion. Nick Giatras won his third individual State Championship. Winston Hunter was individual State Runner-up. Ethan Bastin and Nick Giatras were State Champions in doubles after winning a classic finals match against Winston Hunter and Abdul Bali who were doubles Runners-up. On the girls' side, Stella Bailey was the individual Runner-up. Stella Bailey and Alyssa Hanna were double State Runners-up. The girls' team finished their season in the State semifinals. It was a fantastic season for our tennis program!

High School Softball- The softball team did not have enough numbers to field a team this year. Congratulations to Maddie Morris who finished her softball career with St. Albans High School. She played in the State tournament in AAAA.

High School Baseball- The Irish baseball team had an amazing season finishing with a record of 21-10. The season ended in a hard fought Regional series against Logan. This was their first year in AA.

High School Track-It was an outstanding year for the track team! The girls won the Regional Championship and placed third at the State Meet. The boys placed second in the Region and had a great State Meet appearance, as well. Bella Boggs won the High Point award at the State Meet. Individually, Bella Boggs won the State Championships in the 1600m and 3200m runs. She was state runner up in the 800m. Hannah Fisher finished third in the 300 hurdles and third in the 800m. Telina Williams placed State Runner-up in the shot put. The 4x8 girls relay team, consisting of Mary Rushworth, Aurelia Kirby, Hannah Fisher, and Bella Boggs, finished as State Champions! The 4x4 relay team of Bailee King, Hannah Fisher, Ella Green, and Mary Rushworth was State Runner-up in 4x4 relay. For the boys, Peter Basdekis was third in the 1600m (and broke the school record), sixth in the 3200m, and sixth in the 800m. Mateo Lao was seventh in the 800m. The 4x8 relay team of Teddy Passmore, Charlie Barton, Peter Basdekis, and Mateo Lao was State Runner Up! Bella Boggs and Mia Lough broke their own school records again this year. Bella owns the school record in the 3200m and 1600m. Mia Lough owns the record in the 100 hurdles. Congratulations on a terrific season!

Middle School
Tennis- Both the girls and boys teams had excellent seasons! Both finished as Kanawha County Runner-up this season! Congratulations to Vivian Collins who was the individual County Champion as a 6th grader!

Golf- The golf team finished in third place in Kanawha County! Gavin Rohrig placed ninth and Paxton Long finished in tenth place for individuals. In the girls' County Tournament, Gianna Scalise placed fourth! Congratulations!

Track- Both the boys and the girls finished in third place in Kanawha County this year! Cole Boggs finished first in the 1600m and is the County Champion! Luke Hevener finished second in the 3200m! Nadia Cicenas finished third in the 3200m and Madison Leport finished third in the 800m. The girls 4x8 team of Ava Goff, Lauren Bush, Dylan Sop, and Nadia Cicenas placed second. The boys 4x8 team with team members Jude Rago, Thomas Bailey, Luke Hevener, and Jackson Rader finished third. Well done!

Baseball: The baseball team had an impressive year, finishing fifth in Kanawha County! Way to go, Irish!

2025-26 SPORTS CONTACT INFO– If you are interested in a sport for the 2025-26 school year, please reach out to Athletic Director Jacob Nelson at jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org . The three week period no longer exists, but teams will have some activities over the summer. You may contact the coach or Athletic Director with questions about the summer session.
Please follow our social media pages this year for some new content and information on different things we will be trying this year! You can find us on Instagram, X, and Facebook!

FALL SPORTS -- Students must have a completed doctor's physical (administered after May 1, 2025) to give to coaches on the first day of practice. This physical is good for the entire school year. Once teams have been selected, students participating on teams must turn in their athletic fees ($75 per sport) before the first day of competition. They will not be able to compete without paying the athletic fee. A student who has not turned in athletic uniforms from another sport will not be permitted to participate in the next sport. CCHS students in grades 6-12 are eligible for athletics if they meet SSAC requirements (including having 2.0 unweighted GPA at end of 2024-25 second semester) and CCHS expectations, i.e., good behavior. If you have questions about fall sports – how to get involved, when practices start, and so on -- please email Jacob Nelson at jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

NEW CCHS STUDENTS INTERESTED IN SPORTS–New students for the 2025-26 school year who are interested in playing fall sports should email Jacob Nelson at Jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.
PHYSICALS-- Physical forms are available in the office or at the WVSSAC website. For a physical to be valid, it must have the correct year form (May 1, 2025) and the necessary signatures on the form. The physical must be turned in before participating in any summer practices.

GO IRISH!

CONGRATULATIONS

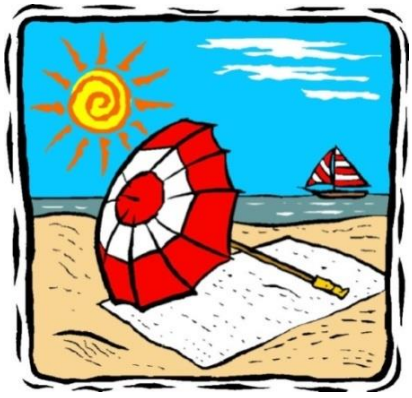
- to Class of 2025 co-valedictorians Ewan Becher, Sophia Frame, Zachary Harrison, and William Salutillo and to salutatorian Telina Williams for their remarkable academic achievements throughout their high school careers!
- to Michelle Pauley, recipient of the Matthew Pack Memorial Scholarship Award, a cash award toward college tuition, in memory of Matthew Pack, Class of 2005.
- to Hannah Fisher, recipient of the Mary Ferretti Memorial Scholarship, a cash award toward college tuition, in memory of Mary Ferretti, Class of 2001.
- to Jio Zuniga, recipient of the CCHS Alumni Award.
- to Isaac Collins, recipient of the Les Cotto-Thorner Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Service.
- to rising senior Ellie Hoblitzell, recipient of the Adele Bobinger Memorial Scholarship, a cash award toward senior year tuition at CCHS, in memory of Adele Bobinger, Class of 2002.
- to rising senior Zaden Ranson, recipient of the Sullivan Scholarship, a cash award toward senior year tuition at CCHS, honoring retired CCHS principal Debra Sullivan.
- to rising junior Layla Carter who was awarded the James Irving Award, sponsored by the CCHS Class of 1965 in memory of their classmate James Irving.
- to rising sophomore Cooper Hayslip, recipient of the Irish Spirit Scholarship, a cash award toward sophomore year tuition for a student who demonstrates kind ways, a giving spirit, and is a positive participant in the life of Charleston Catholic.
- to Kali Shawkey, recipient of the Charleston Catholic High School Scholarship of Merit, a cash award toward tuition during the high school years.
- to Roman Sop, recipient of the Bobby Hypes Memorial Scholarship, a cash award toward freshman year tuition, in memory of Bobby Hypes, deceased member of the Class of 2008.
- to Ian Burns, Anna Griffith, Annerae Henson, Kali Shawkey, and Roman Sop who earned all A's during the six semesters of middle school, demonstrating tremendous diligence and hard work.
- to rising juniors Katelyn Hentschel, Izzy Pauslon, and Peter Basdekis who will represent CCHS at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar this month at Fairmont State University.
- to junior Hannah Vriendt 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 rising senior Ellie Hoblitzell for her achievement as a member of the Kanawha County Schools Orchestra, called Scorch, which competed at the Music in the Park competition in Ohio last month and was named overall champion for high school orchestras.
- to our rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have been accepted to participate in the prestigious Governor's Schools all over the state this summer.
- to teacher Sarah Griffith who has been selected to serve as AP exam reader this summer for Calculus, investing a week of her summer to score this year's AP tests and participate in meaningful professional development. Her hard work and dedication is much appreciated.
- to middle and high school Spanish students for their terrific performance on the National Spanish Exam earlier this year. In Level 1B, the following students earned honorable mention recognition: Ian Burns, Harper Cutlip, Elena Gould, Anna Griffith, Myles Lohri, Jules Orcutt, and Roman Sop. In Level 1, Elle Cicenas earned a bronze medal and Elijah Cinco earned an honorable mention. The following Level 2 students earned honorable mention recognition: Elaina Delgra, Alistair Gould, Bailee King, Damon Master, Abby Messer, Sabian Rashid, Sam Thompson, and Sara Zachwieja. In Level 3, Jude Griffith received an honorable mention. Finally, at Level 4, Luca DiCocco and Joe Haynes earned honorable mention recognitions.

MANY THANKS

- to our office, kitchen, maintenance, and custodial staff who keep the building clean, running, and all on track day in and day out with friendly smiles throughout!
- to Father Don Higgs, president of Charleston Catholic, and Father Phillip Szabo, school chaplain, for their spiritual guidance and ongoing prayers for our school community.
- to Rosemary Severn, music director, for joining us this spring and leading our music during school liturgies. Mrs. Severn jumped right in and provided music for our end of the year ceremonies as well. We look forward to more time with her next year!
- to the teachers for their willingness to put their hearts and souls into the hard work of teaching our young people and helping to shape them through their daily interactions. Their dedication makes all the difference in our community!
- to parents for your ongoing support and collaboration. Thank you for entrusting your children to our care.
- to the PVA board, committee members, and all who volunteered in our many school activities. Your energy and enthusiasm for all things Charleston Catholic helped create another wonderful year! Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure.
- to our coaches for their efforts to develop our young people, both as student athletes and as people, guiding them in skill development but also in life lessons about sportsmanship and teamwork among others.
- to CCHS alumnus (Class of 2017), Madison (Settle) Tuck, who spoke to our Junior Justice and Peace Class on Foster Care in West Virginia.
-to the junior class and parent volunteers who helped plan, organize, and create the Italian escape this year, which was a beautiful event and fun experience for the students. Special thanks to Ricky Nelson and Ashley Stapleton and Courtney Lohri for their creative vision and leadership.
-to the Class of 2025 for their generous class gift of funds to buy a trophy case to house our middle school athletic awards. Thank you for giving these awards a home!
- to all who created the terrific baskets that were gifted to teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. It was such fun for the teachers to "shop" and find the basket that fit them best!
- to the 8th grade Moving Up Celebration committee who provided a beautiful gathering for the eighth graders and their families after the Moving Up Ceremony. We appreciate the efforts of Erin Ryan for planning the lovely event and to parent volunteers who provided the delicious baked goods for the reception: Sarah Bailey, Kristy Fidler, Rachel Nichols, Ed Ryan, Jason Testman and Jennifer Wright. It was a fantastic evening!
- to everyone who donated time, talent or treasure to Project Graduation! Committee chair Sabrena Gillis along with her event planning partner, Tristen Judy, put in countless hours to put the night together. Thank you to those who gave their time and talent: Diane Nester, Katie Paulson, Ericka Brown, Lia Fairless, Marie Green, Lori Moore, Jim Moore, Cassidi Wriston, Brenden Lanham, Whitney Sadler White, Terri Harwood, Sarah Griffith, Amy Weber, Andrew Weber, Izzy Paulson, Trey Judy, and Blake Judy. Thank you for the support of the staff members who gave their time to spend some or all of the night with the graduates- Mrs. Hoyer, Mr. Villers, Mrs. Aubel, Mr. Jacob Nelson, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Williams,

and Mrs. Griffith. Additionally, a BIG thank you to everyone who gave their treasure. The following sponsors gave a financial and/or gift donation to the event: CAMC, Kanawha County Commission, Jason Harwood/Harwood Legal, PLLC, Vir Construction, John & Jessica Anton, Bryan & Ericka Brown, Andrea Hill, Crissy Gray, Erica N. Ramsey, Katie Paulson, Marie and Steven Green, Nikki Rohrig, Lia Fairless, Sarah C. Bailey, Lori Moore, Angie and John Settle, Cindy and Mike Adkins, Becky M. Hentschel, Sarah Griffith, Erica N. Brown, Vivian Basdekis, Megan and James Harris, Lisa and Ryan Newell, Jamie and Scott Goetz, Amy and Andrew Weber, Amy Childress, and Sabrena and Sidney Gillis. The hard work and generous donations helped to create a night to remember for the Class of 2025!
-to the Baccalaureate reception chair people Kamilla Rashid and Beckie Balenovich and the many volunteers who spent countless hours bringing the vision to life and volunteering during the event: Brandi Conroy, Laura Hayes, Cassidi Wriston, Jonathan Wriston, Emilie Love, Joy Curry, Cassie Allara, Becky Franke, Julie Carew, Beth Cinco, Julia Noland, Jessica Duffield, Erica Lord, Ashley Stapleton, Tracy Wilkerson, Rob Aliff, Lori Gruse, Nicole Bown, Dana Fox, and Jason Lord. Thank you to the student volunteers who worked during the event: Brock Allara, Levi Kimble, Sabian Rashid, Owen Stapleton, Elaina Delgra, Nora Aliff, Kara Fox, Adeline Conroy, Bree Gruse, Harrison Balenovich, and Elizabeth Wisnewski. We thank the corporate sponsors for their donations: Chick-fil-A, Buzz Foods, Corey Brothers Grocery, Gritt's Farm, and Ellen's Ice Cream. We are appreciative to the following individuals for their help and support: Dickinson and Angela Gould for their generous donation of food for the event; Greg Kennedy, Darrell Hill, and Mike Burdette for helping with structural and maintenance needs; Inge Collier and Diana Reynolds for accommodating the planning meetings in the Commons; Rodney LeGrand for audio and lighting assistance; Sue France and Jason Villers for their support and patience through the entire planning process, and; Jesse Linehan Belcher for creating the amazing food for the evening. We extend sincere thanks to many families for their generous financial support: the Duffield family, the Noland family, the Hayslip family, the Carew family, the Chapman family, the Rohrig family, the Ellison family, the Fox family, the Pope family, the Cicenas family, the Stapleton family, the Francke family, the Lough family, the Aliff family, the Allara family, the Hunter family, the Hess family, the Passmore family, the Delgra family, the Gould family, the Johnstone family, the Lord family, the Curry family, the Hayes family, the Conroy family, the Balenovich family, the Rashid family, the Wriston family, the Love family, the Bown family, and the Adams family.



Happy summer vacation!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2025

43members of the class

Offered approximately $6.8 million of merit-based scholarships for academics, athletics, leadership, and service

100% college acceptance rate

100% were involved in community service, contributing over 2,492 hours of service during their senior year.

The class of 2025 has been accepted at 81 institutions and will be attending 23 across the country.

Appalachian State University	Furman University	Rollins College	University of Notre Dame
Arizona State	Guilford College	Rutgers University	University of Pittsburgh
Augusta University	High Point University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of South Carolina
Bard College	Indiana University	Southern Methodist University	University of South Florida
Belmont Abbey College	James Madison University	St. John's University	University of Tampa
Bowling Green State University	Kent State University	Texas A&M	University of Tennessee
Charleston Southern University	Loyola Chicago	The New School	University of Vermont
Clemson University	Marist University	UNC Asheville	University of Virginia
Coastal Carolina University	Marshall University	University of Alabama	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Colgate University	Montana State University	University of California - Santa Cruz	Virginia Common Wealth University
College of Charleston	Montreat University	University of California Los Angeles	Virginia Tech
Davidson College	North Carolina State	University of Central Florida	Wake Forest University
Drexel University	North Greenville University	University of Charleston	Warren Wilson
Duquesne University	Northeastern University	University of Cincinnati	West Virginia University
Eastern Carolina University	Oberlin College	University of Delaware	West Virginia University Tech
Elon University	Ohio State University	University of Florida	Western Michigan University
Emerson College	Ohio University	University of Kentucky	Winthrop University
Evan Douglass	Ole Miss	University of Louisville	Wofford College
Fairmont State	Penn State Lehigh Valley	University of Miami	Xavier University
Florida Atlantic University	Pratt	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	
Florida State University	Rhodes college	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	
Fordham University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	