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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

As I was going through my inbox the other evening, I came across an email about an upcoming webinar featuring Holocaust survivor Mark Schonwetter. I was humbled by his philosophy on life: “Live every day with love not hatred and you will accomplish so much more in life.” Mr. Schonwetter was a young Jewish boy in Poland during the Holocaust. He survived with his mother and sister by hiding in forests and in the homes of other Polish families. They lived on plants and berries and moved at night to avoid being seen by the Germans. Now Mr. Schonwetter and his family focus on educating others about the Holocaust with the hope of spreading respect and kindness in the world. Despite his terrible hardships, Mr. Schonwetter remains optimistic.

As we officially enter the end of the school year hustle and bustle with spring MAP testing, AP tests, spring sports postseason play, and course requests and planning for 2023-24, let’s follow Mr. Schonwetter’s example. Rather than getting bogged down, stressed, and exhausted, let’s focus on the good- all that has been learned this year, the friendships that have been built, and let’s celebrate the impressive young people in the Class of 2023. Let’s do our best to put Mr. Schonwetter’s philosophy into practice: “Live every day with love not hatred and you will accomplish so much more in life.”

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: Kieran and Darby Moran’s paternal grandmother, Winston and Claire Hunter’s paternal grandfather, and Jillian Arthur’s mother. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CCHS FAMILY—Assistant Principal Meredith Aubel and the Aubel family welcomed William Bond Aubel on April 19. William weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. The Aubel family is healthy and happy!

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

PROGRESS REPORTS – for the fourth quarter will be emailed over the weekend. It can be particularly challenging 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 effort that is needed. 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 in one 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 17, and community service requirements by Friday, May 5, 2023.** Students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP exam AND teacher-developed final exams. Seniors who meet exam exemption requirements for their AP classes may be exempt from teacher-developed final exams. Seniors in non-AP classes who choose to take AP exams will also take teacher-developed final exams unless they meet the exemption standards. Non-seniors who choose to take an AP exam for an AP class in which they are not enrolled must take the final exam for their class.

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

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| High school: | Tuesday, 5/30 Wednesday, 5/31 Thursday, 6/1 Friday, 6/2 | exam for period 3 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal exams for periods 1 and 4; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 2 and 6; 11:15 dismissal |
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SCHEDULING CLASSES – The scheduling process for the upcoming school year is underway. Course request forms were sent home with all students last Tuesday, April 18. **They are due back to the office on Monday, May 1.** 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.

2023-24 TUITION, CALENDAR, AND TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

NEW STUDENTS - 2023-2024— The Admissions Committee is in the midst of the admissions cycle for the 2023-24 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. Nancy McLaughlin, Assistant Academic Advisor, or Colleen Hoyer by calling the school office at 304-342-8415.

NOTE – It is rare for CCHS to accept students as juniors and seniors. Only juniors and seniors moving into the area will be considered.

TUITION INFORMATION FOR 2023-24— including invoices, payment options, and loan information from was mailed on April 21. 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.



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

FINALIZED CALENDAR FOR 2023-24 – The calendar for the 2023-24 school year has been finalized. Please keep this calendar in mind as you plan for next year. Remember that **exams must be taken on scheduled exam days** and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester will have to make up those days at the end of the semester.

Wed., Aug. 16
 Mon., Sept. 4
 Mon., Oct. 23
 Thurs., Nov. 2
 Fri., Nov. 10

First day of school for students
 Labor Day- no school
 11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
 Parent-Teacher conferences; no school for students
 Veterans Day- no school

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

TEXTBOOK PROCEDURES 2023-2024

Please note that **foreign language** textbooks for all grades are new this year. Most of the newly adopted textbooks have a very recent copyright date; therefore, used supplies on the internet are extremely limited. You are encouraged to take advantage of CCHS book forms in June in order to have textbooks available for the start of school. All students will receive a book order form at school and forms will 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 2. 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 2. 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 participate on TUESDAY, MAY 2, in the Diocese's 4th annual Catholic Schools' giving day, **One Mission One Day to Make a Difference**. **Please consider an online donation to support Charleston Catholic.** All funds raised will go directly to support security upgrades and safety enhancements for the school. Class competitions and incentives are in the works. Please watch your email for details and consider participating in this online giving event!

ANATOMY PROJECT--The Anatomy class is wrapping up a year-long pregnancy project on May 10th with a baby shower. All of the baby shower "gifts" will be donated to a local charity. If you would like to donate items, please drop them off at the school addressed to Amy Arnold. Diapers, wipes, new clothing up to size 4T, and formula are the most requested items by past partners with our project. If you have questions, email amy.arnold@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

CHARLESTON CATHOLIC'S 100TH YEAR- Charleston Catholic High School has been operating continuously since September of 1923. 100 years! The school opened as Sacred Heart High School in September 1923. It moved to our current building in January 1941 and became Charleston Catholic High School in August 1941. We will celebrate this milestone on the weekend of September 8-10 with a weekend of festivities. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend! Events will include a 5K on Saturday, September 9, beginning at 8am. The Athletic Facility will be open on Saturday from 12-2 pm for events, and there will be an adult event in the Commons from 6-9 pm on Saturday evening with appetizers featuring CCHS chefs and restaurants. A cash bar will be available. We will also celebrate with mass at Sacred Heart at 10:30 am on Sunday, September 10. The weekend events are open to all CCHS families, alumni, and friends. Please plan to join us!

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 2023. 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.**

SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS--Semester examinations will be given in all classes. Examinations will last approximately one hour and thirty minutes for grades 9 through 12. Each middle school exam will be one hour long. Students who miss semester examinations will receive an "F" for those examinations. Students who are ill during exams will be given the opportunity to take them within a specified time period.

Exam exemption policy: All students, grades 6-12 will take first semester exams. All students grades 6-11 will take second semester exams.

Seniors only may be exempt from second semester exams if:

- the course is a two-semester course;
- the teacher chooses to allow exam exemptions;
- the student has a minimum 93% average when the third and fourth quarters are averaged together with both quarters having equal weight;
- the fine arts and community service requirements are complete by the designated deadlines.
- Excessive absences or tardies may jeopardize exam exemptions.

Students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP exam and must take 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.

Seniors must be informed of their exemption status on or before the last full day of classes.

There are no exceptions to the exam exemption policy.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



- 1.) HOPE T-shirt Day will be on May 17th! Our theme this year is a quote from Amanda Gorman's poem *The Hill We Climb*

"For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it"

Orders for HOPE T-shirts may be made in theology class. On HOPE t- shirt day only this year's HOPE shirt may be worn. The shirt sale is an important fundraiser toward the \$25,000 that we need to repair several homes

in southern Wayne and Mingo Counties and make them warmer, safer and drier. Your purchase of a shirt helps us reach our goal.

- 2.) The junior retreat will be Wednesday, May 10th. Our juniors will gather in the Commons at 7 a.m. They will travel to Spencer, WV, by bus and then spend the school day at Spring Heights Camp and Retreat Center. Lunch will be 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 around 3:15.
- 3.) The freshman retreat will be at Camp Virgil Tate on Friday, May 12th. Parent drivers are needed. Freshmen will gather in the Commons at 8am. Parent drivers with 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 26, 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.
- 5.) In order to be exempt from exams, seniors must complete their community service requirement by Friday, May 5th. All seniors must have their 30 hours (at least 15 hours serving the poor and vulnerable) completed in order to graduate.
- 6.) Special needs service opportunity for students ages 14+! The West Virginia Special Olympics needs your help for this year's competition on Friday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd. Volunteers will be assigned one of the following responsibilities: scorekeeping, distributing awards, measuring, giving out game equipment, set up, and take down. To sign up, see the Service Opportunities Google Classroom or contact Mrs. Williams (michaila.williams@charlestoncatholic-crw.org)

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— Please sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards program. It is simple to use and benefits CCHS every time you use it. Funds raised through this program are used to support tuition needs in our community. The **Kroger Community Rewards** program can be used every time you grocery shop. To enroll, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use the Charleston Catholic organization number **LH615**. Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus Cards are available at the Customer Service desk at any Kroger. To participate in the program, just register your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card (as outlined above)**, use the card when you checkout, and Charleston Catholic will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis. Your participation and support are appreciated!

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



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. Mr. Ellis learned of this project through his participation in the Knights of Columbus, St. Michael the Archangel chapter, at Sacred Heart parish. Mr.

Ellis will be one of the shaves to get his head shaved at Tops Off Barber Shop at 229 Hale Street on Thursday, May 18th. He is 15% towards his goal of raising \$1000. If you would like to make a donation to support his efforts, please go to <https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/1110859/2023> or visit www.stbaldricks.org and search for “Mark Ellis” in the upper right hand corner. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

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, and the quarter zip green fleece), white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts are available on the CCHS website. For questions, please contact Carrie Groom (304-546-4927) for jackets, Kristina Whiteaker (304-610-5544) for green polos, and Sara Frame (304-389-1241) for white polos. OFFICIAL UNIFORM POLOS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH PVA. Please note that students who are members of athletic teams and academic competition teams are permitted to wear an official CCHS kelly green polo shirt with khaki pants to school on designated dates – normally home games and post season games.
- 2.) **Cafeteria volunteers**– Many thanks to those of you who volunteered to help in the cafeteria. **Cafeteria volunteers** are needed for the upcoming school year. Please contact Tina Caldwell (304-546-3081 or tina.caldwell1987@gmail.com) if you would like to be on the cafeteria schedule for August and September 2023. 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.
- 3.) **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 25, 2023. 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!! Please contact Ashley Stapleton (304-545-3800) and Trish Lusk (304-546-0558) for further information. A special thanks to everyone who has already contributed time and treasure!

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 26, 2023, from 10:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. We still NEED several more VOLUNTEERS TO CHAPERONE for this event. We only have three chaperones so far and we need a total of 10 at minimum. For more information, please contact Ann Bollinger at bollinger_ann@hotmail.com or 304-545-4300 or Cynthia Hemphill-Reehling at cdillon3924@aol.com or 803-242-5087. Thank you in advance!



ATHLETIC UPDATES



SPORTS UPDATE-

High School Tennis- The high school tennis team is hoping for big things in the postseason. Regionals will begin on Saturday, April 29. The Lady Irish will be looking for their 3rd straight State Championship! The boys will be looking to win a State Championship after finishing runner up last year. The State Tournament will be May 11-13 at the CCHS Athletic Facility and the YMCA.

High School Softball- The high school softball team will be entering the postseason with a winning record and as the 3 seed in the Sectional. It's been an impressive season for a very young Lady Irish team! They will be hosting the first round of Sectionals at Little Creek Park at 5:00 pm vs Pocahontas County Monday, May 1st.

High School Baseball- Last year the Irish had a losing record at this point in the season, yet they finished with a State Championship! This year is a different story as the team is ranked #1 in the State as we approach the postseason. Sectionals will begin on May 8th. They hope to repeat last year's postseason success!

High School Track- Despite their small numbers, the high school track team is making an impact on their competition. The Irish have had many top finishers so far at meets. The Lady Irish team has finished first in multiple meets and could be dangerous in Regionals and States. They look to keep up the great running in Regionals which will be May 11th at Woodrow Wilson.

Middle school sports have also had a lot of success this spring! **Golf** is the number three team in the County heading into the County Tournament which will be May 8th. The Irish will also have a full girls' team competing in **Girls' County Golf Championship** on Thursday, May 4th. The middle school **tennis team** is also tied at number one in the County. Their County Championship will be May 8th. The **track** team is running well as they get ready for their County championship on May 16th at Laidley field. The **baseball** team is young and has experienced highs and lows this season. They will not qualify for the four team playoff but are looking for a strong finish to the season. They will be moving up some talented 8th graders to the high school next year.

The three week summer period for next year's sports will be June 5th -24th. We will provide more information once it is available.

This year's senior class has a number of athletes who have announced their decision to participate in collegiate athletics. More may follow! Matthew Smith will swim at Florida Tech; Claire Mullen will play soccer at Centre College; Annie Cimino will play soccer at Rhodes College; Ashley Green will play soccer at DePauw University; Eli Coleman will play soccer at Johnson and Wales University; John Patnoe will play soccer at Lenoir Rhyne University; Jake Jordan will play golf at Asbury University; and Zoe Jarvis will play volleyball at West Virginia Wesleyan. Please congratulate them when you see them!

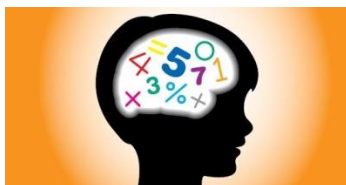
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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.



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.

YEARBOOK UPDATES—It's baby picture time! Seniors can submit their baby pictures and senior quotes through a Google form that has been shared to their English teacher. Forms are located on their English Google Classroom. All directions for pictures and quotes are located on forms. Quotes and pictures are due **May 2**.

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.



GLOVES— The science department is in need of rubber, latex gloves for students to use during lab work. Donations would be much appreciated. Please coordinate with Amy Arnold or drop gloves off in the school office.

MANY THANKS

- to the game day sponsors of high school and middle school baseball. We are thankful for your support!
- to Father Don Higgs, Father Paul Wharton of Blessed Sacrament, Father John Finnell who is retired from Blessed Sacrament, and Mark Haas for their commitment to celebrating liturgies with our students each week. We also welcome and thank Father Rayappa (Roy) Kurakula who joined the Sacred Heart community earlier this month and has been appointed the Chaplain of Charleston Catholic. Father Roy celebrated our all school liturgy last week. We are happy to have him with us and look forward to him being a member of the CCHS family!
- to Mark Strickland of the Charleston Fire Department for speaking to some of our juniors about the opioid epidemic in West Virginia.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to eighth graders Sam Thompson and Izzy Paulson who were selected to attend the West Virginia Ambassadors Camp, an educational summer program for eighth grade students that was created in 2013 by the WV Department of Arts, Culture, and History with the support of the West Virginia Department of Education. The camp will be held at the University of Charleston from June 19-22, 2023, and will provide the participants with opportunities to learn more about their state and about college life while they stay in University of Charleston dorms. Congratulations also to Julian Lucas and Katelyn Hentschel who were selected as alternates.
- to eighth graders Annie Blevins and Francesca Fairless whose essays were selected for publication in Goldenseal Magazine through the Charleston Catholic Goldenseal Young Writers Competition. Goldenseal's editor was so impressed with the quality of the submissions that she could not choose just one essay for publication! Well done!
- to middle and high school French students for their excellent results on the National French Exam. Earning Honorable Mention were Lia Duffield (01A), Luke Passmore, (01A), Teddy Passmore (01A), Avery Orr (4), and Claire Smith (AP). Bronze medal winners were Ewan Becher (3) and William Salutillo (3). At the silver medal level was Soleil Gloss (2). Congratulations on these outstanding achievements!
- to junior Bethany Settle 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: Jacob Brown earned first place in the Maier Latin Cup and Julie Jadue-Nardiello finished in third place. In the sight translation competition, Jacob Brown took second place at level two. Emilie McNeil took third place for level four. Annie Blevins also received an honorable mention for level one. Fantastic work!
- to Altay Bayraktar and Raymond Keith for their hard work to advance to compete in the State Math Field Day competition this past weekend. Special congratulations and good luck to Raymond Keith for placing in the top 15 at the WV State Math Competition and earning a spot to compete at the national level! Raymond will be journeying to Penn State for a week in the beginning of June as a representative of WV math students to compete in a national competition.
- to the more than 100 students, faculty and alumni who participated in March Mammal Madness this year. The winner was Ms. Shepler. In second place was Maleah Taylor, and Colleen Rogers had the third place bracket. Alex Anton won the Worst Bracket challenge. Each winner received a trophy and a \$10 gift certificate to Ellen's, Ice Cream, Taylor Books, Rock City or The Peanut Shoppe. Watch the newsletter for MMM 2024. Anyone in the CCHS community is welcome to participate.
- to all of the STEM students on completing their projects and participating in the Advanced Honors STEM Science Fair. On April 5, the projects were displayed for the CCHS community and were judged in three categories. In the Engineering group A, Gage Tawney, Joseph Muchow and Michael Lao took first place with their project on airplane wing shape. In the Biology Division, first place went to Molly Murphy and Olivia Jonathan for their project on the effect of Estradiol on plant development, and in the Environmental and Engineering B group, Juliana Veazey and Katherine Skinner took home the blue ribbon for their recycling project. The STEM students and teachers would like to thank their judges: Dorothy Scharf, Phillip Kellison, and Jackie Fannin.

CALENDAR FOR 2022-23

CALENDAR --Please use this calendar in your planning. Please remember that exams must be taken on scheduled exam days, and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester (if those students have not been participating in classes virtually) will have to make up those days at the end of the semester. Please note that, as is the case each school day, teachers administer tests/quizzes, have assignments due, and teach lessons on the days immediately preceding and following school holidays. Students who take extended holidays run the risk of affecting their grades.

Monday, April 24- Friday, May 5

Monday, May 1- Friday, May 12

Saturday, May 20

Thursday, May 25

Friday, May 26

Monday, May 29

Wed/Thurs/Friday, May 31- June 2

Friday, June 2

spring MAP testing for grades 6-10

AP tests

prom

Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m.

graduation (7:00 p.m.) and Project Graduation

Memorial Day-no school

exams for 6th-11th graders, 11:15 dismissal

Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders, 6:30 p.m.; dance for 7th and 8th graders in the Commons (7:30- 9:30 p.m.)

