



December 6, 2019

INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Teaching character, compassion, and confidence to the youth of West Virginia for over 90 years

Dear parents and students:

I do not frequently have the opportunity to go to the movies. In fact, I often could not name the current movies that are playing. However, there is one I am desperately hoping to see in the next month: *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* which highlights the life and impact of Fred Rogers. With all of the press about the movie, I have been doing a lot of reading and thinking about Mr. Rogers and the impact of his kindness. As a child, I was fed a healthy dose of *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*. I loved the encouragement of pretend and imagination. I did not realize, at the time, the emphasis on kindness. Now, as the parent of a toddler, I am thrilled to pass on the tradition through *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*, the cartoon version of Mr. Rogers' neighborhood. Daniel carries on the message of being kind, being a good friend and being proud to be yourself.

I juxtapose the lessons from Daniel and Mr. Rogers with the happenings in our community this week. Every year, I am overwhelmed by the generosity that our community shows to our neighbors in Clay County. This year is no different. Students and teachers offer to help wrap presents, to buy extra gifts, and to volunteer at the party in Maysel. The spirit of kindness and giving permeates our hallways. It is my sincere hope that our students pride themselves in their giving and carry that attitude all year long. As Mr. Rogers once said, "It's not so much what we have in this life that matters. It's what we do with what we have."

I wish you a peace-filled Advent and a joyful Christmas.

Warmly,

Colleen Hoyer



CONDOLENCES -- We express our sympathy to our students and their families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Jack and Sean Kemp's grandfather; Marcie Wheeler's maternal and paternal grandfathers; and Zoe Pray's great grandfather. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

SECOND QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS – Progress report grades for the second quarter closed on Tuesday, November 26. Updated progress reports will be emailed from RenWeb on Saturday, December 7. Teachers provided students with gradesheets in class this past week. Please review these reports for specific information about grades. Are assignments being submitted (0 out of “points possible” is a big clue)? Are assignments being turned in on time (look for half

the “points possible” – one day late is worth half, submitted after one day is worth 0 points)? How are your children doing on quizzes and tests? There is still plenty of time for students to improve their grades before the semester ends if they take a very serious approach to address deficiencies. Exams are scheduled for December 18 – 20 (all students) and on December 17 for part of the regular school day (grades 7th-12th). **The first semester closes on Friday, January 17, 2020, two weeks after we return from Christmas break. Upon our return in January, teachers will cover additional coursework, give tests, etc. which will be calculated in second quarter grades and will affect the first semester average.** As of today, if students are not where they want to be (or should be) academically, time remains for students to improve grades. Remember, test dates and project due dates are posted in the Lesson Plans section of RenWeb for each class.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE –Exam time is less than two weeks away! All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. **If we have a two-hour delay due to weather, we will start that day’s exams at 10 a.m. and school will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. If school is cancelled on any exam day due to weather, exams for that day will take place on the *next day the school is open, even if it means pushing exams to Monday, January 6.* **IN THE EVENT OF ANY WEATHER-RELATED CHANGES, CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE, WATCH FOR A PARENT ALERT TEXT, OR FOLLOW THE SCHOOL’S TWITTER FEED FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION.** Students should prepare for exams by reviewing past tests and quizzes, using study guides, rereading notes and homework/class assignments, reworking math problems, and so on. First semester report cards will be mailed no later than Monday, January 27, 2020.**

6 th grade:	Wednesday, 12/18	exams for periods 3 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/19	exams for periods 1 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/20	exams for periods 7 and 5; 11:15 dismissal
7th/8th grades*:	Tuesday, 12/17	exam for period 7 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 dismissal
	Wednesday, 12/18	exams for periods 2 and 5; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/19	exams for periods 3 and 4; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/20	exams for periods 8 and 1; 11:15 dismissal

*Please note that 7th and 8th grade students will NOT take an exam in their foreign language or exploratory class. During that scheduled exam time, they will use the period to prepare for other exams.

High school:	Tuesday, 12/17	exam for period 7 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 dismissal
	Wednesday, 12/18	exams for periods 2 and 6; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/19	exams for periods 3 and 4; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/20	exams for periods 8 and 1; 11:15 dismissal



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – Many thanks to all of the parents who scheduled time to meet with their children’s teachers on conference day at the beginning of November. Though it is a long day for teachers, it is time well spent. Conferences are a valuable communication tool for collaboration and partnership through home and school. Working together to support our young people is critical. This year, teachers held a remarkable 934 appointments during conference time. Wow!

SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2020-21

2020-2021 SCHEDULING FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS – It will soon be time to start planning for the upcoming school year! Scheduling/ registration forms for returning students will be distributed to students in early March. At this point, students should be focused on doing their best in their current classes since grades and work ethic are important factors in course placement.



NEW STUDENTS FOR 2020-2021 –The Admissions Committee has released its schedule for the upcoming school year. If you have other children or are asked by non-CCHS families about the school, please refer to this section of the newsletter. **Applications for all grade levels will be available online** (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org) **after January 1, 2020. Beginning this year, applications will be completed and submitted online. Detailed instructions are available on the CCHS website.**

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Tuesday, February 25 – information meetings for parents of prospective students (grades 6-10). We have planned two options: 1) **at 8:15 a.m.** -- Following the information session in the library, parents will have the opportunity to tour the school as a group while classes are in session. 2) **at 6:00 p.m.** – information session in the CCHS gathering space followed by a tour of the school.

Thursday, February 27 – prospective 6th graders visit CCHS (5th graders not currently enrolled at a local Catholic elementary school must call CCHS office to make reservations.)

Saturday, February 29 – admissions test for prospective students from 10:00 a.m. – noon - CCHS Commons

Monday, March 2 – deadline for receipt of applications of students currently attending Catholic schools who wish to be given first consideration. Applications from area Catholic schools received after this date lose “first consideration” status and are placed in the general pool of applicants.

Tuesday, March 3 - first day applications will be processed from students in non-Catholic schools

Friday, March 6 – deadline for all non-Catholic school students to submit applications who want to be considered in the first round of acceptances

Friday, March 13 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by Friday, March 6 – applications received after March 6 will be reviewed periodically by the Admissions Committee and notification as to enrollment status will be mailed at that time)

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMS – All Charleston Catholic students take semester exams. However, they serve an instructional purpose for our middle school students, helping them learn how to study for and take exams so they are better prepared for high school. For this reason, middle school exams make up only a small percentage of the overall grade. In fact, sixth grade

exams are included in the second quarter grade and do not count as a separate calculation in semester grades. Quarter grades provide a more accurate assessment of your child's progress. Help your children prepare for exams by encouraging them to study over a period of time rather than cramming the night before the test. Also, to assist your children in doing their best, please make sure they have adequate rest and a good breakfast before coming to school each day.



- 1.) Volunteers are needed to help with Light Up the Levee on Thursday, Dec. 12. The event involves a non-perishable food drive. Student volunteers are needed to help collect food donations, serve hot chocolate, hand out song booklets and, at 7:30 p.m., to unload the truck load of donations at First Presbyterian Church. Volunteers are needed from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Students may sign up in their theology class.
- 2.) Knights of Columbus Council 12630 is planning Christmas Caroling at local nursing homes on Saturday, December 21, 2019 - and looking for fellow carolers! Preliminary plans call for the carolers to meet at 2:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Family Life Center, stop at three local nursing homes at 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30, and then join together for pizza at the Family Life Center at 5:30. Students may sign up in theology class.
- 3.) PRO-Kids after school tutoring and enrichment program is seeking high school volunteers. Sophomore Rachel Coffield is helping to coordinate this after-school service. Students can sign up for weekdays season-by-season (so as not to interfere with sports or other seasonal activities) as they are available. Beginning in January, once a schedule is in place, volunteers will walk together to Baptist Temple (on Morris and Quarrier Sts.) on their designated days. Students may sign up in theology class.

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

MEDICATION-- Any student taking medication, prescription or over-the-counter, during school hours must report this to the school office. Students taking medication during school hours must have a Diocesan form on file in the school office. **Medication is to be given to the office staff who will dispense it at times designated on the permission slip.** All medications in the office will be returned to students at the end of the year. Medications are not kept from year to year.

PARTICIPATION IN 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).**

UPCOMING EVENTS

BASEBALL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER- The high school baseball team is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on **Sunday, December 8, 2019, from 4-7 p.m. in the CCHS Commons.** The dinner, prepared by **Niki Paterno Kurten** (formerly of **Paterno's at the Park**) includes spaghetti, salad, bread, and drink (non-alcoholic). Takeout is available. Desserts for donations are available as well. Dinner tickets are adults - \$10, and children (10 & under) - \$5. Tickets are available at the door. Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our baseball program.

WINTER WALTZ- Due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, please note the Winter Waltz date has been changed from Saturday, January 11, to Saturday, February 22. The high school winter dance will be held in the Commons from 8-11 p.m. The high school boys' basketball game previously scheduled for February 22 has been moved to February 21.



CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SKI CLUB 2019-20 (grades 6 – 12) --

Ski dates: January 8, 15, 22, 29, & February 5 (February 12 make-up date)

- Mandatory student meeting – Tuesday January 7, at 3:00 p.m.-- Students will receive an overview of rules and responsibilities.
- Buses will leave school for Winterplace promptly at 3:30 p.m. and return to CCHS at 10:30 p.m.
- Ski Club members are expected to be on time when leaving CCHS and when leaving Winterplace. Students must be on the buses at Winterplace by 9:00 p.m.
- Please be on time to pick up your children. Buses drop off in front of Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral so please do not park on this side of the street.
- The decision to cancel Ski Club because of weather will be made the day of the trip by 11:00 a.m. Additional Wednesdays will be added to the end of the season if trips are cancelled due to weather. If school is cancelled on a Wednesday because of snow, do not assume we will cancel Ski Club. Conditions are probably good for skiing and, if it is possible to transport the students safely, we will have Ski Club. Watch for a Parent Alert text or check the CCHS website www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org or [cchsnews](https://twitter.com/cchsnews) tweet for the final word.
- Cost: \$300 for shaped skis rental or, if you are bringing your own equipment; \$350 for rental of blades or snowboard. These amounts include lift tickets and transportation for all five dates. Lessons are available for every level of skier each Wednesday at no extra cost. Students renting equipment from Winterplace must complete a liability form in its entirety, including credit card information. This form will be given to students after they register for ski club.
- **Helmets are strongly encouraged.**
- Students must submit ski club contract and a medical emergency form. Forms are available in the school office. Forms and fees must be returned to school by December 13.
- Ski Club may be cancelled if there is not enough student interest to support the costs.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

SPIRIT SHOP—Get your Christmas shopping started at Charleston Catholic! Beginning next week, our bookstore will feature a variety of CCHS gear. Come check out the scarves, hats, tote bags and more!

HOMEWORK HOUR- The school library is open to all students for distraction-free homework completion and study each week on Monday - Thursday afternoons from 3-4 p.m. Mrs. Shindle is in the library to supervise students while they work.

IF YOUR LAST NAME IS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR CHILD'S NAME – please put the child's full name on all checks issued to CCHS and to any correspondence sent to the school.

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT FORMS -- for drivers' licenses and permits may be requested in the school office using the CCHS request form. It will take two school days for the forms to be completed by office staff.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES – Healthy lifestyle habits are created at a young age. Help your child discover a variety of age-appropriate leisure-time activities to enjoy with friends, such as bowling, ice skating, going to movies, watching televised athletic events at each others' houses, playing Frisbee, cooking, and skiing. Encourage your child to see that there is more to a social life than parties or screen time. Habits learned now will affect a child's outlook for a lifetime.

UNIFORMS – Christmas break is a great time to check the “health” of uniforms. Check to make sure that pant hems are not frayed, that colors are not washed out, that uniforms still fit, etc. Please make sure that your children are properly attired when they leave home.

VIRTUS – Be sure you are 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. To begin, visit the VirtusOnline.org and choose the online option. Allow 1- 1½ hours to complete the program. Print out the certificate of completion and submit it to Mr. Villers. It is still necessary to complete the background check and sexual abuse awareness statement which can be done by clicking on the link at the school website at www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org. If you have questions, please call Mr. Villers.

Adults who volunteer, coach, or chaperone, may be asked to update background and policy forms. Background checks must be updated every three to five years depending on your role in the school. Policy questionnaires should be updated if they were signed before 2014. Current Diocesan guidelines do not require volunteers to update the training portion of VIRTUS. Please contact Mr. Villers with any questions and to update your forms.

SENIOR YEARBOOK QUOTES— are due to Ms. Summers by December 20. Quotes must be properly attributed and have the senior’s name on them.

FREE MATH TUTORING-- As a service to Charleston Catholic students, our school's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta provides free math tutoring two days a week after school. Hours are 3-4 p.m. on Tuesdays in room 313 and Wednesdays in room 209 or 205. Just drop in, no appointments necessary!

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

WANT YOUR PHOTOS IN THE YEARBOOK? - So do we! Students, parents, and teachers can contribute content to the yearbook staff by uploading photos directly to our website for potential use in the book. You can share photos of sporting events, performances, school & community events, or shots of you and your friends our staff photographers might have missed. Start sharing today! **Share images directly from your phone by downloading the FREE hjeShare app using school code: goirish**

OR:

- 1) Go to www.hjeshare.com
- 2) Enter the school code: goirish
- 3) Locate the picture (file) you want to upload. You can Ctrl+click to upload as many as 10 photos at a time.
- 4) Click Open.
- 5) Click each thumbnail to select and enter any relevant information about the images.
- 6) Click Submit Image Information when you are done.

Be sure to share photos as soon as possible so that our staff can integrate them prior to their quarterly deadlines!



SOCIAL MEDIA- Like us on Facebook ([facebook.com/charlestoncatholicwv](https://www.facebook.com/charlestoncatholicwv)) and Instagram (@charlestoncatholicwv) to stay connected with us on social media and see some of our students’ many activities!

SAFETY REMINDER— Our students feel safe and comfortable in downtown Charleston, which is a benefit of our location. However, it is important that they maintain situational awareness. They should be aware of their surroundings when walking to and from parking lots or to parents’ offices or the library after school. It is important for them to be

focused on what's happening around them and not lost in their phones! Students should travel in pairs or small groups when possible. If approached by adults who they don't know, students should get out of the conversations as quickly as possible and should avoid sharing any personal information. Please have this conversation with your children to remind them of safety precautions they should take.

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

- 1.) **West Virginia Governor's Schools:** The State of West Virginia is proud to offer The Governor's Honors Schools, residential summer sessions for academically and/or artistically talented students from across West Virginia. The programs are based on the premise that West Virginia's youth must be provided with special opportunities for learning and personal development in order for them to realize their full potential. There is no cost to families of students who are accepted to these competitive programs. Those who have attended these programs in the past describe them as "life-changing." It is time to start thinking about whether this might interest your child. For more information, visit <http://www.govschools.wv.gov/>.
 - Governor's Honors Academy (GHA)** - Marshall University (June 14 -July 5)
This program offers endless opportunities for the highest achieving rising seniors to live and study with like-minded students in an intellectually stimulating environment. Current juniors may apply. Please let Mrs. Herrick know if you are applying.
 - Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)** - Marshall University (June 16-July 6)
This program is designed for rising juniors who write, dance, sing, play an instrument, act, draw/paint or work in digital media. Current sophomores may apply. Please let Mrs. Herrick know if you are applying.
 - Governor's STEM Institute (formerly GSMS)** - current 7th grader sessions at WVU (June 25-July 3; July 5-13)
current 8th graders at the Green Bank Observatory (June 28-July 11)
This program encourages students to delve into projects that allow them the time and opportunity to think and work like scientists, using high level mathematics and thinking skills. Current 7th and 8th graders may apply. Please let Mrs. Herrick know if you are applying.
 - Governor's School for Entrepreneurship (WVGSE)** - Location & Date TBA
In an effort to provide a dream-realizing experience, WVGSE offers high-school students the chance to dream about a new business or product and then make it happen. Young innovators are thrown into an "accelerator" atmosphere where in three short weeks, they learn about business models, design thinking, and scaling new startup ventures. There are team competitions, a pitch competition, and the opportunity to actually launch a new business venture. In fact, every young innovator will be an entrepreneur by the end of GSE. Please let Mrs. Herrick know if you are applying.
- 2.) **8th Grade Parent Meeting** -- Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 29th, at 7:00 p.m. Please come to learn about high school course offerings and requirements, high school extracurricular sports and activities, and the path to college and careers, including resume building, scholarship opportunities, and more. It's never too early to start thinking about your child's future.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

ANNUAL APPEAL- Please watch your mailboxes in the coming weeks for the 2019-20 annual appeal mailing. As you consider end of the year charitable donations, please consider a gift to Charleston Catholic. All gifts to Charleston Catholic benefit the students. Funds from this year's appeal will be directed toward school needs including tuition support, technology enhancements, and building upkeep. Remember that Charleston Catholic is a 501c-3 organization, so all donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your ongoing support.

CLAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT— The time is upon us. As you receive this newsletter, we are in the final preparations for our annual Christmas party. Trucks are packed on Friday afternoon for the Saturday morning party. As is tradition, participating children attend our party at The Church of the Risen Lord in Maysel and have their photos taken with Santa, enjoy cookies and hot chocolate, receive stockings from the elves, and pick up their bundles of Christmas gifts and food boxes. Kathi Linkenogger's ongoing commitment to the party makes it possible. She and the Risen Lord parishioners have partnered with CCHS for almost 30 years to plan and carry out the party. This year, the Charleston Catholic community reached 159 families with approximately 400 children, an important way for our community to serve our neighbors.

This annual service would not be possible without the involvement of the entire CCHS community, students, families, faculty and staff, and numerous other supporters. The kindness and generosity of our community is overwhelming and becomes apparent when standing in a room surrounded by the wrapped presents, stockings, stocking stuffers, and food items

that have been arriving at school. We also thank the Sacred Heart Grade School children, their families, and faculty and staff who continued their tradition of involvement by providing approximately 200 food boxes for distribution to families at the party. Additional thanks go out to Dickinson Gould (CCHS class of 1995 and current CCHS parent), president of Buzz Food Service, for donating trucks and drivers to transport the goods to the party in Maysel. We also thank Mike Arnold (teacher Amy Arnold's husband), who oversees Santa's photographs; and Sherry Shindle and David Hoffmann for all of their work "behind the scenes," organizing and entering data, processing information on the children and their families, and preparing the cards and lists that keep the entire operation moving smoothly both at the school-level and during the party. The commitment and support from the school community is what makes this project work. *Thank you for sharing your blessings with the children of Clay County!*



HOPE 2020 – Planning is underway for our 16th summer of HOPE. We will partner again next summer with Bill & Addie Likens, who coordinate the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission (CAM) in Wayne and Mingo Counties. During the week of **June 14-19, 2020**, our group of juniors, seniors, college age alumni and adult work crew leaders will make significant repairs at the homes of several low income families and seniors. Also, some of our volunteers will assist with the construction of a new house for a family. We are committed to raising **\$25,000, the amount needed to purchase all the building materials for the construction of the new home.** CAM will supplement our fundraising efforts with the materials necessary to complete the repairs on the other houses at which we will work, making these houses warmer, safer, and drier. A **slide show of our HOPE experience last summer** can be viewed on our school website under the "Community Outreach" tab. The slide show includes photos of the new house that some of our volunteers help construct last June. The house was built for a mom and her two young children.

Please consider making a **tax deductible donation, 100% of which will go toward the purchase of construction supplies.** Checks can be made payable to Charleston Catholic and sent to the school office to the attention of Bill Mehle, HOPE Coordinator, or donate online at www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org and search "Donate to HOPE."



SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— While you are looking for deals this holiday season, please remember that it is easy to support Charleston Catholic as you shop. Kroger and Amazon both offer rewards programs that benefit the school.

- 1.) The **Kroger Community Rewards is a simple but beneficial program.** 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.
- 2.) When you shop at Amazon.com, the **AmazonSmile program** will donate 0.5% of your purchases to CCHS when you log in to your Amazon account using the address <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0630688> (or by clicking on the link on the School Home section of RenWeb) to enroll in the program.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

- 1.) **Catholic Schools Week, January 27 – 31-** Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed. CCHS will again participate in Catholic Schools Week by reaching out to lend a helping hand to community organizations. This year we are supporting six charities that make an impact on their communities. Please mark your calendars and start stocking up now for any donations you are able and willing to make.
 ABLE Families is a new charity for 2020. It is located in Kermit and is a nonprofit faith-based agency founded in 1995 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wheeling. ABLE is an acronym for Affirming, Believing, Learning and Empowering. They are dedicated to empowering families in rural West Virginia with a focus on women and children.
 Below is the full list of charities and the items that they have requested. If any eighth grade parents would like to volunteer to help work that week, please call Harmony Brown (304-444-9500) or Jennifer Scalzo (614-313-9293). Thank you in advance for your help with this project.
 - Monday, Jan 27 - Gabriel Project - Baby Items**
 - diapers (Size 5-6), formula, wipes, baby food, new or used strollers, etc.
 - Tuesday, Jan 28 - Sojourners - Household Items**
 - bath towels, laundry detergent and dish soap, plastic silverware, etc.
 - Wednesday, Jan 29 - Bob Burdette Center – Craft supplies**
 - sharpies, stencils, tape, construction paper, etc.
 - Thurs, Jan 30 - \$2 Dress Down Day Trinity’s Table AND Catholic Charities - Cleaning Supplies**
 - bleach, pine-sol, detergent, etc.
 - Friday, Jan 31 - ABLE Families - School Supplies and Hygiene Products**
 - pencils, pens, paper, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.
- 2.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - As we head into winter and cooler weather, it is time to think about ordering uniform jackets and long sleeve polo shirts. 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 Kathy Atassi (304-415-0071) for jackets, Marilyn Ford (304-610-4243) for green polos, and Sara Frame (304-389-1241) for white polos. OFFICIAL UNIFORM POLOS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH PVA. Please note that students who are members of athletic teams and academic competition teams are permitted to wear an official CCHS kelly green polo shirt with khaki pants to school on designated dates – normally home games and post-season games designated by the principal.
- 3.) **CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS** – Many thanks to those of you who have already volunteered to help in the cafeteria. **SECOND SEMESTER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** **If you would like to be placed on the schedule during the second semester, please contact Stephanie Sullivan ((304-807-0377 or wvsteph23@yahoo.com) by December 13.** In order to comply with the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department’s requirement that all cafeteria volunteers have a food handler card, 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 Stephanie Sullivan (304-807-0377 or wvsteph23@yahoo.com) for an access code. **If you are unable to attend on your scheduled day, please find a sub and let the kitchen staff at school know by calling the school at 304-342-8415.**



- 4.) **Parent involvement** is critical for the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Helping transport students to games and practices, working gates, being supportive of the players and coaches, attending games, and participating in the team lunch program are just a few ways that parents help. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams! Each sport is allocated one team lunch, and guidelines and dates for these lunches will be distributed to parents at the beginning of each season by the team parent, once team rosters have been established. Please adhere to the guidelines.
- 5.) As we begin the winter sports season, it may be worthwhile for your family to consider a family pass. **Athletic family passes** are available through the PVA. These passes are good for immediate family members only (not cousins, in-laws, ex-in-laws, grandparents, fiancées, etc.) to attend CCHS home games. The passes do not cover away games, tournaments played at home, or any SSAC tournaments (sectionals, regionals, etc.). Cost is \$150 for all home middle school games only, \$175 for all home high school games only, and \$200 for all home games (both levels). A \$100 student or senior citizen pass for all home games is also available. Please contact Stephanie Hopkins (304-807-0052) if you have questions about these passes.
- 6.) **PVA packets** including volunteer forms and all ordering forms for logo jackets, white polos, and green polos are still being accepted. Forms are available on the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Our entire school community benefits from parent involvement!

ATHLETIC UPDATES



SPORTS UPDATE-- Fall sports have come to a close and winter sports are just underway.

- The cross country team finished up their season at the State Meet with the girls finishing 3rd in the state. It was an amazing season for the Irish and first year coach Hilton Ingraham. Aubrie Custer finished in 7th overall at the State Meet.
- The high school girls' soccer team is the 2019 AA-A State Champions!!!! The Lady Irish dominated in the State Tournament with a 4-1 win in the semi-finals over Bridgeport and a 5-1 win over Oak Glen in the State Championship. The Irish finished ranked 20th in the nation in the USA Today rankings. They had six members make the Sports Writers All-State team, which included: Audrey Miller, Lindsay Carr, and Katie Nester on the first team; Bella Cinco on the second team, and Shannon Karr and Jenna Panaro as Honorable Mention. They had three members on the WVHSSCA All-State team including: Bella Cinco, Lindsay Carr, and Audrey Miller, all on the first team. They had five members on the All Region 3 Team: Bella Cinco, Lindsay Carr, and Audrey Miller on first team, and Shannon Karr and Katie Nester on the second team. Additionally, Audrey Miller was named the Region 3 Player of the Year and Amy Mullen was recognized as the Region 3 Coach of the Year. Congratulations Irish on a fantastic season!
- The high school boys' soccer team fell short in the State Semi-Finals. The Irish had an outstanding season including Sectional and Regional Champions. They had five members make the Sports Writers All-State team which included: first team Wil Swan and David Kershner-Leon; second team Zion Suddeth, and Honorable Mention Eric Borman and Aidan Paul. They had four members on the WVHSSCA All-State team including: first team Zion Suddeth, Eric Borman, and David Kershner-Leon, and second team Wil Swan. They had five members on the All Region 3 Team: first team Wil Swan, David Kershner-Leon, Eric Borman, and Zion Suddeth, and second team Aidan Paul.
- The high school volleyball team finished the season in a tough loss in the regional Semi-Finals. It was a great year for Coach Smith and the Lady Irish as they finished the year as Sectional Champions. Elizabeth Kay

was named first team All-State and broke the record for blocks in a season with 180. Sophia Veazey was named All-State Special Honorable Mention.

- We have a few individual accolades to celebrate as well! Congratulations to Katie Nester on signing to play soccer at WVU University. Congratulations to Marshall Pile on signing to play baseball at University of Charleston. Congratulations to Parker Ross on signing to play Baseball at Wilmington College.

We are anticipating an exciting winter sports season, too, and will keep you updated along the way. Mark your calendars now for some important winter athletic dates. The annual alumni night will be Friday, January 3rd, at the Athletic Facility, as the girls' basketball team takes on Buffalo at 6 p.m. and the boys' varsity will follow with a game vs St Joe. Swimming regionals will be February 8th with the location to be announced. Girls' basketball sectionals will be February 24th-29th, time and location TBA. Boys' high school basketball sectionals will be March 2nd-7th, time and location TBA. The middle school basketball county tournaments are still to be announced. Be sure to follow the winter sports season on Twitter @cchssports. Let's go Irish!

SHAWNEE FIELD BASEBALL SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE-- Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our Shawnee baseball field sponsorship campaign to date. Your generous support is making our field of dreams a reality for Charleston Catholic Baseball. We are **\$8,000** short of achieving our goal. Please consider participating in this campaign. All gifts are welcome. Please make checks payable to Charleston Catholic High School. Credit card gifts will be accepted at the CCHS website on the Athletics page. All contributions are tax deductible.



SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE – Winter is upon us! Here's a brief reminder of the CCHS weather policy. **Remember that school closings and delays are texted through Parent Alert, are announced on the CCHS website, and are tweeted through cchsnews.**

- 1) CCHS/SHGS will NOT follow ANY of the Kanawha County Schools' weather-related procedures.
- 2) Families may connect to the CCHS website or listen to the radio/television for changes to CCHS/SHGS schedules. The following stations will be notified by 6:15 a.m. if there are changes to be made: WV Public Radio, WCHS, WCHS-TV, WSAZ-TV, WOWK TV, V100, 96.1, and WKAZ. **The CCHS website will be updated, a tweet will be sent through cchsnews, and a Parent Alert text will be sent.**
- 3) If no announcements are made for CCHS/SHGS, classes will be held on the regular schedule.
- 4) **If a two-hour delay is announced, classes will start promptly at 10 a.m.** The building will not open until 9:30 to give staff time to get to school. Please do not drop off your children before 9:30!
- 5) As always, if you cannot get your child to school for health or safety reasons, notify the school.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to seventh graders Jonah DiCocco and John Christian Settle for finishing first and second in the middle school Spelling Bee! Jonah will be making his fourth appearance in the Kanawha County spelling bee when he competes in January. We wish him success!

MANY THANKS

- to the PVA for the very tasty lunch and dinner that they provided for teachers on conference day and for the many meaningful ways they work behind the scenes to support the students and teachers.
- to Melinda Kiss, Cindy Keith, and Jason Villers for their coordinated efforts to update the 2019-20 Student Directory and to provide that helpful information for the school community!
- to teachers for their work on the very long parent conference day (and every da!) and to parents for taking time out of their day to meet with teachers and foster the partnership that will benefit our students.
- to Kristen Budd of Mindset Works who spoke last month to our students about the differences between a growth mindset and a fixed mindset and the importance of embracing a challenge to increase learning.
- to the twenty students who withstood windy and chilly weather to prepare multiple vulnerable homes for winter through Labor for Neighbors earlier this month. The students showed the CCHS commitment to service and justice, and local families will be warmer this winter for their hard work.
- to Rabbi Victor Urecki of B'nai Jacob and to Mrs. Ibtesam Barazi, Vice President of the Islamic Center of South Charleston. Each spent a day recently speaking with the seniors on their respective traditions in the Theology Department's Religions of the World course. And thanks to members of the synagogue and the Islamic Center for hosting recent visits by members of the senior class.
- to the fall coaches for the commitment they make to teach our student athletes the importance of sportsmanship while also building their athletic skills. Your efforts are much appreciated!
- to Mark Haas for his time with our choir and student body to enhance the liturgical experience through music.
- to all in our school community who supported the junior class on their prom fundraiser.

CALENDAR

FAMILY TRIPS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC. -- Please avoid taking students out of school for vacations, family trips, appointments, etc. If students miss school for any reason (including illness), it is their responsibility to find out what they missed. The policies for making up work are included in the Parent-Student Handbook. If your child is ill or will miss school for any reason, please notify the school office by 8:30 a.m. In addition, at the end of the semester students will have to stay after school to make up any time missed during excessive absences/tardies.

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.

Saturday, December 7	Clay County Christmas party
Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, December 18-20	exams; 11:15 dismissal
Saturday, December 21	beginning of Christmas vacation
Monday, January 6	classes resume
Tuesday, January 7	mandatory student ski club meeting 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 8	ski club
Wednesday, January 15	ski club
Friday, January 17	end of the first semester
Monday, January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday- NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 22	ski club
Monday, January 27- Friday, January 31	Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday, January 29	ski club
Friday/Saturday, January 31-February 1	winter play, 7:30 p.m.
Monday- Wednesday, February 3-5	MAP testing- 7 th / 8 th grades
Wednesday, February 5	ski club
Monday- Wednesday, February 10-12	MAP testing- 6 th , 9 th , 10 th grades
Monday, February 17	Presidents' Day holiday- NO SCHOOL
Saturday, February 22	high school Winter Waltz, 8-11 p.m., Commons
Thursday, February 27	8th grade Golden Horseshoe Test
Friday, March 20	end of 3rd quarter
Monday, April 6	beginning of Easter Vacation
Tuesday, April 14	classes resume
Friday, May 1	SAT school day test for juniors
Friday/Saturday, May 1-2	freshman retreat
Monday-Friday, May 4-15	spring play
Saturday, May 16	AP Testing
Thursday, May 21	prom
Friday, May 22	Baccalaureate, in evening
Monday, May 25	Graduation and Project Graduation, in evening
Mon/ Tues/ Wed, June 1-3	Memorial Day holiday
Wednesday, June 3	exams for 6 th - 11 th graders
	Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders

DECEMBER MENU

The January menu and volunteer schedule will be e-mailed later this month. This menu is complete through Christmas break.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9- Calzones, vegetable soup Jennifer Scalzo Harmony Brown Courtney Lohri	10- Tacos, nachos Alison Corbin Jaime Bowman Chris Williams	11- Hot chicken sandwich, mozzarella sticks Jennifer Wright Jeff Wright Karrah Pauley	12- Chicken nuggets, smiley fries Rick Lough Kim Lough Susan Jarvis	13- Stuffed shells, corn, breadsticks Sheila Moran Tracy Zachwieja Pat McCutcheon
16- Pizza Nat Namsupak Wendy Young Tina Caldwell	17- Cooks' Choice Amy Monday Trish Lusk Pam Delgra	18- Exams 11:15 dismissal	19- Exams 11:15 dismissal	20- Exams 11:15 dismissal

Volunteers 1 and 2: 10:30- 1:00
Volunteer 3: 11:15- 1:00

Mass Day-

Volunteers 1 and 2: 11:00- 1:15
Volunteer 3: 11:45- 1:15