



December 1, 2023

# INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students,

This week we have been preparing for tomorrow’s Christmas party in Clay County. It is one of the most important weeks of the school year for our community, a tangible way we put our faith into action. I am encouraged by our students’ good attitudes and our community’s generous spirits. We spend the week focused on others and how we can brighten others’ lives. We look beyond ourselves and our needs and instead think about our neighbors.

I am hoping this year that we can take the positive energy that has been shared this week and carry it with us for the rest of the school year. We need to think every day about how we can make someone else’s day better. We need to consider others’ wants and needs before our own. We should not only think this way during the Christmas season, but the whole year through.

This year I challenge our young people to consider their actions year round through the lens of the Christmas season. Are they acting in ways that show a love of their neighbors—not just in our state and community but right next to them in the classroom? Are they being kind and empathetic and generous with their spirits? I pray that we will capture this week’s goodwill and allow it to guide us.

As we enter Advent this weekend, I wish your families peace, joy, hope and love.

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: Sophia Messina’s paternal grandfather and Jeff Reynolds’ mother. 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 before Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 21. Updated progress reports will be emailed from RenWeb on Sunday, December 3. 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”)? How are your children doing on quizzes and tests? Exams are scheduled for the week of December 11 (schedule included below). **The first semester closes**

on Friday, January 12, 2024, two weeks after we return from Christmas break. Upon our return in January, teachers will cover additional coursework and give tests (which will be calculated in second quarter grades) which will affect the first semester average. At this point, time remains for students to improve their grades if they are not where they want to be (or should be) academically.

**FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE** – Exams are right around the corner. All classes have exams, and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. Students should prepare for exams by reviewing past tests and quizzes, using study guides, rereading notes and homework/class assignments, reworking math problems, and so on. Teachers will be providing guidance on how to prepare next week.

If we have a **two-hour delay** due to weather during exam week, 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.** **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.** First semester report cards will be mailed no later than Monday, January 22, 2024.

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

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

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

**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](mailto:sarah.griffith@charlestoncatholic-crw.org) or Mrs. Walter at [jean.walter@charlestoncatholic-crw.org](mailto:jean.walter@charlestoncatholic-crw.org).

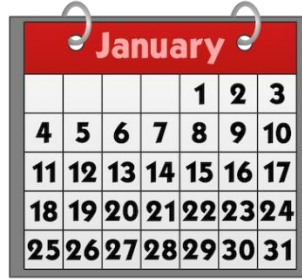
**SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TUTORING OPPORTUNITY**-- Science National Honor Society students will be available to peer tutor for middle and high science courses in the library on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 pm. Please contact Mrs. Arnold if you have any questions.

**HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOOK CLUB**-- Over 40 students participated in book club this fall. We will be voting in January to select a new book to read in the spring. Any high school student interested in joining can join the Google classroom (code: **ku5g47o**). Please contact Mrs. Arnold if you have any questions.

## SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2024-25

**2024-2025 SCHEDULING FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS** – Re-enrollment/ registration for the 2024-25 school year will start during Catholic Schools Week. Re-enrollment forms will be sent home to reserve your child's space in the class for next year. Scheduling forms for course requests for returning students will be distributed to students later in the

spring. In preparation for next year, 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 2024-2025**– The Admissions Committee has released its schedule for the upcoming school year. Applications for all grade levels will be available online ([www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org](http://www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org)) by mid January 2024. Applications will be completed and submitted online. Detailed instructions are available on the CCHS website.

### **Prospective Parent Open House**

Parents will have the opportunity to talk with current parents, students, teachers, and Mrs. Hoyer and Mrs. Aubel in the Commons. A brief information session, as well as tours of the school building, will be offered. We look forward to this opportunity to introduce prospective students and families to our community.

### **Fifth Grade Visit Day**

Any fifth grade student is invited to attend our fifth grade visit day. It will be held on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to noon. Fifth grade students will meet the current sixth grade teachers, take a tour of the school building, eat lunch in the Commons, and participate in their very first CCHS ‘pep rally.’ Families who do not attend Sacred Heart Grade School or St. Francis School should call the school office to register.

### **Admissions Testing**

All students applying to CCHS will take an admissions test prior to their application being reviewed. Any rising 6th grader from Sacred Heart Grade School will take their admissions test at SHGS during the school day. All other students and families will coordinate admissions testing with Nancy McLaughlin.

### **Admissions Timeline and Calendar**

**Wednesday, January 31**– Prospective Parent Open House

**Friday, February 2**- beginning of re-enrollment for current families

**Thursday, February 8**- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit Day, 9 am to noon

**Friday, February 9** – applications accepted for current Catholic school families who wish to be given first consideration.

**Tuesday, February 12- Thursday, February 16**- Admissions tests after school for students not enrolled in SHGS; call to schedule

**Thursday, February, 15**- deadline for applications from current Catholic school families to receive first consideration

**Friday, February 16**- applications open to the general public

**Friday, February 23**- deadline for all applications for first round consideration

**Friday, March 1** – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by **February 23** – applications received after February 23 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.

**WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY BOWL**-- In 2010, the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History began an exciting new challenge for eighth graders to test their West Virginia history: the West Virginia History Bowl Tournament. Teams of students from around the state face off in an academic bowl competition focusing on West Virginia history, literature, arts, architecture, geography and culture. Eighth graders in public, private and home school education programs are eligible to compete on the four-person teams in double-elimination tournament play. The regional tournament winners and the runner-up team move forward to the state tournament held in late April at the Culture Center at the State Capitol Complex. Congratulations to those who will compete and represent CCHS this spring—Sabian Rashid (Captain), Luke Passmore, Lia Duffield, and Bailee King. Alternates are Danny Linton and Lauren Pleska.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**BASEBALL SPAGHETTI DINNER**- The high school baseball team will host its annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sunday, December 3, from 4-7 pm in the Commons. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

**ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE ATHLETIC FACILITY**- Calling all alumni to come out and support the Irish on Thursday, December 21! Celebrate Christmas and 100 years of CCHS by gathering with fellow alumni to cheer on the boys' basketball team as they take on Hurricane at 7:30 pm at the Athletic Facility. There will be raffle baskets and a hospitality room for all alumni.

**POETRY OUT LOUD**- Calling all CCHS poets, speakers, performers, and creative souls! It's time to prepare for Poetry Out Loud 2024 for the chance to win prestige and prizes! The in-school competition is January 19th at lunch, and the school's winner will advance to the state contest in March. See the information sheet attached to the email for more details and [contact Mrs. Shirley](#) with any questions.

**WINTER WALTZ**- The high school dance will be from 8:00 pm until 10:30 pm on Saturday, February 10. The dance will be in the Commons. Dance permission slips will be sent home the week before. Please pay attention to dress guidelines!

**ELEMENTARY DAY AT THE CCHS ATHLETIC FACILITY**-- We are excited to invite all students and families from Sacred Heart Grade School and St. Francis to join us at the CCHS Athletic Facility on Thursday, February 15, to cheer on our girls' basketball team. Let's go Irish!



## FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

**MORNING TARDIES**—The school day starts each morning promptly at 8 am with prayer, pledge and morning announcement. Students are expected to be in class at that time. As stated in the Student Handbook (p. 13), students who are late to first period are required to serve a lunch detention that day. PARENT PHONE CALLS DO NOT EXCUSE THE TARDY. Students who come in late from a doctor's appointment must have an excuse from the doctor's office verifying the appointment in order to be excused from the lunch detention.

**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](http://VirtusOnline.org) and choose the "First Time Registrant" option. Allow 1- 1½ hours to complete the program.

The remaining two components of compliance will be completed using digital forms through the Virtus system ([virtus.org](http://virtus.org)). A background check and sign off on the Form Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children MUST be

completed online before you are able to volunteer. You must add Charleston Catholic as a location where you will be volunteering.

**Additionally, adults who volunteer, coach, or chaperone, may be asked to update background and policy forms. Background checks must be updated every three years. Policy questionnaires should be updated if they were signed before 2014. Current Diocese guidelines do not require volunteers to update the training portion of VIRTUS. Please contact Mr. Villers with any questions about how to update your forms.**

**WANT YOUR PHOTOS IN THE YEARBOOK?** - Students, parents, and teachers can contribute content to the yearbook staff by uploading photos directly to our app for potential use in the book. You can share photos of sporting events and practices, school & community events, or other school events. Start sharing today! **Share images directly from your phone by downloading the FREE Yearbook Snap app from the App Store or Google Play Store and using school code: goirish**

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



**IT'S SENIOR AD TIME!**-- The yearbook staff is selling senior ads to honor your graduating senior in the 2023-2024 yearbook. The following options are available: full page (\$300), half page (\$160), and quarter page (\$85). Please go to <https://www.yearbookforever.com> and enter our school details to purchase your ad, upload photos, and personalize your design! The deadline to purchase an ad is **January 15th**, but space fills up quickly, so the earlier, the better!

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING**— Start your holiday shopping at CCHS! In addition to our gear like scarves, winter hats and tote bags, this year is your chance to buy your 100<sup>th</sup> year commemorative items. Ian Bode prints, Bear Wood CCHS ornaments, and Blenko mini water pitchers are available in the school office. If you are interested in ordering any spirit wear or memorabilia, call the school office at 304-342-8415 to request an order form or come in to the office to purchase. Go Irish!

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

**UNIFORMS** – Take advantage of the time at Christmas break to check your children's uniforms. 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 in proper uniforms when they leave home each morning.

## ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

1.) **SAT and ACT** testing and registration information is available online at --[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) (CCHS code: 490-205). All juniors should take each test at least once this year. Students will be taking the SAT School Day at CCHS on Tuesday, April 16th. There are many ways for students to practice and prepare for the SAT and the ACT

- Students can link their PSAT results to Khan Academy to create free customizable lessons to focus on targeted areas based on the student's PSAT scores.
- CCHS will be offering a SAT prep class that will start at the end of January and lead up to the SAT School Day. The class will be held on Sunday nights and offered by CCHS faculty Sarah Griffith and Kate Shirley. The class will cost \$300. Registration details will be emailed to parents in early January.

2.) **College Visits-** Mrs. McLaughlin handles college visit requests. Students should pick up the forms from her or the office and return the completed forms to her at least 2 days before the trip. Seniors are allowed 2 college visit days; juniors are allowed 2 college visit days. All college visits must be made before May 1.

## NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

**All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.**

- 1.) **Catholic Schools Week, January 28 – February 3-** United in Faith and Community. CCHS will again participate in National Catholic Schools Week by supporting a number of community organizations. This year, with the help of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents, 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. Our \$2 dress down day will be Tuesday, January 30, and the \$2 donation will benefit Daymark. 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 or text Cassidi Wriston (304-552-1655) or Kamilla Rashid (304-549-5025). Thank you in advance for your help with this project.
  - Monday, Jan. 29 - Risen Lord Food Pantry** - canned meats, peanut butter, rice, dried beans, cereal, soup, crackers, canned fruits and vegetables
  - Tuesday, Jan. 30 - Daymark** - pillows and pillowcases, sheets (twin), towels and washcloths  
\*\$2 dress down day recipient
  - Wednesday, Jan. 31 - Manna Meal-** canned proteins, peanut butter and jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Ramen noodles, Rice A Roni, canned soups, and breakfast bars
  - Thurs, Feb. 1 – Covenant House** - deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, lotion, and body wash
  - Friday, Feb. 3–Gabriel Project-** diapers in sizes preemie, newborn, 4, 5, 6; disposable training pants; J&J baby wash; baby wipes
- 2.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the green quarter zip fleece jacket, the heavier weight grey jacket, and also a lighter weight black jacket, both in full zip and quarter zip), white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts are available on the CCHS website. For questions, please contact Cynthia Hemphill-Reehling (803-242-5087) for jackets, Kristina Whiteaker (304-610-5544) for green polos, and Sara Frame (304-389-1241) for white polos. OFFICIAL UNIFORM POLOS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH PVA. Please note that students who are members of athletic teams and academic competition teams are permitted to wear an official CCHS kelly green polo shirt with khaki pants to school on designated dates – normally home games and post-season games designated by the principal.
- 3.) Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help serve lunch. It's not too late to get on the second semester schedule. Please contact Tina Caldwell at (304) 546-3081 or tina.caldwell1987@gmail.com if you would like to be on the cafeteria schedule for January 2024 - May 2024. Please take notice of the weekly reminder emails as the lunch times may vary based upon mass schedules and alternate bell schedules. If there is a change in schedule, it will be noted in the reminder email. All cafeteria volunteers should be COVID vaccinated and have a food handler card (see below).
 

**\*\*The Kanawha-Charleston Health Department requires all cafeteria volunteers to have a food handler card. Cards must be renewed every two years. In order to be in compliance with this requirement, all CCHS cafeteria volunteers must complete a 75 minute online training course and 30 question assessment with a score of 70%. The PVA will pay the registration cost and will provide volunteers with an access code to participate in the course. Please contact Tina Caldwell at (304) 546-3081 or tina.caldwell1987@gmail.com for an access code. Upon completion please submit a copy to the office which will be kept on file at the school and Athletic Facility. \*\***
- 4.) **Parent involvement** is necessary for the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Helping drive students to games and practices, working gates, working concession stands, being supportive of the players and coaches, and attending games are just a few ways that parents help. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams!
- 5.) **Athletic family passes** are available through the PVA. These passes are good for immediate family members only (not cousins, in-laws, ex-in-laws, grandparents, fiancées, etc.) to attend CCHS home games. **The passes do not cover away games, tournaments played at home, homecoming games, or any SSAC tournaments.** Cost is \$175 for all home middle school games only, \$200 for all home high school games only, and \$250 for all home games (both levels). A \$100 student or senior citizen pass for all home games is also available. Passes may be purchased during registration days at the PVA table. An order form for sports passes was also in the PVA Parent Registration Packet. Please contact Kerri Linton at 304-228-4138. or klinton@pc solutions.com 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 available on the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Forms should be submitted electronically or to the school office.



- 7.) Share your CCHS spirit this Christmas! The PVA is offering a custom **CCHS Christmas tree ornament** (pictured below). Ornaments are available for \$10 and make a great gift for alumni, students, faculty, and CCHS families. The order form is attached to the email.



**CAMPUS MINISTRY**



Our Advent opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Monday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, between 9 and 11am. Reconciliation is a meaningful way to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

**SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP**— Please keep Charleston Catholic on your gift list while you do your holiday shopping! It's easy to do! The **Kroger Community Rewards program greatly benefits the school**. To enroll, go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and use the Charleston Catholic organization number **LH615**. Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus Cards are available at the Customer Service desk at any Kroger. To participate in the program, just register your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card (as outlined above)**, use the card when you checkout, and Charleston Catholic will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis.

## ATHLETIC UPDATES

**FALL SPORTS UPDATE**-- The fall sports season came to a successful close last month!

- The cross country team had a great year! Isaac Collins finished in the top twenty at the State Meet. On the girls' side, Bella Boggs finished second in the state. Both of our teams finished fifth overall. What an impressive achievement for all of our runners and coaches! Congratulations to our seniors!
- The high school soccer teams had excellent seasons. The girls ended their season as State Champions for the fifth year in a row! The boys finished as State Runner Up, falling short to Point Pleasant in the State Championship game. This was their third State Championship appearance in three years. Great job to both of our teams, and thank you to our amazing seniors!
- The high school volleyball team played hard this season and showed a lot of growth. They ended their season in the regional finals. Thank you to our seniors. It was a terrific year, girls!
- The cheer team has been working hard and competed at regionals at Riverside High School for the first time since 2013. They finished in 6th place. Well done! Let's continue this hard work throughout basketball season!

Congratulations to all of our fall athletes who earned post season honors:

- Will Gruse - All State golf team
- Bella Boggs – First Team All State in cross country
- Mia Lough and Sam Delgra- Soccer AA-A Region 3 Player of the Year
- Mia Lough, Molly Messer, Aurelia Kirby, Molly Weber, and Ella Green- First Team All State for AA-A girls' soccer
- Gio Cinco and Sam Delgra - AA-A First Team All State for boys' soccer
- Ethan Bastin - Second team All State in AA-A boys' soccer
- Jack Curry and Owen Snyder - All State Honorable Mention for boys' soccer
- Aubrey McCoy and Maddie Morris on All State Special Honorable Mention for A volleyball



**FOLLOW OUR WINTER SPORTS**--Winter sports are on the way. Please follow our twitter and instagram for updates. Our school websites will have our schedules and scores.

## GO IRISH!

### HANDBOOK REMINDERS

**SOCIAL MEDIA** - Social media and networking are increasingly useful and prevalent in our society. Charleston Catholic High School attempts to provide a safe environment for all individuals in terms of social networking, blogs, and any online publishing.

- The official use of the school logo and name are not permitted to be used on any personal online sources-blogs, websites, private groups, etc. without the written permission of the principal.
- Before publishing pictures of students online, please consider parental wishes.
- Publishing disparaging and/or defamatory comments about the school or anyone in the school community is not permitted.
- Engagement in online activities, such as, but not limited to, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. may result in disciplinary actions if the content of student or parent's accounts includes defamatory comments regarding the school, the faculty, or other students.

**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).

### MANY THANKS

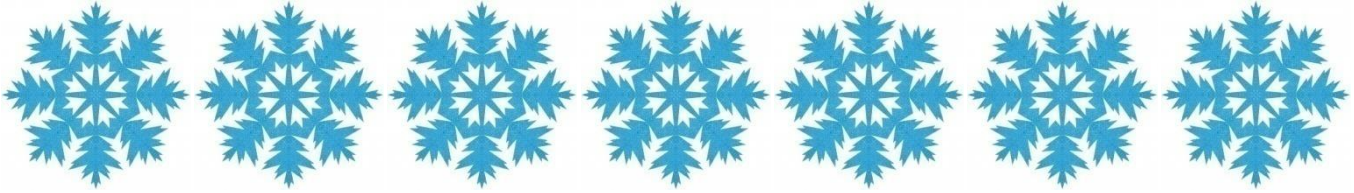
- to parents who attended Parent Teacher conferences last month and to teachers for the very long day they worked to provide this meaningful opportunity. This day helps us build the partnership between home and school that allows our students to flourish.

- to the PVA for their support of the faculty and staff. Their ongoing acts of kindness- coming in the form of Wish List items, delicious conference day meals, and snacks in the workroom- are a few examples of their efforts to take care of our teachers and they are greatly appreciated!

- to the recent guests in the seniors' World Religion course. Thanks to Rabbi Urecki for joining our classes and welcoming a small group to the synagogue for the Sabbath service. Rabbi Urecki has been joining our classes for over 30 years and we congratulate him on his retirement announcement! The seniors were also grateful to welcome Alicia, Ivana, and Miriam Fruhwaldova - a connection made by Paul Sheridan and his decade-long work with Charleston's sister city in Slovakia. Alicia's mother was a Holocaust survivor, and she and her daughters recently published a book of their family's remarkable story. Spending time with them was a powerful experience. Finally, the seniors were blessed to have Ibtesam (Sue) Barazi, Vice President of the Islamic Center in South Charleston. We very much look forward to visiting the Masjid this December!



- to our community for your generous spirits and enthusiastic participation in the Clay County Christmas Project. Your kindness makes Christmas magical for hundreds of children each year. Thank you for your support of this project.
- to our faculty and staff for their dedication to our school and their love of our students. Their hard work manifests itself in our young people's growth and success.



## SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

**SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE** –Since December has arrived and we've experienced our first blast of cold air, it's time to prepare for winter weather. Here's a 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, 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. PLANS FOR THE DAY (WHETHER E-DAY OR DAY OFF) WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CLOSURE.**
- 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 9:45 to give staff time to get to school. Please do not drop off your children before 9:45!
- 5) As always, if you cannot get your child to school for health or safety reasons, notify the school.

## CALENDAR

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

Saturday, December 2	Clay County Christmas Party
Wed- Fri., Dec. 13-15	exams; 11:15 dismissal
Mon., Dec. 18- Tues. Jan. 2	Christmas break
Thursday, December 21	Alumni Night at the Athletic Facility
Wed., January 3	classes resume
Friday, January 12	end of second quarter/ first semester
Mon., January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- no school
Tues., January 16	e-day for students, teacher professional development
Monday, January 22- Friday, February 2	winter MAP testing for grades 6-10
Mon., January 29- Fri., February 2	Catholic Schools Week
Saturday, February 10	Winter Waltz for high school students, 8:00- 10:30 pm
Mon., February 19	Presidents' Day- no school
Friday, March 15	end of third quarter

Mon., March 18	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Thursday, March 21	Golden Horseshoe test for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Fri., March 29- Fri., Apr. 5	Easter Break
Mon., April 8	classes resume
Tuesday, April 16	SAT School Day for juniors
Monday, April 22- Friday, May 3	spring MAP testing for grades 6-10
Mon. May 6- Friday, May 18	AP tests
Saturday, May 18	prom
Thurs., May 23	baccalaureate
Fri., May 24	graduation
Mon., May 27	Memorial Day- no school
Wed., May 29- Fri., May 31	exams for 6 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> graders; 11:15 dismissal
Friday, May 31	Moving Up Ceremony for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders

