



December 6, 2024

INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students,

I recently had the opportunity to participate in a wreath making class at the Capitol Market. As someone whose artistic talents are somewhat limited, I was skeptical of how my wreath might turn out, but I was happy to spend the evening with a good friend getting in the holiday spirit. Our group for the evening was made up of five separate groups of women who did not know each other prior to the event. The teacher for the class started with his rules for the evening, one of which was to bring a positive attitude. We all chuckled as he shared his expectations for us, which included not pushing, not throwing fits, and so on. It seemed, however, that everyone took our teacher's expectations to heart. After trimming and bundling our greens, each of us had to move to a station where the bundles were "stapled" on the metal ring. As each person finished, a chorus of compliments, "oohs" and "aaahs" and "oh, that's beautiful" rang out. Then we dove into decorating, and again, as each person worked, there was an ongoing string of positive feedback as others walked by to pick up more supplies. A few of the participants brought additional supplies to use in their wreaths and offered their extras to the rest of the group. As people finished and headed out, there were "goodbyes", and "Merry Christmases", and well wishes all around among this group of virtual strangers.

It was a positive and uplifting experience. The camaraderie that was built and goodwill that was shared in these few hours served as reminders of what a difference a little kindness can make. As we enter this Advent season, let's focus on how we prepare for welcoming Jesus at Christmas. Let's remember that being kind, warm, and open to others, whether they are our friends or strangers, can have a profound impact. We can all do our part to spread some cheer.

I wish your families peace, joy, hope and love this Advent season.

Warmly,
Colleen Hoyer



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ACADEMIC UPDATES

SECOND QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS – Progress report grades for the second quarter closed before Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 26. Updated progress reports will be emailed from RenWeb this weekend. 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 16 (schedule included below). **The first semester closes on Friday, January 17, 2025, 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 – Somehow, December is upon us and exams are just over a week away. 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 specific 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 AND WATCH FOR A PARENT ALERT TEXT OR EMAIL. First semester report cards will be mailed no later than Monday, January 27, 2025.

6 th grade:	Wednesday, 12/18 Thursday, 12/19 Friday, 12/20	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 6 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
7 th /8 th grades*:	Tuesday, 12/17 Wednesday, 12/18 Thursday, 12/19 Friday, 12/20	exam for period 3 (8:00 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 dismissal exams for periods 2 and 7; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 1 and 5; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 4 and 8; 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 Wednesday, 12/18 Thursday, 12/19 Friday, 12/20	exam for period 3 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 dismissal exams for periods 2 and 7; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 1 and 6; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 4 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
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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 takes 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 or Mrs. Walter at jean.walter@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOOK CLUB-- Over 30 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 participating can join the Google classroom (code: **ku5g47o**). Please contact Mrs. Arnold if you have any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD—We are happy to announce that we have enough students to take two teams to the State Tournament in the spring. There will be a meeting on Monday, December 9, to discuss team

assignments at lunch in Mrs. Arnold's room.

SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FUNDRAISER-- The SNHS and Olympiad members are selling candy cane grams for \$1 until exam week starts to raise money for Science Olympiad supplies. They will also be selling hot chocolate during exams for \$1 a cup. See Mrs. Arnold or any SNHS officer for more information.

CHARLESTON CATHOLIC LAUNCHES THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURE CLUB (ICC)—CCHS has created a new club to celebrate the rich tapestry of cultural diversity and embrace the differences that unite us. ICC is dedicated to fostering a deeper understanding of culture as the essence of who we are and how we connect with the world. The group has elected high school student officers and now is seeking enthusiastic parent volunteers to assist with fundraising, cultural projects, events, and more. A parent information meeting is coming in **January 2025**. Stay tuned for more details! For more information or to get involved, please contact Mrs. Freeman at brandy.freeman@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2025-26

2025-2026 SCHEDULING FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS – Re-enrollment/ registration for the 2025-26 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 2025-2026– 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) by mid-January 2025. 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, Mrs. Aubel, and Mrs. Hoyer 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 6th, 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 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 Kasey Sporck by calling the school office.

Admissions Timeline and Calendar

Friday, January 31- beginning of re-enrollment for current families

Tuesday, February 4- Prospective Parent Open House

Thursday, February 6- 5th Grade Visit Day, 9 am to noon

Friday, February 7 – applications accepted for current Catholic school families/parishioners who wish to be given first consideration.

Monday, February 10- Thursday, February 13- Admissions tests after school for students not enrolled in SHGS; call to schedule

Friday, February, 14- deadline for applications from current Catholic school families/ parishioners to receive first consideration

Friday, February 14- applications open to the general public

Friday, February 21- deadline for all applications for first round consideration

Friday, February 28 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by **February 21** – applications received after February 21 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. For our middle school students, in addition to serving as an evaluation tool, they serve an instructional purpose, helping students learn how to study for and take exams so they are better prepared for high school. Because of this, 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BASEBALL SPAGHETTI DINNER- The high school baseball team will host its annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sunday, December 8, from 4-7 p.m. in the Commons. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

GREECE 2025- Mrs. Arnold and Ms. Chinn have changed the international trip from Peru during Spring Break to Greece in June. Sophomores, juniors, seniors, and their families are welcome to join us December 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the CCHS library for an informational meeting about the tour.

EDUCATIONAL ZOOM OPPORTUNITY- All CCHS students and their families are invited to participate in an educational Zoom learning series on Climate and Energy. Expert guest speakers will share information on a number of WV specific energy topics and answer energy related questions, and our Science National Honor Society officers will be hosting the weekly meetings. On December 15, the speaker will be Kyle Mork, President and CEO of Greylock Energy, which is headquartered in Charleston and focuses on oil and natural gas exploration and production. Contact Mrs. Arnold for the link to join!

ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE ATHLETIC FACILITY- Calling all alumni to come out and support the Irish on Saturday, December 28! Celebrate Christmas by gathering with fellow alumni to cheer on the girls' basketball team as they take on Poca at 7:00 pm at the Athletic Facility.

WINTER WALTZ- The high school dance will be from 8:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 22. 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 other local elementary schools to join us at the CCHS Athletic Facility on Saturday, January 25, to cheer on our basketball teams. Let's go Irish!



ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

- 1.) **SAT and ACT** testing and registration information is available online at --www.collegeboard.org and 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 8th**. 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. Registration details will be emailed to parents in early January.
- 2.) **College Visits-** Mrs. Sporck handles college visit requests. Students should pick up the forms from 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 1st.
- 3.) **College representatives** are visiting, and these meetings typically take place during lunch. Dates and times will be sent out in the Sunday email from Mrs. Hoyer, and students will be reminded on the morning and afternoon announcements. All high school students should take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about different colleges. Colleges and universities want to see that students are interested in them!

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

- 1.) **Catholic Schools Week, January 27th – January 31st, 2025-** 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 eighth 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 28th, and the proceeds will go directly to WV Kids Cancer Crusaders.
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 Malena Scalise (304-546-0897) or Danielle Wade (304-685-7932). Thank you in advance for your help with this project.
 - Monday, Jan. 27th -Applied Behavior Learning Center-** school supplies, art supplies, cleaning supplies, sensory activities, games/toys, tissues, zip lock bags, paper kitchen supplies (forks/spoons/plates/cups) and baby and antibacterial wipes and gift cards.
 - Tuesday, Jan. 28th- YWCA Sojourner's-** shampoo and conditioner, bed comforters and sheets in all sizes, bath towels, laundry detergent and body wash.
****\$2 dress down day to WV Kids Cancer Crusaders****
 - Wednesday, Jan. 29th - Ronald McDonald House-** -baby clothes including preemie and newborn sizes, diapers, baby wipes, teethers, adult pj's /loungewear, coloring and activity books for children, crayons, disposable forks, plates, bowls, spoons, gift cards, cleaning supplies and storage containers.

Thurs, Jan. 30th – Risen Lord Food Pantry - canned meats, peanut butter, rice, dried beans, cereal, soup, crackers, canned fruits and vegetables

Friday, Jan. 31st–Gabriel Project- diapers sizes 4, 5, and 6; 2T, 3T and 4T clothes (all seasons); baby wipes; toiletries like baby wash, baby shampoo/lotions and diaper creams.

- 2.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Our next order period for white polos and uniform jackets will open January 10, 2025, and closes January 17, 2025. Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the new 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 Megan Cutlip (304-807-8253 or megan.a.cutlip@gmail.com) if you would like to be on the cafeteria schedule for **January 2025** - May 2025. Some volunteers will need to renew their food handlers' cards. Megan will give you information to do so once you have emailed her. Please indicate in your email if it has been more than two years since you took your food handlers course.
- 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. An order form for sports passes was included in the PVA Parent Registration Packet. Please contact Susan Jarvis (304-552-7831 or sjarvis0508@gmail.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). Volunteer forms should be submitted electronically and order forms should be turned into 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 Wednesday, Dec. 11th between 9 and 11:30 a.m. Reconciliation is a lovely 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 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.

CCHS GOES GREENER - CCHS plans to install rooftop solar. The 162 panels will save CCHS hundreds of thousands of dollars over the lifetime of the system. This effort is a significant symbol of our effort to be good stewards of the earth's resources. We can make this happen only if we raise 100% of the cost of the project through the support of donors like you. After all rebates, the net cost of the project is \$71,500. Thanks to the generous support of a number of alumni, we are very near our goal. **Please help us get there.** Consider making a tax-deductible donation to help CCHS go greener! Visit our school website to learn more about this significant effort and to make your donation through PayPal or click the QR code below. If you prefer to donate by check, please mail your check to our school address - please note "CCHS Goes Greener" on the memo line.



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS IN THE YEARBOOK! - Students, parents, and teachers can contribute content to the yearbook by uploading photos directly to our app for potential use in the book. You can share photos of sporting events and practices, club meetings and events, school and community events, and student life. 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 2024-2025 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 upload photos, personalize your design, and purchase your ad!

Please note: The only way to reserve an ad space is to complete your design and pay online. Since payments are made directly to Walsworth, the school cannot accept advance payment +to reserve space. We **should** have enough space for

all seniors whose families wish to purchase an ad, but we will notify you if space becomes limited. As of now, the deadline to purchase an ad is January 13th. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Shirley or Mrs. Bonnett.

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.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

FALL SPORTS UPDATE-- The fall sports season is officially over and what an amazing season it was!

- The CCHS golf team had an outstanding year finishing as Class A State Runner Up! Will Gruse finished in 5th place and Ben Carew finished in 7th place, earning spots on the All State Team. Congratulations to our golfers and Coach Jordan on a terrific season!
- The boys’ cross country team finished as State Runner Up! The girls’ team finished in 5th place. Bella Boggs finished as the school’s first ever cross country individual State Champion! What a record season for our runners!
- The girls’ soccer team finished as State Runner Up! This was their eleventh straight State Championship game appearance.
- The boys’ soccer team finished as State Champions for the third time in four years!
- The volleyball team finished their season in the State semifinals! They won their first State Tournament game since 2011.

Overall all teams qualified for the State Tournament this fall. The Irish won six regional championships, three State Runner Ups, an individual State Champion and a team State Champion! Congratulations!

Our student athletes earned a number of postseason awards this fall:

Volleyball

- Nora Aliff: All State Honorable mention
- Ilyauna Evans: 1st team All-State
- Maddie Morris: All State Tournament
- Ali Wilcox: All State Honorable mention

Girls Soccer

- Ella Green: 1st Team All State, All State Tournament
- Aurelia Kirby: 1st Team All State
- Mia Lough: 1st Team All State, Player of the Year, All State Tournament
- Molly Messer: 1st Team All State, Forward of the Year
- Molly Weber: 1st Team All State, Defender of the Year, All State Tournament

Boys Soccer

- Aidan Anton: 1st Team All State, All State Tournament
- Ethan Bastin: 1st Team All State, Defender of the Year, All State Tournament
- Patrick Kirby: All State Honorable Mention
- Mateo Lao: 2nd Team All State, All State Tournament
- Owen Snyder: 1st Team All State, All State Tournament

Girls Cross Country

- Bella Boggs: State Champion, 1st Team All-State
- Hannah Fisher: 2nd Team All State

Boys Cross Country

- Will Barton: 1st Team All State
- Peter Basdekis: 1st Team All State
- Charlie Barton: 2nd Team All State

- Golf
- Isaac Collins: 2nd Team All State
 - Ben Carew: 1st Team All State
 - Will Gruse: 1st Team All State



GO IRISH!

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

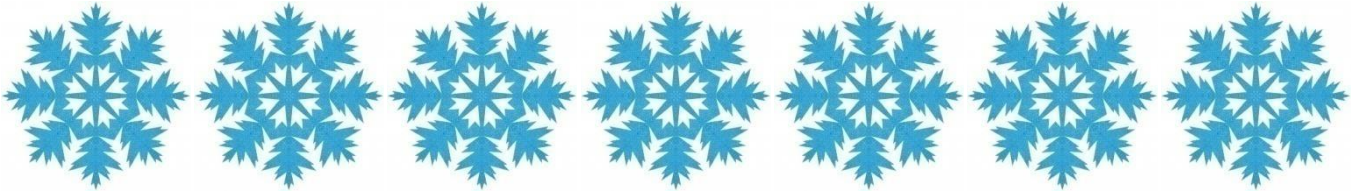
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES-- In order to participate in extracurricular activities on a particular day, a student must be in school for the FULL DAY on the day of the event. This "full day" policy includes appointments, so students need to avoid scheduling appointments during the school day. Students 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).

COLLEGE VISITS--Juniors and seniors are encouraged to visit colleges to help in the college selection process. Juniors and seniors wishing to visit colleges during a scheduled school day will not be penalized for attendance purposes if they do not exceed a total of 2 days for seniors and 2 days for juniors. In order to be approved, requests for college visits must be submitted in writing (form in the office) at least 48 hours prior to the visit for approval by the academic advisor and principal. Visits must be completed by May 1.

MANY THANKS

- to the many parents who attended Parent Teacher conferences in November and to the teachers for their dedication on this long work day. This day is an important part of the home-school partnership that directly benefits our young people.
- to our phenomenal PVA for their enthusiasm for all things CCHS! Your support of the faculty and staff that is shown in so many different ways is greatly appreciated.
- to the recent guest speakers of our seniors' World Religion course. We wholeheartedly thank Rabbi Urecki, who for the past 30 years has been joining our classes to talk about Judaism. Rabbi Urecki shared that this year was bittersweet because he is retiring and it might be his last time with us. We are forever grateful for his warmth, his wisdom, his consistent presence and his generosity to our community! Thanks also to Sue Barazi, who will also be stepping down from her position of Vice President of the Islamic Center. She and her community are a deeply inspiring part of our city, and we are grateful that she spent the day with our seniors and welcomed us with wonderful hospitality to the Masjid in South Charleston. Also, we would like to thank our newest connection with Namgyal, Autumn, Aliona, and Nathan from the Monastic Academy based in the Green Mountains of Vermont. They included us as part of their nationwide driving tour to lead discussions around Buddhist practices and Artificial Intelligence. Our World Religions course is immensely enriched by our friendships with all our guests!

- to our parents, students, and teachers for your good hearts and kind spirits shared through participation in the Clay County Christmas Project. You make Christmas magical for hundreds of children each year. Thank you for your involvement in this project.
- to our faculty and staff for their commitment to our school and our students. They pour their hearts into their work in order to help our young people grow.



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 reported through local news channels.**

- 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, WCBS, WCBS-TV, WSAZ-TV, V100, 96.1, and WKAZ. **The CCHS website will be updated 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.

Sat., December 7	Clay County Christmas Party
Sun., December 8	Baseball Spaghetti Dinner
Wed- Fri., Dec. 18-20	exams; 11:15 dismissal
Mon., Dec. 23- Fri. Jan. 3	Christmas break
Mon., January 6	classes resume
Fri., January 17	end of second quarter/ first semester
Mon., January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- no school
Tues., January 21	e-day for students, teacher professional development
Wed., Jan. 22- Friday, Jan. 24	HS Winter MAP testing
Mon. Jan. 27- Fri., Jan. 31	Catholic Schools Week
Mon., Feb. 3- Fri., Feb. 7	MS Winter MAP testing

Mon., February 17	Presidents' Day- no school
Sat., February 22	Winter Waltz for high school, 8-10:30 p.m., CCHS Commons
Thurs., March 20	Golden Horseshoe Test for 8 th graders
Fri., March 21	end of third quarter
Mon., March 24	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Tues., April 8	SAT School Day for juniors
Mon., April 14- Mon., April 21	Easter Break
Tues., April 22	classes resume
Tues., Apr. 22- Fri., Apr. 25	HS and 6 th grade spring MAP testing
Tues. Apr. 29- Fri., May 2	7 th and 8 th grade spring MAP testing
Mon., May 4- Fri., May 16	AP tests
Thurs., May 22	baccalaureate
Sat., May 17	prom
Fri., May 23	graduation
Mon., May 26	Memorial Day- no school
Mon., June 2- Wed., June 4	exams for 6 th -11 th graders; 11:15 dismissal
Wed., June 4	Moving Up Ceremony for 8 th graders

