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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Teaching character, compassion, and confidence to the youth of West Virginia for 100 years

Dear parents and students:

We are in the “meat” of the school year. The third quarter is tough. Course content is all new and often complex. Teachers expect students to know and comply with classroom expectations and to be ready for the heavy workload. Students are prepared for this but often feel increased stress and pressure. The weather often does not help with cold and gray days. Spring and summer seem like they will never get here!

At these times, it’s important to “fill our reserves.” Encourage your young people to take advantage of the opportunities that present themselves to rejuvenate and do something that’s fun. Though it may feel like they need to only focus on the tasks they have ahead, a study break for an enjoyable activity often empowers us to return to the task with increased energy and motivation. Time away, if managed and not excessive, can provide the fuel needed to make it through our responsibilities.

Thanks for your support in bringing balance to our young people’s lives. Let’s continue to work on teaching them the value of hard work and accepting their responsibilities while also taking breaks to have some fun!

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: London Oo’s grandmother; Zaden Ranson’s paternal grandmother; Alli Mullins’ maternal grandfather; teacher Mrs. Linehan Belcher’s aunt. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD- High school Health and PE teacher Ricky Nelson and wife Makia welcomed son Nox Cole on January 30. Nox weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz, and measured 21 inches long. The Nelson family is happy and healthy and we are thrilled to welcome Nox to the CCHS family!

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS- The Ren Web report that you receive this weekend will include grades through the halfway point of the third quarter. Please thoughtfully review the report with your children. Look for and celebrate successes and determine if there are areas that can be improved on. The third quarter is often the most challenging for

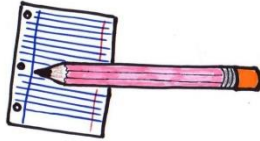
many reasons. Set realistic goals that can be achieved by the end of the quarter (March 15) and work with your children to stay focused and motivated to achieve them.

TENTATIVE SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Somehow we are already swiftly moving through the second half of the school year. Spring exams will be here before we know it. All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. Students who miss semester exams for reasons other than illness (who will be given the opportunity to make up the exams) will receive an F for those examinations. Just a reminder regarding the **seniors- only exam exemption policy**: Seniors may be exempt from second semester exams if: 1) the course is a two-semester course; 2) the teacher chooses to allow exam exemptions; 3) third and fourth quarter grades average to at least a 93; **4) fine arts requirements must have been completed by Friday, March 15, and community service requirements by Friday, April 26, 2024.** Students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP exam AND teacher-developed final exams. Seniors who meet exam exemption requirements for their AP classes may be exempt from teacher- developed final exams. Seniors in non-AP classes who choose to take AP exams will also take teacher-developed final exams unless they meet the exemption standards. Non-seniors who choose to take an AP exam for an AP class in which they are not enrolled must take the final exam for their class.

Seniors:	Tuesday/Wednesday, May 21/22 (schedule to be announced)	
Sixth grade:	Wednesday, 5/29	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 5/30	exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 5/31	exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal
7th/8th grade:	Tuesday, 5/28	exam for period 1 (8- 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Wednesday, 5/29	exams for periods 3 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 5/30	exams for periods 4 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 5/31	exams for periods 2 and 5; 11:15 dismissal

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

High school:	Tuesday, 5/28	exam for period 1 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Wednesday, 5/29	exams for periods 3 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 5/30	exams for periods 4 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 5/31	exams for periods 2 and 6; 11:15 dismissal



SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2024-25

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS –Enrollment forms for returning students were due by February 20 with the \$200 deposit to reserve your child’s spot for 2024-25. **Please turn your form in ASAP if you have not yet done so.** Registration forms with course offerings and selections will be distributed in April. Now students should be focused on doing their best in their current classes. Grades and work ethic are important factors in course placement.

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2024-2025– The Admissions Committee is in the midst of the admissions cycle for the 2024-25 school year. Applications for all grade levels are now available online (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Applications

will be completed and submitted online. Detailed instructions are available on the CCHS website. Please refer prospective families to the website!

Admissions Timeline and Calendar

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.

TUITION AND CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2024-25

TUITION RATES FOR 2024-25— The coming school year will require continued deliberate planning in our spending and in our budgeting. CCHS is financially independent. The school runs solely on the income generated each year from tuition and fees. To operate in a fiscally responsible manner, tuition increases for 2024-25 will be required and are being determined. The increase will fall in the 5-8% range. We have a number of financial aid opportunities available for families who need them. If you have concerns about tuition once it is released, please contact Mrs. Shindle or Mrs. Hoyer to talk about opportunities that are available. Tuition rates will be released in mid-April and invoices will be mailed at that time. Invoices and loan information will be mailed in mid-April. **Tuition payment in full is due June 15** (late charge assessed at \$1.00 per day after June 15).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE— For the thirty-third consecutive year, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will continue its tradition of offering the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) in an effort to keep Catholic school education affordable for families who desire it but who may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to Most Reverend Mark Brennan’s commitment to Catholic education, funds have once again been allocated for distribution to families in need of assistance. **This year, Phase 1 will be open to Catholic families only, but Phases 2 and 3 will be open to Catholic and non-Catholic families.** Awards are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. Apply on-line at www.factsmgt.com. Click on “Grant and Aid Assessment” and log in. Have your 2023 tax information available. Catholic families with children currently enrolled or who are applying to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year should apply ASAP. **APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN.** Phase 1 families must belong to a parish included on the drop-down list as part of the on-line application. **The deadline for Phase 1 is April 30, 2024; the Phase 2 deadline is July 14, 2024, and; the Phase 3 deadline is August 23, 2024.** No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless an application and all required documentation is submitted, and the fee has been paid by the deadline. The application fee to families is \$25. Families should only submit one application per year, not one per phase!



TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2024-25 – Please keep this TENTATIVE calendar in mind as you plan for next year. Please remember that **exams must be taken on scheduled exam days** and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester will have to make up those days at the end of the semester.

Wed., Aug. 21
Mon., Sept. 2
Mon., Oct. 28

First day of school for students
Labor Day- no school
11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development

Wed., Nov. 6	Parent-Teacher conferences
Mon., Nov. 11	Veterans Day- no school
Wed., Nov. 27	E-day for students
Thurs., Nov. 28- Fri., Nov. 29	Thanksgiving holiday
Wed- Fri., Dec. 18-20	exams
Mon., Dec. 23- Friday, Jan. 3	Christmas break
Mon., Jan. 6	classes resume
Mon., Jan. 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- no school
Tues., Jan. 21	e-day for students, teacher professional development
Mon., Feb. 17	Presidents' Day- no school
Mon., March 24	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Mon., Apr. 14- Mon., Apr. 21	Easter Break
Tues., Apr. 22	classes resume
Thurs., May 22	baccalaureate
Fri., May 23	graduation
Mon., May 26	Memorial Day- no school
Mon., June 2- Wed., June 4	exams for 6th -11th graders
Wed., June 4	Moving Up Ceremony for 8 th graders

UPCOMING EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE SEMINAR-- On March 11 at 7 pm in the chapel, CCHS graduate Sam Levenson (Class of 2016) will discuss particle accelerators, special relativity, and careers in physics. Sam is finishing up a Ph.D. in physics from Cornell University. All high school students are invited to attend. The seminar will last approximately one hour.

MARCH MAMMAL MADNESS - Any student, parent, faculty, or friend of CCHS can participate in March Mammal Madness. Digital brackets must be submitted by Sunday, March 10th, to be part of our CCHS group. Join the MMM Google Classroom with code 6hj74kr or contact Mrs. Arnold if you would like more information.

CCHS DRAMA-- is proud to present *Antigone*, a Greek tragedy by Sophocles as adapted for the modern stage. Antigone, daughter of Oedipus, must defy her tyrannical uncle, Creon. In doing so she causes a chain reaction of tragedy for the newly sworn in king of Thebes. You won't want to miss this exciting performance - Friday and Saturday, March 22-23, 2024, 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at the door; adult tickets are \$10 and students are \$7. All seats are general admission. Fine arts credit is available.



ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

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/>.

Honors Academy

- Where: Fairmont State University
- When: June 16-July 3, 2024
- Who: 11th Graders

STEM Institute

- Where: WVU and Green Bank Observatory
- Who: 8th Graders

Arts

- Where: West Virginia Wesleyan College
- When: June 23-July 13, 2024
- Who: 10th Graders

Entrepreneurship

- Where: Marshall University
- When: July 7-21, 2024
- Who: 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders

Computer Science

- Where: West Virginia University
- When: June 16–22, 2024
- Who: High School Students

Literacy through Arts, Culture, and History

- Where: West Virginia Culture Center State Museum and West Virginia State University
- When: June 23-28, 2024
- Who: Rising 8th Graders

2.) **PROMISE scholarship and FAFSA deadline** – May 1. All students in the Class of 2024 must complete BOTH the PROMISE and the FAFSA applications in order to be considered for the PROMISE scholarship. Additionally, colleges and universities throughout the country use FAFSA information to determine scholarships and financial aid.

3.) **Juniors--mark your calendars!** On April 16th, CCHS will participate in the SAT School Day (a *free* test administered to all CCHS juniors; students are already registered for this test). Students will take the SAT at CCHS during the school day.

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT FORMS - In order to secure drivers' licenses and permits, students are required to provide proof of school enrollment. These state-mandated forms are available in the school office. Students must request these forms from the school secretary **at least two days in advance**. **Forms are not issued during July.**

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 academic advisor's office) **at least 48 hours prior to the visit for approval by the academic advisor and principal**. **Visits must be completed by May 1.**

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

FREE MATH TUTORING-- As a service to Charleston Catholic students, our school's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta provides free math tutoring. 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. Walter at jean.walter@charlestoncatholic-crw.org or Mrs. Griffith at sarah.griffith@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TUTORING OPPORTUNITY-- Science National Honor Society students are available in the library on Tuesdays from 3:00 – 4:00 pm for tutoring in any science course. Please contact Mrs. Griffith if you have any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOOK CLUB-- The spring semester reading selection is The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic - And How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World by Steven Johnson. Any high school student interested in participating can join the Google classroom (code: **ku5g47o**). Please contact Mrs. Arnold if you have any questions.



VIRTUS— Be sure you're able to help! All parents or other adults who volunteer, coach, drive students, chaperone, etc., are required by the Diocese to complete the diocesan sexual abuse awareness training before being allowed to work with our students. Training is available online or at sessions periodically scheduled. To begin, visit the VirtusOnline.org and choose the online option. Allow 1- 1½ hours to complete the program.

There will be a new process for the remaining two components of compliance. They will be completed using digital forms through the Virtus system (virtus.org). A background check and sign off on the Form Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children MUST be completed online before you are able to volunteer. You must add Charleston Catholic as a location where you will be volunteering. If you have forgotten your password, or your user name, you can also call the Virtus help desk at 1-888-847-8870.

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

The Diocese encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, you may also report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel or volunteers of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, by contacting one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also visit www.dwc.org, under "Accountability" for additional reporting mechanisms.

GLOVES NEEDED-- The science department is in need of latex and vinyl gloves of all sizes for dissections and other lab activities. Please contact Mrs. Arnold to coordinate a donation or drop off any gloves in the office. Many thanks!

YEARBOOK UPDATES—We need your help gathering pictures for the yearbook! You can share photos of sporting events and practices, school & community 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.

Also, the yearbook is in need of middle school pictures (especially sports pictures). Please submit pictures to our app - Walsworth's Yearbook Snap App. Use code goirish.

IMMUNIZATIONS --The health department requires all schools to keep students' immunization records up to date. If your child has had recent shots, please send CCHS a copy of new health records. **All rising 7th graders are required to have a Tdap booster and first meningococcal vaccine before they enter school in August. Rising 12th graders are required to have the second dose of the meningococcal vaccine before they enter school in August. Once your child has these vaccines, an updated immunization record must be submitted to Mrs. McLaughlin.**



MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

EIGHTH GRADE WV WRITING CONTEST-- *Goldenseal Magazine* has partnered with Charleston Catholic to offer the Third Annual *Goldenseal Magazine* Young Writers Contest! The winner of the essay contest will have his/her article published in the state's *Goldenseal Magazine*. What a wonderful opportunity to become a published author before finishing middle school! We have already had six CCHS students published through this program. All Charleston Catholic eighth graders will be participating. Their articles must be at least 750 words in length and no longer than 2000 words. Students have chosen their topics and final submissions are due March 1. Any questions about this contest can be directed to Miss Cline.

GOLDEN HORSESHOE - A highlight of the eighth-grade year is the opportunity for a student to become a Knight or Lady of the Golden Horseshoe. Named for the golden horseshoes given to the early explorers of what is now West Virginia by Alexander Spotswood, the Governor of the Virginia colony, the program recognizes students for their knowledge of West Virginia history. In the coming weeks, eighth-grade students from all over the state will take a computerized assessment on West Virginia history, facts, and trivia. Top scorers from each county are awarded their Golden Horseshoes by the Governor in a ceremony at the Capitol. Charleston Catholic's test date is scheduled for March 21, with the essay portion of the test done on March 19. Students have been gathering information in WV Studies class, but additional practice questions can be found on the WV Culture and History website (wvculture.org) and the WV Department of Education website.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— Please consider supporting Charleston Catholic through the Kroger rewards programs. Your support is very much appreciated!

The **Kroger Community Rewards** program can be used every time you grocery shop. To enroll, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use the Charleston Catholic organization number **LH615**. Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus Cards are available at the Customer Service desk at any Kroger. To participate in the program, just register your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card (as outlined above)**, use the card when you checkout, and Charleston Catholic will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis.

Donate to HOPE 2024— Planning continues for our 19th summer of HOPE. Members of the junior and senior classes have applied to participate in our week of home construction and repair, **June 16-21, 2024**. We will partner again this coming summer with Bill & Addie Likens, who coordinate the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission (CAM) in Wayne and Mingo Counties. Our group of juniors, seniors, college age alumni and adult work team leaders will make significant

repairs at the homes of several low-income families and seniors. Some of our volunteers will also assist with the construction of a new house for a family in need. We are committed to raising **\$25,000 to purchase building materials for the construction of the new home**. CAM will supplement our fundraising efforts with the materials necessary to complete the construction of the new home and to make the repairs on the other houses at which we will work, making these houses **warmer, safer, and drier**. Our **annual funding appeal is underway** with a link to make a tax deductible donation available on the school website. A slideshow of our 2023 HOPE experience is posted on our school website under the "Community Outreach" tab. We appreciate your support!



CAMPUS MINISTRY



- 1.) The 7th Grade retreat will be on Tuesday, February 27, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the South Charleston Memorial Ice Arena (behind the Charleston Target store). The retreat will end at 2:20 p.m. at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center ([100 Hodges Rd., Charleston](#)). Students should be dropped off at the ice arena in the morning and picked up at the Pastoral Center in the afternoon. Parent volunteers are needed at 11:30 a.m. to transport the class from the ice rink to the Pastoral Center for the second half of the retreat. If you are able to help with the mid-day transport, please call Ms. Linehan.
- 2.) Charleston Catholic's HOPE Project will host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 5:30-7:30, on Sunday, March 3rd, in the CCHS Commons. Tickets are \$15 a plate. Children, age 5 and under, eat for free. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the school office or at the door on March 3rd. All of the proceeds from the dinner will go toward the costs for the week-long project in June. HOPE participants commit to raise \$25,000 so that the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission can build a house for a family in need. Students and adult volunteers spend the week repairing homes and helping with the new construction. HOPE has the dual purpose of improving the quality of housing for low income folks in need and instilling the habit of service in students with a commitment to living the works of mercy.
- 3.) Charleston Catholic Students continue to serve at the Martin Luther King Center on Charleston's West Side. Mrs. Williams joins the students each Thursday (3:30-4:30) as they help grade school children with homework and study skills. Any sophomore, junior or senior who would like to join the MLK Center afterschool program should email Mrs. Williams (michaila.williams@charlestoncatholic-crw.org).



NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

- 1.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the 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.

- 2.) Thanks to all of our lunch volunteers! 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 have a current 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. ****
- 3.) **Parent involvement** is critical to the success of the CCHS athletic program. Working gates and concession stands, being supportive of the players and coaches, and attending games are important pieces. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams in a variety of ways. Please help how you can and cheer on the Irish!
- 4.) **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. 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 Kerri Linton at 304-228-4138 or klinton@pc solutions.com if you have questions about these passes.
- 5.) **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.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY – As we get ready to start a new athletic season, keep eligibility requirements in mind. In order for students to be eligible for athletics and extracurricular activities, students must have at least **an unweighted 2.0 grade point average for the semester** and must be in good behavioral and academic standing at CCHS in order to participate in extracurricular activities.

BASEBALL GAME DAY SPONSORSHIPS- Our high school and middle school baseball teams are scheduled to play 2024 home games at the Shawnee Sports Complex. While the field usage cost of our home games is included in our field sponsorship, we are responsible for the field usage cost for our practice time on the field. **Please consider a Game Day Sponsorship.** A **\$200 donation** will help us cover the cost of the field rental for a few days of practice. **Your firm, company, or family's name will be displayed at the field on your game date.** Baseball Game Day Sponsor Forms are available [here](#).



Winter sports are close to wrapping up if they have not already done so. It has been an impressive season thanks to the efforts of the student athletes and coaches!

Swimming- The swim team finished a fantastic season earlier this month! Sophomore Lily Patnoe won her first (and second!) State Championship at this year's State Meet and finished as a TWO time State Champion, finishing first in the 100 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. Izzy Paulson had a breakout freshman year. Izzy finished 3rd in the 200 IM and 2nd in the 100 backstroke. In other State Meet results: the 200 medley relay of Izzy Paulson, Hannah Fisher, Lily Patnoe and Hannah Sullivan finished 11th; the 200 free relay of Olivia Persinger, Avery Persinger, Ellie Hoblitzel and Hannah Sullivan finished 23rd; the 400 free relay of Izzy Paulson, Hannah Fisher, Olivia Persinger and Lily Patnoe finished 15th. What a wonderful season for the swim team and Coach Paulson! We will miss our seniors next year.

High School Basketball- It's time for the high school basketball teams to shine as the post season madness is upon us. The girls are currently in sectionals and have advanced to the Sectional Championship. They are guaranteed a spot in regionals this coming Wednesday, location TBD. The boys are consistently ranked in the top three teams in the state. They end their regular season against top ranked AAA Fairmont Senior this weekend. Their sectional tournament begins on Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Athletic Facility. Let's go, Irish!

Middle School Basketball- It was a great year for our middle school teams. The girls dominated all season! They finished the season 19-0 and were Regular Season and Tournament Champions of the Kanawha County Conference. This was the fourth championship in program history and the first since 2004! Wow! The boys looked down and out in the middle of the season and found themselves in last place in the conference. That sparked something and the Irish went on an amazing run, making it into the County Tournament where they fell short in the first round. It was a terrific season for the Irish who showed the Irish Spirit of not giving up.

Spring sports will be starting next week! If you are interested in joining one of the teams, please contact the coaches listed below for more information.

High School

Baseball: Will Bobinger- bobingwl@gmail.com

Softball: Alex Macia - amacia@spilmanlaw.com

Tennis: David Sadd- davidsadd@suddenlink.net

Track: Hilton Ingraham- hiltoningraham@ymail.com

Middle School

Baseball: Jacob Nelson- jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org

Tennis: Sid Gillis and Lisa Hunter- sidgillis@aol.com

Track: Hilton Ingraham- hiltoningraham@ymail.com

Golf: Jacob Nelson- jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org



CONGRATULATIONS

- to senior Emilie McNeil for being selected as Charleston Catholic's Aquinas Medal recipient, a recognition given to one student at each Catholic school in West Virginia recognizing faithful discipleship, academic excellence, leadership, and service.

- to seniors Sam Delgra, Avery Persinger, and Olivia Persinger who were selected as Charleston Catholic's St. Sebastian Medal winners. The award recognizes high achieving student athletes from each of the state's diocesan high schools who exhibit the qualities of sportsmanship, teamwork, academics, and a high respect for school, classmates, teammates, opponents, parish, and the community.

- to the students who attended Kanawha County Math Field Day-- Hallie Caponiti, Kali Shawkey, Altay Bayraktar, Jude Griffith, Abigail Dotson, Zach Harrison, Nicole Gao, Joey Muchow, Tony Singh, and Emily McNeil!! Special congratulations to the students who placed at Math Field Day: Altay Bayraktar - 1st place in 8th grade; Jude Griffith- 4th place in 9th grade. In the high school competition (grades 10-12) Joey Muchow - 11th place, Nicole Gao - 9th place, Tony Singh - 6th place, and Zach Harrison 4th place.

Good luck to Altay, Nicole, Tony, and Zach who are moving on to attend Regional Math Field Day!

MANY THANKS

- to the PVA who planned and organized a week full of fun Catholic Schools Week activities and Gym Jam on February 9 so our students could celebrate 100 years of CCHS!

- to the PVA hospitality committee for providing delicious treats for the faculty during Catholic Schools Week.

- to Dr. Pringle from Recursive Pharma for her virtual science seminar presentation on the use of tools like CRISPR in developing medical treatments.

- to retired CCHS principal Mrs. Debra Sullivan who visited our junior Theology classes to discuss our worldview and building culture. Mrs. Sullivan was principal of Charleston Catholic for 28 years and now, in her retirement, serves on the WV State School Board.

- to Dianna and Bob Hypes for their ongoing support of Charleston Catholic High School students. On Thursday, February 15, Mr. and Mrs. Hypes bought pizza for students, faculty, and staff, in memory of their son Bobby, member of the Class of 2008 who died of heart disease in his sophomore year of high school. Thanks also to the students and faculty for wearing their red and making a \$2 donation to the Bobby Hypes Scholarship. The Scholarship is presented at the 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony each year to a rising 9th grader who shares some of Bobby's personality traits- kindness, determination, optimism. Mr. and Mrs. Hypes' ongoing commitment to CCHS helps us keep Bobby's legacy alive.

- to Amy Tawney for organizing our King Cake feast for Mardi Gras Day and to all who contributed a King Cake to the celebration.

-to all who participated in our 2024 Catholic Schools Week project and contributed to making it an outstanding success! We collected 4,212 items to benefit The Risen Lord Food Pantry, Daymark, Manna Meal, Covenant House, and Gabriel Project. We also collected \$817.65 for Daymark! We couldn't have done it without the help of many volunteers. Thank you to our project chairs, Cassidi Wriston and Kamilla Rashid, to Rodney LeGrand for his IT support, to parent volunteers Brandy Messer, Ashley Stapleton, Cynthia Hemphill-Reehling, Pam Delgra, Julie Carew, Christie Staun, Brandi Conroy, Kerri Linton, and Anne Ellison for their help sorting and packing items, and to our 8th grade students and teachers for their advertisements and assistance. The generosity of our families helped make an impact on the agencies that support those in need in our local community.

Thank

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SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE – Maybe the groundhog will be right and spring is almost here, but just in case he was wrong, 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, WCBS, WCBS-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. IF THE DAY WILL BE REMOTE LEARNING OR E-DAY, THAT INFORMATION 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 2 hours after the normal start time. The school day will start 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 FOR 2023-24

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

Tuesday, March 5	National Latin Exam
Mon., March 11- Tues., March 12	National French Exam
Friday, March 15	end of third quarter
Mon., March 18	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Tuesday, March 19	Golden Horseshoe essay test for 8 th graders
Thursday, March 21	Golden Horseshoe test for 8 th graders
Mon., March 25- Tues., March 26	National Spanish Exam
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 17	AP tests
Saturday, May 18	prom
Thurs., May 23	baccalaureate in evening
Fri., May 24	graduation and Project Graduation
Mon., May 27	Memorial Day- no school
Wed., May 29- Fri., May 31	exams for 6 th -11 th graders; 11:15 dismissal
Friday, May 31	Moving Up Ceremony for 8 th graders