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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

On Wednesday, we begin the liturgical season of Lent with its focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This forty day period is a time of preparation for Jesus’ resurrection at Easter. The act of “giving something up” during Lent is widely known and practiced. During this time, we also emphasize the importance of reading Scripture and focusing on prayer as a way readying one’s self to follow Christ more fully. Beyond the physical sacrifices of food and “luxuries”, we are encouraged to practice self-discipline in other ways this season. We should ready our hearts for Christ’s resurrection.

As we enter the Lenten season, let’s do so with a spirit of forgiveness and with a focus on how we can grow and better ourselves during these forty days. We can make it about the things we do for others and the ways we can share our gifts in addition to the physical sacrifices that we make. In these ways, we can truly prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter.

Warmly,
Colleen Hoyer

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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 21) and work with your children to stay focused and motivated to achieve them.

TENTATIVE SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Here we are, already quickly moving through the second half of the school year. End of the year 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.

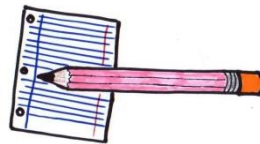
Just a reminder regarding the **seniors- only exam exemption policy**: Seniors may be exempt from second semester exams if: 1) the course is a two-semester course; 2) the teacher chooses to allow exam exemptions; 3) third and fourth quarter grades average to at least a 93; **4) fine arts requirements must have been completed by Friday, March 21, and community service requirements by Friday, April 25, 2025.**

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 20/21 (schedule to be announced)	
Sixth grade:	Monday, 6/2	exams for periods 6 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Tuesday, 6/3	exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal
	Wednesday, 6/4	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
7th/8th grade:	Friday, 5/30	exam for period 2 (8- 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Monday, 6/2	exams for periods 1 and 3; 11:15 dismissal
	Tuesday, 6/3	exams for periods 5 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Wednesday, 6/4	exams for periods 4 and 7; 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:	Friday, 5/30	exam for period 2 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Monday, 6/2	exams for periods 1 and 3; 11:15 dismissal
	Tuesday, 6/3	exams for periods 6 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Wednesday, 6/4	exams for periods 4 and 7; 11:15 dismissal



EXCITING NEWS FROM THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT-- Charleston Catholic High School is proud to announce that the **West Virginia Seal of Biliteracy** is now available to our students. This nationally recognized award honors high school students who demonstrate proficiency in English and at least one other language. Earning the Seal provides valuable benefits, including official recognition of language skills, expanded career opportunities, the potential to earn college credit, and a stronger connection to diverse cultures and communities. Many universities award credit to students who receive the Seal, and employers actively seek bilingual candidates in today’s global job market. The study of languages fosters critical thinking, cultural awareness, and a competitive edge in any field. Stay tuned for more details on how to qualify and take advantage of this incredible opportunity.

SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2025-26

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS –Enrollment forms for returning students were due by February 14 with the \$200 deposit to reserve your child’s spot for 2025-26. **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 for the coming year.

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2025-2026– The Admissions Committee is in the midst of the admissions cycle for the 2025-26 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 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, February 21- deadline for all applications for first round consideration

Friday, March 7 – 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.

TUITION AND CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2025-26

TUITION RATES FOR 2025-26— The coming school year will require continued, careful 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. Unfortunately, costs continue to rise. To operate in a fiscally responsible manner, tuition increases for 2025-26 will be required and are being determined. The increase will fall in the 8-12% 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 and loan information will be mailed at that time. The Hope Scholarship is projected to be \$5267 for the 2025-26 school year, so it is a significant help to tuition for those who have qualified either by transferring from public school or completing dual enrollment. **Tuition payment in full is due June 15** (late charge assessed at \$1.00 per day after June 15).

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE— For the thirty-fourth 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 2024 tax information available. Catholic families with children currently enrolled or who are applying to enroll for the 2025-2026 school year should apply ASAP. Applications opened February 1. 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, 2025; the Phase 2 deadline is July 14, 2025, and; the Phase 3 deadline is August 23, 2025.** 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 2025-26 – 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. 20	First day of school for students
Mon., Sept. 1	Labor Day- no school
Mon., Oct. 27	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Thurs., Nov. 6	Parent-Teacher conferences
Tues., Nov. 11	Veterans Day- no school
Wed., Nov. 26	E-day for students
Thurs., Nov. 27- Fri. Nov. 28	Thanksgiving holiday
Wed- Fri., Dec. 17-19	exams
Mon., Dec. 22- Friday, Jan. 2	Christmas break
Mon., Jan. 5	classes resume
Mon., Jan. 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- no school
Tues., Jan. 20	e-day for students, teacher professional development
Mon., Feb. 16	Presidents' Day- no school
Mon., March 23	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Fri., April 3- Fri., April 10	Easter Break
Mon., Apr. 13	classes resume
Thurs., May 21	baccalaureate
Fri., May 22	graduation
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day- no school
Mon., June 1- Wed., June 3	exams for 6th -11th graders
Wednesday, June 3	Moving Up Ceremony for 8 th graders

UPCOMING EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE SEMINAR-- On March 10, at 7 pm in the chapel, CCHS graduate Jenna Jordan (Class of 2019) will give a talk entitled "Characterization of ultrasonic vocalizations produced by wild woodland jumping mice (*Napaeozapus*). Jenna is in the Biology Department Graduate Program at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. 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 9th, 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.

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD—CCHS will be taking thirty students to the state Science Olympiad competition at Marshall University on March 1. This is the third year we have competed with the current coaching staff and the first year we have fielded two teams. Good luck to all thirty students participating from grades 9-12.

EDUCATIONAL ZOOM OPPORTUNITY- All CCHS students and their families are invited to participate in an ongoing educational 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. The group will be taking a break until May, when they plan to resume for sessions on new topics. Stay tuned for additional dates and participation details!

DRAMA UPDATE- We regret to inform that we are canceling the drama production for this spring because of a lack of interest and scheduling conflicts. Although we have tried to recruit new players, there has not been a dedicated number of willing participants. It is with heavy hearts that we apologize to all of the students, parents and guardians who have supported our endeavor. We wish the best to our seniors. It has been a blast to have worked with you and to hone

your talents. To the rest of the players and tech crew, thank you for your time and dedication. We hope next year will be bigger and better.

HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL- Good luck to the High School Quiz Bowl team. They will be competing in the Regional Competition at WV State on March 6th.

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/>.

- **Governor's Computer Science Institute (GCSI)** – current 9th and 10th grade students (application deadline for students is April 11, 2025)
- **Governor's Honors Academy (GHA)** – current 11th grade students (**application deadline to be submitted by CCHS is March 11th, 2025 at noon**)
- **Governor's School for Entrepreneurship (GSE)** – current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students (application, flyer, and website updates forthcoming within the next week)
- **Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)** – current 10th grade students (application deadline for students is February 28, 2025)
- **Governor's School for Tourism (GST)** – current 9th and 10th grade students (application deadline for counties is April 10, 2025)
- **Governor's School of Literacy through the Arts, Culture, and History (GSLACH)** – current 8th grade students (application deadline for counties is March 28, 2025)
- **Governor's STEM Institute (GSI) (WVU)** – current 7th grade students (application deadline for counties is April 11, 2025)
- **Governor's STEM Institute (GSI) (Green Bank)** – current 8th grade students (application deadline for counties is April 11, 2025)

2.) **PROMISE scholarship and FAFSA deadline** – March 1st. All students in the Class of 2025 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 8th, 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 a school day.

4.) **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.

5.) **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!

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers are an integral part of our Charleston Catholic community. We appreciate the time, energy, and talents volunteers share with our students. In compliance with the Diocesan mandate to create a safe environment for our students, all adults working with students in any capacity are required to complete a background check, policy statement, and online VIRTUS training. Details can be found on our website: www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org. If you have any questions, contact the assistant principal for operations.

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

CROCKPOTS NEEDED!--Do you have an old crockpot or sous vide device you no longer use? The science department can repurpose working models of these into hot water baths and would love to accept your donation!

INTERNATIONAL CULTURE CLUB UPDATE-- The International Culture Club at CCHS successfully launched its inaugural **Chinese New Year Chocolate Grams** fundraiser. Club members sold beautifully designed traditional red envelopes filled with messages of luck, longevity, and happiness, bringing a meaningful cultural tradition to our school community. The fundraiser was a great success, and we are excited to share more events and initiatives in the coming months. Stay tuned for more ways to celebrate and explore global cultures at CCHS!

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.

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOOK CLUB-- Over 30 students participated in book club this fall. Those students voted to read The Sixth Extinction: An Unusual History by Elizabeth Kolbert for the spring semester. 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. In addition to the training, employees and volunteers are required to complete 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.

The Bishop has announced and widely publicized his desire for continuing Safe Environment education for all employees and volunteers throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. **As a result, all employees and volunteers are required to update the training to Version 4.0 of Protecting God's Children.** Please visit www.virtus.org at your earliest convenience and log in and complete the training module. Once you log in to your VIRTUS account, you will find the link for the module by clicking the box that says "Current Training." Going forward, the Bishop requires all employees and volunteers to complete a yearly awareness training module and monthly bulletins. You may complete the module and the bulletins from anywhere you have an internet connection and at your convenience.

Additionally, adults who volunteer, coach, or chaperone, may be asked to update background and policy forms. Background checks must be updated every three years. 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!

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK! –We need your help gathering pictures for the yearbook, especially with pictures of middle school events! 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!



MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

EIGHTH GRADE WV WRITING CONTEST-- *Goldenseal Magazine* has partnered with Charleston Catholic to offer the Fourth 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! 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 Mr. Cable.



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 20. 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.

HOPE 2025 UPDATE – Planning continues for our 20th summer of HOPE. Members of the junior class have applied to participate in our week of home construction and repair, **June 15-20, 2025**. 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 CCHS students, 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 2024 HOPE experience** is posted there as well.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



- 1.) Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. Lent is the 40 days of fasting, prayer and almsgiving that prepare us for Good Friday and then Easter. For almsgiving Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls will be available in all theology classes. Proceeds from the Rice Bowl reach communities in 101 countries including the United States. Twenty-five percent of our proceeds is given to Catholic Charities here in West Virginia.
- 2.) The Knights of Columbus will hold a Fish Fry at Sacred Heart each Friday of Lent, not including Good Friday. Student volunteers are needed 5:30-8:00. Sign up on the service Google Classroom.
- 3.) Charleston Catholic students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 26th. Sometimes students – as well as adults – can be nervous about receiving the sacrament. The priests who administer the sacrament are each friendly and approachable, and they are happy to walk us through the sacrament.
- 4.) On April 2nd we will have a combined 7th and 8th Grade Retreat lead by NET Ministries. NET Retreats use peer-to-peer ministry to bring God's love to retreatants. During the retreat, our Middle School students will be part of large group presentations, small group discussions, personal testimonies, a dedicated time of prayer, fun

and friendship! The retreat will be at the Sacred Heart Pavilion. Permission forms will be distributed at the end of March.

- 5.) The 10th Grade Retreat will be on April 9th. The West Virginia Institute of Spirituality led by Sister Molly Maloney will host the sophomores for their retreat. It will be a thoughtful day reflecting on the Beatitudes. Permission forms will be distributed at the end of March.



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 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. **THE ORDER WINDOW FOR WHITE POLOS AND LOGO JACKETS OPENS TODAY (FEBRUARY 28) AND RUNS THROUGH FRIDAY, MARCH 7.** 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) or Katie Feola (304-552-1896/ katie.feola@gmail.com) 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. 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.
- 3.) **Parent involvement** is a vital component of the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Working gates and concession stands, being supportive of the players and coaches, and attending games are important pieces. **EVERY** parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams. 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, 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. Please contact Susan Jarvis (304-552-7831 or sjarvis0508@gmail.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). Volunteer forms should be submitted electronically and order forms should be turned into the school office.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY – As we get ready to move into spring sports, 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.

BASEBALL GAME DAY SPONSORSHIPS- Our high school and middle school baseball teams are scheduled to play 2025 home games at the Shawnee Sports Complex. While the field usage cost of our high school home games is included in our field sponsorship, we are responsible for the field usage cost for our practice time on the field and for middle school games and practices. **Please consider a Game Day Sponsorship. A \$200 Game Day Sponsorship 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 out a great season last weekend at the State Meet! Multiple students placed in the State Meet, starting with the 200 IM relay team of Bella Boggs, Lily Patnoe, Izzy Paulson, and Hannah Fisher who finished 10th in the State! Izzy Paulson also placed 4th in the individual 200 IM and 3rd in the 100 M backstroke! Lily Patnoe placed 10th in the 50M freestyle race. Our boys also had a very good weekend with Zach Lanning placing 10th in the 200 IM and 9th in the 100 M backstroke. Congratulations to all of our swimmers on a fantastic season!

HS Basketball- The high school basketball teams have had an exciting season so far! The girls have a 16-4 record and are currently ranked 3rd in the state! They will begin regional play on March 5th in hopes to make a run in the State Tournament! The boys have a few games left in their season and look to finish up strong before postseason play begins. The boys will begin regional play on March 7th. Let's go Irish!

MS Basketball- The middle school basketball teams were rebuilding this season. Both teams learned a lot this year and look to make a big jump this summer going into the next season.

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: Rachel Mack - rachel_mack06.rm@gmail.com

Tennis: David Sadd- davidsadd@suddenlink.net

Track: Hilton Ingraham- hiltoningraham@ymail.com

Middle School

Baseball: Drew Cable - drew.cable@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 William Salutillo 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 Isaac Collins and Telina Williams 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 representing Charleston Catholic at Regional Math Field Day. Elise Bailey in 7th grade, Alistair Gould in 9th grade, and seniors Ewan Becher, Zachary Harrison, and William Salutillo. Go Irish!

SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE – Time will tell if the groundhog was right and more winter awaits us, so to be ready, here's a brief reminder of the CCHS weather policy. **Remember that school closings and delays are texted through Parent Alert, are announced on the CCHS website, and are tweeted through cchsnews.**

1) CCHS/SHGS will NOT follow ANY of the Kanawha County Schools' weather-related procedures.

2) Families may connect to the CCHS website or listen to the radio/television for changes to CCHS/SHGS schedules. The following stations will be notified by 6:15 a.m. if there are changes to be made: WV Public Radio, WCHS, WCHS-TV, WSAZ-TV, WOWK TV, V100, 96.1, and WKAZ. **The CCHS website will be updated, a tweet will be sent through cchsnews, and a Parent Alert text will be sent. 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.**

MANY THANKS

- to Dianna and Bob Hypes for their ongoing support of Charleston Catholic High School students. On Friday, February 14, Mr. and Mrs. Hypes bought pizza for students, faculty, and staff, in memory of their son Bobby, a 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 all who participated in our Catholic Schools Week project and contributed to making it an amazing success! Please note the list of items we collected during the week- wow! We also collected \$891 for WV Kids Cancer Crusaders! We couldn't have done it without the help of many volunteers. Thank you to our project chairs, Malena Scalise and Danielle Wade, to Rodney LeGrand for his IT support, to the parent volunteers for their help sorting and packing items, and to our 8th grade students and teachers for their assistance each morning with sorting and packing. Your kindness supported the work of these very important agencies.

Applied Behavior Learning Center	YWCA/Sojourners	Ronald McDonald House	Risen Lord Pantry	Gabriel Project
52 boxes of crayons	340 personal items	35 boxes of diapers	34 boxes of cereal	39 diaper creams
27 boxes of markers	38 laundry detergents	19 teething rings	250 cans of food	20 large boxes of diapers
31 art supplies	40 towels	78 lotions	116 peanut butter	57 packages of diapers
34 hand sanitizer/wipes	33 wash cloths	25 organizer	103 bags rice and beans	81 packages of wipes
40 toys	250 sheets	3 adult clothing	46 crackers and boxed foods	9 large boxes of wipes
11 boxes of tissues		29 paper plates		129 bottles of shampoo
57 kitchen items		33 cleaning supplies		25 clothing items
27 zip lock bags		107 coloring books		12 toys
11 sensory toys		77 crayons		2 baby carriers
17 disinfecting sprays		22 other kitchen items		
25 construction/paper		92 boxes of wipes		

CALENDAR FOR 2024-25

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.

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| Tuesday, March 4 | Mardi Gras day |
| Wednesday, March 5 | Ash Wednesday |
| 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 |
| Sat., May 17 | prom |
| Thurs., May 22 | baccalaureate |
| 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 |