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# INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

We had the joy of celebrating the graduation of the Class of 2023 just over two weeks ago. It was a special evening for the graduates, their families, the faculty and staff, and the other members of the school community. Watching the members of the Class of 2023 grow up over the last seven years has been a privilege, and I am eager to see all they will accomplish on the next steps of their journey.

Throughout the graduation ceremony, a central theme emerged in the students’ speeches—the family-like environment that they grew up in at CCHS and their love for their classmates. To hear them identify and appreciate these special traits of CCHS was especially meaningful and thought provoking. I was thrilled to hear that their experiences captured these hallmarks of a CCHS education.

It’s important for all of us to remember- we come from different backgrounds and perspectives, but we are all on the same team. We share the goal of helping our young people learn, grow, and succeed. We want them to be able to show grit in the face of setbacks, to love and serve their neighbors, and to be creative thinkers and problem solvers. We want them to find their passion and to be caring, compassionate individuals who see God in others. We want them to thrive in the family like-environment of CCHS and to love and support one another. Let’s continue to work together to help them reach incredible heights.

I wish all of you a happy, peaceful, and productive summer.

Warmly,  
Colleen Hoyer

**BEST WISHES** – Each year we must say goodbye to our faculty and staff members who are leaving us for new adventures. Eleventh grade English teacher Allison Frazier will be moving to Virginia this summer and will pursue her English career there. Spanish teacher Megan Damron is leaving the teaching field to pursue another career opportunity.

These members of our community will be missed, and we send them off with love and best wishes!

**CONDOLENCES**—We express our sympathy to one of our students and his family who lost a loved one recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Patrick Arbaugh’s maternal grandmother. Please keep the Arbaugh family in your thoughts and prayers.

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## ACADEMIC UPDATES

**FINAL REPORT CARDS** – were mailed today, Monday, June 12. Spend some time reviewing the year with your children and discussing their successes and challenges. Over the summer consider how they can set short- and long-term goals for next school year.

Please note that middle school report cards include a year-end GPA, which averages the two semesters this year. This is not a cumulative GPA! Keep in mind that **second semester grades determine a student's extracurricular eligibility (not the cumulative GPA) for fall and winter activities (an unweighted 2.0 is required).**

**MAP GROWTH TEST RESULTS** -- Enclosed with report cards, you will find scores from the Spring MAP tests for sixth through tenth grades. The Family Report provides details on each student's national percentile and RIT score. This report may also include growth details to show how your child's learning changed from the fall, to winter, to spring. If you have questions about your child's MAP scores, please contact Meredith Aubel at meredith.aubel@charlestoncatholic@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

**SCHEDULING CLASSES** -- The scheduling process for 2023-24 is progressing! We have started identifying class offerings and developing schedules for next year. The task will take significant time and will not be complete until the August registration days. The multi-stage process involves analyzing students' and parents' requests in addition to other pieces of the puzzle: standardized test scores; grades; teacher recommendations including information about each student's work ethic; class offerings; and so on. Please keep in mind that **if a student needs a tutor in any class or does not enjoy a particular subject, aspiring to Advanced Placement or advanced honors courses is a misplaced concentration of effort. Success in advanced honors/Advanced Placement courses in any subject is predicated on the understanding that the students enjoy the subject matter, enjoy putting forth the extra effort, and have a natural affinity for these courses. Remember that all CCHS courses are taught at the college preparatory level at the very least.** It is far better for a student to be successful, productive, and happy in honors and college preparatory courses than to struggle with limited success in advanced honors or Advanced Placement courses.



**SEVENTH GRADE MATH PLACEMENT** -- Students' first differentiated academic experience occurs in seventh grade. Seventh graders study either Pre-Algebra or Algebra ½. The courses differ in pace, level of abstract versus concrete thinking required, and depth of material covered. Seventh graders enrolled in Algebra ½ are essentially skipping a math course. Students in this class must have exceptional math skills, expect and be capable of a big intellectual leap and extra work, and be committed to put forth extra effort. Faculty and staff work hard to ensure that all students are appropriately placed during their years at Charleston Catholic. Students are placed in 7<sup>th</sup> grade math courses based on **their 6<sup>th</sup> grade math class achievement, 6<sup>th</sup> grade MAP Growth scores, placement test results, teacher recommendations, and work ethic.** Students demonstrating appropriate ability and achievement in 6<sup>th</sup> grade math and in the measures listed above, as well as an advanced level of abstract thinking, are the only students who will be placed in Algebra ½ in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**SCIENCE DEPARTMENT INSTAGRAM** -- Please follow the science department this summer on the department's Instagram, cchs.science. There will be department updates and local science activities posted throughout the summer. Have a great summer!

**CALCULATORS FOR ALGEBRA II**- All incoming Algebra II students will need to have a graphing calculator for class next year. Please see the form [linked](#) to this email. More information will be provided at registration.

**E- READERS** --The English department will continue its e-reader program for students in grades 9-12. Students will be permitted to use e-readers in **English classes only** for required novels during the year. Students who wish to use e-readers must supply their own devices, but they may NOT use phones. *The device must be charged for use in class and the book must be accessible on the e-reader without a Wi-Fi connection.* In order to participate, students and parents must sign a contract outlining all usage expectations at the beginning of the school year. Students who break the terms of the contract and/or the school's internet usage agreement will not be permitted to continue to use the devices in class for the remainder of the school year.

**SUMMER READING** -- Each CCHS student is required to read selections for upcoming English classes as part of the school's summer reading program. Information about each book is on the CCHS website. Encourage your students to read these descriptions before starting to read so that they will get a preview of what is ahead. It would be a good idea to take notes or write summaries for each chapter so they will remember what they read! Tests on the books will be given at the beginning of the school year in August – students should be prepared the first full day of school. Additional reading and writing activities involving the book(s) will occur during the first few weeks of school. Check the public library for copies and Amazon to find less than list prices. No written responses are required during the summer but will be assigned after school begins. Reminder to students: start the year right- finish reading before school begins.

### SUMMER READING LIST:

Grade 12: (both books are required for all) *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Isiguro; *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse

Grade 11: **(both books are required)** *Into the Wild* by John Krakauer and *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson

Grade 10: **(both books are required)** *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card and *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

Grade 9: **(both books are required)** *Norse Mythology* by Neil Gaiman and *Murder on the Orient Express: A Hercule Poirot Mystery* by Agatha Christie

Grade 8: *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

Grade 7: *Peak* by Roland Smith

Grade 6: **(both books are required)** *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen and *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle



**ARE YOUR CHILDREN READING “THE REAL THING?”** -- Please strongly encourage your students to read the original text of novels, both this summer and throughout the school year. They are doing themselves a disservice by using online novel summaries or by watching the movie instead of reading the text. By actually **READING** an original work, students will improve their spelling, grammar, vocabulary, comprehension, fluency, literary analysis, appreciation of the author's craft, and so on. They will start the school year strong and set themselves up for success.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS**—will be posted on the school website this summer. Check them out and begin stocking up! High school teachers will inform students of necessary supplies on the first few days of school in August.

## 2023-24 CALENDAR, REGISTRATION, TEXTBOOK, AND TUITION INFORMATION

**TUITION INFORMATION FOR 2023-24**— including invoices, payment options, and loan information from was mailed on April 20. The tuition invoice includes fees as well. **Tuition payment in full is due June 15** (late charge assessed at \$1.00 per day after June 15) and **fee payment is due by the August registration date** (students will not be allowed to pick up their schedules until registration fees are paid). Students will not be permitted to register for classes until any outstanding balances, including tuition, are paid. Please call Sherry Shindle at 304-342-8415 if you have payment questions.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE**— The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is continuing 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. We have now entered Phase 2 of the grant application

and distribution. **Phase 2 is open to Catholic and non-Catholic families.** Awards are based on a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. Apply on-line at [www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com). Click on "Grant and Aid Assessment" and log in. Have your 2022 tax information available. **The Phase 2 deadline is July 31, 2023. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO THE PHASE 2 DEADLINE. IT HAS BEEN MOVED UP ONE MONTH!** 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 is \$35. The Diocese will pay \$17.50 and families must pay \$17.50.

**2023-24 REGISTRATION DAYS** -- The following times have been set aside for students to pick up their schedules, pay class fees, pick up/ place orders for textbooks, and pick up/buy uniform polos and jackets. Student schedules are completed during the summer months and will not be available until August registration days. **Schedules for each particular grade level will only be available during the times listed below,** so it is critical that parents and students adhere to the schedule listed. If families with more than one child would like to pick up schedules and so on for all their children at one time, they must come on Thursday, August 10, from 2:30 - 4 p.m. At all other times, schedules and other items for each grade level listed will be the only ones handled at particular time slots. There will be no exceptions.

Wednesday, August 9	9 - 10:30 a.m.: Seniors only 10:30 – noon: Juniors only CLOSED NOON - 1 P.M. 1 - 2:30 p.m.: Sophomores only 2:30 - 4 p.m.: Freshmen only
Thursday, August 10	9 - 10:30 a.m.: 8th graders only 10:30 – noon: 7th graders only CLOSED NOON - 1 P.M. 1 - 2:30 p.m.: 6th graders only 2:30 - 4 p.m.: Families with more than one student wishing to register all their children at one time; also, anyone unable to come at scheduled times

**SCHOOL PICTURES** -- PhotoGrafix is the official CCHS yearbook photographer. **Mike Hall will come to school ON REGISTRATION DAYS for official pictures for the yearbook for grades six through eleven.** Students should come to registration prepared to have their yearbook picture taken. Senior official yearbook photos (i.e., suit jacket, formal drape) will be taken during a school day in the fall. Seniors who want clothing changes and/or indoor/outdoor shots can call and make appointments (304-768-2000) any time during the summer. For pricing info, go to the website [www.wvphoto.com](http://www.wvphoto.com).

**FINALIZED CALENDAR FOR 2023-24** – The calendar for the 2023-24 school year has been finalized. Please keep this calendar in mind as you plan for next year. 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. 16	First day of school for students
Mon., Sept. 4	Labor Day- no school
Sat., Oct. 7	Homecoming
Mon., Oct. 23	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Thurs., Nov. 2	Parent-Teacher conferences; no school for students
Fri., Nov. 10	Veterans Day- no school
Wed., Nov. 22	E-day for students
Thurs., Nov. 23- Fri. Nov. 24	Thanksgiving holiday
Wed- Fri., Dec. 13-15	exams
Mon., Dec. 18- Tues. Jan. 2	Christmas break
Wed., Jan. 3	classes resume
Mon., Jan. 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- no school
Tues., Jan. 16	e-day for students, teacher professional development
Mon., Feb. 19	Presidents' Day- no school

Mon., March 18	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Fri., March 29- Fri., Apr. 5	Easter Break
Mon., Apr. 8	classes resume
Thurs., May 23	baccalaureate
Fri., May 24	graduation
Mon., May 27	Memorial Day- no school
Wed., May 29- Fri., May 31	exams for 6th -11th graders
Friday, May 31	Moving Up Ceremony for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders

### **TEXTBOOK PROCEDURES 2023-2024**

Please note that **foreign language** textbooks for all levels are new this year. Most of the newly adopted textbooks have a very recent copyright date; therefore, used supplies on the internet are extremely limited. You are encouraged to take advantage of CCHS book forms in June in order to have textbooks available for the start of school. Students have received a book order form at school and forms are now available on the school website.

#### **Middle School**

Middle school students received their order forms for required textbooks during the last week of school. These forms must be completed by parents and returned to school, with payment, by noon on June 16. Textbooks ordered in June should be available for pick up during registration in August. **Parents may order these books on their own if they so choose; please refer to the correct ISBN number on the textbook order form.**

Please note that the Theology consumable textbook used in middle school is included in your fees. Math textbooks for 7th grade will be ordered at registration once placement is known. A textbook fee for middle school foreign language will be assessed during August registration and all middle school foreign language materials will be provided by the teacher.

#### **High School**

An order form for textbooks for core classes was distributed to students and is due back in the office by noon on June 16. Textbooks ordered in June should be available for pickup at registration in August. **Parents may order these books on their own if they so choose; please refer to the correct ISBN number on the textbook order form.** Electives and some placed courses must wait until August registration for schedules to be finalized.

**Core Classes:** English 9 Honors, Theology 9, Health, Physical Science Honors & Advanced Honors, English 10 Honors & Advanced Honors, Theology 10, Physical Education, English 11 Honors, English 11 AP, Theology 11, US History 20/21st Honors, English 12 Honors & AP, Theology 12

\*\*Geometry and Algebra 2 use the same book across all classes and these can be ordered in June.\*\*

#### **Electives and Placement classes**

High school students will order books for electives and placement classes once their schedule is known at August registration. **Parents may order these books on their own if they so choose; please refer to the correct ISBN number on the textbook order form which will be provided in August.**

**AP Courses, Electives & Higher Level Math** (Calculus AB, Calculus BC, PreCalc II/Calc A, Trig/Precalc, Math Functions, Economics, Human Geography, US Government, World History, US History, European History, Biology, Physics, Psychology, and Art History)

There is a **mandatory rental policy** for high school students in AP classes and higher level math. Students will rent their textbooks from the school, with a rental fee included in AP or class fees. All AP/Higher Level Math textbooks **must** come from the school.

#### **English Novels**

Parents may refer to a list that will be provided by the teacher next year for information about novels to be used in English classes during the school year and should order the novels required on their own. **CCHS will not order novels.** Please pay special attention to the details of the novels to be used when ordering (ISBN, printing number,

edition, etc.). In some cases, these lists may not be complete and may be added to throughout the school year. Ample notification will be given in these cases.

## NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

1. Fall SAT and ACT registration is open to all students. SAT and ACT testing and registration information is available online at --[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) (CCHS code: 490-205). CCHS encourages juniors and seniors to take both the ACT and the SAT. Rising seniors should register for the first available test date.
2. New students (except those attending area Catholic elementary schools) must submit final report cards and standardized test results to the office by August 1.
3. Students taking summer school courses credit recovery classes must have their courses completed by August 1st. All students who are making up fine arts critiques must also submit those prior to August 1.
4. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources requires that all schools keep students' immunization records up to date. All students attending CCHS must submit vaccination records upon enrollment and be current on immunizations in accordance with West Virginia State law. All 7th and 12th graders are required to have updated Tdap and Meningitis vaccines. An updated immunization record must be submitted before students will be allowed to enroll this fall. Tdap and Meningitis vaccines are offered by the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department. ([www.kchdvw.org](http://www.kchdvw.org))
  - 7<sup>th</sup> graders: 1 booster dose of Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) and 1 dose of MCV4 (meningitis)
  - 12<sup>th</sup> graders: 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) and 1 booster dose of MCV4 if first dose of MCV4 was given before the child's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday; a booster dose is not required if the first dose was given after the child's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.
5. Senior final transcripts will be sent to colleges and the NCAA by Wednesday, June 14. These will be submitted electronically using Naviance to the school the student indicated he/she will be attending. If there are any changes to the student's college plans, please notify Mrs. Aubel immediately so that we can send the paperwork to the appropriate school. Please note that CCHS is not permitted to send any immunization records to colleges or universities.

## NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

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

1. **PVA Polos and Fleece** - CCHS logo jackets (including the heavier weight grey jacket, the lighter weight black jacket, both in full zip and quarter zip, and the green fleece jackets), white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts will be available for order at registration. For questions, please contact 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. **STUDENTS PLAYING FALL SPORTS** should check with their teams when practices start in August for order information or contact Kristina Whitaker.
2. **Cafeteria volunteers** are needed for the upcoming school year. Please contact Tina Caldwell at (304) 546-3081 or [tina.caldwell1987@gmail.com](mailto:tina.caldwell1987@gmail.com) if you would like to be on the cafeteria schedule for August and September 2023. Some volunteers will need to renew their food handlers' cards. Tina will give you information to do so once you have emailed her. Please indicate in your email if it has been more than 2 years since you took your food handlers course.

**\*\***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 for an access code. **Upon completion please submit a copy to the office which will be kept on file at the school. \*\***



Students who attended CCHS during the 2022-2023 school year may begin to fulfill next year's community service and fine arts/humanities requirements during the summer months. These activities must be submitted during the first quarter in order to receive credit. Sixth graders and other students new to CCHS in 2023-2024 may not begin to work on these requirements until after the requirements are discussed in Theology and English classes in August.

There is a slight change to the "special needs" requirement of service to the poor and vulnerable. Beginning with the service earned from the 2023-2024 school year, half of a student's required service hours must be with an agency or organization whose purpose is to address the needs of the poor, vulnerable or marginalized (sick, elderly, mentally or physically impaired, etc.). **All special needs service should be completed with an agency and the service form should be signed by an agency representative. Personal connections without an agency or organization will not count as special needs, though those hours can still be for regular service.**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

**SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP—** As you are stocking up on supplies this summer, please consider supporting CCHS. The **Kroger Community Rewards can be used every time you grocery shop at Kroger.** To register your Kroger Plus card, go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and use the Charleston Catholic organization number **LH615**. Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus Cards are available at the Customer Service desk at any Kroger. To participate, register your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card (as outlined above)** and use the card when you checkout, and Charleston Catholic will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis.

### **SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES--**

1. **Heart and Hand** - Heart and Hand is always ready and willing to accept volunteers. Volunteers are welcomed to serve every Saturday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Students who volunteer will be expected to help keep records of donations, help parents to shop for essential goods, organize the food pantry, and tag and sort through daily donations. Please contact Jennifer Olah (304-744-6731) for additional information.
2. **Faith in Action (Adopt a Lawn)** - Faith in Action is seeking volunteers for the summer to perform yard work for the elderly community. Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley is a volunteer organization providing free services to older adults in Kanawha and Putnam counties. Many of the older neighbors that they serve are in need of assistance keeping their lawn mowed during the summer months. Volunteers will be responsible for lawn care such as weeding, cutting grass, and some planting. All volunteers are required to complete the form linked here: [Adopt a Lawn Volunteer Application \(jotform.com\)](http://jotform.com)
3. **Manna Meal Garden-** Manna Meal Garden is now open and accepting volunteers! Students who wish to volunteer are welcomed every **Tuesday** and **Saturday** from **9:00 am- 12:00 pm**. Volunteers help Manna Meal to transform hundreds of pounds of donated food (and produce from the garden) into healthy meals for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Students who participate are expected to help with the following:

- Weeding
- Planting
- Placing compost
- Pack donated food

**Please contact Ms. Jean (304-610-2518) for more information.**

4. **Habitat for Humanity-** Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help build and construct homes in the Charleston and Putnam county area. This would be great for students who participated in HOPE or who are

planning to participate in HOPE in the future. Please see the link to sign up for the day that works best for you.  
<https://hfhkp.volunteerhub.com/vv2/>

**HOPE 2023** - Thank you to all who have donated to HOPE 2023. During the week of June 25-30, our group of 44 rising seniors, recent graduates, and adult work team leaders will partner with Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission in Dunlow, WV, for our week of home repair with very low income families and seniors. Two of our work teams will continue work on a blitz-built house constructed the week before we arrive, building decks and steps, installing underpinning and other work. The house is being built for a grandmother and her 11 and 15 year old granddaughters, of whom she has full custody. The total cost of this modest house, including furnishings and appliances, is approximately \$50K. Through the generosity of our HOPE supporters, we will contribute \$25,000 toward the cost of building materials. Two other work teams will remove the existing tin roof on the home of a senior citizen couple and install new sheeting and a metal roof. Other work teams will make repairs at the homes of two other families, to help make their houses warmer, safer, and drier. A **slideshow of our 2022 HOPE experience** is posted on our school website under the "Community Outreach" tab. Also posted is a **video of the blitz-build of a new house for a family in need** that our volunteers helped construct in Wayne County last June. If you are still interested in making a tax deductible contribution to the cost of building materials for HOPE, you can donate online at [www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org](http://www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org) and search "Donate to HOPE."

## FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

**PE UNIFORMS** – Uniform order forms are attached to this email for **eighth and tenth graders**. Eighth and tenth graders are the only students who will have PE in August when school starts. Please submit order forms to the school office by June 23. PE uniforms will be distributed at registration for those students who order in June. 6<sup>th</sup> grade PE does not start until the second quarter and 7<sup>th</sup> grade PE does not start until January, so they will place orders in the fall after school starts.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** -- The school office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. until Friday, June 23. Voicemail will be checked and calls returned throughout the month of July. The office will reopen on Tuesday, August 1, at 9 a.m.

**UNIFORM UPDATE** -- The uniform is part of the CCHS package. The uniform policy and guidelines are spelled out completely in our handbook which is found on the website. The updated handbook for the 2023-2024 school year will be online at the beginning of August. The complete uniform code is listed below.

### **Uniform Code:**

Uniform pants/ shorts may be purchased online from Schoolbelles at [schoolbelles.com](http://schoolbelles.com) (our school number is #1246) or from Lands' End School at [landsend.com/school](http://landsend.com/school) (our school number is 900133356).

**Shirts:** Shirts must be either 1) a blue or white, long or short sleeved, **oxford-cloth**, button-down, with no visible labeling or 2) an official CCHS Polo. Oxford dress shirts must be worn **tucked and buttoned**. Polos must be purchased from PVA. Polo shirts may be worn untucked if the hem is straight and does not fall below the hip line. **Fitted blouses or blouses with darts are not permitted.**

**Undershirts:** While optional, if worn, undershirts **must** be solid white with no printing. Undershirts must not have collars or turtlenecks and sleeve length must match that of the uniform shirt. Undershirt may not hang below polo shirt.

**Pants:** Pants must be navy blue corduroy or twill pants and have no visible labeling or rivets. Pants must be worn at the waist and be of modest fit. (Pants deemed too legging-like by administration will not be allowed.) **Legging or joggingle pants are prohibited.** Corduroys and twill pants must not be faded. Students wearing worn, faded pants will be considered out of uniform. **Shorts:** Navy blue twill shorts must be no higher than 2 inches above the knee. Shorts must not have any visible labeling or rivets. Uniform shorts are not cargo style. Shorts must be worn at the waist and be of modest fit. Shorts must not be faded. Students wearing worn, faded shorts will be considered out of uniform. Shorts are worn from the beginning of the school year until October 15 and beginning April 15 until the end of the school year.

**Sweaters:** Plain navy blue crew neck or cardigan sweaters may be worn. Sweaters with embellishments, patterns, designs, etc. may not be worn.

**Uniform Jackets/Fleece:** Gray or black uniform jackets and green uniform fleeces may be purchased from the PVA. These may be worn as an additional layer to the uniform. **No gym/team sweatshirts or jackets may be worn.**

**Socks:** Socks must be worn and must be clearly visible. Leggings are not permitted.

**Shoes:** **Shoes must be leather dress shoes that are primarily black, brown, gray, or navy in color.** Shoelaces must be the same color as the shoe and must be tied. Shoes that have a place for shoelaces are required to have shoelaces. Soles may not exceed 1 inch, and heels may not exceed 1½ inches. All shoes must be closed at the toe and heel and have a hard sole. Shoe tops must be below the ankle bone. The following type of footwear is not permitted: sandals, moccasins (soft or hard soled), athletic shoes (even if leather), platform shoes, fleece-lined shoes/ slippers, wedges, clogs, or boots.

**Belts:** Belts are optional. If worn they should be simple dress belts.

**Jewelry:** Ear piercings, if worn, may not be distracting. No other type of visible body piercing is allowed. Other jewelry, if worn, should not be distracting. Faculty or staff may require a student to remove offending jewelry.

**Ties:** If worn, ties must be tied at the neck and worn with an oxford cloth, button-down uniform shirt. Ties cannot be distracting or contrary to school expectations regarding clothing. Faculty or staff may require a student to remove offending ties.

**VIRTUS**— Be sure you're ready 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. Complete the training online. On the CCHS website, go to the "Links" dropdown menu and choose VIRTUS registration. At the VIRTUS website, choose "Begin the Registration Process." Allow 1- 1½ hours to complete the program. Print out the certificate of completion and submit it to Mr. Villers. It is still necessary to complete the background check and sexual abuse awareness policy statement which can be done by clicking on the link at the school website at [www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org](http://www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org).

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

**CHARLESTON CATHOLIC'S 100<sup>TH</sup> YEAR-** Charleston Catholic High School has been operating continuously since September of 1923. 100 years! The school opened as Sacred Heart High School in September 1923. It moved to our current building in January 1941 and became Charleston Catholic High School in August 1941. We will celebrate this milestone on the weekend of September 8-10 with a weekend of festivities. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend! Events will include a 5K on Saturday, September 9, beginning at 8am. The Athletic Facility will be open on Saturday from 12-2 pm for events, and there will be an adult event in the Commons from 6-9 pm on Saturday evening with appetizers featuring CCHS chefs and restaurants. A cash bar will be available. We will also celebrate with mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday, September 10. The weekend events are open to all CCHS families, alumni, and friends. Please plan to join us!

## ATHLETIC UPDATES

### **SPRING SPORTS UPDATE—**

**High School Tennis-** The boys' tennis team had a disappointing end to the 2022 season when they lost to Williamstown in the State Championship. This year they faced Williamstown once again, but this time finished as State Champions, the first State Championship for the boys since 2019. The team was led by sophomore Nick Giatras who was the Singles State Runner Up. Connor Waybright was Doubles Runner Up with Giatras. Connor Waybright, Nick Giatras, and Ethan Bastin named to the All State team. On the girls' side, they raised the trophy for the 3rd straight year—that's a 3Peat as State Champions! They defeated last year's runner up in the first round in dominating fashion. It was a great team effort as the team battled to hold off Logan in the State Championship. Annie Cimino was named to the All State Team for the second straight year. The Irish will be losing four great seniors in Annie Cimino, Molly Murphy, Claire Mullen, and Samantha Swiger. What a season for the Irish and coaches!

**High School Softball-** The softball team had a winning season for the first time in five seasons. It was a great year for the very young Irish. They lost in the sectional semifinals. All State honors were Maddie Morris- 2nd team; Hannah Vriendt- honorable mention and Aubrey McCoy- honorable mention. Hannah Vriendt broke the school record for season batting average. Special thanks to Kevin Corbett who has coached his final season for the Irish. He has been an amazing part of the Irish community over the years, and we are grateful for his dedication to the softball program. We wish him the best as he retires from coaching. The Irish will lose two wonderful seniors in Hayden Johnson and Jules Veazey. Watch out for this team next year!

**High School Baseball-** The high school baseball team finished as regional champions with a 28-9 record. The Irish fell short in the semifinals of the State Tournament in extra innings to this year's eventual State Champion Wahama. The Irish lose 3 fantastic seniors in Gannon Morris, Aidan Smith, and Kelan Swan. Sophomore Jonah DiCocco was named to the All Tournament team. It was an excellent season for the Irish and their coaches.

**High School Track-**The track team had an incredible year. The girls were regional champions! We had many Irish place at the State Meet. The girls 4x8 team (Hannah Fisher, Gabbie Custer, Bella Boggs, Mary Rushworth) was State Runner Up. The boys 4x8 (Hunter Perry, Raymond Keith, Mateo Lao and Will Barton) finished 3rd place in the State! The girls Shuttle Hurdle team (Hannah Sullivan, Hannah Fisher, Gabbie Custer and Palmer Brown) were State Champions and beat their own school record. Bella Boggs finished 3rd in the 3200m and 3rd in the 1600m. Gabbie Custer finished 5th and Mary Rushworth finished 10th in the 400m. Hunter Perry finished 8th and Will Barton finished 11th in the 1600m. Hannah Fisher finished 3rd in the 300m Hurdles. Hannah Sullivan finished 7th in the 100m hurdles. The girls 4x2 team (Hannah Sullivan, Mary Rushworth, Palmer Brown and Sarah Rahin) finished 7th in the State. The girls 4x4 team (Mary Rushworth, Sarah Rahin, Palmer Brown and Callie Bowman) finished 3rd. The boys 4x4 (Alex Anton, Will Barton, Mateo Lao and Hunter Perry) finished 13th. Congratulations Coaches and Irish on a great season! We will say goodbye to our outstanding seniors Palmer Brown, Gabbie Custer, Raymond Keith, Robert Keith, Alex Anton, Jordan Loew, and Claire Smith!

## Middle School

**Tennis-** Both teams had amazing seasons! The girls were the County Champions for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row. The boys team finished as runner-up!

**Golf-** The golf team finished 4th in the County! Lauren Pleska finished 4th in the County for the girls.

**Track-** The boys finished 4th in the County. The girls ended up finishing 5th. Joseph McCutcheon was the County Champion in the 200m hurdles and set the meet record.

**2023-24 SPORTS CONTACT INFO**– If you are interested in a sport for the 2023-24 school year, the coaches' contact information is below. You may also reach out to Athletic Director Jacob Nelson at [jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org](mailto:jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org) with athletic related questions. The summer three week period is now underway. It is June 5- 24th. You may contact the coach or Athletic Director with questions about the summer session.

High school volleyball- Hannah King- [Hking1275@gmail.com](mailto:Hking1275@gmail.com)

Middle school volleyball- Charles Pleska- [pleskacm@dow.com](mailto:pleskacm@dow.com)

High school soccer- Boys-Joe Johns [jjohns@turnerjohns.com](mailto:jjohns@turnerjohns.com)

Girls- Amy Mullen at [cdmullen@suddenlink.net](mailto:cdmullen@suddenlink.net)

Middle school soccer- Boys- Paul Bown at [Paulbownmd@gmail.com](mailto:Paulbownmd@gmail.com)

Girls- Jake Nelson at [jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org](mailto:jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org)

High school golf- Charlie Jordan at [cmjordan20@gmail.com](mailto:cmjordan20@gmail.com)

\*\*Practice starts August 1! Contact Coach Jordan if interested. \*\*

High school and middle school cross country- Hilton Ingraham at [hiltoningraham@gmail.com](mailto:hiltoningraham@gmail.com)

High school cheer – Satin Blackwell at [satinblackwell@gmail.com](mailto:satinblackwell@gmail.com)

Middle school cheer- Satin Blackwell at [satinblackwell@gmail.com](mailto:satinblackwell@gmail.com)

Middle school basketball- Boys- Josh Shindle at [josh.shindle@charlestoncatholic-crw.org](mailto:josh.shindle@charlestoncatholic-crw.org)

Girls- Dennis Thornburg at [dthornburg1340@gmail.com](mailto:dthornburg1340@gmail.com)

High school basketball- Boys- Hunter Moles at [coach.moles@yahoo.com](mailto:coach.moles@yahoo.com)  
 Girls- Wes Hevener at [wdhevener@gmail.com](mailto:wdhevener@gmail.com)  
 HS swim- Katie Paulson at [katie.paulsonwv@gmail.com](mailto:katie.paulsonwv@gmail.com)  
 High school baseball – Will Bobinger at [bobingwl@gmail.com](mailto:bobingwl@gmail.com)  
 High school softball- Jake Nelson at [jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org](mailto:jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org)  
 High school and middle school track- Hilton Ingraham- [hiltoningraham@ymail.com](mailto:hiltoningraham@ymail.com)  
 Middle school baseball- Brian Bruce at [theebriandavidbruce@gmail.com](mailto:theebriandavidbruce@gmail.com)  
 Middle school golf- Jake Nelson at [jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org](mailto:jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org)  
 High school tennis- David Sadd at [davidsadd@suddenlink.net](mailto:davidsadd@suddenlink.net)  
 Middle school tennis- Sydney Gillis and Lisa Hunter- [sidgillis@aol.com](mailto:sidgillis@aol.com), [lwhunter@travelers.com](mailto:lwhunter@travelers.com)  
 Middle School Softball- Jake Nelson at [jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org](mailto:jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org)

**FALL SPORTS** -- Students must have a completed doctor's physical (administered after May 1, 2023) to give to coaches on the first day of practice. This physical is good for the entire school year. Once teams have been selected, students participating on teams must turn in their athletic fees (\$75 per sport) before uniforms will be issued. A student who has not turned in athletic uniforms from another sport will not be permitted to participate in the next sport. CCHS students in grades 6-12 are eligible for athletics if they meet SSAC requirements (including having 2.0 unweighted GPA at end of 2022-23 second semester) and CCHS expectations, i.e., good behavior. If you have questions about fall sports – how to get involved, when practices start, and so on -- please email Jacob Nelson at [jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org](mailto:jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org) or contact the coaches listed above.

**NEW CCHS STUDENTS INTERESTED IN SPORTS**—New students for the 2023-24 school year who are interested in playing fall sports should contact the individual coaches listed above or email Jacob Nelson at [jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org](mailto:jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org).

**PHYSICALS**-- Physical forms are available in the office or at the WVSSAC website. For a physical to be valid, it must have the correct year form (May 2023) and the necessary signatures on the form. The physical must be turned in before participating in any summer practices.



**GO IRISH!**

## CONGRATULATIONS

- to Class of 2023 co-valedictorians Annie Cimino, Ashley Green, Raymond Keith, and Juliana Veazey and to salutatorian Shannon Karr for their outstanding academic achievements throughout their high school careers!
- to Sydney Williamson, recipient of the Matthew Pack Memorial Scholarship Award, a cash award toward college tuition, in memory of Matthew Pack, Class of 2005.
- to Molly Murphy, recipient of the Mary Ferretti Memorial Scholarship, a cash award toward college tuition, in memory of Mary Ferretti, Class of 2001.
- to Annie Cimino, recipient of the CCHS Alumni Award.
- to Georgie Abdalla, recipient of the Les Cotto-Thorner Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Service.
- to rising senior Gracie Frame, recipient of the Adele Bobinger Memorial Scholarship, a cash award toward senior year tuition at CCHS, in memory of Adele Bobinger, Class of 2002.
- to rising senior Hunter Perry, recipient of the Sullivan Scholarship, a cash award toward senior year tuition at CCHS, honoring retired CCHS principal Debra Sullivan.
- to rising junior Gabby Strickler who was awarded the James Irving Award, sponsored by the CCHS Class of 1965 in memory of their classmate James Irving.

- to rising sophomore Hannah Vriendt, recipient of the Lissa Bolles Scholarship, a cash award toward sophomore year tuition in memory of CCHS parent Lissa Bolles.
- to Izzy Paulson, recipient of the Charleston Catholic High School Scholarship of Merit, a cash award toward tuition during the high school years.
  - to Alex Weber, recipient of the Bobby Hypes Memorial Scholarship, a cash award toward freshman year tuition, in memory of Bobby Hypes, deceased member of the Class of 2008.
  - to Jillian Arthur for completing over 100 hours of community service in middle school, far exceeding the middle school requirement of 22 hours. Such generous service will help make the world a better place!
  - to Stella Bailey, Peter Basdekis, Ella Green, Sam Thompson, and Alex Weber who earned all A's during the six semesters of middle school, demonstrating tremendous diligence and hard work.
  - to rising juniors Isaac Collins and Hope Linton who represented CCHS at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar earlier this month at Fairmont State University.
  - to rising senior James Basdekis who will attend the Governor's Honors Academy at Fairmont State for three weeks this summer.
  - to rising junior Madeline Snyder who was selected to attend the Governor's School for Entrepreneurship at Marshall University later this summer.
  - to middle and high school Spanish students for their impressive performance results on the National Spanish Exam. Earning Honorable Mention were Alistair Gould (01A), Stella Bailey (01B), Katelyn Hentschel (01B), Alex Weber (01B), Carlee Stone (1), Audrey Allred (2), Joseph Haynes (2), Cameron Lusk (2), Mary Rushworth (2), Abigail Dotson (2), Lily Patnoe (2), Lucia Okuno (3), Jonah DiCocco (3), Zachary Harrison (3), and Tony Singh (4). At the bronze medal level were Callie Bumgarner (2), Mateo Lao (2), Hannah Vriendt (2), Molly Weber (2), and Sarah Rahin (4). Ellie Hoblitzell (2) earned a gold medal! Congratulations on outstanding achievements!
  - to teachers Josh Fix and Sarah Griffith who were selected to serve as AP exam readers this summer for Human Geography and Calculus respectively, investing a week of their time to score this year's AP tests and participate in meaningful professional development. Their hard work and dedication is much appreciated.

## MANY THANKS

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- to Father Don Higgs, president of Charleston Catholic, and Father Roy Kurakula, school chaplain, for their spiritual guidance and ongoing prayers for our school community.
- to Mark Haas, music director, for leading our choir and the music during school liturgies this year.
- to the teachers for their dedication to the CCHS community and their ongoing commitment to our young people as they help them become the best people they can be in all areas. They devote their time and energy to help our students succeed.
- to parents for your flexibility and cooperation. Thanks for your collaboration and partnership.
- to the PVA board, committee members, and all who volunteered in school activities. Thank you for your creativity, your energy, and your time as you provided our students and teachers with fun and memorable experiences!
- to our coaches for working with our student athletes and helping them develop athletically, but more importantly, for helping them learn how to succeed in life through lessons of how to win and lose with grace, how to cooperate with teammates, and how to be there to support and complement one another.
- to all who have contributed to HOPE 2023. Your financial support makes this very important project possible.
- to a number of people who enriched our junior Justice and Peace Classes by being guest speakers. Mr. Paul Sheridan shared his experiences as a West Virginia Civil Rights Attorney. Mr. Bill Mehle presented on "A Call to Vigilance" in which he told of his trip to Poland and Holocaust Awareness with Classrooms Without Borders. Rabbi Urecki spoke on efforts to welcome the stranger, especially immigrants and refugees. And Ms. Elizabeth Nawrocki, from Big Laurel Learning Center, led a conversation on the Principle of Catholic social teaching, Care for Creation. Thank you to each of these speakers for sharing time, talent and inspiration with our juniors.
- to Rev. Jamie Strickler for speaking to all of our sophomore classes about the Gospel of John and his faith journey.
- to Hannah Rahin for a science seminar presentation on the Immunology and medical microbiology program at WVU and also for providing advice on academically preparing for and succeeding in the transition from high school to college.

- to all who supported the CCHS athletic program this year! We extend a special thank you to our sponsors this season who made live streaming and athletic events successful: General Steak and Seafood; Psychological Consultation; Children's Dentistry; Premier Women's Health; Charleston Pediatric Dentistry; Apple Pie Embroidery; Hewitt & Salvatore; Soho's; Adelpia; Fife Street Brewing; Improve Physical Therapy and; MTG Dental.

-to the junior class and parent volunteers who helped plan, organize, and pull off prom's theme this year, A Night at the Enchanted Ball, which was a memorable and fun experience for the students. Additional thanks to the sophomore class parents who put together a lovely parent reception before the students arrived for prom.

-to the Class of 2023 for their thoughtful and generous class gift of funds to support HOPE and the school's efforts to enhance security features. The gift is an example of the beautiful hearts of the Class of 2023!

- to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Moving Up Celebration committee who provided a beautiful gathering for the eighth graders and their families after the Moving Up Ceremony. We appreciate the efforts of Brandi Conroy, Dana Fox, and Rebecca Balenovich for planning the event and to volunteers Laura Hayes, Anna Pope, Joy Curry, Emilie Love, Kayla Lowe, Angela Lanning, Julia Noland, Tracy Wilkerson, Rob Aliff, Brandy Messer, and Julie White who decorated, cleaned up, and provided the delicious baked goods for the reception. It was a wonderful event!

- to everyone who donated time, talent or treasure to Project Graduation! Committee chairs Ann Bollinger and Cynthia Hemphill- Reehling put in countless hours for several months to put the night together. Thank you to those who gave their time staying all night: Brandy Messer, Mary Blades, John Balenovich, Joanne Vella, Mary Pozega, Bianca Williams! Thank you for the support of the staff members who gave their time to spend some or all of the night with the graduates- Mrs. Hoyer, Mr. Villers, Mr. Jacob Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Nelson, Mr. Walker, and Mrs. Shirley. Additionally, a BIG thank you to everyone who gave their treasure. The following sponsors donated financial gifts to the event: CAMC; Ball Toyota; Lord Law Firm (Erica Lord); Centurion Insurance; Mary Blades; Pamela Williamson; the Kanawha County Commission, an anonymous donor; and Ray & Corrie Lovejoy. The following donors provided gifts that were given to the seniors: Cynthia Hemphill-Reehling; Ann Bollinger; Kip Wilcox; Kerri Linton; Sara Frame; Laura Hayes; Megan Harris; Holly Light DiCocco; Jeana Harrison; Ericka Brown; Kelly Curry; Jessica Anton; Kim Lough; Angie Settle; JoAnn Harris; Maria Zuniga; Rod McClanahan & Joyce Cotsmire; Stephanie Giatras; Jessica Duffield; Gladys Salutillo; Missy Bowen; Hunt Frazier Tidd; Sara Slamick; Chris Hedges; Jennifer Mullins Wehrle; Yolanda Tam; Nichole Custer; Kimberly Becher; Mary Pozega; Julia Noland; and Crystal Bastin. The hard work and donations helped create a special night for the Class of 2023!

- to the Baccalaureate reception chair people Trish Lusk and Ashley Stapleton and the many volunteers who supported their efforts in creating a beautiful evening full of memories for the seniors and their families following the Baccalaureate liturgy. We thank the following for their help and support: Dickinson and Angela Gould for their significant donation of food; Cassidi Wriston for donating and mailing the invitations; Courtney Lohri, Jennifer Eates, Christie Staun, Harmony Brown, and Reagan Stapleton for their help with decorations; Jesse Linehan Belcher for creating the delicious food for the evening. We greatly appreciate the financial support of many families: the Moran family; the Nichols family; the Aliff family; the Yeager family; the Dotson family; the Winter family; the Carew family; the Gruse family; the Yianne family; the Lough family; the Burns family; the Ranson family; the Bowman family; the Stapleton family; and the Lusk family.



**Happy summer vacation!**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2023

60 members of the class

Offered approximately \$5.4 million of merit-based scholarships for academics, athletics, leadership, and service

100% college acceptance rate

100% were involved in community service, contributing over 3,000 hours of service during their senior year.

80% of the class of 2023 qualified for the PROMISE scholarship.

The class of 2023 has been accepted at 101 institutions and will be attending 31 across the country.

American University  
**Appalachian State University**  
**Asbury University**  
 Bellarmine University  
 Belmont Abbey College  
 Belmont University  
 Boston College  
**Boston University**  
**Catawba College**  
**Centre College**  
 Clemson University  
 Coastal Carolina University  
**College of Charleston**  
**College of William & Mary**  
 Concord University  
**Denison University**  
 DePaul University  
**DePauw University**  
 Duquesne University  
**Elon University**  
 Florida Gulf Coast University  
**Florida Institute of Technology**  
 Florida International University  
 Gannon University  
 George Washington University  
**Georgetown University**  
 Guilford University  
 Hawaii Pacific University  
**High Point University**  
 Hofstra University  
 James Madison University  
**Johnson & Wales University**  
 Kent State University  
 La Roche University  
 Lehigh University  
**Lenoir-Rhyne University**  
 Louisiana State University  
 Loyola University of Chicago  
 Marietta College  
**Marshall University**  
 Miami University of Ohio  
 Michigan State University  
 North Carolina State University  
 Ohio Northern University  
**Ohio University**  
 Old Dominion University

Oregon Institute of Technology  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Purdue University  
 Queens University at Charlotte  
 Radford University  
**Rhodes College**  
 Rider University  
**Roanoke College**  
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
 Saint Olaf College  
**Savannah College of Art & Design**  
 Seton Hall University  
**Shepherd University**  
 Smith College  
 Syracuse University  
 Transylvania University  
**University of Alabama**  
 University of Arizona  
 University of Central Florida  
 University of Charleston  
 University of Cincinnati  
 University of Colorado at Boulder  
 University of Dayton  
 University of Florida  
 University of Georgia  
**University of Kentucky**  
 University of Louisville  
 University of Mount Union  
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
 University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
**University of North Carolina at Wilmington**  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Richmond  
**University of South Carolina**  
 University of South Florida  
**University of Southern California**  
 University of Tampa  
 University of Tennessee  
**University of Vermont**  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Washington  
 University of Wisconsin at Madison  
 Villanova University

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University**  
**Wake Forest University**  
 Walsh University  
 Washington & Jefferson College  
 Washington & Lee University  
 West Virginia State University  
**West Virginia University**  
**West Virginia Wesleyan College**  
 Wheeling University  
 Wingate University  
 Xavier University



