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Dear parents and students:

I trust you are socially distanced and staying healthy. You will notice that this newsletter is briefer than normal. We are unfortunately living in “wait and see” land for many upcoming events. I have included the changes that I know of. Many other events are currently on hold while we see what happens with the school closure, the stay at home order, and the guidelines for public gatherings. It is a fluid situation and things are changing rapidly. I will inform you of changes as they are made. As of today, school is closed through at least April 30. I continue to hope and pray that it will be safe for us to be together again soon.

I know that this is a hard time, but I hope you are able to see some of the good that shines through, too. I have enjoyed reading student work that teachers have shared with me. The students are really doing quality work and a lot of thinking. While the educational situation is not ideal, the teachers recognize the depth that many students are reaching in their work. There is significant learning happening. On a personal side, I have enjoyed the time with my daughter, though she doesn’t understand why I have my laptop open all the time! When I put her to bed one night last week she asked if both my husband and I would be home when she woke up in the morning. When I told her yes, she replied “Again? That’s great.” I trust your families are spending some quality time, too. So, there are some silver linings. I hope you are able to experience them.

At this turbulent time, may we band together to support one another, even from a distance. Know that the Charleston Catholic community stands together even when we are apart. I hold you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Warmly,

Colleen M. Hoyer

CONDOLENCES – We express our sympathy to our families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Haley Welder’s grandfather; teacher Ricky Nelson and Athletic Director Jacob Nelson’s paternal grandfather; maintenance staff member Ben Lambert’s brother, and maintenance staff member Howard Deems. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.



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ACADEMIC UPDATES

THIRD QUARTER REPORT CARDS ARE ON THEIR WAY– Report cards were mailed Tuesday, so they should be arriving soon if they have not already. Please take some time to review the report card and teacher comments with your children. If you see that your children's third quarter grades are not a reflection of their abilities, discuss with them what changes can be made to make the fourth quarter stronger. The new quarter is an opportunity to start fresh, and they have plenty of time to turn things around for the semester. Given the new format of schooling, it is worth having a conversation with your children about what is working well for them and what is creating some challenges. Use the detailed weekly reports from RenWeb to figure out exactly what is going on. Sometimes, it's just a matter of not turning in assignments on time. Often, it's not spending the time necessary to study for quizzes and tests. Learning takes work. Please encourage your children to put forth the effort necessary to achieve their personal best.

AWARDS CEREMONY- The Charleston Catholic Academic Awards Ceremony, scheduled for Sunday, April 19, has been cancelled. Until we return to school, I will continue to share student achievements with the community through email.

SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2020-21

2020-2021 SCHEDULING FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS –Scheduling/ registration forms for returning students were distributed to returning students currently in grades 7-11 just before the school closure. Forms for current sixth graders were emailed and are also included in this mailing. The due date has been extended until we return to school. If they are needed sooner, information for turning them in will be included in an email. Please note that all placement tests requirements for the 2020-2021 school year have been waived. All other course placement requirements remain in effect.

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2020-2021– Applications are still being accepted for the 2020-21 school year for grades 6-10. **Applications for all grade levels are available online (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org).** **Detailed instructions for completion and submission are available on the CCHS website.** Specific admissions related questions can be directed to Mrs. Herrick at andrea.herrick@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

TUITION AND CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2020-21

TUITION RATES FOR 2020-21—will be released later this spring. At this time, invoices and loan information from Premier Bank will be mailed on May 1. **Tuition payment in full is due June 30** (late charge assessed at \$1.00 per day after July 1). Please contact Lisa Shay if you have questions or concerns about tuition payment.

DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE— For the twenty-ninth 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 Catholic families who desire it but 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 Catholic families in need of assistance. Awards are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. Apply on-line at <https://www.factsmgt.com>. Click on "Grant and Aid Assessment" and log in. Have your 2019 tax information available. Families with children currently enrolled or who are applying to enroll for the 2020-2021 school year should apply ASAP. Applications opened February 3. **The current deadline is April 30; HOWEVER, THIS DEADLINE MAY BE EXTENDED. Specific information regarding the deadline is not yet available, but I will share it as soon as I know more.** 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. The application fee is \$35. The Diocese will pay \$17.50 and families must pay \$17.50.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2020-21 – Please keep this calendar in mind as you plan for next year. **This calendar remains tentative and may be modified as we move forward.** 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.

Thursday, August 20	first day of school, 11:30 dismissal
Friday, August 21	first full day of school
Monday, September 7	Labor Day-no school
Saturday, September 19	Homecoming
Thursday, November 5	Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day-no school
Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, November 25- 27	Thanksgiving Break
Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, December 16- 18	exams, 11:15 dismissal
Monday, December 21-	
Friday, January 1	Christmas Break
Monday, January 4	classes resume
Monday, January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-no school
Monday, February 15	Presidents Day-no school
Friday, April 2-	Easter Break
Friday, April 9	
Monday, April 12	classes resume
Friday, May 28	graduation
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day-no school
Wed/Thurs/Friday June 2- 4	exams, 11:15 dismissal
Friday, June 4	8 th grade moving up ceremony

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

1. Immunizations -- The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources requires that all 7th and 12th grade students enrolled in WV public and private schools must have proof of immunizations or they will not be allowed to begin school in August. CCHS must have an updated copy of the immunization records, which include these vaccines, on file in the school office in order to allow your child to begin school in August 2020. **Students entering 7th and 12th grades must have 1 dose of the Tdap vaccine and 1 dose of the meningitis vaccine. If the 12th grade student received a meningitis vaccine before his/her 16th birthday, he/she is required to have a second dose of the vaccine at this time. Updated immunization records must be submitted to Mrs. Shindle.**
2. All SAT and ACT test dates have been cancelled for the months of April and May. Updated registration information, including guidelines for rescheduling, is available online at <https://pages.collegeboard.org/collegeboard-covid-19-updates> and <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/covid19.html>.
3. The SAT School Day test for juniors, originally scheduled for April 14th, will be postponed until the fall of 2020 (date TBD by the West Virginia Department of Education).
4. Detailed updates to the AP testing program are available here: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates>. AP students can take advantage of free online resources available during this time: <https://www.youtube.com/user/advancedplacement>. Please contact Mrs. Andrea Herrick at andrea.herrick@charlestoncatholic-crw.org if you have any questions.

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

HONOR CODE- Basic Christian values call each student to use his/her God-given gifts and talents and to do so honestly. As a learning community, Charleston Catholic is committed to the development of personal honor and integrity in all its members. All who attend Charleston Catholic have the right to feel confident in the integrity and honesty of their peers. Every student is expected to be a person of honor whose academic accomplishments are a result of his/her own efforts, and who admits guilt when confronted with an honor violation of which he/she is guilty and who accepts maturely his/her correction or discipline.

Individual teachers will explain to their students how the standard of academic honesty applies to their classes. Clarification of teacher expectations regarding test taking, citing of references, cooperative work by students, etc., will be made at the beginning of each course. If a student is unsure how the Honor Code applies in a particular situation, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to clarify these questions with his/her teacher.

Please be particularly cognizant of the honor code as we work in this new online platform. Students should comply with the expectations of their teachers.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

PE UNIFORMS- Upon our return to school, it will be time to place orders for PE uniforms for next year's seventh, eighth, and tenth graders. Orders placed now will be ready for pick-up at August registration, and your child will start the year ready to go! New sixth graders will order their PE uniforms in the fall.

VIRTUS – Be sure you are 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. 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 statement which can be done by clicking on the link at the school website at www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org. If you have questions, please call Mr. Villers.

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 Diocesan guidelines do not require volunteers to update the training portion of VIRTUS. Please contact Mr. Villers with any questions and to update your forms.



WE NEED PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK! - Social distancing has created a challenge for our yearbook staff. We can't get out to take pictures of you, so we'd appreciate it if you sent your photos to us. Students, parents, and teachers can contribute content to the yearbook staff by uploading photos directly to our website for potential use in the book. We'd love to see photos of how you are spending your e-days and how you are practicing social distancing. Start sharing today! **Share images directly from your phone by downloading the FREE hjeShare app using school code: goirish**

OR:

- 1) Go to www.hjeshare.com
- 2) Enter the school code: goirish
- 3) Locate the picture (file) you want to upload. You can Ctrl+click to upload as many as 10 photos at a time.

- 4) Click Open.
- 5) Click each thumbnail to select and enter any relevant information about the images.
- 6) Click Submit Image Information when you are done.

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

ALUMNI TUTORS- If you are looking for academic tutors, Mrs. Herrick and Mrs. Aubel have a list of recent CCHS graduates who are home this spring because of the closures of college campuses. They are offering Skype sessions in a number of different subjects. For more information, please contact Mrs. Herrick at andrea.herrick@charlestoncatholic-crw.org or Mrs. Aubel at meredith.aubel@charlestoncatholic-crw.org. We are very appreciative of their willingness to share their knowledge!

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD-- Charleston Catholic High School competed in their first Science Olympiad tournament on February 29th at Marshall University. Our team enjoyed the experience so much that we're already planning for next year's competition! To be more competitive next year we're going to need assistance from our Charleston Catholic families. In the summer and at the beginning of the next school year we will need adult volunteers who would be interested in helping the students with specific events. We will need help with the engineering, water quality, fossils, forensics, and disease detectives events. If you have experience in any of these fields and would be interested in helping our students please email Dr. Fannin at jackie.fannin@charlestoncatholic-crw.org. For more information about Science Olympiad in regards to specific events and competitions please visit the following website <https://www.soinc.org/>.

Before school was closed we had our first interest meeting to add new members, discuss strategies and explore possible projects for team members. As a result we created a google classroom for our Science Olympiad team. Dr. Fannin will begin posting team updates, videos, and information to help the students with future projects this week. If your student is interested in joining the high school Science Olympiad team, please send an email to Dr. Fannin (jackie.fannin@charlestoncatholic-crw.org) to be added to the team's page.

Charleston Catholic will also be forming a middle school Science Olympiad team for next year's competition. Before school was closed, students were able to sign up in their middle school science class. While we are unable to practice at school for now, Dr. Fannin has created a middle school Science Olympiad google classroom to post information, updates, videos, and projects for students to work on at home. If your middle school student is interested in joining the middle school team, please send an email to Dr. Fannin (jackie.fannin@charlestoncatholic-crw.org) to be added to the team's page.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS-- All 6th grade students will need a copy of the novel Number the Stars by Lois Lowry for Social Studies class for activities beginning after Spring Break. Information about the novel can be found at https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/47281.Number_the_Stars. Please check with Mrs. Christian with any questions.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

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

1. 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.

2. When you shop at Amazon.com, the AmazonSmile program will donate 0.5% of your purchases to CCHS when you log in to your Amazon account using the address <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0630688> (or by clicking on the link on the School Home section of RenWeb) to enroll in the program.

HOPE 2020 – We are still planning for and hoping to move forward with our 16th summer of HOPE. We will partner again next summer with Bill & Addie Likens, who coordinate the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission (CAM) in Wayne and Mingo Counties. During the week of **June 14-19, 2020**, our group of juniors, seniors, college age alumni and adult work crew leaders will make significant repairs at the homes of several low income families and seniors. Also, some of our volunteers will assist with the construction of a new house for a family. We are committed to raising **\$25,000, the amount needed to purchase all the building materials for the construction of this new home. To date, we have received \$17,500 in response to our HOPE 2020 appeal through the generosity of many** - well on our way to reaching our goal of raising the \$25,000 needed to build a modest new home for a family in need in Wayne County this summer. CAM will supplement our fundraising efforts with the materials necessary to complete the repairs on the other houses at which we will work, making these houses warmer, safer, and drier. A **slideshow of our HOPE experience last summer** can be viewed on our school website under the "Community Outreach" tab. The slideshow includes photos of the new house that some of our volunteers helped construct last June. The house was built for a mom and her two young children.



Please consider making a **tax deductible donation, 100% of which will go toward the purchase of construction supplies.** Checks can be made payable to Charleston Catholic and sent to the school office to the attention of Bill Mehle, HOPE Coordinator, or donate online at www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org and search "Donate to HOPE."



CAMPUS MINISTRY



A PLAN TO BRIGHTEN A DAY-- Do you know anyone who might like to receive cards or letters from a CCHS student? We would like to compile a list of people who are homebound (or in a care home) to whom students can write. If you have someone(s) in mind who would be happy to receive a cards, letters or artwork from CCHS students, please send the person's name and address to Mrs. Linehan Belcher: Molly.linehan@charlestoncatholic-crw.org. The names and addresses will be shared with Charleston Catholic households, but not beyond.

Once it is compiled, we will send the list to CCHS households who request the names and addresses. If you would like to receive the list to know who to write, please contact Mrs. Linehan Belcher at the email address above.

ANOTHER SPIRITUAL RESOURCE- THE EXAMEN-- St. Ignatius of Loyola created the Examen to be a very short daily personal prayer. St. Paul tells us to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). It's not that we desire to be kneeling in a church all day. What we long for is to feel God's presence in the adventures and tedium of life. Our faith tells us that God is everywhere at all times, regardless of how conscious we are at each present moment. The Examen helps us become more aware of where God was and where God is.

This prayer can be done throughout the day, but is usually done at the end of the day. There are 5 steps to the Examen.

1. Recognition

Become aware of God's presence with you at this very moment. Ask God to help you become aware of your true motives and intentions from this day.

2. Gratitude

Recall the moments of the day that were gifts. Give thanks to God for those people and those events.

3. Intention and Examination

Ask the Holy Spirit to give you increased patience and honesty to evaluate your day. Review your day. In what moments did you receive God's love? In what moments did you reject it?

4. Contrition and Evaluation

Allow God to show you the motivations for your actions this day. Allow God to speak to you and challenge you. Seek forgiveness for any actions that may have caused harm and let go of any negative thoughts that you may be holding on to.

5. Resolution

Ask God to give you wisdom from this day to apply towards a new start tomorrow. Spend some time just telling God about your hopes and fears.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

SPORTS UPDATE-- It was an exciting winter sports season! We are hoping that school will resume in time for the completion of the state basketball tournaments and for spring sports.

- The high school swim team finished their season at the State Meet in February. Congratulations to freshman Matthew Smith who finished runner-up in the 500 yard freestyle and 3rd place in the 100 yard breaststroke! Congratulations to Mason Cormany who finished 8th in the 200 freestyle! The boys team finished 13th overall. Congratulations to Sydney Williamson on qualifying as a freshman to the state meet. Congratulations to the whole swim team and Coach Garner Marks and Coach Sam Kessler on an excellent season.

- The high school boys' basketball team won the Sectional and Regional Championships earlier this month. They are currently the two seed in the State Tournament, making their first appearance in five years. Congratulations to Aiden Satterfield on being named to the first team All Kanawha Valley and captain of the first team All State. Congratulations to Zion Suddeth on second team All Kanawha Valley, All Kanawha Valley Defensive Team, second team All State, and on being named the Haus Media Defensive Player of the Year. Congratulations to Marshall Pile on being named honorable mention All State. Congratulations to the whole team for earning the recognition of Haus Media Comeback Team of the Year.

- The Lady Irish basketball team finished their season in a heartbreaking overtime loss to #4 Summers County in the Regional Championship. Congratulations to Hannah Rahin on being named third team All State. Congratulations to Annie Cimino for being named to the All Kanawha Valley defensive team. Congratulations to the Lady Irish, Coach Hevener, and the rest of the coaching staff on an amazing season.

- The middle school boys' basketball team lost in the second round of the Kanawha County Tournament after defeating rival John Adams in the tournament's first round. Congratulations Irish, Coach Blaydes, and the rest of the coaching staff on a terrific season.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to sixth grader Audrey Allred and seventh graders Olivia Hayes, Katherine Reehling and Telina Williams for their first place wins at the Kanawha County Social Studies Fair last month.

- to Science Olympiad team members and faculty sponsor Dr. Fannin for a successful first foray into competition. Special congratulations to Jordan Loew and Juliana Veazey for their first place prize in Ornithology and to Olivia Jonathan for a fourth place finish in Disease Detectives.

-to Latin students Grace Bumgarner (2nd place- level 2), Kaitlyn Keith (2nd place- level 3), and Adam Boothroyd (3rd place- level 4) for the achievements in the Marshall University Maier Latin Cup Contest.

- to eighth grade students and teacher Ms. Alicia Phebus whose diligent efforts in West Virginia Studies this year paid off on the Golden Horseshoe test last month. Special congratulations to Tyler Brown, Nicole Gao, Andrew Hanna, Samara Harrison, Emilie McNeil, Joseph Muchow, Avery Orr, Avery Persinger, Sarah Rahin, Anthony Singh, and Hunter Wilkes

who earned the title of Knights and Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe. Charleston Catholic had eleven of the thirteen winning spots in Kanawha County!

- to Anthony Singh, Noah McLaughlin, and Elizabeth Shaf for representing Charleston Catholic at the WV Regional Math Field Day. Elizabeth earned 5th place at regionals and a spot at the State Math Field Day.

MANY THANKS

- to all who have made financial contributions to HOPE. We appreciate the support that makes this very important project possible.

- to Mr. Mike DeTemple who spoke to over ninety students earlier this month in a science seminar entitled "Peripheral Vascular Disease: We All Have It."

- to eighth grade parents Erica Baumgras, Tina Caldwell, Pam Delgra, Sara Frame, Mark Greathouse, Beth Harvey, Tony O'Leary, and Jennifer Scalzo, who drove, led, and supervised groups of students in their service activities, making our 8th Grade Service Retreat a tremendous success! Also, a big thank you to CCHS alumni mom, Marsha Hoyer, for her enthusiastic involvement in the day.

- to parents who supported student activities and school programs with their commitment of time, talent and treasure by providing meals, transportation, and good spirits. We are so thankful for you!

- to the many parent volunteers who supplied the delicious King Cakes for our annual Mardi Gras treat. This celebration is a favorite tradition among students and teachers! Special thanks to Amy Tawney for coordinating the project and making sure that the cakes all made it to the correct destinations!

CALENDAR FOR 2019-20

FAMILY TRIPS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC. -- Below is the calendar as it stands for the remainder of the school year. IT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. You will be notified of changes as they occur.

Monday, April 6	beginning of Easter Vacation
Tuesday, April 14	online classes resume
Saturday, May 16	prom
Thursday, May 21	Baccalaureate, 7:30 pm
Friday, May 22	Graduation and Project Graduation, 7:30 pm
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day holiday
Mon/ Tues/ Wed, June 1-3	exams for 6 th - 11 th graders
Wednesday, June 3	Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders