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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

Yesterday during our spring Diocesan Principals Meeting, we spent the morning in a retreat led by two Dominican sisters from Michigan. They focused on the importance of hope in our lives and in our schools, and they ended the morning by giving us twenty minutes of silence for thought, prayer, and reflection. Twenty minutes of silence! I can't remember when I had twenty minutes without a phone, computer, or interruption for silent prayer or reflection. Honestly, I struggled at first because all I could think about was how much work I could get done in those twenty minutes. After a few deep breaths, though, I was able to let go of my instinct to cram my time with "productivity" and just focus on the opportunity for reflection and prayer on the theme of hope. It was amazing how refreshed—and hopeful-- I felt after that short time!

In this season of Lent, may we all make the effort to set aside time for prayer and reflection. Let's remember to put down our phones, turn off the computer, and focus on the moment. Maybe we can think about how we can embrace hope and more fully prepare for the celebration of Easter.

So, on this busy Friday, I wish you twenty minutes of silence. Try it!

Warmly,

Colleen Hoyer

CONDOLENCES -- We express our sympathy to a few of our students who have lost a loved one recently. May the soul of the departed rest in peace: John and Lily Patnoe's maternal step-grandfather. Please keep their family in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

THIRD QUARTER REPORT CARDS WERE MAILED TODAY– 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. Use the detailed weekly reports from Ren Web 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. Don't accept excuses. This time of year is hard, and everyone is tired. However, we will keep working until the end of the year. Learning takes work, and it is important work! Please encourage your children to put forth the effort necessary to achieve their personal best.

WINTER MAP SCORES- are included in this mailing for sixth through tenth graders. The Family Report provides details on each student's national percentile and RIT score. They also include details on the student's growth from fall 2020 to winter 2022. Students will test again in April/May. If you have questions about your child's MAP scores, please contact Meredith Aubel at meredith.aubel@charlestoncatholic@charlestoncatholic-crw.org



REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2022-23- and fees were due in the office, Friday, March 25. Double check with your child to make sure he/she has turned in the form!

SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – With the fourth quarter beginning this week, we are officially halfway through the second semester. It will be June and time for spring exams in no time! 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%; and 4) **fine arts requirements must have been completed by Friday, March 18, and community service requirements by Friday, May 6, 2022.** 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 24/25 (schedule to be announced)	
Sixth grade:	Wednesday, 6/1	exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 6/2	exams for periods 5 and 3; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 6/3	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
7th/8th grade:	Tuesday, 5/31	exam for period 4 (8- 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Wednesday, 6/1	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 6/2	exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 6/3	exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal

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

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

TUITION AND CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2022-23

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2022-2023—The Admissions Committee is in the midst of the admissions cycle for the 2022-23 school year. If you have other children or are asked by non-CCHS families about the school, please refer them to Mrs. Andrea Herrick (Andrea.herrick@charlestoncatholic-crw.org). **Applications for all grade levels are available online** (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). **Detailed instructions are available on the CCHS website.**

***The 5th Grade Visit Day, originally scheduled for February 1st, has been RESCHEDULED for April 28th from 3-4pm. New students will meet with faculty and staff and tour the school. To register your student, please contact Mrs. Herrick. ***



TUITION INVOICES FOR 2022-23—will be released in mid-April. Invoices and loan information will be mailed on April 20. Once again this year, the tuition invoice will include the general and class fees. If you choose to use a bank loan, the fees may be included in the loan amount or may be paid separately. **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). More details will be included in the tuition packet mailed in April.

DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE— For the thirty-first 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 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 www.factsmgmt.com. Click on “Grant and Aid Assessment” and log in. Have your 2021 tax information available. **Families with children currently enrolled or who are applying to enroll for the 2022-2023 school year should apply ASAP.** Applications opened February 1. **The deadline is April 29, 2022.** 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.

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TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2022-23 – 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.

Wednesday, August 17
Thursday, August 18
Monday, September 5

first day of school, 11:30 dismissal
first full day of school
Labor Day-no school

Monday, October 24	11:30 dismissal, professional development for teachers
Thursday, November 3	Parent Teacher Conferences, e-day for students
Friday, November 11	Veterans Day-no school
Wednesday, November 23	e-day for students
Thurs/ Friday, November 24- 25	Thanksgiving Break
Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, December 14- 16	exams, 11:15 dismissal
Monday, December 19-	
Monday, January 2	Christmas Break
Tuesday, January 3	classes resume
Friday, January 13	end of second quarter, first semester
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-no school
Tuesday, January 17	e-day for students, professional development for teachers
Monday, February 20	Presidents Day-no school
Friday, April 7-	Easter Break
Friday, April 14	
Monday, April 17	classes resume
Friday, May 26	graduation
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day-no school
Wed/Thurs/Friday May 31- June 2	exams, 11:15 dismissal
Friday, June 2	8 th grade moving up night

COVID COMMUNICATION UPDATES

COVID GUIDELINES- It has been reassuring to see the COVID numbers decline significantly in West Virginia, and in Kanawha County. We will continue to follow the recommendations of the Kanawha Charleston Health Department and the CDC. We are planning for normal spring activities, but we will monitor the COVID situation and will make adjustments if the situation changes. If any changes need to be made to our masking policy, we will make you aware of new expectations. For now, we will maintain a mask optional policy.

Ongoing and open communication between home and school related to illness and COVID cases and exposures remains of utmost importance. If your student displays any COVID symptoms, please keep him/her home from school and contact the school office for return to school guidelines. Please use health@charlestoncatholic-crw.org to notify the school administration if you learn of a positive case of your student or a household member after school hours. Please use this email address to report COVID-19 positive tests or questions. Please call the school office at 304-342-8415 and speak with an administrator if you learn of the positive case during school office hours.

As we return to more normal routines, we will again limit our virtual learning to those students who are in COVID quarantines. Those students must be approved by the school administration and then teachers will be notified to expect them to participate virtually. Other students will NOT be permitted to login to classes virtually.

VACCINES- Vaccines are now available for all West Virginians age five and over, and booster doses are available for all people ages 12 and over who are six months out from their second dose. Vaccines are available daily at the Kanawha Charleston Health Department, many local pharmacies, and West Virginia Health Right and remain a critical mitigation effort in reducing severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

- 1.) Immunizations--** The health department asks all schools to keep students' immunization records up to date. If your child has had recent shots, please send CCHS a copy of new health records. **All rising 7th graders are required to have a Tdap booster and first meningococcal vaccine before they enter school in August. Rising 12th graders are required to have the second dose of the meningococcal**

vaccine before they enter school in August. Once your child has these vaccines, an updated immunization record must be submitted to Mrs. McLaughlin.

- 2.) Reminder - Mrs. Herrick handles college visit requests. Students should get the forms from her and return the completed forms to her at least 2 days before the trip. **Seniors are allowed 2 college visit days; juniors are allowed 2 college visit days. College visits must be made before May 1.**
- 3.) SAT and ACT testing and registration information is available online at -- www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org (CCHS code: 490-205).
- 4.) Juniors should visit colleges (either in-person or virtually) during spring break and/or over the upcoming months. If you visit schools in-person, be sure to pick up literature, talk to admissions personnel, talk to students, look at dorms and classrooms, try the food, meet professors, and ask "Does this atmosphere suit me?"

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

UNIFORM SHORTS- The time for uniform shorts is almost upon us (beginning April 15). Please take a few moments to review the handbook guidelines for 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.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF REFRESHERS- Please keep the following guidelines in mind when dropping off and picking up students. **Students must never be dropped off or picked up directly in front of the school on Virginia Street.** Drop off or pick up should occur in the blocks before or after the school on Virginia Street or on Leon Sullivan Way in front of the school. Parents must pull to the curb to pick-up or drop off students. Students are also instructed they must only cross the intersection of Leon Sullivan and Virginia Street when the appropriate walk signal is flashing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—You are invited to an end of the year picnic for students, families, faculty and staff! Let's gather together as the CCHS community and have some fun as the school year ends. The festivities are planned for Sunday, May 15, from 1-5 pm at the Riverview Shelter at Coonskin Park. It has been a very long 2 years and now it's time to reconnect and spend some time with friends. Thanks to our *I Got Vaxxed* funds, food, games, and entertainment will be provided.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— Please support Charleston Catholic through Kroger and Amazon rewards programs.

- 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.

- 1.) 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 Ren Web) to enroll in the program.

CCHS DAY OF GIVING— Charleston Catholic will once again be participating in the Diocese's 3rd annual Catholic Schools' giving day, **One Mission One Day to Make a Difference**, on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022**. All funds raised will go directly to support tuition needs of Charleston Catholic families. Please consider participating in this online giving event!

DONATE TO HOPE 2022 – Planning continues for our 17th summer of HOPE. We will partner again this coming summer with Bill & Addie Likens, who coordinate the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission (CAM) in Wayne and Mingo Counties. **HOPE 2022 is scheduled for the week of June 26 - July 1**. Our group of juniors, seniors, college age alumni and adult work team leaders will make significant repairs at the homes of several low-income families and seniors. We also plan for some of our volunteers to 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. A **slide show of our HOPE experience in the summer of 2021** is posted on our school website under the "Community Outreach" tab. The slideshow includes photos of the new house that some of our volunteers helped construct in Wayne County last August.

Please consider making a **tax deductible donation, 100% of which will go toward the purchase of construction supplies**. Donate online at www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org and search "Donate to HOPE." Or simply click on this link: HOPE 2022 Donation Form. Also, checks can be mailed to the school office to the attention of Molly Linehan Belcher. Please note "HOPE 2022 Donation" on the memo line.



HOPE T-SHIRTS - Our annual fundraiser for our summer home repair in Wayne and Mingo Counties will kick off soon. T-shirt orders will be available to students in theology classes, and adults can order in the office. There will be a design contest and the color will be decided by a team of students including the winner of the design. The price is \$15 for a short sleeved shirt and \$20 for long sleeves.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



- 1.) There is an opening in our campus ministry department at Charleston Catholic. Responsibilities include preparing students for class Masses, promoting community service events, processing community service forms, and helping support our HOPE project. The position is approximately 16 hours a week, generally completed over two school days and will last for the remainder of the school year. If interested, please email molly.linehan@charlestoncatholic-crw.org for more information.
- 2.) Charleston Catholic students will have the opportunity during Lent to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Monday, April 4, a number of priests will join us in the CCHS Chapel where students will be called to participate by grade. Any student who wishes to attend should receive permission from their teacher.
- 3.) In order to be exempt from exams, seniors must complete their community service requirement by Friday, May 6th. All seniors must have their 30 hours (at least 15 hours serving the poor and vulnerable) completed in order to graduate.

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 heavier weight grey jacket and a lighter weight black jacket, both in full zip and quarter zip), white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts are available on the CCHS website. For questions, please contact Carrie Groom (304-546-4927) for jackets, Kristina Whiteaker (304-610-5544) for green polos, and Sara Frame (304-389-1241) for white polos. OFFICIAL UNIFORM POLOS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH PVA. Please note that students who are members of athletic teams and academic competition teams are permitted to wear an official CCHS kelly green polo shirt with khaki pants to school on designated dates – normally home games and post season games.
- 2.) **Cafeteria volunteers**– Many thanks to those of you who volunteered to help in the cafeteria. Please be sure you report for duty on the days you are scheduled and take notice of the weekly reminder emails as the lunch times may vary based upon mass schedules and alternate bell schedules. If there is a change in schedule, it will be noted in the reminder email. All cafeteria volunteers should be COVID vaccinated and have a food handler card (see below).

****The Kanawha-Charleston Health Department requires all cafeteria volunteers to have a food handler card. Cards must be renewed every two years. In order to be in compliance with this requirement, all CCHS cafeteria volunteers must complete a 75 minute online training course and 30 question assessment with a score of 70%. The PVA will pay the registration cost and will provide volunteers with an access code to participate in the course. Please contact Stephanie Sullivan (304-807-0377 or wvsteph23@yahoo.com) for an access code. Upon completion please submit a copy to the office which will be kept on file at the school and Athletic Facility. ****
- 3.) **Parent involvement** is 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 in a variety of ways. Please help how you can and cheer on the Irish!
- 4.) **Athletic family passes** are available through the PVA. As the spring season gets underway, it may be time to invest in a pass! These passes are good for immediate family members only (not cousins, in-laws, ex-in-laws, grandparents, fiancées, etc.) to attend CCHS home games. The passes do not cover away games, tournaments played at home, or any SSAC tournaments. Cost is \$150 for all home middle school games only, \$175 for all home high school games only, and \$200 for all home games (both levels). A \$100 student or senior citizen pass for all home games is also available. Please contact Stephanie Hopkins (304-807-0052) if you have questions about these passes.
- 5.) **PVA volunteer forms** are still being accepted. Our entire school community benefits from parent involvement! The Parent Registration Packet is available on the CCHS website.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ATTENTION: FRESHMAN PARENTS – The 9th grade class will continue the tradition of hosting the Baccalaureate reception for this year's graduating seniors and their families on Thursday evening, May 26, 2022. This event takes significant planning and input from all freshmen parents. We are in need of ninth grade parent volunteers to help. For more information, please contact Kerri Linton at 304-228-4138 or klinton@pcasolutions.com.

ATTENTION: SOPHOMORE PARENTS – Hosting Project Graduation is the tenth grade parent project. It is an all-night lock-in aimed at giving the graduating class a safe and fun place to celebrate with their classmates and the junior class one last time. This year it is scheduled to be at the Charleston YMCA on Friday, May 27, 2022, from 10:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. We still need volunteers for this event and are looking for donations to use as prizes. For more information, please contact Erica Baumgras at ebaumgras@flahertylegal.com or 304-539-1751 or Tina Caldwell at tscurly@suddenlink.net or 304-546-3081. Thank you in advance!

ATHLETIC UPDATES

TRAVEL—Students may not drive to school events, such as field trips or “away” athletic events, taking place at locations other than Charleston Catholic facilities or other designated “home” locations. Students must ride to and from the event with adults (age 21 or older) who have met the Diocesan requirements for field trip drivers.

PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL SPORTS – To participate in athletic events, students must be in school for the full school day on the day of the scheduled activity. If a student is late or absent for any part of the day on a game day, that student is not permitted to play that day. This “full day” policy includes leaving school for appointments, so students need to avoid scheduling appointments during the school day. Additionally, students are expected to be in school for the majority of a school day in order to be eligible for practice that day. **Students are also expected to be on time each morning following an athletic event.** Students who have long standing medical appointments, family funerals to attend, or other similar instances may be excused at the discretion of Mr. Villers.

WINTER SPORTS UPDATES—

High School Swimming- Matthew Smith finished off his State Meet appearance with a State Championship in the 100 breaststroke and a new school record for the third consecutive year! Congratulations on these impressive achievements, Matthew!

High School Girls Basketball- The Lady Irish had a terrific season this year. They became back to back Sectional and Regional Champions! They advanced to the State Tournament where they lost to last year’s State Champion in the first round. Congratulations Lady Irish, Coach Bandak, Coach Butler, and Coach Hevener on all of your success!

High School Boys Basketball- The young Irish fell short in the Regional Championship to this year’s eventual State Champion, Poca. The Irish played one of the toughest schedules in the State. It was a great season for the Irish, Coach Harris, Coach Kincaid, Coach Lambert, and Coach Moles.

SPRING SPORTS UPDATE— Spring sports are just getting started! Please follow our twitter page for updates @cchssports. We will post game times and score updates. You can also follow our Instagram for weekly updates @ccathletics



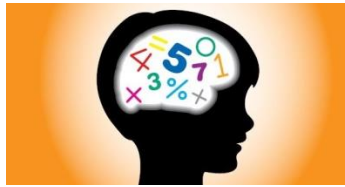
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RENWEB AND PARENT ALERT—If any of your demographic information changes or if you are not receiving weekly Ren Web emails with grade reports, please update your demographic information in Ren Web. Log in to Parents Web through Ren Web and update your contact information by choosing “Web Forms” under “School Information.” Address, phone number, and email information is located in the family demographic form. This is also where we get contact information for the Parent Alert texts that are used to communicate time sensitive and important school information (like weather related schedule changes.) Be on the lookout for these texts with important school updates including announcements from the school office. If you have questions or need assistance, please call the school office.

FREE MATH TUTORING-- As a service to Charleston Catholic students, our school's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta provides free math tutoring. This year, the tutoring service will take place in the Commons on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. If a student is interested in getting some free peer math tutoring, they will need to sign up in advance using the Google Form shared through their math teacher's Google Classroom. If you have any questions, email Mrs. Griffith at sarah.griffith@charlestoncatholic-crw.org, Mrs. Walter at jean.walter@charlestoncatholic-crw.org, or Ms. Elliott at sarah.elliott@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.



WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK! – The yearbook staff would love to incorporate your photos in the yearbook. We need your help, **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!

SENIOR ADS FOR THE YEARBOOK—Senior parents— don’t miss the opportunity to recognize your child in the yearbook. Use the link below to buy your senior ad space.

https://yearbookforever.com/schools/charleston_catholic_high_school_buy_yearbook_197/53Tpkz8nr434sz7EguUMQX0



GLOVES— The science department is in need of rubber, latex gloves for students to use during lab work. Donations would be much appreciated. Please coordinate with Amy Arnold or drop gloves off in the school office.

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT FORMS -- for drivers’ licenses and permits may be requested from the school office. It will take two school days for the forms to be completed by office staff.

SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY--Science tutoring sponsored by the Science National Honor Society takes place on Thursdays after school. Interested students can pre-register for tutoring each week using the Google form provided by their science teacher.

INTERESTED IN BEING A GUEST SCIENTIST?-- The CCHS Science National Honor Society is looking for guest scientists to speak about their careers or research experience to CCHS students during lunch or after school. If you are interested in being a guest scientist, please email Dr. Fannin at jackie.fannin@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

STEM--Dr. Fannin is looking for individuals who would be interested in judging STEM research projects for our first CCHS research symposium in May. Individuals should have a degree in science or have experience in a STEM career to be considered a judge. If you are interested in becoming a judge or have questions about judging, please email Dr. Fannin at jackie.fannin@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT INSTAGRAM-- CCHS students and families, please follow the science department on Instagram (CCHS.science) to see students' science projects, department news, and information about upcoming science internships, summer camps, and scholarships.

CONGRATULATIONS

-to seniors Hayden Carriger, Kevin Hayes, and Tiffany Lian for being selected as finalists the 2021 National Merit Scholarship competition! Students honored each year by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) represent less than one percent of high school seniors in the United States. Approximately 1.6 million juniors from more than 22,000 high schools vied for entrance into the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Finalists who are chosen as scholarship winners are those candidates judged to have the strongest combination of academic skills and achievements, extracurricular accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. 7,500 Finalists will be selected to receive National Merit Scholarships.

- to senior Kevin Hayes for his fourth place finish at regional Math Field Day. Good luck to Kevin as he goes on to compete at State Math Field Day on April 23rd.



MANY THANKS

- to the Parent Volunteer Association for a St. Patrick's Day treat of donuts for the faculty and staff.

- to Amy Tawney, the PVA, and Spring Hill Bakery for providing delicious "King Cake" cupcakes for our Mardi Gras celebration.

- to guest speakers in our junior theology Justice and Peace course: Sister Rosie Hefner spoke on Restorative Justice and Paul Sheridan on Civil Rights Today.

WEATHER CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE – While I hope and pray that winter weather is behind us, my grandmother always said that it would snow once after the forsythia blooms. So, in her memory, the guidelines for weather closings are included one more time. **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, 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. PLANS FOR THE DAY (WHETHER REMOTE LEARNING, E-DAY, OR DAY OFF) WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CLOSURE.**

3) If no announcements are made for CCHS/SHGS, classes will be held on the regular schedule.
 4) **If a two-hour delay is announced, classes will start promptly at 10 a.m.** The building will not open until 9:45 to give staff time to get to school. Please do not drop off your children before 9:45!
 5) As always, if you cannot get your child to school for health or safety reasons, notify the school.

CALENDAR FOR 2021-22

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

<p>Monday- Monday, April 11-18 Tuesday, April 19 Monday, April 25- Friday, May 6 Monday-Friday, May 2-13 Saturday, May 21 Thursday, May 26 Friday, May 27 Monday, May 30 Wed/Thurs/Friday June 1- 3 Friday, June 3</p>	<p>Easter Break classes resume MAP spring testing window for 6th through 10th graders AP Testing prom Baccalaureate, in evening Graduation and Project Graduation Memorial Day-no school exams, 11:15 dismissal Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders</p>
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