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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

This morning as I greeted the students, I was momentarily taken aback when the seniors arrived in their casual clothes— then I remembered that they were enjoying the senior privilege of dress down days on Fridays in the fourth quarter. How is it the fourth quarter already? How are these seniors less than two months from their high school graduation? How has another school year entered the spring, the beginning of the end of the year? I am shocked by the rapid passage of time, which only seems to intensify as I get older.

This morning served as a good reminder to me to make the most of our time together. It is a joy to spend my days with so many remarkable young people. Their days here are finite and pass in the blink of an eye, though it seems like an eternity to them! Over the next nine weeks, let's make the most of these days. Let's focus on good and growth and kindness. When our students encounter challenges, let's help them build the skills they need to face and overcome those challenges.

I wish you a happy and momentous spring.

Warmly,
Colleen Hoyer

CONDOLENCES– We express our sympathy to members of our school community and their families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Dickinson, Alistair, and Elena Gould's paternal grandmother; science teacher Kristen Richmond's grandmother and grandfather. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

THIRD QUARTER REPORT CARDS WERE MAILED TODAY– When you receive report cards, please review the grades and teacher comments with your children. Highlight the strengths you see, and identify areas for growth. If you see that your children's third quarter grades are not a reflection of their abilities, discuss with them how they can make the fourth quarter stronger. Use the detailed weekly reports from Ren Web to figure out exactly what is going on. Don't accept excuses. Though it's easy to get tired at this time of year, we will keep working until the end. 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. Students will test again in late April/ early May. If you have questions about your child’s MAP scores, please contact Meredith Aubel at meredith.aubel@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.



SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – As the fourth quarter gets underway this week, we are now halfway through the second semester. Spring exams are not that far off! 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 90; **4) fine arts requirements must have been completed by Friday, March 21, and community service requirements by Friday, April 25, 2025.** Students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP exam AND teacher-developed final exams. Seniors who meet exam exemption requirements for their AP classes may be exempt from teacher- developed final exams. Seniors in non-AP classes who choose to take AP exams will also take teacher-developed final exams unless they meet the exemption standards. Non-seniors who choose to take an AP exam for an AP class in which they are not enrolled must take the final exam for their class.

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

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

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

TUITION AND CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2025-26

TUITION INVOICES FOR 2025-26—will be released in mid-April. Invoices and loan information will be mailed in mid-April. Tuition loans will once again be available through Peoples Bank. If you choose to use a bank loan, school fees may be included in the loan amount or may be paid separately. To operate in a fiscally responsible manner, tuition increases for 2025-26 will be required and will fall in the 8-12% range. We have a number of financial aid opportunities available for families who need them. If you have concerns about tuition once it is released, please contact Mrs. Shindle or Mrs. Hoyer to talk about opportunities that are available. The Hope Scholarship is projected to be \$5267 for the 2025-26 school year, so it is a significant help to tuition for those who have qualified either by transferring from public school or by completing dual enrollment. **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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE— For the thirty-fourth consecutive year, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will continue its tradition of offering the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) in an effort to keep Catholic school education affordable for families who desire it but who may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to Most Reverend Mark Brennan’s commitment to Catholic education, funds have once again been allocated for distribution to families in need of assistance. **This year, Phase 1 will be open to Catholic families only, but Phases 2 and 3 will be open to Catholic and non-Catholic families!!** Awards are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. Apply on-line at www.factsmgt.com. Click on “Grant and Aid Assessment” and log in. Have your 2024 tax information available. Catholic families with children currently enrolled or who are applying to enroll for the 2025-2026 school year should apply ASAP. Applications opened February 1. Phase 1 families must belong to a parish included on the drop-down list as part of the on-line application. **The deadline for Phase 1 is April 30, 2025; the Phase 2 deadline is July 14, 2025, and; the Phase 3 deadline is August 23, 2025.** No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless an application and all required documentation is submitted, and the fee has been paid by the deadline. The application fee to families is \$25. Families should only submit one application per year, not one per phase!



TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2025-26 – Please keep this TENTATIVE calendar in mind as you plan for next year. Please remember that **exams must be taken on scheduled exam days** and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester will have to make up those days at the end of the semester.

Wed., Aug. 20	First day of school for students
Mon., Sept. 1	Labor Day- no school
Mon., Oct. 27	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Thurs., Nov. 6	Parent-Teacher conferences
Tues., Nov. 11	Veterans Day- no school
Wed., Nov. 26	E-day for students
Thurs., Nov. 27- Fri. Nov. 28	Thanksgiving holiday
Wed- Fri., Dec. 17-19	exams
Mon., Dec. 22- Friday, Jan. 2	Christmas break
Mon., Jan. 5	classes resume
Mon., Jan. 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- no school
Tues., Jan. 20	e-day for students, teacher professional development
Mon., Feb. 16	Presidents’ Day- no school
Mon., March 23	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Fri., April 3- Fri., April 10	Easter Break
Mon., Apr. 13	classes resume
Thurs., May 21	baccalaureate
Fri., May 22	graduation
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day- no school
Mon., June 1- Wed., June 3	exams for 6th -11th graders
Wednesday, June 3	Moving Up Ceremony for 8 th graders

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2025-2026 – Applications for all grade levels are now available online (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Applications will be completed and submitted online. Detailed instructions are available on the CCHS website. Please refer prospective families to the website!

NOTE – It is rare for CCHS to accept students as juniors and seniors. Only juniors and seniors moving into the area will be considered.

SCHEDULING FORMS- Students will receive forms with course options and details about course placement on Thursday, April 10. Please take time to review the options with them and carefully consider the appropriate placement for your child (ren). Course placement is dependent on a variety of factors beyond student desires, including academic achievement, classroom behavior, demonstrated work ethic, and standardized test scores, among others. Additionally, course offerings are determined by faculty availability and student interest. Course requests will be reviewed and placements determined over the next several months. Students will receive their schedules at registration in August.

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

- 1.) 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. France.**
- 2.) Reminder - Mrs. Aubel and Mrs. Sporck handle college visit requests. Students should get the forms and return the completed forms 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 during spring break and/or over the upcoming months. Schools want to see student interest even before you apply. When you visit schools in-person, be sure to pick up literature, talk to the West Virginia specific admissions personnel, talk to students, look at dorms and classrooms, try the food, meet professors, and ask "Does this atmosphere suit me?" Remember it is just as important to learn the things you don't like about a school as the things you like about a school.
- 5.) **Juniors--mark your calendars!** On April 8th, CCHS will participate in the SAT School Day (a *free* test administered to all CCHS juniors; students are already registered for this test). Students will take the SAT at CCHS during a school day. They will be dismissed from school following the completion of the test.

SENIOR PARENTS - Herff Jones graduation orders are starting to come in. Many have shipped and are on the way. That includes caps, gowns, tassels, and more. If you have any problems with your order or if you receive a tassel with a "2024" charm, please let Mrs. Sporck know. She has already been in touch with Herff Jones for a tassel re-order.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOLF TOURNAMENT—Join us for the Irish Classic Golf Tournament to support the CCHS Athletic Department at Berry Hills Country Club on May 12. Tee-off times start at 10am with registration opening at 8 am. Hole sponsors are needed at the \$200 level. Team entries are \$500 a team. For more sponsorship information or to register to golf, contact Jacob Nelson at Jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

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.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - In order to participate in extracurricular activities on a particular day, a student must be in school for the FULL DAY on the day of the event. This "full day" policy includes appointments, so students need to avoid scheduling appointments during the school day. Students who have long-standing medical appointments, family funerals, or similar instances may be excused at the discretion of the Assistant Principal for Operations. Additionally, students must be at school for the majority of the school day in order to be eligible for practice. **Students are also expected to be on time on days following athletic events. If a student is suspended at school, that student is also suspended from athletic practices, games, etc. for the FULL DAY on the day(s) suspended (i.e., if a student is suspended for a Tuesday, the suspension includes involvement in any school activities -- sports, social, etc. -- for Tuesday evening also).**

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP—Please support Charleston Catholic through the Kroger rewards program. 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.

CCHS DAY OF GIVING— Charleston Catholic will once again be participating in the Diocese's annual Catholic Schools' giving day, **One Mission One Day to Make a Difference**, on **Tuesday, May 6, 2025**. On that same day we will host an online silent auction. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to replace and update two class sets of chromebooks. We purchased many of our chromebooks in 2020 during our COVID remote/ virtual schooling. They have been used consistently for the last five years, and a number are out of date and can no longer receive updates. With all College Board tests moving online this year, it's time to replace those older chromebooks! Additional details regarding the fundraising will be shared in the next few weeks. Please mark your calendars now and consider how you may be able to support our fundraising efforts.



HOPE 2025 UPDATE – Planning continues for our 20th summer of HOPE. Members of the junior class have applied to participate in our week of home construction and repair, **June 15-20, 2025**. We will partner again this coming summer with Bill & Addie Likens, who coordinate the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission (CAM) in Wayne and Mingo Counties. Our group of CCHS students, college age alumni and adult work team leaders will make significant repairs at the homes of several low-income families and seniors. Some of our volunteers will also assist with the construction of a new house for a family in need. We are committed to raising **\$25,000 to purchase building materials for the construction of the new home**. CAM will supplement our fundraising efforts with the materials necessary to complete the construction of the new home and to make the repairs on the other houses at which we will work, making these houses **warmer, safer, and drier**. Our **annual funding appeal is underway with a link to make a tax deductible donation available on the school website**. A **slideshow of our 2024 HOPE experience** is posted there as well.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



- 1.) The tenth grade retreat will be on April 9th. The West Virginia Institute of Spirituality led by Sister Molly Maloney will host the sophomores for their retreat. It will be a thoughtful day reflecting on the Beatitudes. Sophomores should be dropped off at the parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church (1600 Kanawha Blvd.) at 8:30am and picked up at the same location at 2:25. Lunch is provided. Sophomores should dress comfortably according to casual dress guidelines. Students may wear jeans, sweatpants, or athletic pants but not leggings.
- 2.) HOPE t-shirt day will be on Thursday, April 24th. Orders for HOPE T-shirts may be made in theology class or online. On HOPE t shirt day *only this year's HOPE shirt may be worn*. The shirt sale is an important fundraiser toward the \$25,000 that we need to repair several homes in southern Wayne and Mingo Counties and make them warmer, safer and drier. Your purchase of a shirt helps us reach our goal.
- 3.) The freshmen retreat will be at Camp Virgil Tate on Friday, May 9th. Parent drivers are needed. If you are able to help drive students from CCHS to and from Camp Virgil Tate, please email Molly Linehan Belcher: molly.linehan@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.
- 4.) Many students collected money for Catholic Relief Services using the Rice Bowl program. Anyone with Rice Bowls at home should bring the money they collected to CCHS by Friday, April 25th.
- 5.) In order to be exempt from exams, seniors must complete their community service requirement by Friday, April 25th. All seniors must have their 30 hours (at least 15 hours serving the poor and vulnerable) completed in order to graduate.
For grades 6-11, all service hours are due by May 12th.
- 6.) Charleston Catholic students continue to serve at the Martin Luther King Center on Charleston's West Side. Mrs. Williams joins the students each Thursday (3:30-4:30) as they help grade school children with homework and study skills. Any sophomore, junior or senior who would like to join the MLK Center afterschool program should email Mrs. Williams (michailla.williams@charlestoncatholic-crw.org).

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

- 1.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the 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 Cynthia Hemphill-Reehling (803-242-5087) for jackets, Kristina Whiteaker (304-610-5544) for green polos, and Sara Frame (304-389-1241) or Katie Feola (304-552-1896/ katie.feola@gmail.com) for white polos. **OFFICIAL UNIFORM POLOS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH PVA.** Please note that students who are members of athletic teams and academic competition teams are permitted to wear an official CCHS kelly green polo shirt with khaki pants to school on designated dates – normally home games and post-season games designated by the principal.
- 2.) **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. Some volunteers will need to renew their food handlers' cards. Megan will give you information to do so once you have emailed her. Please indicate in your email if it has been more than two years since you took your food handlers course.
- 3.) **Parent involvement** is a vital component of the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Working gates and concession stands, being supportive of the players and coaches, and attending games are important pieces. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams 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 \$175 for all home middle school games only, \$200 for all home high school games only, and \$250 for all home games (both levels). A \$100 student or senior citizen pass for all home games is also available. Please contact Susan Jarvis (304-552-7831 or sjarvis0508@gmail.com) if you have questions about these passes.
- 5.) **PVA 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 22, 2025. This event takes significant planning and input from all freshmen parents. We are in need of voluntary monetary donations from 9th grade parents to provide an unforgettable evening for our seniors!! Please contact Beckie Balenovich 502-762-6110 or Kamilla Rashid 304-549-5025 for further information. A special thanks to everyone who has already contributed time and treasure!

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. Project Graduation is a longstanding and beloved Charleston Catholic tradition. This year it is scheduled to be at the Charleston YMCA on Friday, May 23, 2025, from 10:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. We are so appreciative of those who have already provided a gift, a donation, or offered to help in some other way with Project Graduation! One of the traditions of Project Graduation is to provide each graduating senior with a prize. There are 43 graduating seniors this year. In response to prior letters sent to sophomore parents, we have received about a third of the prizes needed for the event. Thus, we are still in need of additional prizes or monetary donations to purchase prizes. We had the seniors respond to a survey seeking information on the type of gifts they would like and created an Amazon Wish List based upon survey results. Please use the following link <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3OYEC4T1HER8G> to shop for Project Graduation. The link can be cut and pasted into your browser if the link does not work. Use of the Amazon Wish List is completely voluntary. Please use your discretion on purchases including item brand and price. If you choose to purchase items from the Amazon Wish List, the items will be mailed to the home of Project Graduation Chair Sabrena Gillis. Thus, while not mandatory, this is a super easy way to contribute. If you would like to order gifts or prizes from any other store, you are welcome to have the gift mailed directly to Sabrena’s home or drop the gift off in the office. If you prefer to make a monetary donation or help by offering your time, either would be greatly appreciated. In addition, if you are aware of a business that might like to contribute to Project Graduation, please contact Sabrena Gillis. Finally, we still need several more volunteers to chaperone this event. For more information, please contact Sabrena Gillis at 304-389-6870 or by email at solive@shafferlaw.net. Thank you in advance! We are so looking forward to celebrating our wonderful graduating seniors!!

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.

WINTER SPORTS WRAP UP

High School Girls Basketball- The Lady Irish had another incredible season and made the State Tournament for the fifth straight season—this time going all the way and winning the AA State Championship! The team defeated Logan, St. Mary’s, and Wheeling Central. Molly Messer, Mary Rushworth and Ali Wilcox made the AA All Tournament team. Molly Messer and Mary Rushworth were also selected 1st Team All State WV Sports Writers Association. Ali Wilcox was

named 2nd Team All State. Congratulations on a great season, Lady Irish and Coaches! We will miss our seniors, Molly Messer, Aurelia Kirby and Telina Williams.

High School Boys Basketball- The boys' team had an injury filled year which resulted in many young athletes stepping up. The team fell short in the Regional Championship vs. Logan at Logan. The next couple of years are looking promising for the Irish. Congratulations to the team and coaches on a great season!

BASEBALL GAME DAY SPONSORSHIPS- Our high school and middle school baseball teams are scheduled to play 2025 home games at the Shawnee Sports Complex. While the field usage cost of our high school home games is included in our field sponsorship, we are responsible for the field usage cost for our practice time on the field and for middle school games and practices. **Please consider a Game Day Sponsorship. A \$200 Game Day Sponsorship donation** will help us cover the cost of the field rental for a few days of practice. **Your firm, company, or family's name will be displayed at the field on your game date.** Baseball Game Day Sponsor Forms are available [here](#).



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

VIRTUS— Be sure you're able to help! All parents or other adults who volunteer, coach, drive students, chaperone, etc., are required by the Diocese to complete the diocesan sexual abuse awareness training before being allowed to work with our students. Training is available online or at sessions periodically scheduled. To begin, visit the VirtusOnline.org and choose the online option. Allow 1- 1½ hours to complete the program. In addition to the training, employees and volunteers are required to complete a background check and sign off on the Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children online before you are able to volunteer. You must add Charleston Catholic as a location where you will be volunteering. If you have forgotten your password, or your user name, you can also call the Virtus help desk at 1-888-847-8870.

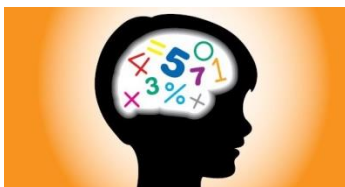
The Bishop has announced and widely publicized his desire for continuing Safe Environment education for all employees and volunteers throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. **As a result, all employees and volunteers are required to update the training to Version 4.0 of Protecting God's Children.**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

Additionally, adults who volunteer, coach, or chaperone, may be asked to update background and policy forms. Background checks must be updated every three years. Please contact Mr. Villers with any questions about how to update your forms.

The Diocese encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, you may also report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel or volunteers of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, by contacting one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext.353; Fr.

Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also visit www.dwc.org, under “Accountability” for additional reporting mechanisms.

FREE MATH TUTORING-- As a service to Charleston Catholic students, our school's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta provides free math tutoring. The tutoring service takes place in the Library on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Just drop in; no appointments necessary! If you have any questions, email Mrs. Walter at jean.walter@charlestoncatholic-crw.org or Mrs. Griffith at sarah.griffith@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.



WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK! –We need your help gathering pictures for the yearbook, especially with pictures of middle school events! You can share photos of sporting events and practices, school & community events. Start sharing today! **Share images directly from your phone by downloading the FREE Yearbook Snap app from the App Store or Google Play Store and using school code: goirish**

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



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

CROCKPOTS NEEDED!--Do you have an old crockpot or sous vide device you no longer use? The science department can repurpose working models of these into hot water baths and would love to accept your donation! Thanks to Holly Hubbert for donating one earlier this semester.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to Zach Harrison for placing 6th at Regional Math Field Day. Good luck to Zach as he moves on to WV State Math Field Day on April 12 at WVSU.
- to the High School Science Olympiad Team that competed in the State Science Olympiad Tournament at Marshall on March 1. The two CCHS teams brought home a total of 6 medals: Our only gold medal was won by Katherine Reehling and Telina Williams in the Geologic Mapping competition. Telina also won a silver medal with William Salutillo in Fossils. William brought home a second medal along with Ewan Becher and Zachary Harrison in Experimental Design. Juniors Abigail Dotson and Hannah Vriendt won a medal in Forensics for the second year in a row, moving up to silver this year. Ethan Wehrle and Sophia Frame won silver medals in Write It, Do It. Freshmen Luke Passmore and Henry Adams won bronze medals in the Helicopter Build competition. Other participants representing CCHS were senior Isaac Collins; juniors Luca DiCocco, Callie Bumgarner, Lily Patnoe, Mira Bali and Cameron Lusk; sophomore Katelyn Hentschel; and freshmen Sabian Rashid, Teddy Passmore, Abdul Bali, Bailee King and Peyton Johnstone. Three members were unable to attend due to last minute issues: Peter Basdekis, Julie Jadue, and Michelle Pauley. Special thanks to the members that helped fill in for those and other last minute changes. The team will start preparing for next year's tournament in September! All are welcome to participate. See Mrs. Arnold for more information.
- to the following Latin students for their success in Marshall University's Maier Awards in Sight translation:

Level 1- 3rd place Annerae Henson; Level 2- Honorable Mention Caroline Pence; Level 3- 3rd place Izzy Paulson; Level 4- 2nd place Jacob Brown. For the prestigious Latin Cup 3rd place goes to Charlotte Hayes!



MANY THANKS

- to the Parent Volunteer Association and Jessica Anton for the delicious treats on St. Patrick's Day for the faculty and staff.
- to Jenna Jordan, CCHS Class of 2019 and current Masters candidate at the University of North Carolina Greensboro, for returning to CCHS to give an fascinating science seminar on ultrasonic communication in wild woodland mice.
- to Paul Sheridan who spoke with our junior theology classes on Civil Rights in West Virginia.
- to Debra Sullivan who spoke to juniors about the history of Charleston Catholic and what it means to receive an education at this school.
- from the students attending HOPE 2025 to all who came out to support the trip through the Spaghetti Dinner. A special thank you to Ms. Kaitlin Chinn, Mr. Jesse Belcher, and Mrs. Nancy McLaughlin, for their cooking and making the dinner run so smoothly!
- to Kirsten Mork and the PVA for organizing our King Cake feast for Mardi Gras Day and to all who contributed a King Cake to the celebration. They are a much loved treat!

CALENDAR FOR 2024-25

CALENDAR--Please use this calendar in your planning. Please remember that exams must be taken on scheduled exam days, and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester will have to make up those days at the end of the semester. Please note that, as is the case each school day, teachers administer tests/quizzes, have assignments due, and teach lessons on the days immediately preceding and following school holidays. Students who take extended holidays run the risk of affecting their grades.

Tues., April 8	SAT School Day for juniors
Thurs., April 10	Course Fair for 8 th through 11 th graders
Mon., April 14- Mon., April 21	Easter Break
Tues., April 22	classes resume
Tues., Apr. 22- Fri., Apr. 25	HS spring MAP testing
Tues. Apr. 29- Fri., May 2	MS spring MAP testing
Mon., May 4- Fri., May 16	AP tests
Sat., May 17	prom
Thurs., May 22	baccalaureate
Fri., May 23	graduation
Mon., May 26	Memorial Day- no school
Mon., June 2- Wed., June 4	exams for 6 th -11 th graders; 11:15 dismissal
Wed., June 4	Moving Up Ceremony for 8 th graders