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Dear parents and students,

It has been so good to have the students back in the school building for the last two weeks. While our practices and procedures have changed, they have adjusted beautifully and are settling into the new routines. A school building feels particularly empty without the students, so we are thrilled to have our space come alive again with the energy of our young people.

Please continue to care for one another and our community with your actions. Remaining in the school building is a priority and we must work together in our mask wearing, hand washing, and social distancing to help make it happen.

I wish you a peaceful and healthy fall.

Warmly,

Colleen Hoyer

CONDOLENCES -- We express our sympathy to our students and their families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Malakai Smith's mother and Parker and Conner Mayhorn's grandmother. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP NEWS– With great pleasure, we recognize two of our seniors who earned recognition from the College Board for their performance on the National Merit Semi-Qualifying Test last fall. The title of National Merit Semifinalist has been earned by Kathryn Lakin. More than 1.5 million juniors in 22,000 high schools across the country entered the competition by taking that test. The nationwide pool of semifinalists includes the highest scoring entrants in each state and represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. These seniors have the opportunity to continue in the competition for the National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$31 million that will be offered next spring.

Additionally, Mo Kranwinkel was honored through the College Board National Recognition Programs (CBRP). He was invited to apply to the program for scoring in the top 2.5% of PSAT/NMSQT test takers who identify as one or more of the following: African American, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, or attend school in a rural area, or are from a small town.

We congratulate Mo and Katherine on their achievements, and we wish them success as they advance to the next round of competition!

FIRST QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS—Though it is hard to believe, Friday, October 9, marked the mid-way point of the first quarter. That means that this weekend's October 18 email contains the halfway point "progress report." This week, teachers distributed grade sheets to their students, detailing student information on homework, labs, quizzes, tests, etc. Please go over this information with them. As you review your children's progress reports, take time to help them focus on their successes and analyze areas of difficulty. Help them find balance in their lives, so they can manage academics and their other responsibilities. Help them recognize the connection between hard work and learning.

MAP TESTING- All sixth through tenth graders who are participating in in person instruction have successfully completed their first round of MAP testing! Students appeared focused and worked diligently on their online tests. I am optimistic that teachers will gain valuable information to design instruction for their students and that students will be motivated to grow in knowledge throughout the year. Score reports and details for parents explaining scores will be sent home with first quarter report cards in November. Students will test again in January and April.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Although we have not yet finished the first quarter, we are in mid-October and December will be here before we know it, so it's time to start planning for December's exams. Keep in mind that we administer exams before Christmas, but the semester does not close until January 22. From January 4 (when classes resume) through January 22, teachers will be covering new material which will be calculated into the second quarter and first semester grade. All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. Students should prepare for exams by reviewing past tests and quizzes, using study guides, rereading notes and homework/class assignments, reworking math problems, and so on. The detailed exam schedule will be released in November at the end of the first quarter, but a general outline is included below. Arrangements for students participating virtually have not yet been made and details will be forthcoming.

6th grade: Wednesday, December 16- 2 exams, 11:15 dismissal
 Thursday, December 17- 2 exams, 11:15 dismissal
 Friday, December 18- 2 exams, 11:15 dismissal

7th/ 8th grade: Tuesday, December 15- 1 exam (8:00- 9:30) followed by normal classes, 2:45 dismissal
 Wednesday, December 16- 2 exams, 11:15 dismissal
 Thursday, December 17- 2 exams, 11:15 dismissal
 Friday, December 18- 2 exams, 11:15 dismissal

9th-12th grade: Tuesday, December 15- 1 exam (8:00- 9:30) followed by normal classes, 2:45 dismissal
 Wednesday, December 16- 2 exams, 11:15 dismissal
 Thursday, December 17- 2 exams, 11:15 dismissal
 Friday, December 18- 2 exams, 11:15 dismissal

MU ALPHA THETA APPLICATIONS -- Last week in high school math classes (algebra 2 and higher), teachers gave information and applications for students to join the national mathematics honor society, Mu Alpha Theta. Acceptance requires a 3.0 unweighted average in math classes. Members of Mu Alpha Theta participate in and help run the CCHS Math Club, which provides free math tutoring to CCHS students, plans a Pi Day celebration, and participates in mathematics competitions. It is a wonderful opportunity. Please return your application to your math teacher no later than Friday, October 23.

SCIENCE MENTORS--The CCHS science department is looking for individuals who would be willing to be science mentors for students. A science mentor is an individual who is willing to dedicate some of their time to help CCHS students practice for the state Science Olympiad tournament or to guide the student through a science fair project related to that individual's area of expertise. We are also looking for science research opportunities for CCHS students. These research opportunities may include projects that are offered through your place of employment and would be a great experience for students to learn about the research process and different science careers. If you are interested in being a science mentor or if you have research opportunities for CCHS students, please email Jackie Fannin at jackie.fannin@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

LUNCH UPDATES AND REMINDERS

LUNCH TIME –All students are eating lunch in their classrooms every day. CCHS has three separate lunches: sixth grade lunch, seventh-eighth grade lunch, and high school lunch. Hot and cold lunches are available at all three lunch periods. Menu items have been simplified and will not be personalized. Students remain in the classroom where they have class prior to lunch (4th period for HS, 5th period for 7th/8th, 3rd period for 6th grade). **Students must order lunch online through My School Account by 8 a.m.** Students who forget to preorder or forget their lunch may order a cold lunch in their homeroom. The options are a ham, turkey, or peanut butter & jelly or a garden salad. Students are welcome to bring their own lunches from home. Students who bring their own lunches will not have access to a microwave. **Students are not permitted to have food deliveries (e.g., pizza, fast food) made to the school.** The average cost of a sandwich, drink, and chips is \$5.00. Prices will be adjusted throughout the school year to reflect the changes in market prices. Middle school students will have a snack time during the course of the day at which time they may eat snacks brought from home. Snacks will be eaten in their classroom. Snacks will not be sold by the school. If you have questions about the food program, please contact Mr. Villers.



PAYMENT SYSTEM- We will continue our cash free lunch system this year using My School Account, an online service that allows you to deposit money directly to students’ meal accounts, receive an email notification when accounts dip to a certain amount, and to monitor purchases made on the account. Their purchases will be debited from the account. You are able to deposit money electronically to accounts with a \$2.00 fee for each transaction or you can send cash or check to school which we can deposit to student accounts with no transaction fee. Money sent to the office must be in a sealed envelope and include the student’s name and pin number. Students will drop off their envelopes in homeroom and accounts will be updated in the office. They will use the same PIN and ID numbers when depositing money.

DROP OFF/ PICK UP PROCEDURES

DROP-OFF/PICK UP – Please note that our drop off and pick up procedures have changed this year to accommodate social distancing. Grade levels have staggered arrival and dismissal times and entrances. Please adhere to this schedule for the health and safety of our students and staff. Families with more than one child will arrive during the time slot for the youngest child. Older siblings (only) will wait in the Commons wearing masks and spaced 6 feet apart until their designated time to go to class.

- 7:30-7:45- 6th-8th grades
- 7:45-8:00- 9th-12th grades
- **If a student arrives late (after their designated arrival time) they will be directed to the elevator lobby by the Commons to be screened and then escorted to their class when an adult is available.**

Since anything can happen on our highways, families need to allow extra time to get their children to school on time. **Remember, late is late -- we do not have “excused tardies.”** We appreciate parent phone calls to inform us when you are running late. **However, a phone call does not excuse the tardy.** We understand that traffic, oversleeping, etc., sometimes happen, but students will be expected to accept the consequences of a morning tardy.

In addition to the procedures outlined above, the following traffic rules and safety procedures must be followed.

- 1) **There can be absolutely no stopping on Virginia Street between Dunbar and Leon Sullivan Way. This holds true at all times -- during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up and during the school day.** According to the Charleston Traffic Division, all lanes in front of the school are for “moving traffic.” Therefore, **DO NOT PULL OVER AND DROP-OFF/PICK-UP YOUR CHILDREN ON VIRGINIA STREET IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL!**

2) **Even when the light at Virginia and Leon Sullivan Way is red, PLEASE DO NOT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP YOUR CHILDREN ON VIRGINIA STREET.** You must pull around the corner onto Leon Sullivan Way, pulling up as far as possible toward the Boulevard, or continue past the school into the next block on Virginia Street before releasing/gathering your riders. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU DROP OFF YOUR CHILDREN AT CURBSIDE – DO NOT PARK/ STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET.** Students who are entering the building through the doors on Dunbar St .or Leon Sullivan Way may be dropped off on those streets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNIOR CLASS FUNDRAISER -- The juniors are selling pepperoni rolls from Marty's Italian Bakery. The juniors will be taking pre-paid orders from October 9 through October 26 to support the 2021 prom. All juniors will have order forms and they would appreciate your support. Please contact Mrs. Leven at avrah.leven@charlestoncatholic-crw.org if you have any questions.

FLU SHOT AND COVID TESTING CLINIC-- Through the efforts of the KCHD, the National Guard, and the City of Charleston along with representatives of Sacred Heart Parish, St. John XXIII Pastoral Center will offer a drive through Covid testing and flu shot clinic on Tuesday, October 20th from 12:00 pm to 6pm. All are welcome! Anyone 18 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. It is a drive up event only to minimize contact and exposure. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity as flu season approaches in the midst of the pandemic. At this time, the annual flu shot clinic that CCHS usually offers through collaboration with the KCHD and Kanawha County Schools is unlikely. Please make arrangements to get your flu shots elsewhere!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES -- Parent conferences will use a new format this year. We will go virtual! Meetings will be conducted on Wednesday, November 18, from 8 a.m. to noon; 1 to 5 p.m.; and 6 to 9 p.m. There will be no in-person school for students on this day, but it will be an e-learning day. Assignments will be posted on Google Classroom for completion that day. Please look for an email next week with details on scheduling conferences and the new format.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

FORMS TO BE RETURNED –

1. On the first day of in person classes, each middle and high school student received an assignment notebook which contains the Student-Parent Handbook. The first page of the handbook should be torn out and signed by parents and students, acknowledging that they have read the handbook. **This form must be returned to homeroom teachers by Friday, October 23.**
2. **In-lieu of transportation forms are due to homeroom teachers by October 23.** Families living in Kanawha County who reside 2 or more miles from CCHS are eligible for a one-dollar-a-day transportation reimbursement from Kanawha County Schools. Putnam County does the same. You are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this reimbursement.
3. **PVA forms** should be turned into the office within the first couple weeks of school. PVA volunteer forms and ALL ordering forms for white polos, green polos, and logo jackets are on the website.
4. **Photo release and technology acceptable use policy forms** were distributed this week and are due to homeroom teachers by **Friday, October 23**.

APPOINTMENTS -- We strongly encourage you to make doctor's appointments after the school day so that students do not miss valuable instructional time. However, we know that this is not always possible. If your child must leave school for an appointment during the school day, **PLEASE EMAIL THE APPOINTMENT DETAILS TO THE SCHOOL AT appointments@charlestoncatholic-crw.org by 8:30 a.m.** The student will NOT come to the office before 8 a.m. to get an appointment slip. The office will update this information in the daily report. If a student is being picked up by a parent/guardian, the parent will call the office upon their arrival and the office staff will call to the student's class to dismiss them. If a student is checking him/herself out for an appointment, he/she will come to the office to sign out before leaving. All students will need to enter through the new main entrance (double glass doors on Virginia Street, Commons entrance) when they return to be screened for reentry.

ABSENCES- Teachers are working hard to provide virtual opportunities for students who are absent from school. However, doing so requires preparation on their part. If your child will be absent from school, please communicate with the school office as soon as possible in the morning. You may begin calling the office as early as 7:15 to make us aware of an absence so we can prepare. Middle school starts class at 7:45 and high school starts at 8:00. Letting us know before school starts will help make the day go more smoothly for everyone!

PICTURE DAY- UNDERCLASSMEN AND SENIORS – PhotoGrafix is the official CCHS yearbook photographer. Mike Hall will come to school on Thursday, October 29 for pictures of sixth through eleventh graders. He will return on Friday, October 30, to take the seniors' official pictures for the yearbook (i.e., suit jacket, formal drape). Drapes worn by senior girls will be sanitized between uses with a UV wand. Students who want clothing changes and/or indoor/outdoor shots can call and make appointments (304-768-2000). For pricing info, go to the website www.wvphoto.com.

ASBESTOS AND PESTICIDE NOTIFICATIONS- Attached to this email is information regarding asbestos and pesticide use in the school. In compliance with Environmental Protection Agency regulations regarding asbestos management, the letter from the Diocesan Office of Buildings and Properties serves to notify all parents and teachers that there is an Asbestos Management plan on file in the school office. Anyone seeking more detailed information should contact Mr. Villers. Additionally, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture's notification regarding any use of pesticide is also attached. It allows you to request notification should specific levels of pesticides be used in the school building. If you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Villers.

SCHOOL SPIRIT SHOP—The school spirit shop is stocked and open for business. We have a variety of gear ranging from ball caps, scarves and hats (photos below!), and canvas totes. An order form is attached to the email. If you are interested in ordering any spirit wear, please submit the order form and payment to the school office. If you have questions, please call the office at 304-342-8415. Go Irish!



PROOF OF ENROLLMENT FORMS -- for drivers' licenses and permits may be requested from the school office using the appointments@charlestoncatholic-crw.org email address. Please put PROOF OF ENROLLMENT REQUEST in the subject line. Include student's full legal name (no nicknames), date of birth MM/DD/YYYY, and home address in the request. It will take two school days for the forms to be completed by office staff.

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. 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 Diocese guidelines do not require

volunteers to update the training portion of VIRTUS. Please contact Mr. Villers with any questions and to update your forms.

STUDENT PARKING – Father Higgs has made parking spots available to our students on the gated lot on Quarrier St. across from the YWCA. Students will pay \$60/ month or \$240 for the first semester and \$300 for the second semester plus a \$10 deposit for a gate access card. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart. Spots are still available and will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Interested students should sign up in the school office. Students that paid for September will be credited for the month during the second semester. Contact Sacred Heart for more information.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION – We will continue to use our Parent Alert text system (a Ren Web component) as a means of communication, in addition to the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org), our Twitter feed which is visible on the school website, and RenWeb email. **To be sure that we have accurate contact information for you, please review your family demographic information in RenWeb! We also use RenWeb for medical information which should be entered and updated by parents.** Please log in to ParentsWeb through RenWeb and update your address information by choosing WebForms under School Information. We will rely primarily on Parent Alert and RenWeb emails for official communications. Be on the lookout for these Parent Alert texts with important the daily health screening, school updates (such as school closings or delays) including announcements/ reminders from the school office. Please contact admin@charlestoncatholic-crw.org if you need assistance updating your RenWeb information.

IF YOUR LAST NAME IS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR CHILD'S NAME – please put the child's full name on all checks issued to CCHS and to any correspondence sent to the school.

NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT MAILINGS -- Non-custodial parents who would like to receive copies of report cards should send a current mailing address to Mrs. Lovejoy in the school office. The list and labels are updated each year, so please be sure to notify Mrs. Lovejoy of your request.

WANT YOUR PHOTOS IN THE YEARBOOK? - So do we! Students, parents, and teachers can contribute content to the yearbook staff by uploading photos directly to our app for potential use in the book. You can share photos of sporting events and practices, school & community events, or e-learning photos. 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!



NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

- 1.) **SAT SCHOOL DAY FOR SENIORS**-- On Tuesday, October 27, 2020, all CCHS seniors will join students across West Virginia and participate in the SAT School Day Test. This test presents a unique opportunity for our seniors. Rather than take the SAT at an off-site location, surrounded by other students and proctors with whom they are not familiar, our students will take the SAT in our own school building, a place they know well. The test is offered for free through the state and there is no need to register.
- 2.) SAT and ACT testing and registration information is available online at --www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org (CCHS code: 490-205). All juniors should take each test at least once this year. All seniors should retake the tests before January if they would like to do better before applying to college.
- 3.) Junior and senior parents – if you have not been receiving Mrs. Herrick's updates about college visits, scholarships, etc., please email her at andrea.herrick@charlestoncatholic-crw.org to be added to her list.

- 4.) College Visits: Mrs. Herrick handles college visit requests. Students should pick up the forms from her office 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. All college visits must be made before May 1.

FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES REQUIREMENTS – All students should submit their fine art/humanities critiques using the Google Form posted to their English teachers' Google Classrooms. Paper forms will no longer be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact your child's English teacher.

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 also a lighter weight black jacket, both in full zip and quarter zip), white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts are available on the CCHS website and may be ordered at registration. For questions, please contact Kathy Atassi (304-415-0071) for jackets, Marilyn Ford (304-610-4243) 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 designated by the principal.
2. **PVA dues** were included in fees on the 2020-21 tuition invoice. In addition to buying materials to support the school's instructional program, this fee covers operational expenses of special student projects (e.g., Project Graduation, moving up reception, baccalaureate reception) so funds will not be solicited for various activities. We'll still be looking for your time, talent, and good cooking!
3. **Parent involvement** is a vital component of the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Helping transport students to games and practices, working gates, being supportive of the players and coaches, and attending games are just a few ways that parents help. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams!
4. **Athletic family passes** will not be available this year due to the ongoing COVID guidelines and limited attendance policies for athletics.
5. **PVA packets** including volunteer forms and all ordering forms for logo jackets, white polos, and green polos are available on the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Forms are being accepted in the school office.



1. All high school students should have signed up for their online service folder through Google Classroom. If students have not yet signed up, the code is available in the Stream of their Theology Google Classroom. Please ask your theology teacher if you have questions.
2. Middle school students will submit paper forms which are available on the CCHS website to record their service. Students who are learning remotely may submit their forms through Google Classroom.
3. Any summer service done by students in 7th through 12th grades can be applied to the 2020-2021 school year. Completed forms for summer hours are due on Friday, November 6, and will not be accepted after that date.
4. All Saints Day is November 1 and All Souls Day is November 2. Charleston Catholic celebrates these days with our Book of Remembrance which contains the names of many of our deceased loved ones. If your family has lost a loved one who you would like remembered in our prayers, please send an email to Mrs. Linehan Belcher (molly.linehan@charlestoncatholic-crw.org) with their name. We will be sure to add those names to our Book of Remembrance.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

CLAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT— Good news! Despite the need for a change in logistics and distribution, our long tradition of a Christmas project with the families of Clay County will continue. Each year approximately 400 children and their families are served through this project which highlights the bond between families in Clay County and the CCHS/ SHGS community. Parents and businesses willing to donate goods or funds should contact the school office -- cash donations are needed to assist with extra stocking stuffers, a special something extra for the food boxes, and miscellaneous needs. The entire school is involved in the project: getting stockings, providing stocking stuffers and gifts for specific children, stuffing stockings, bagging gifts by family, loading trucks, and on and on. The gift delivery will take place in Clay County on Saturday, December 5. To ensure the safety of volunteers and participants, parishoners from Risen Lord Catholic Church will manage a drive by distribution for families after we deliver the gifts. We will not host a party at the church this year.



The timetable for the Clay County Christmas Project is:

- 1.) **Tuesday, November 24 (at the latest)**- Students will receive the name and other information about their Clay County children. Students are asked to purchase a \$35 gift. Please do not exceed the \$35 limit but buy as much as you can for \$35. Try to hit right at the mark! It is very difficult on families when children within the same family do not receive "equitable" gifts. If a CCHS student is unable to participate in this aspect of the Clay County Christmas Project, please alert Mrs. Hoyer. Parents wishing to help with gifts for additional children are encouraged to inquire in the office.
- 2.) **Tuesday, December 1** – This year we are asking each student to supply a stuffed stocking. Students will bring their stuffed stocking to be turned in when they arrive to school on December 1. Each student needs to bring a 12-14 inch stocking (about \$2) stuffed with the items below. We are providing this information now so you can keep an eye out for bargains!

Each stocking should include:

- 1 box of crayons (8 or 16 count)
- 1 thin coloring book
- 2 mechanical pencils
- 2 chapsticks
- 1 pair of stretchy gloves (one size fits all)
- 1 hairbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 small bottle of hand sanitizer (if possible)

- 3.) **Tuesday, December 1**- Food items are due -- Each homeroom will be preparing food boxes. Each student will be asked to provide specific food items. The majority of the food boxes are being provided by Sacred Heart Grade School children. CCHS students help fill the remainder of the boxes required by the number of families participating. Students will sign up for food items in their homerooms.

- 4.) **Wednesday, December 2** - Wrapped gifts are due with the family number and Clay County child's name securely taped on the front.

- 5.) **Various dates** -- Our student activity groups, service clubs, and other student groups are also participating by donating cookies, candy canes, etc. These students will receive specific information from their sponsors.

Thank you for your generosity to the children of Clay County!

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— The programs listed below make it easy to support CCHS when you shop. Please consider participating.

1. The **Kroger Community Rewards can be used every time you grocery shop at Kroger**. To register your Kroger Plus card, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use the Charleston Catholic organization number **LH615**. Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus Cards are available at the Customer Service desk at any Kroger. To participate, register your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card (as outlined above)** and use the card when you checkout, and Charleston Catholic will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis.
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.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

SPORTSMANSHIP AT CCHS – Though we have been limited in fan attendance at our athletic events so far, athletics play a role in the lives of many of our families. Students learn valuable lessons about teamwork, competition, hard work, and sportsmanship through their participation. Because of the consistent success of our program, there is often increased attention on our athletes, coaches, and families. When representing CCHS, we must consistently uphold the Charleston Catholic High School values of scholarship, integrity, respect, and community. It is easy to get carried away in the emotion of the moment; however, our athletes, coaches, parents, and fans should remain positive and focus on supporting our student athletes and our coaches. Charleston Catholic is committed to ensuring that sportsmanship is always a part of our athletic programs. We will require participation in the National Federation of State High School Association's sportsmanship course in the event that a student athlete, student, parent, or fan is ejected from a contest by an official of the sport. The course must be completed for further participation or admittance to athletic contests. In addition, the person ejected from a game must sit out 10% or more of the total number of regular season games (e.g., 2 soccer/basketball, 3 baseball/softball, etc.) following the ejection. For more information about the NFHS course, which gives a better understanding of sportsmanship and how it impacts the educational process, go to www.nfhslearn.com.



VIEWING OPPORTUNITIES AND SPONSORSHIP- To this point, there have been restrictions on attendance at games, limiting fans who may attend. However, we recognize that you still want to support the Irish. We are hoping to live stream as many games as possible, but we are looking for sponsors to make this happen. Please email jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org if you know of any businesses who would like to sponsor live streaming this year.

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. To be eligible for practice, students must be at school for the majority of the school 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. Although suspensions are rare at CCHS, when 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). In addition, if a student is suspended for a Friday, the suspension holds for Friday evening but does not continue for Saturday unless the student is also suspended for Monday.

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. To limit exposure, it is strongly encourage to avoid carpools for away games and for each student athlete to ride with a parent or adult over the age of 21 from his/her household.

FALL SPORTS UPDATE—Fall sports are nearing the end of their shortened seasons.

- The **high school golf team's** season has come to a close after a limited number of competitions. Congratulations to senior Evan Sayre who finished 9th in the State Tournament to finish his golf career at CCHS.
- The **cross country teams** have performed well in the few meets they have had this season. The high school team will have regionals next week. The middle school will finish its season this weekend. There will not be a County Championship meet this year.
- The **high school girls' soccer team** is playing great in the Kanawha County bubble. They recorded a huge win at AAA GW. They will begin sectionals next week in Beckley. The **high school boys' soccer team** is also playing well in the bubble and has lost only one game, to GW. They will also begin sectionals next week. In the Kanawha County Conference, the **middle school girls' soccer team** is undefeated so far and playing impressively. The **middle school boys' soccer team** opened their season this week with a statement by beating the defending champions, South Charleston. There will not be a County Championship this season.
- The **middle school volleyball team** has been improving quickly this season. They look to continue this process and to end the season strong. The **high school volleyball team** is fighting its way through a tough county schedule. They are working hard and looking to gain some momentum before heading into sectionals in the first week of November.



HANDBOOK REMINDERS AND UPDATES

UNIFORM UPDATE – Uniform shorts will be permitted until October 15. As the weather gets cooler, remember that team apparel (including sweatshirts and jackets) is not an approved part of the uniform and should not be worn in the building during school hours. Uniform jackets are available through the PVA.

MEDICATION - Any student taking medication, prescription or over-the-counter, during school hours must report this to the school office. Students taking medication during school hours must have a Diocesan form on file in the school office. Also, any medications kept at school for various reasons – e.g., asthma, allergies, etc. – should be sent to the office in a bag with the doctor's order, and an allergy or other medical plan, if applicable. Over the counter medicine such as Advil, cough drops, etc. need to be in a plastic bag with student's name clearly marked and with specific information stating when such items should be dispensed. **Medication is to be given to the office staff who will dispense it at times designated on the permission slip.** All medications in the office will be returned to students at the end of the year. Medications are not kept from year to year. Please call the school to make arrangements for medications that are prescribed during the year.

MANY THANKS

- to the teachers for their tireless efforts to support students in meaningful learning regardless of the venue or format.
- to the kind hearted and enthusiastic PVA volunteers for their ongoing commitment to CCHS! Their support is a blessing to us all!
- to our fall coaches for starting off the year with patience and perseverance. They have remained willing to motivate students through countless challenges and to keep them excited and ready to compete!

2020-21 CALENDAR

UPDATED 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 remotely) will have to make up those days at the end of the semester. Please note that, as is the case each school day, teachers administer tests/quizzes, have assignments due, and teach lessons on the days immediately preceding and following school holidays. Students who take extended holidays run the risk of affecting their grades.

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| Tuesday, October 27 | SAT School Day for seniors |
| Thursday, October 29 | picture day, grades 6-11 |
| Friday, October 30 | picture day, seniors for yearbook photos |
| Friday, November 6 | end of first quarter |
| Wednesday, November 18 | parent-teacher conferences (held virtually), e-day learning for students (no live instruction) |
| Wednesday, November 25 | e-day learning for students (no live instruction) |
| Thursday/Friday, November 26-27 | Thanksgiving holiday- NO SCHOOL |
| Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, December 16-18 | exams |
| Mon/ Tues/ Wed, December 21-23 | e-day learning for students (no live instruction) |
| Monday, January 4 | classes resume |
| Monday, January 18 | Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday- NO SCHOOL |
| Friday, January 22 | end of the first semester |
| Monday, February 1- Friday, February 5 | Catholic Schools Week |
| Friday, March 26 | end of 3rd quarter |
| Friday, April 2 | Good Friday, beginning of Easter Vacation |
| Monday, April 12 | classes resume |
| Monday-Friday, May 3-14 | AP Testing |
| Saturday, May 22 | prom |
| Thursday, May 27 | Baccalaureate, in evening |
| Friday, May 28 | Graduation and Project Graduation, in evening |
| Monday, May 31 | Memorial Day holiday |
| Mon/ Tues/ Wed, June 7-9 | exams for 6 th - 11 th graders |
| Wednesday, June 9 | Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders |