December 5, 2025

INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students,

Every year I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the CCHS community and by the joy that this week brings to so many. As our students enter the building carrying bags of non-perishable food items, toothpaste and coloring books and other stuffers for stockings, and wrapped gifts, I can't help but feel some of that joy. This week is a true example of the magic of the Christmas season.

The project is a beautiful expression of the first week of Advent: hope. I have hope that our young people are learning the importance of loving our neighbors. I have hope that the families we are serving through this project feel some stress relief over the holidays and are able to focus on love and family. I hope that we all carry the real meaning of the holidays with us.

As we progress through the season of Advent, may we seek out examples of hope, peace, joy and love to fully experience the season.

I wish your families a very happy holiday season.

Warmly,
Colleen Hoyer

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

SECOND QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS – Progress report grades for the second quarter closed before Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 25. The grade report that you receive from RenWeb/ FACTS this weekend will contain the second quarter progress report grades. Please review these reports for specific information about grades. Are assignments being submitted (0 out of "points possible" is a big clue)? Are assignments being turned in on time (look

for half the "points possible")? How are your children doing on quizzes and tests? Exams are scheduled for the week of December 15 (schedule included below). **The first semester closes on Friday, January 16, 2026, two weeks after we return from Christmas break. Upon our return in January, teachers will cover additional coursework and give tests (which will be calculated in second quarter grades) which will affect the first semester average.** At this point, there is plenty of time for students to improve their grades if they are not where they want to be (or should be) academically.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – It's hard to believe, but December is here and exams are just a week and a half away. 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. Teachers will be providing specific guidance on how to prepare next week.

If we have a two-hour delay due to weather during exam week, we will start that day's exams at 10 a.m. and school will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. If school is cancelled on any exam day due to weather, exams for that day will take place on the *next day the school is open.* IN THE EVENT OF ANY WEATHER-RELATED CHANGES, CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AND WATCH FOR A PARENT ALERT TEXT OR EMAIL. First semester report cards will be mailed no later than Monday, January 26, 2026.

6th grade:	Wednesday, 12/17	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/18	exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/19	exams for periods 6 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
7th/8th grades*:	Tuesday, 12/16	exam for period 3 (8:00 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 dismissal
	Wednesday, 12/17	exams for periods 2 and 4; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/18	exams for periods 5 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/19	exams for periods 1 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 period to prepare for other exams.

High school:	Tuesday, 12/16	exam for period 3 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Wednesday, 12/17	exams for periods 2 and 4; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/18	exams for periods 6 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/19	exams for periods 1 and 7; 11:15 dismissal

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 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. Griffith at sarah.griffith@charlestoncatholic-crw.org or Mrs. Walter at jean.walter@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2026-27

2026-2027 RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS – Re-enrollment/ registration for the 2026-27 school year will start during Catholic Schools Week. Re-enrollment forms will be sent home to reserve your child's space in the class for next year. Scheduling forms for course requests for returning students will be distributed to students later in the spring. In preparation for next year, students should be focused on doing their best in their current classes since grades and work ethic are important factors in course placement.

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2026-2027– The Admissions Committee has released its schedule for the upcoming school year. Applications for all grade levels will be available online (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org) by January 2026. Applications will be completed and submitted online. Detailed instructions are available on the CCHS website.

Prospective Parent Open House
Parents will have the opportunity to talk with current parents, students, teachers, Mrs. Aubel, and Mrs. Hoyer in the Commons on Sunday, February 1. A brief information session, as well as tours of the school building, will be offered. We look forward to this opportunity to introduce prospective students and families to our community.

Fifth Grade Visit Day
Any fifth grade student is invited to attend our fifth grade visit day on Thursday, February 12 from 9 a.m. until noon. Fifth grade students will meet the current sixth grade teachers, take a tour of the school building, eat lunch in the Commons, and participate in their very first CCHS 'pep rally.' Families who do not attend Sacred Heart Grade School should call the school office to register.

Admissions Testing
All students applying to CCHS will take an admissions test prior to their application being reviewed. Any rising 6th grader from Sacred Heart Grade School will take their admissions test at SHGS during the school day. All other students and families will coordinate admissions testing through an online link once the application is submitted.

Admissions Timeline and Calendar
Friday, January 30- beginning of re-enrollment for current families
Sunday, February 1– Prospective Parent Open House
Friday, February 6 – applications accepted for current Catholic school families/parishioners who wish to be given first consideration.
Thursday, February 12- Fifth Grade Visit Day
Friday, February 13- deadline for applications from current Catholic school families/ parishioners to receive first consideration
Friday, February 13- applications open to the general public

Friday, February 20- deadline for all applications for first round consideration
Monday, February 23- Thursday, February 26- Admissions tests after school for students not enrolled in SHGS; will receive link to schedule test once application is submitted
Friday, March 6 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by **February 27** – applications received after February 27 will be reviewed periodically by the Admissions Committee and notification as to enrollment status will be mailed at that time)

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMS – All Charleston Catholic students take semester exams. For our middle school students, in addition to serving as an evaluation tool, they serve an instructional purpose, helping students learn how to study for and take exams so they are better prepared for high school. Because of this, middle school exams make up only a small percentage of the overall grade. In fact, sixth grade exams are included in the second quarter grade and do not count as a separate calculation in semester grades. Quarter grades provide a more accurate assessment of your child's progress. Help your children prepare for exams by encouraging them to study over a period of time rather than cramming the night before the test. Also, to assist your children in doing their best, please make sure they have adequate rest and a good breakfast before coming to school each day.

SEVENTH GRADE PE UNIFORMS-- In January, with the start of the second semester, our seventh grade students will begin PE. They will change into their PE uniforms each day for class and then change back into their school uniforms for the remainder of the day. A PE uniform order form is attached to this email for any seventh graders who may need new uniforms. Please keep in mind they do not need a large quantity of each uniform piece. Talk to your student about what he/she will wear and order accordingly!

UPCOMING EVENTS

BASEBALL SPAGHETTI DINNER- The high school baseball team will host its annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sunday, December 7, from 4-7 p.m. in the Commons. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE ATHLETIC FACILITY- Calling all alumni to come out and support the Irish on Saturday, January 17! We will also honor retired principal Debra Sullivan that night as we unveil the new "Debra Sullivan Court" at the Athletic Facility. Save the date and share it with out of town alumni so they can celebrate with us! The boys' basketball team will take on Poca at 7:00 pm at the Athletic Facility.

WINTER WALTZ- The high school dance will be from 8:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 21. The dance will be in the Commons. Dance permission slips will be sent home the week before. Please pay attention to dress guidelines!

ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

1.) **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. Students will be taking the **SAT School Day at CCHS on Thursday, April 16th**. There are many ways for students to practice and prepare for the SAT and the ACT.
   - Students can link their PSAT results to Khan Academy to create free customizable lessons to focus on targeted areas based on the student's PSAT scores.
   - CCHS will be offering a SAT prep class that will start at the end of January/beginning of February and lead up to the SAT School Day. Registration details will be emailed to parents in early January.

2.) **College Visits-** Mrs. Sporck handles college visit requests. Students should pick up the forms from the 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 1st.

3.) **College representatives** are visiting, and these meetings typically take place during lunch. Dates and times will be sent out in the Sunday email from Mrs. Hoyer, and students will be reminded on the morning and afternoon announcements. All high school students should take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about different colleges. Colleges and universities want to see that students are interested in them!
4.) As students start to receive their acceptances to colleges please let us know! We want to celebrate all of their amazing accomplishments. There are orange slips in the main office for students to fill out so that their acceptances can be shared during morning announcements.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

1.) **Catholic Schools Week, January 26th - January 30th, 2026-** United in Faith and Community. CCHS will again participate in National Catholic Schools Week by supporting a number of community organizations. This year, with the help of our eighth grade students and parents, we are supporting six charities that make an impact on their communities. Please mark your calendars and start stocking up now for any donations you are able and willing to make. Our $2 dress down day will be Tuesday, January 27th, and the proceeds will go directly to The Maddox Potter Foundation. Below is the full list of charities and the items that they have requested. If any eighth grade parents would like to volunteer to help work that week, please call or text Erin Ryan (703-505-5108).
Monday, Jan. 26th -Manna Meal- peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, tuna, cereal, canned vegetables or fruits and hamburger helper
Tuesday, Jan. 27th- Covenant House Food Pantry- shelf stable milk, canned meats, canned corn, cereal, pasta, rice, pancake mix, syrup, snack size chips and granola bars
****$2 dress down day to benefit The Maddox Potter Foundation****
Wednesday, Jan. 28th- Second Avenue Community Center - After School Program- canned goods (chicken, fruits, vegetables, ravioli, spaghetti o's, soup), peanut butter or cheese crackers, mac & cheese cups, applesauce cups or squeezers and any healthy packaged snacks
Thurs, Jan. 29th – Gabriel Project - diapers sizes preemie, newborn, 3, 4, 5 and 6; baby wipes, diaper rash cream, baby lotion, baby shampoo; 18 months and 2T clothing (all seasons)
Friday, Jan. 30th–Risen Lord Food Pantry- canned meats, peanut butter, rice, dried beans, cereal, soup, crackers, canned fruits and vegetables
2.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Our next order period for white polos and uniform jackets will open on January14, 2026, and close on January 21, 2026, with estimated delivery on February 27, 2026. Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the green quarter zip fleece jacket, 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. For questions, please contact Cynthia Hemphill-Reehling (803-242-5087*)* for jackets, Kristina Whiteaker (304-610-5544) for green polos, and Katie Feola (304-552-1896 or 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.
3.) Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help serve lunch. It's not too late to get on the second semester schedule. Please contact Megan Cutlip (304-807-8253 or megan.a.cutlip@gmail.com) if you would like to be on the cafeteria schedule for January 2026 - May 2026. 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.
4.) **Parent involvement** is necessary for the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Helping drive students to games and practices, working gates, working concession stands, 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!
5.) **Athletic family passes** are available through the PVA. 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, homecoming games, 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. An order form for sports passes is available on the school website. Please contact Susan Jarvis (304-552-7831 or sjarvis0508@gmail.com) if you have questions about these passes.

6.) **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). Volunteer forms should be submitted electronically and order forms should be turned into the school office.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Our Advent opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, December 10th between 9 and 11:30 a.m. Reconciliation is a lovely way to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— As you prepare for holiday gatherings and celebrations, please keep Charleston Catholic on your gift list. It's easy to do! The **Kroger Community Rewards program greatly benefits the school**. 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.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP 2026-27-- The Hope Scholarship is a program sponsored by the West Virginia Treasurer's Office. The scholarship allows K-12 students to receive financial assistance that can be used for private school tuition, among other qualifying expenses. Up to this point, eligibility has been based upon a 45 day enrollment in public schools. However, eligibility is expanding in the 2026-27 school year to include all students who are eligible to enroll in a West Virginia public school. This means that students who have always been enrolled in private schools will be eligible to receive the Hope Scholarship. One of the initial steps to qualify is to request a West Virginia Education Information System (WVEIS) ID number from their county board of education for your child if they do not already have one. Without a WVEIS number, a child is unable to apply for the Hope Scholarship. To request a WVEIS number, please complete the form linked here and email it to the county board of education of your county of residence using the email address list found **here**. The Hope Scholarship application window for 2026-27 does not open until March 2, 2026. However it is important to act sooner rather than later to obtain your child's WVEIS number if you plan to participate in the Hope Scholarship next year.

UNIFORMS –Christmas break is a perfect opportunity to check your children's uniforms. Make sure that pant hems are not frayed, that colors are not washed out (some of those blues are looking faded!), that uniforms still fit, etc. Please make sure that your children are in proper uniforms when they leave home each morning.

SCHOOL SPIRIT SHOP— As you do your holiday shopping, don't forget the CCHS School Spirit Shop. Check out the hats and scarves (pictured below!) and sport your CCHS gear while staying warm. Get the hat and scarf combo for $32. If you are interested in ordering any spirit wear, please call the office at 304-342-8415. Go Irish!

PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK? - Attention parents, students, and faculty members: Do you have photos of sports, activities, academics, or just everyday student life? Your photos would look GREAT in the 2026 yearbook! You can share photos directly with the yearbook staff using Yearbook Snap on your web browser, iOS device, or Android device. Use the school code **goirish** to start sharing your photos today!
Prefer to share photos via a Google Photos, Drive, or Dropbox link, or via email attachment? You can send those to kate.shirley@charlestoncatholic-crw.org. The yearbook is better when we represent as many students as possible - thank you in advance for helping us do so!

Do your students participate in any activities outside of school, such as orchestra, choir, theater, dance, scouting, horseback riding, hockey, jobs, internships, or other pursuits? We need students' and parents' help to feature these activities in the yearbook! Please share any photos you have of your student participating in outside-of-school activities by emailing them to Mrs. Shirley at kate.shirley@charlestoncatholic-crw.org. Thank you!

IT'S SENIOR AD TIME! -- The yearbook staff is selling senior ads to honor your graduating senior in the 2025-26 yearbook. The following options are available: full page ($300), half page ($160), and quarter page ($85). Please go to https://www.yearbookforever.com and enter our school details to upload photos, personalize your design, and purchase your ad!

Please note: The only way to reserve an ad space is to complete your design and pay online. The school cannot accept advance payment to reserve space. We **should** have enough space for all seniors whose families wish to purchase an ad, but we will notify you if space becomes limited. The deadline to purchase an ad is January 19th. If you have any questions, reach out to Mrs. Shirley (kate.shirley@charlestoncatholic-crw.org) or look for her email sent on 10/21 which contains more details and FAQs.

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 Form Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children MUST 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.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

FALL SPORTS UPDATE-- The fall sports season has officially come to a close, and what a fantastic season it was!

- The boys' cross country team placed first in the State Meet finishing as State Champions for the first time in school history! Peter Basdekis finished the race first (Individual State Champion), Will Barton finished second (Individual State Runner Up), Charlie Barton finished fourth, and Luke Passmore finished in nineteenth place. The girls' team finished an impressive third place overall with Bella Boggs in first (State Champion), Bailee King in seventeenth place, and Mary Rushworth in twentieth place. Congratulations to both cross country teams, Coach Ingraham, and Coach Shepler on an outstanding season!

- The Lady Irish Volleyball Team won the Regional Championship and, unfortunately, lost in the first round of the State Tournament. Congratulations to the Lady Irish on an amazing season!

- Good luck to the Cheer Team as they prepare to go to Disney World for Nationals on January 29th!

Let's give a shout out to our fall sports All-State Honorees:

Golf
- Will Gruse: State Champion, 1st Team All-State
- Ben Carew: State Runner Up, 1st Team All-State

Girls' Cross Country
- Bella Boggs: State Champion, 1st Team All-State
- Bailee King: 2nd Team All-State
- Mary Rushworth: 2nd Team All-State

Boys' Cross Country
- Peter Basdekis: State Champion, 1st Team All-State
- Will Barton: State Runner Up; 1st Team All-State
- Charlie Barton: 1st Team All-State
- Luke Passmore: 2nd Team All-State

Girls' Soccer
- Molly Weber: 1st Team All-State
- Ella Green: 1st Team All-State, Region Player of the Year, Midfielder of the Year
- Abby Messer: 1st Team All-State
- Mary Rushworth: 2nd Team All-State
- Stella Bailey: All-State Special Honorable Mention

Boys' Soccer
- Aidan Anton: 1st Team All-State
- Mateo Lao: 1st Team All-State, Defender of the Year
- Patrick Kirby: 2nd Team All-State
- Wilkes Aliff: All-State Special Honorable Mention
- Mateen Summers: All-State Honorable Mention

Volleyball
- Nora Aliff: 1st Team All-State
- Ilyauna Evans: 2nd Team All-State
- Ali Wilcox: 2nd Team All-State
- Bree Gruse: All- State Honorable Mention

Upcoming Events
-Debra K. Sullivan Court Recognition and Alumni Night
* January 17th
*Athletic Facility
*7:00 p.m.

GO IRISH!

HANDBOOOK REMINDERS

COLLEGE VISITS-- Juniors and seniors are encouraged to visit colleges to help in the college selection process. Juniors and seniors wishing to visit colleges during a scheduled school day will not be penalized for attendance purposes if they do not exceed a total of **2 days for seniors and 2 days for juniors.** In order to be approved, requests for college visits must be submitted in writing (form in the main office) **at least 48 hours prior to the visit for approval by the academic advisor and principal. Visits must be completed by May 1, unless administrative permission is granted.**

MAKING UP WORK MISSED AND CONSEQUENCES OF ABSENCES-- Absence for sufficient reason entitles the student to an opportunity to make up the work missed. **It is the student's responsibility to obtain make-up assignments from teachers.** In general, the following guidelines will apply for making up work missed due to

absence. Failure to make up work will result in zeros. Any work assigned prior to the absence and due during the absence must be submitted on time to receive full credit. To ensure that a student has no outstanding assignments it is recommended that the student check in with teachers on the day the student returns. Students absent (for any reason including appointments, illness or other family circumstances, or being more than 10 minutes tardy to class) for five (5) or more days per semester may lose credit for that class or classes. The principal and assistant principal for operations shall examine students' attendance records at the end of each semester. In addition to completing make up work, in order for credit to be granted for each course, students must stay after school to make up time missed during excessive absences (5 or more), regardless of the reason for the absences.

CONGRATULATIONS

-to sixth grader Maddie Dunigan whose art submission was selected as one of the five grand prize winners this year for Poca Valley Bank's Annual Christmas Card Contest!
- to the high school drama club members for their humorous and entertaining presentation of *The Complaint Department and Lemonade*. The cast consisted of Stella Bailey, Mira Bali, Barrett Brown, Lauren Fernald, Ella Grace Gillis, Alyssa Hanna, Jaxon Kimble, Kieran Moran, Thomas Ryan, and Alec Wright. Crew members were Ella Green, Katelyn Hentschel, Sam Kessell, and Jonah Whiteaker. Thanks also to faculty directors Mr. Hale, Mrs. Walter, and Ms. Chinn. The production would not have been possible without them! Bravo to all involved!

MANY THANKS

- to the many parents who attended Parent Teacher conferences in November and to the teachers for their care for the growth and success of their students. Teachers held approximately 1,100 conferences! What a testament to our community's commitment to the home-school partnership.
- to our extraordinary PVA for their tremendous support of all things CCHS! Your dedication to our school community is greatly appreciated!
- to both Rabbi Berman and Sue Barazi for joining our World Religions classes. Rabbi Berman took over upon Rabbi Urecki's retirement at B'nai Jacob Synagogue late this summer, so we were so grateful that in the midst of his and his young family's transition he generously took the time to be with us and even blow the shofar! His congregation also warmly hosted a group of our seniors when we visited for a Shabbat service. Even though Sue Barazi has stepped down from her role as Vice President of the Islamic Center in South Charleston, and despite a broken shoulder, she still spent the day with us as our first introduction to the beautiful Islamic faith. She and her community generously hosted us to witness their Sunday school gathering and noon prayer at the masjid. We cannot express our appreciation for these personal relationships and the opportunity to be a part of different faith communities of Charleston.
- to all who participated in the Clay County Christmas project -- our parents, students, staff and teachers for your loving hearts and generous spirits! This year you made Christmas magical for 147 families and almost 350 children. Special thanks to Rodney LeGrand, Sherry Shindle, Kathi Linkinogger, and Dickinson and Angela Gould whose behind the scenes' contributions make the project possible. Thank you for your involvement in this project.
- to our faculty and staff for their devotion to Charleston Catholic. They give 110% (and then some!) to help their students grow, learn, and be the best they can be.

SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE –This week's forecast has definitely caught my attention! It appears it is time to prepare for winter weather. Here's a reminder of the CCHS weather policy. **Remember that school closings and delays are texted through Parent Alert, are announced on the CCHS website, and are reported through local news channels.**

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, WOWK, V100, 96.1, and WKAZ. **The CCHS website will be updated and a Parent Alert text will be sent. PLANS FOR THE DAY (WHETHER 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

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.

Sat., December 6	Clay County Christmas Party
Sun., December 7	Baseball Spaghetti Dinner
Wed- Fri., Dec. 17-19	exams; 11:15 dismissal
Mon., Dec. 22- Fri. Jan. 2	Christmas break
Mon., January 5	classes resume
Fri., January 16	last day of the second quarter/ first semester
Mon., January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- no school
Tues., January 20	e-day for students, teacher professional development
Thurs., Jan. 22- Friday, Jan. 23	HS Winter MAP testing
Mon. Jan. 26- Fri., Jan. 30	Catholic Schools Week
Mon., Feb. 2- Fri., Feb. 6	MS Winter MAP testing
Mon., February 16	Presidents' Day- no school
Sat., February 21	Winter Waltz for high school students
Thurs., March 19	Golden Horseshoe Test for 8th graders
Fri., March 20	last day of the third quarter
Mon., March 23	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Fri., April 3- Fri., April 10	Easter Break
Mon., April 13	classes resume
Thurs., April 16	SAT School Day for juniors
Mon., Apr. 20- Fri., Apr. 24	HS spring MAP testing
Mon. April 27- Fri., May 1	MS spring MAP testing
Mon., May 4- Fri., May 15	AP tests
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; 11:15 dismissal
Wed., June 3	Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders