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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

During my first year as principal, I received a Christmas card from a former Charleston Catholic student that included a sizable donation, a note to call her and her phone number. Though I was new to the job, I knew enough to call that number pretty quickly! Thus I had my first conversation with Margaret Krupa, a generous Charleston Catholic benefactor. In that call, Mrs. Krupa told me that she had previously corresponded with Mrs. Sullivan, my predecessor, and thought we did a good job at CCHS, so she wanted to do "something" for the school. She told me to come up with some proposals and ideas and to get back with her. She would pick her project based on those ideas. The result of those conversations is our fourth floor, including the chapel and sixth grade classrooms. Mrs. Krupa was the primary benefactor of that project and the reason we were able to make it happen. Mrs. Krupa died on February 5, 2026.

Through the construction and over the years, I had many phone calls, letters, and three in person meetings with Mrs. Krupa. She was a sharp, funny lady who inspired me with her generosity. She was born in Charleston, but her family moved to Ohio when she was growing up and she spent most of her adult life in the Cleveland area before retiring to Florida. I asked a lot about her time at Charleston Catholic, trying to figure out when she had been here, who she might have known. I wanted to find her in old yearbooks! She always just laughed and said, "Colleen, I'm a lady. I don't tell my age." She had a soft spot in her heart for our Clay County Christmas project and sent funds to help support extra families as needed. She told me stories about working with her husband at the business they owned together. Though he had passed away years before I met her, she spoke of him with such love and affection that I knew their life together had been special.

I'm sad that the world has lost such a remarkable person. Mrs. Krupa has impacted our school in a very positive way. Her unsolicited gift allowed us to expand and more importantly taught a lesson about the good you can do for others. Hopefully we can all learn from her example of giving what's needed without being asked. I am forever grateful that I had the chance to know her.

Please keep Mrs. Krupa's family in your prayers. We will honor her as the intention of an upcoming school mass.

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: Scarlett and Bailee King's paternal grandfather. Please keep the King family in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS- The Ren Web report that you receive this weekend will include grades through the halfway point of the third quarter. Please thoughtfully review the report with your children. Look for and celebrate successes and determine if there are areas that can be improved on. The third quarter is often the most challenging for many reasons. This quarter has been especially challenging because of some of the weather complications. Set realistic goals that can be achieved by the end of the quarter (March 20) and work with your children to stay focused and motivated to achieve them.

TENTATIVE SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Somehow we are finding ourselves already at the end of February. Spring exams will be here before we know it. 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.

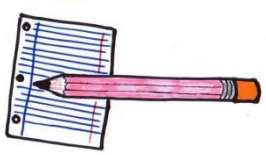
Just a reminder regarding the **seniors- only exam exemption policy**: Seniors may be exempt from second semester exams if: 1) the course is a two-semester course; 2) the teacher chooses to allow exam exemptions; 3) third and fourth quarter grades average to at least a 90; **4) fine arts requirements are completed by Friday, March 20, and community service requirements by Friday, April 24, 2026.**

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 19/20 (schedule to be announced)	
Sixth grade:	Monday, 6/1	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Tuesday, 6/2	exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal
	Wednesday, 6/3	exams for periods 6 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
7th/8th grade:	Friday, 5/29	exam for period 8 (8- 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Monday, 6/1	exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal
	Tuesday, 6/2	exams for periods 2 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Wednesday, 6/3	exams for periods 1 and 4; 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, 5/29	exam for period 8 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal
	Monday, 6/1	exams for periods 3 and 6; 11:15 dismissal
	Tuesday, 6/2	exams for periods 2 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Wednesday, 6/3	exams for periods 1 and 4; 11:15 dismissal



EXCITING NEWS! SPANISH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY-- Charleston Catholic High School is proud to announce that our new chapter of the **Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica** has been officially granted a national charter. Our chapter, **"Luz y Lengua: Voces del Mundo,"** joins this prestigious honor society that celebrates student achievement in Spanish while promoting scholarship, leadership, and an appreciation for Hispanic language and culture. We look forward to recognizing our future inductees and celebrating their academic excellence and commitment to language learning. ¡Felicidades to our future members!

SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2026-27

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS –Enrollment forms for returning students were due by February 13 with the $200 deposit to reserve your child's spot for 2026-27. **Please turn your form in ASAP if you have not yet done so.** Registration forms with course offerings and selections will be distributed in later this spring. **Now students should be focused on doing their best in their current classes. Grades and work ethic are important factors in course placement for the coming year.**

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2026-2027– The Admissions Committee is in the midst of the admissions cycle for the 2026-27 school year. Applications for grades 6-10 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!

Admissions Testing
All students applying to CCHS will take an admissions test prior to their application being reviewed. Any rising sixth grader from Sacred Heart Grade School and St. Francis Grade School will take their admissions test at their schools 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, 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.

TUITION AND CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2026-27

TUITION RATES FOR 2025-26— The coming school year will require continued, careful planning in our spending and in our budgeting. CCHS is financially independent. The school runs solely on the income generated each year from tuition and fees. Unfortunately, costs continue to rise. To operate in a fiscally responsible manner, tuition increases for 2026-27 will be required and are being determined. The increase will fall in the 5-8% range. We have a number of financial aid opportunities available for families who need them. Additionally, the Hope Scholarship also becomes available next year to all families who would like to use it. If you have concerns about tuition once it is released, please contact Mrs. Shindle or Mrs. Hoyer to talk about opportunities that are available. Tuition rates will be released in mid-April and invoices and loan information will be mailed at that time. The Hope Scholarship is projected to be $5435 for the 2026-27 school year, so it is a significant help to tuition for those who choose to participate. **Tuition payment in full is due June 15** (late charge assessed at $1.00 per day after June 15).

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE-– For the thirty-fifth 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 ALL families. A flier is attached to this email with details. 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 2025 tax information available. Catholic families with children currently enrolled or who are applying to enroll for the 2026-2027 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, 2026; the Phase 2 deadline is July 13, 2026, and; the Phase 3 deadline is August 23, 2026.** 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!

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 opens on March 2, 2026**. At that time, you will visit the Hope Scholarship website to create an account and begin your application. The application window for full funding closes on June 15, 2026. Additional Hope information is included below.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2026-27 – 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. 19	First day of school for students
Mon., Sept. 7	Labor Day- no school
Mon., Oct. 26	11:30 dismissal, teacher professional development
Thurs., Nov. 5	Parent-Teacher conferences
Wed., Nov. 11	Veterans Day- no school
Wed., Nov. 25	E-day for students
Thurs., Nov. 26- Fri. Nov. 27	Thanksgiving holiday
Wed- Fri., Dec. 16-18	exams
Mon., Dec. 21- Friday, Jan. 1	Christmas break
Mon., Jan. 4	classes resume
Mon., Jan. 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- no school
Tues., Jan. 19	e-day for students, teacher professional development
Mon., Feb. 15	Presidents' Day- no school
Fri., March 26- Fri., April 2	Easter Break
Mon., Apr. 5	classes resume
Thurs., May 27	baccalaureate
Fri., May 28	graduation
Mon., May 31	Memorial Day- no school
Wed., June 2- Fri., June 4	exams for 6th -11th graders
Friday, June 4	Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH MAMMAL MADNESS - Any student, parent, faculty, or friend of CCHS can participate in March Mammal Madness. Digital brackets must be submitted by Sunday, March 8th, to be part of our CCHS group. Join the MMM Google Classroom with code 6hj74kr or contact Mrs. Arnold if you would like more information.

PROJECT GRADUATION- Project Graduation is an all-night lock-in at the YMCA for the Class of 2026 to gather together as a class one final time before they go their separate ways. This event is sponsored by the sophomore class parents. Support is needed to make this a fun and successful event for our seniors! Volunteers are needed for the event on Friday, May 22, as well as donations for food and prizes. Please contact Emilie Love, Project Graduation chair, at (304) 545-8086 or emiliedlove@gmail.com to learn what you can do to help. Prizes for the seniors can easily be purchased via the Amazon wishlist: https://tinyurl.com/y29dsucu

ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

1.) **West Virginia Governor's Schools:** The State of West Virginia is proud to offer The Governor's Honors Schools, residential summer sessions for academically and/or artistically talented students from across West Virginia. The programs are based on the premise that West Virginia's youth must be provided with special opportunities for learning and personal development in order for them to realize their full potential. There is no cost to families of students who are accepted to these competitive programs. Those who have attended these programs in the past describe them as "life-changing." It is time to start thinking about whether this might interest your child. For more information, visit http://www.govschools.wv.gov/**.**

- **Governor's Computer Science Institute** (GCSI) – current **9**th and **10**th grade students (application deadline for students is April 3, 2026)
- **Governor's Honors Academy** (GHA) – current **11**th grade students (application deadline for counties is April 3, 2026)
- **Governor's School for Entrepreneurship** (GSE) – current **9**th, **10**th, and **11**th grade students (application deadline for students is March 13, 2026)
- **Governor's School for the Arts** (GSA) – current **10**th grade students (application deadline for students is March 6, 2026)
- **Governor's School for Tourism** (GST) – current 9th and 10th grade students (application deadline for counties is May 1st, 2026)

2.) **PROMISE scholarship and FAFSA deadline** – March 1st. All students in the Class of 2026 must complete BOTH the PROMISE and the FAFSA applications in order to be considered for the PROMISE scholarship. Additionally, colleges and universities throughout the country use FAFSA information to determine scholarships and financial aid.

3.) **Juniors--mark your calendars!** On April 16th, 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.

4.) **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.

5.) **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.

6.) **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!

7.) **College Admissions-** 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.

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

PICK UP AND DROP OFF - Students must never be dropped off or picked up directly in front of the school on Virginia Street. Drop off or pick up should occur in the blocks before or after the school on Virginia Street or on Leon Sullivan Way in front of the school. Parents must pull to the curb to pick- up or drop off students. Students are also instructed they must only cross the intersection of Leon Sullivan and Virginia Street when the appropriate walk signal is flashing. Failure to abide by these protocols will result in detention.

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 academic advisor's office) **at least 48 hours prior to the visit for approval by the academic advisor and principal. Visits must be completed by May 1.**

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

FREE MATH TUTORING-- As a service to Charleston Catholic students, our school's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta provides free math tutoring. 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.

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.

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!

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

GOLDEN HORSESHOE - A highlight of the eighth-grade year is the opportunity for a student to become a Knight or Lady of the Golden Horseshoe. Named for the golden horseshoes given to the early explorers of what is now West Virginia by Alexander Spotswood, the Governor of the Virginia colony, the program recognizes students for their knowledge of West Virginia history. In the coming weeks, eighth-grade students from all over the state will take a computerized assessment on West Virginia history, facts, and trivia. Top scorers from each county are awarded their Golden Horseshoes by the Governor in a ceremony at the Capitol. Charleston Catholic's test date is scheduled for March 19. Students have been gathering information in WV Studies class, but additional practice questions can be found on the WV Culture and History website (wvculture.org) and the WV Department of Education website.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

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

HOPE 2026 UPDATE – Planning continues for our 21st summer of HOPE. Members of the junior class have applied to participate in our week of home construction and repair, **June 14-19, 2026**. 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 2025 HOPE experience** is posted on our school website.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

1.) Charleston Catholic's HOPE Project will host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 5:30-7:30 p.m., on Sunday, March 8th in the CCHS Commons. Tickets are $15 a plate. Children, age 5 and under, eat for free. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the school office or at the door. All of the proceeds from the dinner will go toward the costs for the week-long project in June. HOPE participants commit to raise $25,000 so that the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission can build a house for a family in need. Students and adult volunteers spend the week repairing homes and helping with the new construction. HOPE has the dual purpose of improving the quality of housing for low income folks in need and instilling the habit of service in students with a commitment to living the works of mercy.
2.) Our seventh grade retreat will be on Tuesday, March 24th with the theme of Give Day Retreat. We will gather in the CCHS Chapel then be commissioned to go forth and serve for the morning. The afternoon will be spent reflecting at the Martin Luther King Center. We will need a few Virtus-complete parents to serve alongside the students. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Williams (michaila.williams@charlestoncatholic-crw.org).
3.) The Knights of Columbus will hold a Fish Fry at Sacred Heart each Friday of Lent, not including Good Friday. Student volunteers are needed 5:30-8:00. Sign up on the service Google Classroom.
4.) Charleston Catholic students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 25th. Sometimes students – as well as adults – can be nervous about receiving the sacrament. The priests who administer the sacrament are each friendly and approachable, and they are happy to walk us through the sacrament.

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 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. The January order of white polos and uniform jackets is expected in the coming days. Please be on the lookout for the items' arrival with your students. The next order period is March 4th-11th with estimated delivery on April 17th. 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.

2.) Thanks to all of our lunch volunteers! Please 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 Cutlip (304-807-8253 or megan.a.cutlip@gmail.com) 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 an integral part of the success 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. Please help how you can and cheer on the Irish!

4.) **Athletic family passes** are available through the PVA. Spring sports are on the horizon! 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.

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

ATHLETIC UPDATES

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY – As we get ready to move into spring sports, keep eligibility requirements in mind. In order for students to be eligible for athletics and extracurricular activities, students must have at least **an unweighted 2.0 grade point average for the semester** and must be in good behavioral and academic standing at CCHS.

BASEBALL GAME DAY SPONSORSHIPS- Our high school and middle school baseball teams are scheduled to play 2026 home games at the Shawnee Sports Complex. While the field usage cost of our home games is included in our field sponsorship, we are responsible for the field usage cost for our practice time on the field. **Please consider a Game Day Sponsorship**. A **$200 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.

WINTER SPORTS UPDATES— Winter sports are reaching the end of the season if they have not already done so. It has been an exciting season thanks to the efforts of the student athletes and coaches.

Swimming- The swim team had a spectacular season! The girls' team placed fourth overall in the State Meet, led by Izzy Paulson who captured the state title in the 200 IM and 100 backstroke. Izzy Paulson, Harper Cutlip. Layla Carter and Lily Patnoe finished second in the 200 medley relay and 4th in the 200 freestyle relay. Harper Cutlip added key points with a 3rd-place finish in the 100 breaststroke and 6th in the 100 fly. On the boys' side, the Irish secured 6th place overall, fueled by Zach Lanning's state championships in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke, Owen Newell finished fifth in the 200 freestyle and as state runner up in the 500 freestyle. The 200 medley relay - Jonah Whiteaker, Zach Lanning, Owen Newell and Trey Cobourne finished 10th.

HS Basketball- Even with low numbers, the CCHS girls' basketball team has had an impressive season. As the reigning WVSSAC AA 2025 State Champions, they entered the season with pressure on their shoulders. Despite that, they hold a 13-9 record and have clinched the #1 spot in their region. Postseason play begins today, February 27, as they take on Poca High School. The boys' basketball team has faced a challenging schedule. They have picked up steam as the season progressed with a 16-6 record, going undefeated in the region. Senior Zaden Ranson recently joined the 1,000 point club on Senior Night. The last regular season game will be played Feb. 27th against Huntington St. Joe. Let's go, Irish!

MS Basketball- Both the boys and girls teams have shown tremendous growth this season. Both teams advanced to the County Tournament. The girls lost in the first round to South Charleston. The boys won their first round game and made it to the County Semi-Finals! It was an incredible turnaround this year with lots of potential that both teams will continue to build on in the future! The future is bright.

HS Cheer- The girls traveled to Disney World and competed with a strong performance in the national competition, but fell short of their goal. They had a great time and continue cheering on the girls and boys basketball teams from the sidelines. Thank you, Cheer!

Spring sports will be starting next week. If you are interested in joining one of the teams, please contact the coaches listed below for more information.

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Baseball: Will Bobinger- bobingwl@gmail.com
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Middle School
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Tennis: Sid Gillis and Lisa Hunter- sidgillis@aol.com, cshwarner@gmail.com
Track: Hilton Ingraham- hiltoningraham@ymail.com
Golf: Keisha Butler- keshia.m.a.butler@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS

- to senior Mateo Lao for being selected as Charleston Catholic's Aquinas Medal recipient, a recognition given to one student at each Catholic school in West Virginia recognizing faithful discipleship, academic excellence, leadership, and service.

- to seniors Kieran Moran and Mary Rushworth who were selected as Charleston Catholic's St. Sebastian Medal winners. The award recognizes high achieving student athletes from each of the state's diocesan high schools who exhibit the qualities of sportsmanship, teamwork, academics, and a high respect for school, classmates, teammates, opponents, parish, and the community.
- to senior Ellie Hoblitzell who has been recognized as a National Merit Finalist! What an impressive achievement.
- to our Math Field Day students who represented Charleston Catholic at the Kanawha County Math Field Day Competition: sixth grader, Ian Alhamwi; seventh grader Madison LePort; eighth grader Nadia Cicenas; ninth graders Annerae Henson, Claire Hunter, and Kali Shawkey; tenth grader Nora Aliff; eleventh grader Jude Griffith; and twelfth graders Colin Bown, Luca DiCocco, and Ellie Hoblitzell. For the first time in a decade, **CCHS took home the first place school trophy**. The team had to cooperate on several team tests as well as score well individually to come out in the top school spot. Additional congrats to individual winners who will move on to compete at Regional Math Field Day on March 2nd. In the middle school, Ian Alhamwi took 3rd place in 6th grade, Madison LePort got 4th place in 7th grade, and Nadia Cicenas won 3rd place in 8th grade. In the high school competition individual winners were Luca DiCocco in 5th place, Colin Bown in 3rd, and Ellie Hoblitzell in 2nd place!
- to Ellie Hoblitzell and Charlotte Hoblitzell who will be representing the Girls Scout of the USA as delegates at the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York City.

SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE – I am hoping that we have seen the last of the winter weather, but only time will tell, so just in case, here's a brief reminder of the CCHS weather policy. **Remember that school closings and delays are texted through Parent Alert, are announced on the CCHS Facebook page, and are emailed through RenWeb.**

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 TV, V100, 96.1, and WKAZ. The CCHS Facebook page will be updated, an email will be sent, and a Parent Alert text will be sent. **IF THE DAY WILL BE REMOTE LEARNING OR E-DAY, THAT INFORMATION 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 2 hours after the normal start time. The school day will start 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.**

MANY THANKS

- to Dianna and Bob Hypes for treating students and faculty and staff to pizza on our Wear Red for Bobby Day. On Friday, February 13, Mr. and Mrs. Hypes bought pizza in memory of their son Bobby, a member of the Class of 2008 who died of heart disease in his sophomore year of high school. Thanks also to the students and faculty for wearing their red and making a $2 donation to the Bobby Hypes Scholarship. The Scholarship is presented at the 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony each year to a rising 9th grader who shares some of Bobby's personality traits- kindness, determination, and optimism. Mr. and Mrs. Hypes' ongoing commitment to CCHS helps us keep Bobby's important legacy alive.
-to all who supported our Catholic Schools Week project with their generous hearts! Please note the list of items we collected during the week- wow! We also collected $777 for the Maddox Potter Foundation! We couldn't have done it without the help of many volunteers. Thank you to our project chair, Erin Ryan, and to volunteers Lara Bissett, Kristi Fidler, Kristen Moody, Ed Ryan, and Danielle Wade. Thanks to Rodney LeGrand for his IT support and to our 8th

grade students and teachers for their assistance. Your donations supported the work of these very important agencies in our community.

Manna Meal	**2nd Ave. After School Program**	**Covenant House Food Pantry**	**Risen Lord Pantry**	**Gabriel Project**
70 jars of peanut butter	160 canned goods	27 bottles of syrup	132 cans of soup	28 diaper creams
39 jars of jelly	48 jars of applesauce	41 boxes of pancake mix	120 cans of vegetables	64 packages of wipes
46 boxes of oatmeal	61 boxes of mac & cheese	25 boxes of rice	106 jars of peanut butter	68 packages of diapers
30 boxes of Hamburger Helper	54 packages of snacks	63 cans of meat	58 boxes of rice	64 packages of wipes
62 cans of fruit		44 cans of corn	44 boxes of cereal	18 baby lotions
76 cans of vegetables		43 snack packages	32 cans of fruit	39 bottles of shampoo
43 boxes of cereal		64 boxes of pasta	109 cans of meat	44 clothing items
83 cans of tuna		16 boxes of cereal	19 boxes of crackers	
		19 cans of milk	46 bags of dried beans	
			112 miscellaneous food products	

CALENDAR FOR 2025-26

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.

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
Sat., May 16	prom
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