March 27, 2026

INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

One of my favorite parts of the day is standing at the door between 7:45 and 7:57ish (when I head to the office to start morning prayer and announcements). I value that time to get a glimpse of the students as we start the day. You can only imagine the things I see and the information I glean from those moments in the morning—from the sixth and seventh graders who cannot wait to get up to their lockers and hallways and who bustle by me as soon as I open the door-- without as much as a passing glance in my direction- to the juniors and seniors who make eye contact, smile, and greet me by name every morning. It gives me the opportunity to identify if anyone seems sad, tired, or sick so we know to check up later or keep an eye on them. There are also those moments of purposeful eye contact when a student looks me in the eye to make a point about a conversation we have had, whether about improving behavior in class, getting to school on time, or treating others with kindness. When they seek eye contact with me, I know my message has landed, and they were listening.

This morning while I was greeting the students, I was feeling tired and a little wrapped up in my own head about all that I hoped to accomplish over the course of the day. My spirits were lifted, though, when one of the young people greeted me with a "Good morning. Happy Friday." After I replied to him, he followed up with, "Let's make it the best day yet." Wow. That was what I needed to hear. I smiled and agreed with him. Then, I shifted my approach to the day and jumped in, ready to get things done.

This quick interaction reminded me of the power we have to impact others in so many ways. That young man's good attitude helped me turn mine around and face the day with much more optimism. I don't think we always recognize how important those quick smiles and friendly greetings can be to others. As we get into the craziness that comes with the spring, let's remember how to lift each other up and remember the power of the little things.

As we prepare to enter Holy Week, I wish you a blessed week and a joyful Easter!

Warmly,
Colleen Hoyer

CONDOLENCES– We express our sympathy to members of our school community and their families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Thomas Bailey's maternal grandfather. Please keep Thomas' family in your thoughts and prayers.

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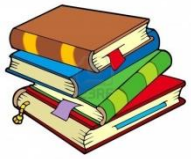
ACADEMIC UPDATES

THIRD QUARTER REPORT CARDS ARE IN THE MAIL– When you receive report cards, please take some time to review the grades and teacher comments with your children. Highlight the successes from the quarter, and identify any areas for improvement in the final quarter. Talk about ways they can finish the year strong. It can be hard to stay focused in the fourth quarter, but we will keep working until the end. Learning takes work, and it is important work! Please encourage your children to put forth the effort necessary to achieve their personal best.



SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – With the beginning of the fourth quarter this week, we are now halfway through the second semester. Spring exams will be here in no time! All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. Students who miss semester exams for reasons other than illness (who will be given the opportunity to make up the exams) will receive an F for those examinations. Just a reminder regarding the **seniors- only exam exemption policy**: Seniors may be exempt from second semester exams if: 1) the course is a two-semester course; 2) the teacher chooses to allow exam exemptions; 3) third and fourth quarter grades average to at least a 90; **4) fine arts requirements were 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

TUITION AND CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2026-27

TUITION INVOICES FOR 2026-27— and loan information will be mailed in mid-April. Tuition loans will once again be available through Peoples Bank. If you choose to use a bank loan, school fees may be included in the loan amount or may be paid separately. To operate in a fiscally responsible manner, tuition increases for 2026-27 will be required and 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 eligibility will expand next year to be available to all families who would like to use it. 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. 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 payment in full is due June 15** (late charge assessed at $1.00 per day after June 15) and **fee payment is due by the August registration date** (students will not be allowed to pick up their schedules until registration fees are paid). More details will be included in the tuition packet mailed in April.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE-– For the thirty-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.** 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 are now open. 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 the 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 IS NOW OPEN**. You can now visit the Hope Scholarship website to create an account and begin your application. The application window for full funding closes on June 15, 2026.

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

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2026-2027 – Applications for all grade levels are now available online (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Applications will be completed and submitted online. Detailed instructions are available on the CCHS website. Please refer prospective families to the website!

SCHEDULING FORMS- Students will receive forms with course options and details about course placement on Tuesday, March 31. Please take time to review the options with them and carefully consider the appropriate placement for your child (ren). Requirements for certain advanced honors and Advanced Placement courses are on the back of the scheduling form. Please note those requirements as you discuss options with your children. Course placement is dependent on a variety of factors beyond student desires, including academic achievement, classroom behavior, demonstrated work ethic, and standardized test scores, among others. Additionally, course offerings are determined by faculty availability and student interest. Course requests will be reviewed and placements determined over the next several months. Students will receive their schedules at registration in August.

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

1.) If you child has had recent shots, please send CCHS a copy of the new health records. All rising **7th graders** are required to have a Tdap booster and first meningococcal vaccine before they enter school in August. **Rising 12th** graders are required to have the second dose of the meningococcal vaccine before they enter school in August. **Once your child has these vaccines, an updated immunization record must be submitted to Mrs. France.**
2.) Reminder - Mrs. Aubel and Mrs. Sporck handle college visit requests. Students should get the forms and return the completed forms at least 2 days before the trip. **Seniors are allowed 2 college visit days; juniors are allowed 2 college visit days. College visits must be made before May 1.**
3.) SAT and ACT testing and registration information is available online at --www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org (CCHS code: 490-205).
4.) Juniors should visit colleges during spring break and/or over the upcoming months. Schools want to see student interest even before you apply. When you visit schools in-person, be sure to pick up literature, talk to the West

Virginia specific admissions personnel, talk to students, look at dorms and classrooms, try the food, meet professors, and ask "Does this atmosphere suit me?" Remember it is just as important to learn the things you don't like about a school as the things you like about a school.

5.) **Juniors--mark your calendars!** On April 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. They will be dismissed from school following the completion of the test.

SENIOR PARENTS - Herff Jones graduation orders are starting to come in. Many have shipped and are on the way. That includes caps, gowns, tassels, and more. If you have any problems with your order or have any questions please contact Mrs. Sporck.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOLF TOURNAMENT—Join us for the Irish Classic Golf Tournament to support the CCHS Athletic Department at Little Creek Golf Club on May 4. Tee-off times start at 10 a.m. with registration opening at 8 a.m. Hole sponsors are needed at the $200 level. We also need food sponsors for $1,000. Team entries are $400 a team. For more sponsorship information or to register to golf, contact Jacob Nelson at Jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

HANDBOOOK REMINDERS

UNIFORM SHORTS- The time for uniform shorts is almost upon us (beginning April 15). Please take a few moments to review the handbook guidelines for uniform shorts. Navy blue twill shorts must be no higher than 2 inches above the knee. Shorts must not have any visible labeling or rivets. Uniform shorts are not cargo style. Shorts must be worn at the waist and be of modest fit. Shorts must not be faded. Students wearing worn, faded shorts will be considered out of uniform. Shorts are worn from the beginning of the school year until October 15 and beginning April 15 until the end of the school year.

HONOR CODE - Basic Christian values call each student to use his/her God-given gifts and talents and to do so honestly. As a learning community, Charleston Catholic is committed to the development of personal honor and integrity in all its members. Every student is expected to be a person of honor whose academic accomplishments are a result of his/her own efforts, and who admits guilt when confronted with an honor violation of which he/she is guilty and who accepts maturely his/her correction or discipline. **The most serious violations** of our standard of academic honesty include: theft and/or distribution of a test, and theft of or tampering with a teacher's grade book or teachers' manuals. Such violations may result in a student's suspension, expulsion, and/or other disciplinary actions.

Artificial intelligence, AI, is an ever-changing and constantly evolving tool. As with all things, along with benefits, AI also presents challenges if misused. Teachers have the authority to determine how AI is used in their classrooms. Using AI to write all or part of an assignment or to replace a student's original thoughts and work is considered academic dishonesty and will result in consequences. Students should check with their teachers if they have questions about if they are permitted to use AI on a particular assignment.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

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

CCHS DAY OF GIVING— Charleston Catholic will once again be participating in the Diocese's annual Catholic Schools' giving day, **One Mission One Day to Make a Difference**, on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**. Our goal is to raise $25,000 to replace the flooring and upgrade the lighting to LED in the Commons. The current carpet was put in when I began as principal and it has weathered many adventures (and a few lunch spills!) over the last twelve years. It's time for a refresh! Additional details regarding the fundraising will be shared in the next few weeks. Please mark your calendars now and consider how you may be able to support our fundraising efforts.

HOPE 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. Donations by check can be mailed to the school office.** Checks are to be **made payable to Charleston Catholic - please note "Donation to HOPE 2026" on the memo line.** A **slideshow of our 2025 HOPE experience** is posted on our school website.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

1.) The 10th grade retreat will be on April 27th. The West Virginia Institute of Spirituality led by Sister Molly Maloney will host the sophomores for their retreat. It will be a thoughtful day reflecting on the Beatitudes. Sophomores should be dropped off at the parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church (1600 Kanawha Blvd.) at 8:30 a.m. and picked up at the same location at 2:25 p.m. Lunch is provided. Sophomores should dress comfortably according to casual dress guidelines. Students may wear jeans, sweatpants, or athletic pants but not leggings.

2.) The freshmen retreat will be at Camp Virgil Tate on Friday, May 8th. Parent drivers are needed. If you are able to help drive students from CCHS to and from Camp Virgil Tate, please email Molly Linehan Belcher: molly.linehan@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

3.) Many students collected money for Catholic Relief Services using the Rice Bowl program. Anyone with Rice Bowls at home should bring the money they collected to CCHS by Friday, April 17th.

4.) In order to be exempt from exams, seniors must complete their community service requirement by Friday, April 24th. All seniors must have their 30 hours (at least 15 hours serving the poor and vulnerable) completed in order to graduate. For grades 6-11, all service hours are due by May 15th.

5.) HOPE T-shirt Day will be on April 30th. Orders for HOPE T-shirts may be made in theology class or online. On HOPE t shirt day *only this year's HOPE shirt may be worn*. The shirt sale is an important fundraiser toward the $25,000 that we need to repair several homes in southern Wayne and Mingo Counties and make them warmer, safer and drier. Your purchase of a shirt helps us reach our goal.

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 fleece, the heavier weight grey jacket and a lighter weight black jacket,), 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/ katie.feola@gmail.com) for white polos. Items from the March order have an estimated delivery date of April 17. OFFICIAL UNIFORM POLOS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH PVA. Please note that students who are members of athletic teams and academic competition teams are permitted to wear an official CCHS kelly green polo shirt with khaki pants to school on designated dates – normally home games and post-season games designated by the principal.

2.) **Cafeteria volunteers**– Many thanks to those of you who volunteered to help in the cafeteria. Please be sure you report for duty on the days you are scheduled. 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 contacted her. Please indicate in your email if it has been more than two years since you took your food handlers course.

3.) **Parent involvement** is a vital component of the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Working gates and concession stands, being supportive of the players and coaches, and attending games are important pieces. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams in a variety of ways. Please help how you can and support the Irish!

4.) **Athletic family passes** are available through the PVA. As the spring season gets underway, it may be time to invest in a pass! These passes are good for immediate family members only (not cousins, in-laws, ex-in-laws, grandparents, fiancées, etc.) to attend CCHS home games. The passes do not cover away games, tournaments played at home, or any SSAC tournaments. Cost is $175 for all home middle school games only, $200 for all home high school games only, and $250 for all home games (both levels). A $100 student or senior citizen pass for all home games is also available. Please contact Susan Jarvis (304-552-7831 or sjarvis0508@gmail.com) if you have questions about these passes.

5.) **PVA volunteer forms** are still being accepted. Our entire school community benefits from parent involvement! The Parent Registration Packet is available on the CCHS website.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ATTENTION FRESHMAN PARENTS:

The ninth grade class will continue the tradition of hosting the **Baccalaureate Reception** for this year's graduating seniors and their families on **Thursday, May 21, 2026**.

This special event requires significant planning and support from all freshman parents. We are asking for **voluntary monetary donations and volunteers** from the ninth grade families to help provide an unforgettable evening for our seniors.

For more information, please contact:

Malena Scalise – 304-546-0897

Crystal Smarr – 304-552-5159

A special thank you to everyone who has already contributed their **time and generosity**!

ATTENTION: SOPHOMORE PARENTS – Hosting Project Graduation is the tenth grade parent project. It is an all-night lock-in aimed at giving the graduating class a safe and fun place to celebrate with their classmates and the junior class one last time. Project Graduation is a longstanding and beloved Charleston Catholic tradition. This year it is scheduled to be at the Charleston YMCA on Friday, May 22, 2026, from 10:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. We are so appreciative of those who have already provided a gift, a donation, or offered to help in some other way with Project Graduation! One of the traditions of Project Graduation is to provide each graduating senior with a prize. There are 54 graduating seniors this year and we are appreciative of anyone who has already purchased something from

Amazon, but we are still in need of additional prizes or monetary donations. The seniors responded to a survey seeking information on the type of gifts they would like and the Amazon Wish List was based upon the survey results. Please use the following link https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11HOK0N5A1109?ref_=wl_share to shop for Project Graduation. The link can be cut and pasted into your browser if the link does not work. Use of the Amazon Wish List is completely voluntary. Please use your discretion on purchases, including item brand and price. If you choose to purchase items from the Amazon Wish List, the items will be mailed to the home of Jessica Duffield. Thus, while not mandatory, this is a super easy way to contribute. If you would like to order gifts or prizes from any other store, you are welcome to do so and please contact Emilie Love or Jessica Duffield to make arrangements for drop-off. In addition, if you are aware of a business that might like to contribute to Project Graduation, please contact Emilie Love or Jessica Duffield.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation or help by offering your time, either would be greatly appreciated. Project Graduation is a sizable initiative the students enjoy, but it does require a lot of helping hands. We have created a Sign-Up Genius to help manage specific tasks along with shift volunteers during the event. Please take a look at the link below and see what works with your schedule. This list will be evolving as we get closer to graduation so be on the lookout for notification of updates.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B49A5AE2AA3FF2-63192830-project

We are so looking forward to celebrating our wonderful graduating seniors. It can't happen without all of you!

ATHLETIC UPDATES

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

WINTER SPORTS WRAP UP—

High School Girls Basketball- The Lady Irish had another incredible season and made the State Tournament for the sixth straight season—this time they lost a close game in the first round of the tournament. Congratulations to Mary Rushworth who was named to the 1st Team All State and to Nora Aliff who was named 2nd Team All State and 2nd Team captain!

High School Boys Basketball- The boys' team had a great season with a lot of exciting wins! Unfortunately their season ended in the Regional Finals. All State selections will be announced next week

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.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

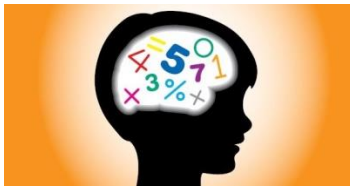
VIRTUS – Be sure you're able to help! All parents or other adults who volunteer, coach, drive students, chaperone, etc., are required by the Diocese to complete the diocesan sexual abuse awareness training before being allowed to work with our students. Training is available online or at sessions periodically scheduled. To begin, visit the VirtusOnline.org and choose the online option. Allow 1- 1½ hours to complete the program. In addition to the training, employees and volunteers are required to complete a background check and sign off on the Policy 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.

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.



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!

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

CONGRATULATIONS

- and good luck to sixth grader Ian Alhamwi as he competes in WV State Math Field Day on April 18 at WV Wesleyan College!
- to the following Latin students for their achievement on the Maier Latin Sight Translation exam: Hallie Caponiti- Level 1, Honorable Mention; Alexandra Greco- Level 2, Second Place; Charlotte Hayes- Level 3, Honorable Mention; Izzy Paulson- Level 4, Third Place. The students will be recognized in an awards ceremony at Marshall University in April.
- to the High School Science Olympiad Teams that competed in the State Science Olympiad Tournament at Marshall on March 7. The two CCHS teams brought home medals in eleven competition categories (nearly double the past record of six). For team green, Abigail Dotson and Hannah Vriendt won bronze medals in Anatomy and Physiology, silver medals in Disease Detectives, and gold medals in Forensics (their third year placing in this category). Abigail also won a bronze medal with Callie Bumgarner in Entomology. Alistair Gould and Sabian Rashid won bronze medals in Chem Lab, and Charlotte Hayes won a gold medal in Dynamic Planet. Henry Adams won a Bronze Medal in Experimental Design with Luke Passmore and a silver medal in Remote Sensing with Teddy Passmore. Other members of this team were Luca DiCocco, Cameron Lusk, Mira Bali, and Katelyn Hentschel. CCHS team white team members were Peyton Johnstone, Harry Salutillo, Elle Cicenas, Nora Aliff, Lauren Chapman, London Schwirian who won a bronze medal in Disease Detectives, Bailee King who won a bronze medal in Disease Detectives and a silver medal in Designer Genes, and Patrick Kirby and Stella Bailey who both won silver medals in Forensics. And special thanks to Mr. Jones for helping support the team during practices and the tournament itself. The team will start preparing for next year's tournament in September! All high school students are welcome to participate. See Mrs. Arnold for more information.

MANY THANKS

- to Sarah Rahin, CCHS Class of 2024, for speaking to Anatomy and Physiology students about the Immunology and Medical Microbiology and MAP to MD programs at WVU.
- to Dr. Rosalynn Quiñones from Marshall University Chemistry Department for her science seminar March 16 entitled "The Role of Chemistry in Solving Forensic Problems." Sixty-four high school science students attended her talk.
- to recent guest speakers in our junior theology classes: Mr. Paul Sheridan who spoke on Civil Rights in West Virginia; to Mrs. Debra Sullivan who spoke about "Being Charleston Catholic" and what it means to receive an education at this school; and to Mr. Tim DiPiero for speaking on Law and Forgiveness.
- to all who came out to support the 2026 HOPE trip through the Spaghetti Dinner. A special thank you to Ms. Kaitlin Chinn, Mrs. Cheryl DiPiero, Mr. Jesse Belcher and Mrs. Nancy McLaughlin, for their cooking, hosting and making the dinner run so smoothly!
- to Kirsten Mork and the PVA for organizing our King Cake feast for Mardi Gras Day and to all who contributed a King Cake to the celebration. They are part of a much loved tradition! Thanks for helping make it happen!
- to the seventh grade parents and teachers who served as drivers and chaperones during the seventh grade retreat as we emphasize the importance of being servant leaders who are engaged in our community. Thanks for your help!

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.

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