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Dear parents and students:

We're entering the homestretch of the school year. For the younger kids, it's a countdown until summer vacation, no homework, and no alarm clock. For the seniors, it's a bit more poignant as they prepare to move on from Charleston Catholic and set out on a new adventure. Either way, there's a lot of emotion wrapped up in these next few weeks.

Let's encourage all of our young people to enjoy these moments and to make the most of them. Let's make sure they know how much they are loved.

Please continue to pray for Jayce and his family. Help them feel surrounded by the love of the CCHS community.

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: high school science teacher Amy Arnold's mother in law. Please keep the Arnold family in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

PROGRESS REPORTS – for the fourth quarter will be emailed over the weekend. Warm weather and spring activities can make it challenging to stay focused on schoolwork. Please emphasize the importance of committing to schoolwork until the end of the school year. Encourage your children to put forth the required effort. If students let up in their efforts, the good grades at progress report time may not necessarily equate to good grades at the quarter or semester – and vice versa! Also, keep in mind that second semester grades directly impact a student's athletic eligibility for fall and winter sports, i.e., **an unweighted second semester (not cumulative!) 2.0 is required**.

SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Students will be taking their exams in one month! Exams are an important learning experience for students, and they will need to prepare diligently. 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%; and 4**) fine arts requirements must have been 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

SCHEDULING CLASSES – The scheduling process for the upcoming school year is underway. Course request forms were due in the **office on Monday, April 20.** We will work on schedules throughout the summer up until registration in August. The process involves analyzing students' and parents' requests in addition to other pieces of the puzzle: standardized test scores; grades; teacher recommendations including information about each student's work ethic; class offerings; and so on. Significant time is spent in efforts to place students in appropriate courses. **If a student needs a tutor in any class or does not enjoy a particular subject, aspiring to Advanced Placement or advanced honors courses is a misplaced concentration of effort. Success in advanced honors/Advanced Placement courses in any subject is predicated on the understanding that the students in these classes enjoy the subject matter, enjoy putting forth the extra effort needed in these classes, and have a natural affinity for these courses. All CCHS courses are taught at the college preparatory level at the very least.** Encourage your children to do their best, using every ounce of their God-given abilities.

2026-27 TUITION, CALENDAR, AND TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

NEW STUDENTS - 2026-2027-- The Admissions Committee is still accepting applications for the 2026-27 school year. If you have other children or are asked by non-CCHS families about the school, please refer them to the school website where they can find applications for all grade levels (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Admissions questions can be directed to Mrs. Meredith Aubel, Academic Advisor, by calling the school office at 304-342-8415.

TUITION INFORMATION FOR 2026-27— including invoices, payment options, and loan information from Peoples Bank was mailed upon our return from Easter Break. The tuition invoice includes the general and class fees as well. **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). Please call Sherry Shindle at 304-342-8415 if you have not received your invoice or if you have questions.

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 was 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. Applications are now open. **The deadline for Phase 1 was 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. There are no exceptions.**

TEXTBOOK PROCEDURES 2026-2027

You are encouraged to take advantage of CCHS book order forms distributed in May and ordered in June to have textbooks available for the start of school. All students will receive a book order form at school. Forms will also be available on the school website.

Middle School

Middle school students will receive order forms for required textbooks in May. These forms must be completed by parents and returned to school by noon on June 5. Textbooks ordered in June should be available for pick up during registration in August. **Parents may order these books on their own if they so choose; please refer to the correct ISBN number on the textbook order form.**

Math textbooks for 7th grade will be ordered at registration once placement is known. A textbook fee for middle school foreign language will be assessed during August registration and all middle school foreign language materials will be provided by the teacher.

High School

An order form for textbooks for core classes will be given to students and is due back in the office by noon on June 5. Textbooks ordered in June should be available for pickup at registration in August. **Parents may order these books on their own if they so choose; please refer to the correct ISBN number on the textbook order form.**
Electives and some placed courses must wait until August registration for schedules to be finalized.

Electives and Placement classes
High school students will order books for electives and placement classes once their schedule is known at August registration. **Parents may order these books on their own if they so choose; please refer to the correct ISBN number on the textbook order form which will be provided in August.**

AP Courses & Higher Level Math (Calculus AB, Calculus BC, PreCalc II/Calc A, Trig/Precalc, Math Functions, Economics, Human Geography, US Government, World History, US History, European History, Biology, Physics, Psychology, and Art History)

There is a **mandatory rental policy** for high school students in AP classes and higher level math. Students will rent their textbooks from the school, with a rental fee included in AP or class fees. All AP/Higher Level Math textbooks **must** come from the school.

English Novels
Parents may refer to a list that will be provided by the teacher next year for information about novels to be used in English classes during the school year and should order the novels required on their own. **CCHS will not order novels.** Please pay special attention to the details of the novels to be used when ordering (ISBN, printing number, edition, etc.). In some cases, these lists may not be complete and may be added to throughout the school year. Ample notification will be given in these cases.

FINALIZED CALENDAR FOR 2026-27 – The calendar for next year has been finalized. Please keep this 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

Wed., Aug. 12	High school registration
Thurs., Aug. 13	Middle school registration
Wed., Aug. 19	First day of school for students
Mon., Sept. 7	Labor Day- no school
Saturday, October 10	Homecoming
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

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

1.) If your child has had recent shots, please send CCHS a copy of new health records. All rising **7th graders** are required to have a Tdap booster and first meningococcal vaccine before they enter school in August. **Rising 12th** graders are required to have the second dose of the meningococcal vaccine before they enter school in August. **Once your child has these vaccines, an updated immunization record must be submitted to Mrs. France.**
2.) SAT and ACT testing and registration information is available online at --www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org (CCHS code: 490-205).

Senior End of year events

1. Monday, May 18
    - Last day of classes before final exams.
    - **Sacred Heart Grade School Walk-through, 11:00 a.m. -** Students will bring their gowns and stoles (not their caps) to parade through SHGS at 11:00. The parade will end in the SHGS gym where parents are welcome to come and take pictures.
    - **Senior Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. -** After the parade, around 11:30 a.m. students will move to the gathering space for their senior luncheon.
2. Tuesday, May 19
    - Senior Exams -schedule TBD
    - **Baccalaureate Rehearsal at Sacred Heart, 9:45 a.m. -11:00 a.m. -** rehearsal is mandatory for all graduates
3. Wednesday, May 20
    - Senior Exams - schedule TBD
    - **Graduation Rehearsal at the Athletic Facility, 1:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m. -** rehearsal is mandatory for all graduates
4. Thursday, May 21
    - **Senior Day of Reflection at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**
    - **Baccalaureate at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral, 7:00 p.m. -** graduates should arrive at the library NO LATER than 6:00 p.m. - there will be a group picture on the steps at First Presbyterian at 6:45. In the event of rain we will take a picture in the chapel.
5. Friday, May 22
    - **Graduation at the CCHS Athletic Facility, 8:00 p.m. -** graduates should be in the auxiliary courts by 7:00 p.m.
    - **Project Graduation at the YMCA, 10:00 p.m.**

HANDBOOOK REMINDERS

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT FORMS-- In order to secure drivers' licenses and permits, students are required to provide proof of school enrollment. These state-mandated forms are available in the school office. Students must request these forms from the school secretary **at least two days in advance. Forms are not issued during summer months.**

ATHLETICS -To participate in athletic events, students must be in school for the full school day on the day of the scheduled activity. If a student is late or absent for any part of the day on a game day, that student is not permitted to play that day. Students who are late the day following a game may lose their eligibility for the next game or practice.

This "full day" policy includes leaving school for appointments, so students need to avoid scheduling appointments during the school day. Students are also expected to be on time each morning following an athletic event. Students who have long standing medical appointments, family funerals to attend, or other similar instances may be excused at the discretion of the Assistant Principal for Operations. Additionally, students must be at school for the majority of the school day in order to be eligible for practice.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

1.) All community service hours must be completed, and the forms submitted to theology classes, by Friday, May 15th. After that date, service hours will be doubled and must be completed over the summer in order to register for classes in August.
2.) The Freshman Retreat will be at Camp Virgil Tate on Friday, May 8th. Parent drivers are needed. Freshmen will gather in the Commons at 8 a.m. Parent drivers with transport the students to Camp Virgil Tate where freshmen will spend a day together in friendship and communal spirit. 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.) On Thursday, May 21st, seniors will participate in our Senior Day of Reflection at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 305 E Street in South Charleston. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. That evening will be our Baccalaureate Mass at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

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**. This year exclusive gifts will be available for donors at specified levels! Please consider a gift to support CCHS as we strive to replace and upgrade the lights and flooring in the Commons. Our goal is $25,000. Please consider participating in this online giving event! Additional details will be shared this weekend.

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.

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. OFFICIAL UNIFORM POLOS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH PVA. Please note that students who are members of athletic teams and academic

competition teams are permitted to wear an official CCHS kelly green polo shirt with khaki pants to school on designated dates – normally home games and post-season games designated by the principal.

2.) **Cafeteria volunteers**– Many thanks to those of you who volunteered to help in the cafeteria. Please be sure you report for duty on the days you are scheduled and take notice of the weekly reminder emails as the lunch times may vary based upon mass schedules and alternate bell schedules. If there is a change in schedule, it will be noted in the reminder email. Some volunteers will need to renew their food handlers' cards. Megan Cutlip (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 important to the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Working gates and concession stands, being supportive of the players and coaches, and attending games are important pieces. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams in a variety of ways. Please help how you can and cheer on the Irish!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ATTENTION FRESHMAN PARENTS-- The 9th grade class is honored to continue the tradition of hosting the **Baccalaureate Reception** for this year's graduating seniors and their families on **Thursday, May 21, 2026**. This meaningful event celebrates our seniors and requires thoughtful planning and support. We are asking for **voluntary monetary donations** as well as **parent and student volunteers** to help create a memorable and beautiful evening. If you would like to contribute or get involved, please contact:
Malena Scalise – 304-546-0897
Crystal Smarr – 304-552-5159
Thank you to everyone who has already shared their time and generosity—we truly appreciate your support in making this event special for our seniors!

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

SPRING SPORTS UPDATE-

High School Tennis- The high school tennis teams are having an excellent season. They will be advancing to Regionals on Monday, May 4th. Good luck!

High School Baseball- The high school baseball team is currently ranked #2 in the State. They have been playing hard through a difficult schedule. Regionals start on May 18th. Good luck to the team!

High School Track- The high school track team is running well this season. Peter Basdekis and Bella Boggs each broke their own school records in the 1600 meter event. Regionals are on May 12th at Hoover and States will be on May 22nd and 23rd at Laidley Field. Good luck!

Middle School Sports- Our middle school teams are doing well. They are preparing for the County Tournaments on the horizon. The tennis and golf teams will participate in the tournament on May 12th. The baseball team is in a round robin consolation bracket. The track team participates in the County Tournament on May 19th at Hoover. Good luck to the Middle School Teams!

WINTER SPORTS WRAP UP—

High School Boys Basketball- Post-season recognitions have been announced. Congratulations to Zaden Ranson for making 1st Team All-State, 1st Team All Kanawha County, WVADA Scholar Athlete of the Year, and the Hardman Award. Congratulations to Wilkes Aliff for making 2nd Team All-State and 2nd Team All Kanawha County!

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

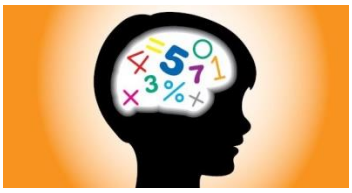
COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES REQUIREMENTS -- Remember, community service and fine arts activity forms must be submitted during the quarter in which the service was performed in order to receive credit. **Students who fail to meet their requirements during the school year must complete double the number of hours/events over the summer in order to re-enroll at CCHS.** Students should check with their theology teacher for questions about service hours and their English teacher for fine arts questions.

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 in the Library on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Just drop in, no appointments necessary! The final tutoring session of the year will be Tuesday, May 26. 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!

MODEL UNITED NATIONS—Next year, CCHS will welcome the addition of a Model United Nations (UN) club. Model UN is a competitive debate event where students gain public speaking and diplomacy skills and is the perfect entry into politics and law. Interested high school students should attend the interest meeting in early May. Listen to the announcements for more details. If you have questions, please talk to Ms. Cline or Luke and Teddy Passmore.

MANY THANKS

- to game day sponsors of high school and middle school baseball. Thank you so much for your support!
- to Mrs. Debra Sullivan for speaking with our junior class about the history of Charleston Catholic and what it means to be people who are concerned about others and the future of our communities.
- to Harmony Brown and Jaqui Ranson for helping chaperone our physics students as they experienced hands-on physics applications on their field trips.
- to everyone who attended the Irish Coffeehouse. It was a beautiful night filled with music, poetry, and art. Special thanks to Caffeine and Chaos, all our poetry readers, musicians/singers, artists, and all the faculty who helped make this event possible!
- to West Virginia Institute of Spirituality, Trinity Lutheran and B'nai Jacob Synagogue for hosting our Sophomore Retreat! In particular, we thank Sr. Molly Maloney, Sr. Cheryl Clemons, Rev. Randy Richardson, Rabbi Adam Berman, and Sara Busse for leading sessions for our students.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to sixth grader Ian Alhamwi for his participation in State Math Field Day! Ian finished in the top ten in the state! Fantastic!
- to the High School Quiz Bowl team on placing second in the regional WV Academic Showdown in March, Team members Abby Dotson, Hannah Vriendt, Owen Newell and Lia Duffield will be competing in the state Academic Showdown on May 1st.
- to junior Annie Blevins who received the Harvard Book Award which is given annually to a junior student in recognition of "excellence in scholarship and high character."
- to eighth grader Liam Harris who will be knighted later in June as a Knight of the Golden Horseshoe! Liam's efforts and preparation in West Virginia Studies has paid off! Well done!
- to Spanish students Bailee King, Ava Snyder, Katelyn Hentschel, Cadence White, and Joe Haynes who have earned the West Virginia Seal of Biliteracy for their proficiency in English and at least one additional language. Well done!

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.

Mon., May 4	Irish Classic Golf Tournament at Little Creek
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