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Dear parents and students,

This summer I had the opportunity to spend some wonderful downtime with my family. I treasure the moments spent with my husband and daughter and the chance to visit with family out of town who I don't see as often. We were able to travel, to relax, and to play cards together, easy time spent happily. Do I wish it was longer? Of course! But, I am so thankful for the opportunity.

I also read about gratitude and the impact it has on your brain and your health. Recent research shows that gratitude plays a positive role in mental health with associated physical benefits as well. Obviously, a logical relationship exists between gratitude and positive emotions. However, studies have shown that participants in gratitude interventions have fewer symptoms of anxiety and depression, in addition to experiencing greater well-being and feelings of positivity toward others. Beyond that, practicing gratitude can impact brain chemistry in ways that decrease stress, improve sleep, and alter one's outlook on life.

It's natural to always want more and to run comparisons between what we have versus what others have. But this can become problematic when it becomes the driving force and one overlooks all that we do have. I begin this year focusing on gratitude, being thankful and appreciative of all that Charleston Catholic brings to my life. I am thankful for each of our families and young people, for faculty and staff, and the vast CCHS community that surrounds us with love and support. I thank God for health and for His guidance, and I am excited to share this year with you.

Let's focus together on gratitude this year as we work to grow even stronger. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Warmly,
Colleen Hoyer

CONDOLENCES—We express our sympathy to our families who have lost a loved one recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Jesse Linehan Belcher's father/ Molly Linehan Belcher's father- in-law; Father Prakash Kerketta (school chaplain)'s brother. Please keep the Belcher and Kerketta families in your thoughts and prayers.

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WELCOMES and STAFFING CHANGES— This year we look forward to a few faces joining our faculty this year. Please introduce yourselves and welcome them to CCHS!

- Mark Nosiglia will join the high school science department teaching physical science and Algebra 2. Dr. Nosiglia earned his undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Illinois Wesleyan University and his PhD in Chemistry from Washington University. He was a postdoctoral research fellow at UNC Chapel Hill and then was the lead chemistry

researcher at UNC NC Pure, a program focused on purifying North Carolina's drinking water. Dr. Nosiglia found his way to West Virginia with his wife's job. He is eager to share his love of science with our high school students!

- We will welcome a new tenth grade theology teacher as Ms. Brown relocated out of state over the summer. Those plans are being finalized and will be shared with freshmen and sophomore families when they are complete.
- Mr. Jones has moved to high school chemistry and will be teaching the juniors this year.

We warmly welcome each of these individuals to the CCHS community and wish them much success in their new roles!

ACADEMIC UPDATES

PLEASE READ AND SAVE THIS NEWSLETTER–This newsletter is full of important information that you will need throughout the school year. Please save it and refer to it as questions arise. **Newsletters will be emailed to the address that you provide in RenWeb.** PLEASE CHECK YOUR DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN RENWEB TO BE SURE THAT IT IS ACCURATE. Newsletter hard copies will be available in the office, and you are welcome to stop by and pick one up if you prefer that format. Newsletters will be sent approximately every 5 weeks (at progress report and report card time!) and are also available on the CCHS website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org).

FORMS TO BE RETURNED –

1. Students will receive their handbooks (in the front of the assignment notebook) on the first day of school. The handbook should be read by students and parents, and the form should be signed and returned by **Friday, August 28**.
2. Off-campus lunch forms for tenth through twelfth graders will be distributed at registration**. Forms are due by 8 a.m. on Thursday, August 20.** Notes and/or phone calls from parents will NOT be accepted in lieu of the permission form.
3. **In-lieu of transportation forms are due to homeroom teachers by August 28.** Families living in Kanawha County who reside 2 or more miles from CCHS are eligible for a transportation reimbursement from Kanawha County Schools. Putnam County does the same. You are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this reimbursement.
4. **PVA forms** should be turned into the office within the first couple weeks of school. PVA volunteer forms and ALL ordering forms for white polos, green polos, and logo jackets will be available at registration and are on the website.
5. **Photo release and technology acceptable use policy forms** will be distributed at registration. They must be completed and returned by Friday, August 28.

SUMMER READING -- All CCHS students are required to read selections for their upcoming English classes as part of the school's summer reading program. Details about each book are on the CCHS website. Encourage your children to take notes or write summaries for each chapter so they will remember what they read! Tests will be given when students return to school– students should be prepared the first full day of school. Additional reading and writing activities involving the book(s) will occur during the first few weeks. **Reminder to students: Read the books! Start the school year successfully!**

SUMMER READING LIST:

Grade 12: **(both selections are required for all)** *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Isiguro and *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri (read the SHORT STORY "Interpreter of Maladies" within the collection)
Grade 11: **(both books are required)** *Into the Wild* by John Krakauer and *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
Grade 10: **(both books are required)** *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie and *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger
Grade 9: **(both books are required)** *The Odyssey* by Homer (Gareth Hinds edition- graphic novel) and *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
Grade 8: **(both books are required)** *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* by J.K. Rowling
Grade 7: **(both books are required)** *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson and *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling
Grade 6: **(both books are required)** *A Series of Unfortunate Events, Book 1: The Beginning* by Lemony Snicket and *Holes* by Louis Sachar

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS – The dedication of our students and teachers is evident and has been rewarded with a phenomenal showing on AP tests in May 2026. The success is a result of the challenging work that students and teachers put in throughout the school year in preparation for the annual AP exams in May. Test results are released each July and many of our students have seen their efforts rewarded with scores which earn them college credits.

Special congratulations to the following students who received the highest honors for their college-level achievements:

AP Scholars– Students who received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

Wilkes Aliff	Aidan Anton	Mira Bali	Adele Ball
Will Barton	Bella Boggs	Elaina Caldwell	Rocco Eates
Ilyauna Evans	Ella Green	Lillian Jackson	Kieran Moran
Owen Newell	Reagan Nichols	Annaleigh O'Neal	Zaden Ranson
Mary Rushworth	Garrett Saville	Olivia Staun	Haley Welder
Cadence White	Jonah Whiteaker	Bryce Wilkes	Vance Wriston

AP Scholars with Honor – Students who received an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Jacob Brown	Luca DiCocco	Dickinson Gould	Patrick Kirby
Cameron Lusk	Lily Patnoe	Julia Reehling	Cate Yianne

AP Scholars with Distinction – Students who received an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Stella Bailey	Peter Baskedis	Colin Bown	Callie Bumgarner
Ben Carew	Marissa Cormany	Abigail Dotson	Katherine Fox
Jude Griffith	Joseph Haynes	Hudson Hayslip	Katelyn Hentschel
Elli Hoblitzell	Jacob Kouki	Mateo Lao	Izzy Paulson
Ethan Settle	Sam Thompson	Hannah Vriendt	Alex Weber

RENWEB UPDATES -- Contact information for all families must be updated in the system in order to receive weekly academic progress reports. P lease login and update your demographic and medical information. **THIS MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ALL STUDENTS.** We need to have this information in case of an emergency. At registration, system log-in information will be provided for new parents.

SCIENCE BOOK CLUB- The High School Science Book Club reading selection for the fall semester is Rise of the Zombie Bugs: The Surprising Science of Parasitic Mind Control by Mindy Weisberger (2025). The club will meet once a month in small groups during lunch to discuss assigned readings from the book. Any interested high school student should join the Google Class by September 4 with the code **ku5g47o**. Advanced Honors Biology students are required to participate in Science Book Club and need to purchase their own physical copy of the book. Contact Mrs. Arnold if you have any questions.

QUIZ BOWL—There will be a meeting on Tuesday, September 1st from 3:00 to 3:50 pm in the biology classroom for any high school student interested in joining the Quiz Bowl team. All students are welcome, and the team is glad to work around sports seasons for students who are only able to participate part of the year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Arnold. You can also join the Google Class for Quiz Bowl with this code: **syyduj5** OR follow the quiz bowl team on Instagram @cchs.quizbowl.

SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY —Applications to join will be available at registration or you may get them from your science teacher. The society is open to juniors and seniors, and, in exceptional cases, sophomores may also apply. Applicants must have an overall unweighted GPA of 3.0 and a cumulative science class unweighted GPA of 3.5. There is a $15 fee for successful applicants to cover the cost of national membership, and applications will be due September 23. Returning members will also need to submit an application. Please contact Mrs. Arnold and follow the CCHS Science Department on Instagram @cchs.science.

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD —We are looking for team members for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested in engineering, chemistry, rockets, geology, ecology or any other science topic, you will have a chance to explore that interest as an Olympiad team member. There will be an informational meeting in September, and there is a $20 membership fee to cover the cost of participating in the state tournament and materials. Listen to the announcements or see Mrs. Arnold for more information.

SUPPLY LISTS FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL – Supply lists for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades are posted on the school website. Please check those out to find the supplies that are needed for each class. In the first few days of school, high school teachers will share supply lists that are specific to their courses.

SCHEDULING AND REGISTRATION

DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE-– 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. 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. **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- The deadline to apply for full funding from the Hope Scholarship was June 15. However, it is possible to receive 75% of the scholarship if you apply by September 15. Families who have been approved must login to their Hope Scholarship account and select the "My Applications" tab. From there, please select Charleston Catholic High School from the drop down box as the school your child will attend for the 2026-27 school year. This does NOT carry over from year to year. It must be done at the start of each school year. In the coming weeks, you will also have to login and select the option to pay Charleston Catholic. This will happen FOUR times this year as payment is quarterly. Your tuition is NOT paid until you complete this step each time. We will send a reminder with directions when it is time to login and take that step. Please do so in a timely manner. Thank you.

2026-27 REGISTRATION DAYS -- The following times have been set aside for students to pick up their schedules, have their yearbook photos taken, pay class fees, pick up/ place orders for textbooks, and pick up/buy uniform polos and jackets. Student schedules are completed during the summer months and will not be available until August registration days. **Schedules for each particular grade level will only be available during the times listed below,** so it is critical that parents and students adhere to the schedule listed. If families with more than one child would like to pick up schedules and so on for all their children at one time, they must come on Thursday, August 13, from 2:30 - 4 p.m. At all other times, schedules and other items for each grade level listed will be the only ones handled at particular time slots. There will be no exceptions.

Wednesday, August 12	9 - 10:30 a.m.: Seniors only
	10:30 – noon: Juniors only
	CLOSED NOON - 1 P.M.
	1 - 2:30 p.m.: Sophomores only
	2:30 - 4 p.m.: Freshmen only
Thursday, August 13	9 - 10:30 a.m.: 8th graders only
	10:30 – noon: 7th graders only
	CLOSED NOON - 1 P.M.
	1 - 2:30 p.m.: 6th graders only
	2:30 - 4 p.m.: Families with more than one student wishing to register all their children at one time; also, anyone unable to come at scheduled times

SCHOOL PICTURES -- PhotoGrafix is the official CCHS yearbook photographer. **Mike Hall will come to school ON REGISTRATION DAYS for official pictures for the yearbook for grades six through eleven. Students should come to registration prepared to have their yearbook picture taken.** Senior official yearbook photos (i.e., suit jacket, formal drape) will be taken during a school day in the fall. Seniors who want clothing changes and/or indoor/outdoor shots can call and make appointments (304-768-2000). For pricing info, go to www.wvphoto.com.

SCHEDULING CLASSES – Student schedules will be distributed during registration. Scheduling is an ongoing, detailed process that was started in the spring and is still ongoing. **In addition to analyzing students' and parents' requests, other pieces of the puzzle play an important role too: standardized test scores, grades, teacher recommendations including information about each student's work ethic and work completion, classroom behavior, teacher availability, class offerings, and so on.** The faculty and administration spend significant time to make sure that students are placed in appropriate courses. Please assume that the schedule your child receives is the best one possible! Students' placement in courses varies from year to year and subject to subject -- our students are not "tracked" within an inflexible framework. Each year, students' records are reviewed to ensure suitable placement in classes.

PLEASE NOTE: **If a student needs a tutor in any class or does not enjoy a particular subject, aspiring to Advanced Placement or advanced level courses is not a choice that makes sense for that student. 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 and are willing to put forth the extra effort needed in these classes, are appropriately prepared academically, 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 in their classes. It is far better for a student to be successful, productive, and comfortable in honors and college preparatory courses than to struggle unhappily and with modest success in advanced honors or Advanced Placement courses. **Students' schedules will not be changed after the first 2 weeks of school unless a change is initiated by a teacher.**

SEVENTH GRADE MATH PLACEMENT – Students' first differentiated academic experience occurs in seventh grade. Seventh graders study either Pre-Algebra or Algebra ½. The courses differ in pace, level of abstract versus concrete thinking required, and depth of material covered. Seventh graders enrolled in Algebra ½ are essentially skipping a math course. Students in this class must have exceptional math skills, expect and be capable of a big intellectual leap and extra work, and be committed to put forth extra effort. Faculty and staff work hard to ensure that all students are appropriately placed during their years at Charleston Catholic. Students are placed in 7thgrade math courses based on **their 6th grade math class achievement, 6th grade MAP Growth scores, placement test results, teacher recommendations and work ethic.** Students demonstrating appropriate ability and achievement in 6th grade math and in the measures listed above, as well as an advanced level of abstract thinking, are the only students who will be placed in Algebra ½ in the 7th grade**.** Students will learn their math placement when they pick up their schedules at registration.

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

TEXTBOOK PROCEDURES 2026-2027

There are no new textbook adoptions for 2026-2027 school year. Book order forms are also available on the school website.

Middle School

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.**

Please note that the Theology, Science, and English consumable textbooks used in middle school are included in your fees. 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 for eighth graders, and all middle school foreign language materials will be provided by the teacher. Seventh graders will have an exploratory fee that is assessed at registration.

High School

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.

Core Classes: English 9 Honors, Theology 9, Health, Physical Science Honors & Advanced Honors, English 10 Honors & Advanced Honors, Theology 10, Physical Education, English 11 Honors, English 11 AP, Theology 11, US History 20/21st Honors, English 12 Honors & AP, Theology 12

Geometry and Algebra 2 use the same book across all classes and these can be ordered in June.

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, Statistics, 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.

LUNCH UPDATES AND REMINDERS

LUNCH TIME –Thursday, August 20, marks the first full-day of school and the opening of our food service program. We are very blessed with a talented and devoted cafeteria staff who provide our students with delicious and healthy lunches every day. Menus will be posted on the CCHS website. CCHS has three separate lunches: sixth grade lunch, seventh-eighth grade lunch, and high school lunch. Grades 6-9 must eat lunch in the Commons. Students in grades 10 - 12 may go off-campus for lunch if they have permission from the school and have submitted their parents' permission on the official school form. In order for students to go off-campus for lunch beginning Thursday, August 20, their permission forms must be returned to homeroom teachers by 8 a.m. that morning. **Notes/phone calls from parents will NOT be accepted for off-campus lunch privileges.** Off-campus lunch is a privilege and will be rescinded for students who arrive late to school, are late after lunch, display unsafe driving practices at lunch time, or who are being disciplined for other reasons. Parents may also withdraw their children's off-campus lunch privileges at any time during the school year by notifying Mr. Villers.

LUNCH PROGRAM–We continue to make adjustments to our school lunch program, hoping to encourage students to follow the healthful eating practices established in their homes. If you have suggestions, please share them with us. The school lunch program offers a variety of foods -- salads, sandwiches, microwavable items, fruit, cereal, etc. -- on a daily basis in addition to a rotating menu. We do not sell sodas – our drink selection includes water, flavored water, Powerade Zero and juice. Students are certainly encouraged to bring bag lunches from home. Middle school students have a snack time during the course of the day at which time they may eat snacks brought from home. **Students are not permitted to have food deliveries (e.g., pizza, fast food) made to the school.** The average cost of a sandwich, drink, and chips is $7.00. Prices will be adjusted throughout the school year to reflect the changes in market prices. If you have questions about the food program, please contact Mr. Villers.

PAYMENT SYSTEM- We will continue using Meal Magic as our provider for school electronic lunch payments. You will be able to deposit money online or through the office. We will send a separate email with additional information on how to sign up for Meal Magic before the start of school. Please be on the lookout for those details!

DROP OFF/ PICK UP PROCEDURES

Please follow the procedures outlined below. These guidelines have been developed over many years to work efficiently and effectively and to follow all city traffic guidelines. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Since anything can happen on our highways, families need to allow extra time to get their children to school on time. **Remember, late is late -- we do not have "excused tardies."** We appreciate parent phone calls to inform us when you are running late. **However, a phone call does not excuse the tardy.** We understand that traffic, oversleeping, etc., sometimes happen, but students will be expected to accept the consequences of a morning tardy. Any student arriving late to school will serve lunch detention that day. Repetitive first period tardies will result in additional consequences. With school traffic converging in a small area downtown, everyone needs to ensure the safety of our preschool, elementary, middle, and high school students and to help build positive community support for our schools (i.e., we don't want to disrupt more than necessary the lives of those who live or work in the downtown area). Between CCHS and Sacred Heart Grade School, we have over 700 students, so everyone needs to help.

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

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

3) Students of middle and high school age should be responsible enough to follow traffic directional signals. Therefore, in order to help avoid congestion, **it is recommended that students be dropped off/picked up at least a block away from CCHS (but not in the Sacred Heart Grade School area!).**

4) **The main Virginia Street doors will be the only CCHS entrance used for morning arrival for students between 7:45 and 8:00. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN STUDENT ENTRANCE**. T**he main door on Virginia Street will be only door used for entrances for all students and visitors.** All other doors are locked, preventing entrance and contributing to the security of our building.

5) **Students must cross at the corner (Virginia and Leon Sullivan or Virginia and Dunbar) at all times of day (morning, lunch, and dismissal).**

6) **Students are dismissed from class at 2:45 p.m.** Therefore, there is no need to arrive in the area before that time (again, NO STOPPING ON VIRGINIA STREET IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL!). At the end of the day, many students chat with friends, meet with teachers, take care of business in the office or bookstore, etc., thus exiting the building by 3 p.m. Make sure your children know where and when you'll meet them.

7) **During AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP ONLY,** the Charleston Traffic Division has agreed that **parents may pull to the curb and wait for their children on Leon Sullivan Way on the First Presbyterian side (left side) of the street.** This is for pick-up only and parents must remain in their vehicles. **STUDENTS MUST CROSS AT THE CORNER.** If you need to run into the school or leave your car for any reason, please find a parking meter. This lane is used by First Presbyterian at other times during the day and must be kept clear of vehicles. According to the

Charleston Traffic Division, even with cars waiting along the left curb in front of First Presbyterian and with cars parked along the right at meters, there is still room for two lanes of moving traffic in between.

8) **NO DOUBLE PARKING!**

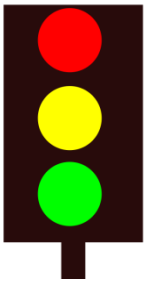
9) DURING AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP, students may wait on the sidewalks around the school. Students are expected to refrain from horseplay, act responsibly and safely, and behave in ways that reflect positively on them, their families, and the school.

10) Additionally, First Presbyterian **graciously** allows students to wait on the steps in front of the church during after school pick-up. Our students must be good neighbors and support the Church's wishes while waiting on First Presbyterian property (i.e., sidewalks on Virginia Street and Leon Sullivan Way, church steps, grassy areas, stone wall, etc.). On Virginia Street, students MAY NOT stand or sit on the grass or on the sidewalk between the corner of Virginia Street and Leon Sullivan Way and the end of the church's property along Virginia Street. Students on First Presbyterian property must stay on the Virginia Street steps. Once again, students are expected to refrain from horseplay, act responsibly and safely, and behave in ways that reflect positively on them, their families, and the school.

11) Please set a good example for students by following these school rules as well as city traffic department rules.

12) **Teachers are assigned to after school traffic duty and remain there until 3:00 p.m. Teachers are there to help ensure students' safety. It is very difficult to monitor traffic and the actions of so many students and parents so it is imperative that each person upholds the expectations stated above. Please follow the teachers' directions. Don't put your children in a position in which they have to choose to follow a teacher's directive versus a parent's wishes.**

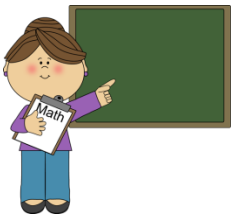
Students not following school expectations will be subject to school disciplinary action, including lunch detention and having to wait after school in the school office for parents.



STUDENT MORNING ENTRANCE--- The school building will open to students each morning when **Mrs. Hoyer opens the door and greets students at the MAIN VIRGINIA STREET DOORS at 7:45 a.m. Students will enter through the main stairwells to** the classroom floors, go to the bookstore or office, etc. The first bell rings at 7:55 a.m., and students are expected to be in their classrooms when the 8 a.m. bell rings to start morning prayer and announcements. Classes, announcements, and prayers end at 2:45 p.m. and students are expected to leave the building by 3 p.m., unless they are meeting with staff members, attending club meetings, etc. Students may exit the building using the closest exit to their locker, classroom, etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT— Back to School Night will be Wednesday, September 2, at 7 p.m. Please join us in the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart for an introduction and overview of the school year and the evening with Mrs. Hoyer. After remarks, parents will have the opportunity to visit their children's classes, meet the teachers, and hear all about the class expectations for the year. Then, everyone is invited to gather in the Commons for lemonade and cookies provided by the sixth grade families and the PVA.



SAVE THE DATE!—Join us for the Luck of the Irish Bingo on Saturday, September 19, from 6- 9 p.m. Details will be coming soon for this adult evening of food, drink, and fun in the Commons. Money raised through the event will be directed to the third floor roof replacement. Gather your friends and make plans to attend!

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

SUMMER MAINTENANCE PROJECTS— Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our maintenance and custodial staffs, it was another busy summer at CCHS! The building has undergone its annual deep clean with the floors being stripped and re-waxed. The gym floor was also refinished by Cincinnati Floor Co. There is a new beautiful green paint brightening up the main office. The boys' bathrooms on the third floor also were freshened up with new paint.

This week the new floor and lights will be installed in the Commons! The bathroom tiles and updates will be completed over the next month. Thank you again to the donors listed below who supported our fundraising efforts through One Mission One Day: Jill Harris, Robert Akers, Cathy Lin, Dara Aliff, Ben Sullivan, Michael Stump, Mark Ranson, Steve Ruby, MarilynDiVita, Ashley Shepler, Amy Burns, Calissa Laughton, Sara Busse, Lara Bissett, Johnna Jackson, Elizabeth Liberatore, Patti Ann Schoen, Laura Boone, Richard Knapp, Daniel R Richardson, Cynthia Adkins, Carrie Frame, Rodney LeGrand, Julia Noland, Dickinson Gould, Laura Hayes, John Caponiti, Lora Chambers, Vivian Basdekis, Courtney Wickert, Lemwel Delgra, Jayna Rae Jackson, Will Robinson, Gail Wickert, Laura Kimble, and Danielle and Alex Wade. A special thanks to the Wades who committed to helping us reach our $25,000 goal!

When you see our maintenance and custodial staff members, please thank them for all their hard work!

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

APPOINTMENTS – We strongly encourage you to make doctor's appointments after the school day so that students do not miss valuable instructional time. **Excessive absences from class, even for medical appointments, may impact a senior's eligibility for second semester exam exemption.** If your child must leave school for an appointment during the school day, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR EMAIL THE APPOINTMENT DETAILS TO THE SCHOOL at appointments@charlestoncatholic-crw.org by 8:30 a.m. The office will update this information in the daily report. If a student is being picked up by a parent/guardian, the parent will call the office upon their arrival, and the office staff will call to the student's class to dismiss them, or the parent may come in to the office to sign out the student. It is not necessary for a parent to come in to the building, if we have prior notification. You can call the office on arrival, and we will send out your student! If a student is checking him/herself out for an appointment, he/she will come to the office to sign out before leaving. All students will need to stop in the main office when they return after their appointments to sign in.

PE UNIFORMS – Order forms for PE uniforms for eighth and tenth graders taking PE will be available at registration. Sixth and seventh graders do not start PE until the later in the school year, so they will receive their order forms later in the fall. Orders that were placed in June can be picked up in the office at registration.

STUDENT DRIVERS – Please encourage your student drivers to be responsible and safe. As teenagers, it is tempting for them to show off for friends by speeding, driving around parking lots too quickly, ignoring pedestrians, putting too many people in their cars, changing lanes abruptly, speeding through yellow lights, texting while driving, and so on. Please discuss these dangerous behaviors with your student driver. Tragedies happen in an instant. If you see inappropriate or reckless driving by our students, please note the license plate and make of car and notify Mr. Villers.

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT FORMS -- for drivers' licenses and permits may be requested in the school office using the CCHS request form. It will take two school days for the forms to be completed by office staff.

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

In addition, 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, it will be required that 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.

STUDENT PARKING – Father Higgs has made parking spots available to our students in the lot on Virginia St. (beside the former West Virginia Junior College). In addition to the "pay by the day" option ($4.00/ day), a semester payment option is also available. The first semester cost will be $280 and the second semester cost is $350. Interested students can sign up for the semester option in the school office during registration.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION – We will continue to use our Parent Alert text system (a FACTS/Ren Web component) as a means of communication, in addition to the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org) and FACTS/ RenWeb email. **To be sure that we have accurate contact information for you, please review your family demographic information in RenWeb!** We will rely primarily on Parent Alert and RenWeb emails for official communications. Be on the lookout for these Parent Alert texts with important school updates (such as school closings or delays) including announcements/ reminders from the school office.

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

LOCKS ON LOCKERS – ALL LOCKERS MUST HAVE LOCKS PURCHASED FROM THE CCHS BOOKSTORE. Locks will be given to sixth graders the first week of school. Locks for grades 7-12 will be available for purchase during registration. Middle school students must keep their lockers locked. Students are discouraged from bringing valuables to school. The school will not be responsible for anything that is lost or stolen from a locker.

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

MEDICATIONS –When students need to take prescription medication at school, the medicine must be sent to the office with a doctor's order in a plastic zip-lock bag with the student's name clearly labeled. Also, any medications kept at school for various reasons – e.g., asthma, allergies, etc. – should be sent to the office in a bag with the doctor's order, and an allergy or other medical plan, if applicable. Over the counter medicine such as Advil, cough drops, etc. need to be in a plastic bag with student's name clearly marked and with specific information stating when such items should be dispensed. **Additionally, the appropriate diocesan form (available in the office) for any medications must be completed by the parent/ guardian.** At the end of the school year, we will ask your students to stop by the office and pick up their plastic bags with last year's supplies. Medications are not stored from one school year to the next.

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Dates to Remember

Senior Student Common Application Workshop: Friday, August 14th from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Seniors are invited to work on their Common Application in the library, with support available for any questions. We began the process in the spring, and this is a great opportunity to continue making progress.

1.) **Immunizations--** The health department asks all schools to keep students' immunization records up to date. 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 register for school in August.**
- **Rising 12th graders are required to have the second dose of the meningococcal vaccine before they register for school in August.**

Once your child has these vaccines, an updated immunization record must be submitted to Mrs. France in the office. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PICK UP SCHEDULES WITHOUT TURNING IN UPDATED RECORDS.

2.) **New students** (except those attending area Catholic elementary schools) must submit final report cards by registration and achievement test results to the office.

3.) **College representatives** will start visiting soon, and these meetings will typically take place during lunch. Dates and times will be available on the school calendar, and students will be reminded on the morning and afternoon announcements. All high school students should take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about different colleges. Colleges and universities want to see that students are interested in them!

4.) **SAT and ACT testing** and registration information and registration is available online at --www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org (CCHS code: 490-205). CCHS encourages students to take both the ACT and the SAT before the end of their junior year.

FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES REQUIREMENTS – Students who attended CCHS during the 2025-2026 school year were able to start fulfilling the upcoming year's fine arts/humanities requirements during the summer months. These activities must be submitted during the first quarter in order to receive credit. Sixth graders and other students new to CCHS in 2026-27 may not begin to work on these requirements until after the requirements are discussed in English classes in August.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

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. Shirts and jackets may be ordered at registration. There will be samples available to help with sizing. For questions, please contact Cynthia Hemphill-Reehling (803-242-5087) for jackets, Malena Scalise (304-546-0897) 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.) PVA dues were included in fees on the 2026-27 tuition invoice. In addition to buying materials to support the school's instructional program, this fee covers the major operational expenses of special student projects (e.g., Project Graduation, moving up reception, baccalaureate reception). As we progress with planning of these momentous events, we will also be requesting for your time, talent, creativity, and good cooking!
3.) Cafeteria volunteers are needed for the upcoming school year. Please contact Cindy Fernald (304-552-3968 or cindyfernald@aol.com) if you would like to be on the cafeteria schedule for October 2026 - May 2027. Some volunteers will need to renew their food handlers' cards. Cindy will give you information to do so once you have emailed her. Please indicate in your email if it has been more than two years since you took your food handlers course.
4.) Parent involvement is a critical component of the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Helping transport students to games and practices, working gates, being supportive of the players and coaches, and attending games are just a few ways that parents help. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams! Please check that your Virtus records and background checks are up to date by calling school and talking to Mrs. France. VIRTUS RECORDS MUST BE UP TO DATE IN ORDER TO VOLUNTEER AT ANY SCHOOL EVENT!
5.) Athletic family passes are available through the PVA. These passes are good for immediate family members only (not cousins, in-laws, ex-in-laws, grandparents, fiancées, etc.) to attend CCHS home games. The passes do not cover away games, tournaments played at home, homecoming games, or any SSAC tournaments. Cost is $175 for all home middle school games only, $200 for all home high school games only, and $250 for all home games (both levels). A $100 student or senior citizen pass for all home games is also available. Passes may be purchased during registration days at the PVA table. An order form for sports passes is also in the PVA Parent Registration Packet so you may order them later in the semester. Please contact Nikki Rohrig (276-614-4897) if you have questions about these passes.
6.) PVA packets including volunteer forms and all ordering forms for logo jackets, white polos, and green polos will be available at registration as well as on the school website (http://www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Forms should be submitted to the school office within the first few weeks of the school year.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

1.) Any summer service earned by returning 7th through 12th graders can be applied to the 2026-2027 school year. Completed forms for summer hours are due at the end of the first quarter and will not be accepted after that date. It is a good idea to complete the service activity forms (which can be found on the website) while the activity is fresh in your mind. Students in 6th grade or who are new to CCHS for the 2026-2027 school year may begin completing hours once the school year begins and expectations are reviewed in theology classes.
2.) Our 'Senior Retreat on the River' will be Sept. 3-4. Seniors meet at 7 a.m. on Thursday in the CCHS Commons. We travel by Adventures of the Gorge buses to the river and then spend most of the day rafting the lower New River. Once we leave the river, we travel by bus to Camp Virgil Tate where the class bonds over conversation, prayer and a bonfire. This retreat is memorable and sets the tone for senior year. Parent drivers are needed to transport students back to school on Friday afternoon. If you are able to help, please note on the permission slip or email Molly Linehan Belcher at molly.linehan@charlestoncatholic-crw.org. Thank you!

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

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

HOPE 2026 - Thank you to all who participated in HOPE 2026, and to everyone who donated funds to purchase building materials. During the week of June 14-19, 25 CCHS volunteers helped make the homes of a few of our WV neighbors warmer, safer and drier. We partnered with our friends at Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission in Wayne County for our annual summer service of home repair. And what a great week it was! After committing to a $25,000 donation, through the generosity of all who financially supported this year's project we were able to **contribute $36,000 to the purchase of the building materials for the construction of a new home** for a family who has been living in substandard housing for years. Two of our work teams helped with the blitz-build of their new modest size house, installing a metal roof, building interior walls, and installing exterior doors, windows, and siding. The balance of the construction will continue this summer with the family scheduled to move in by early fall. Two other teams combined to install a metal roof on an older home with a complicated roof design for a senior couple, taking care of the leaks which were compromising the lifespan of the house and the couple's quality of life. Each of the CCHS students did a tremendous job throughout a challenging but rewarding week. As one homeowner said toward the end of the week, **"You-all have some great kids! They worked so hard, did a great job and are so kind and respectful."** A few photos from the week can be viewed on the CCHS website. We look forward to next summer's HOPE for which we will begin planning this October. Thanks again to all who made this significant work of mercy possible this summer. **May we remember Pope Leo's challenge to "continually cultivate our love and deepest convictions through our concrete actions."**

CCHS HAS GONE GREENER - We are pleased to announce that **our goal to install a rooftop solar system at the high school has been achieved.** A contract with Solar Holler was signed by Bishop Brennan in Spring, 2025 and the installation of the 192 solar panels began on the first day of school last August. The electricians began their work in late October and creatively solved a variety of challenges in getting the system up and running. Following inspections by the City of Charleston and the State Fire Marshal's office, the system was approved and began generating power to contribute to the school's electrical usage on December 1, 2025. **Through the end of July, the 192 panels on the roofs of the fourth floor and the school gym have generated 55 megawatt hours of electrical energy.** We were able to raise 100% of the school's net cost for the project through a grant from the Appalachian Solar Finance Fund and the generous support of donors, including a number of CCHS alumni. The school filed for and recently received a federal tax credit which covered 50% of the cost of the

project. Combined with our successful funding campaign, the school did not need to spend any operational or building improvement funds in order to install this rooftop solar electrical power generating system. And we are already saving money on our monthly power bill and look forward to the thousands of dollars that will be saved on the school's electric bill over the lifetime of the system. We thank the folks at Solar Holler and their team of IBEW union electricians and solar installers for their quality work. **This project is a significant symbol of CCHS's focus on the future and our effort to be good stewards of the earth's resources.**
Photos here: CCHS Solar Project

ATHLETIC UPDATES

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP -- is expected of all Charleston Catholic community members-- athletes, coaches, parents, students, and other fans. We must demonstrate excellence in all we do. Good sportsmanship includes showing respect to our players and coaches, as well as opposing teams, coaches, fans, and officials, both on the field and off. Our athletic fans and spectators often present others with their only exposure to a Catholic school community and thus our school is judged by those who represent it most visibly. Though not easy, it is always best to "be the bigger person" and ignore (and certainly not imitate!) negative remarks or gestures from others. Yelling negative remarks about coaches, players, or officials does not reflect well on our school. Please do your part to stay positive. Take time to review the Parent-Student Athletic Compact that is included in the Student Handbook (p. 37).

REMINDER ABOUT SIXTH GRADE ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION-- Sixth grade students are allowed to play one school sponsored sport each season (fall, winter, and spring) if they meet school eligibility requirements. **If they would like to play more than one sport in a season, they must request permission from the principal and the Athletic Director. Students must meet WVSSAC eligibility requirements (minimum 2.0 semester GPA), in addition to school expectations, to participate in their first sport, regardless of the season. To become eligible for a subsequent sport during their sixth grade year, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA each quarter. The administration reserves the right to remove a student from an athletic team at any time if the student's academics or behavior decline.** In addition to helping students grow and mature, our coaches strive to build competitive teams. Practices are mandatory, not optional. PLAYING TIME IS A COACH'S DECISION. Middle school sports do not subscribe to the "everyone plays" philosophy that many less competitive programs do. As sixth graders, it is likely that students will not see much playing time. If playing time is a primary concern to you or your child, please consider continuing in recreational teams or church leagues.

ATHLETIC FEES AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS- In order to try out for a team, a student must have a WVSSAC doctor's physical examination form on file in the CCHS athletic office. Physical forms completed after May 1st of a particular year are accepted for the school year commencing in August. Once selected as a member of a team, all athletic fees must be paid ($75 per sport) before a student will be issued a uniform. Based on their best judgment, coaches will determine how much playing time athletes receive. Once a student has been selected as a team member, payment of fees enrolls the student on a team but does not guarantee playing time.

ATHLETIC SPONSORS NEEDED– Please reach out to the team parent or follow the directions on our social media post on how you can sponsor our Athletic Programs. You can also contact our AD at jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org

FALL SPORTS -- Students must have a completed doctor's physical (administered after May 1, 2026) to give coaches on the first day of practice. This physical is good for the entire school year. Once teams have been selected, students participating must submit their athletic fees ($75 per sport) before the first day of competition in order to participate. A student who has not turned in athletic uniforms from another sport will not be permitted to participate in the next sport. CCHS students are eligible for athletics if they meet WVSSAC requirements (including having an unweighted 2.0 semester GPA at end of 2025-2026 second semester) and CCHS expectations, i.e., good behavior and good attendance. For more information, please contact Jacob Nelson, CCHS Athletic Director, or coaches for individual sports, listed below.

AD – Jacob Nelson – jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org
HS Boys' Soccer - Justin Jun – jun.justin98@gmail.com
HS Girls' Soccer - Abby Forrest , Niall Paul- abby.forrest@charlestoncatholic-crw.org, npaul@spilmanlaw.com
HS Cross Country - Hilton Ingraham - hiltoningraham@ymail.com

HS Golf – Wes Duncan- wesduncan23@yahoo.com
HS Volleyball – Chloe Kinder, chloemnellie@gmail.com
HS Cheerleading – Satin Carpenter– satinblackwell@gmail.com
MS Boys' Soccer – Scott Grigsby - scottgrigsby@suddenlinkmail.com
MS Girls' Soccer – Aaron Wood- awood@quantumsportscenter.com
MS Volleyball – Jacob Nelson- jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org
MS Cross Country— Hilton Ingraham - hiltoningraham@ymail.com

SPIRIT DAY KICKOFF- Once again we will be hosting our Spirit Day Kickoff for the afternoon of fun and school spirit. It will be on August 19th from 11:30-1:00 at the Athletic Facility. More details will be released soon.

NEW CCHS STUDENTS INTERESTED IN SPORTS– New students for the 2026-27 school year who are interested in playing fall sports should contact the individual coaches listed above or Jacob Nelson, Athletic Director, at jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org for information. It is not too late to join any sport!

7th AND 8th GRADERS INFORMATION FOR ATHLETICS—This year 7th and 8th graders will be permitted to play two sports in the same season if they desire. Sixth graders will still be limited to one sport per season unless special permission is granted by the principal and athletic director. Please email jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org if you have any questions.

PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL SPORTS – To participate in athletic events, students must be in school for the full school day on the day of the scheduled activity. If a student is late or absent for any part of the day on a game day, that student is not permitted to play that day. This "full day" policy includes leaving school for appointments, so students need to avoid scheduling appointments during the school day. To be eligible for practice, students must be at school for the majority of the school day. Students are also expected to be on time each morning following an athletic event. Students who have long standing medical appointments, family funerals to attend, or other similar instances may be excused at the discretion of Mr. Villers. Although suspensions are rare at CCHS, when a student is suspended at school, that student is also suspended from athletic practices, games, etc. for the FULL DAY on the day(s) suspended (i.e., if a student is suspended for a Tuesday, the suspension includes involvement in any school activities -- sports, social, etc. -- for Tuesday evening also). In addition, if a student is suspended for a Friday, the suspension holds for Friday evening but does not continue for Saturday unless the student is also suspended for Monday.

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

HANDBOOK REMINDERS AND UPDATES

MANDATORY REPORTING-- Charleston Catholic faculty and staff are mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect. Reasonable cause to suspect that a child is neglected or abused or observation of a child being subjected to conditions that are likely to result in abuse or neglect will be reported to Child Protective Services and the Department of Safe Environment at the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION, MEDIA DEVICES, AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Personal electronic devices including, but not limited to, cell phones, smart watches, tablets, earbuds, etc. have become an everyday part of life. However, the personal use of such devices is not permitted during the school day. **Electronic devices must be out of sight and disabled during the school day, upon entering the school building** from 7:45 a.m. (or upon entering the building after 7:45) until 2:45 p.m. E-readers may be used for academic purposes in high school English courses if permission has been granted by parents and the privilege has not been withdrawn by school faculty. Such devices must be turned OFF and out of sight upon leaving the high school English classroom and should not be in use anywhere else during the school day. **Cell phones may not be used in locker rooms or restrooms.** The school office staff will notify parents of violations.

Please note that Smartwatches and Smart glasses are considered extensions of phones and therefore the rules in this policy apply to Smartwatches and Smart glasses, as well.

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

UNIFORMS-- Students are required to be in uniform beginning Wednesday, August 19th. The uniform is part of the CCHS package. Uniforms are just that -- uniforms. They remind us of the businesslike nature and academic atmosphere existing at CCHS. They are not intended to reflect current fashion trends. Because school expectations are so clearly stated, there is no reason for any student to be improperly attired and, therefore, no reason that parents should need to be disturbed to rectify a clothing situation. If uniform violations cannot be fixed immediately, students pay a consequence with lunch detention. Repeat offenders will receive additional consequences. In some cases, parents will be called to bring appropriate attire to school. We ask for your help to make sure uniform pants are not faded or worn and are hemmed and not altered and that shirts are in good repair. **Students are not allowed to wear "place holders" or have facial piercings.**

Uniform Guidelines:
Determination regarding appropriate wear and grooming will be determined by the school administration.
1. Students not dressed in the proper school uniform will be sent to the office immediately, with the exception of test days in which students will be sent to the office after the student has completed his/her test.
2. All clothing must be in good repair: Students wearing clothing which is not hemmed, or which is torn, frayed, faded, worn, stapled, pinned, or taped will be considered out of uniform. Immediate steps must be taken to correct the problem, and the consequences for being out of uniform shall apply.
3. Clothing may not be altered, tapered, or rolled up.
4. No hats, scarves, bandanas, jackets, coats, sweatshirts, or non-uniform sweaters are to be worn in the building during the school day.
5. Dress and grooming must be neat and clean. It is expected that hair should be neat and clean at all times. Hair color must be a natural color. Hair may not be dyed a distracting color. Hairstyles may not be distracting. Hairstyles must not impede eye contact with teachers.
6. There should be no writing on shoes, clothing, or body parts. Permanent body art, i.e. tattoos, may not be visible. Temporary body art may be approved IN ADVANCE by school administrators.

Uniform Code:
Uniform pants/shorts may be purchased online from Schoolbelles at schoolbelles.com (our school number is #1246) or from Lands' End School at landsend.com/school (our school number is 900133356).
Shirts: Shirts must be either 1) a blue or white, long or short sleeved, **oxford-cloth**, button-down, with no visible labeling or 2) an official CCHS Polo. Oxford dress shirts must be worn **tucked and buttoned**. Polos must be purchased from PVA. Polo shirts may be worn untucked if the hem is straight and does not fall below the hip line. Fitted blouses or blouses with darts are not permitted.
Undershirts: While optional, if worn, undershirts **must** be solid white with no printing. Undershirts must not have collars or turtlenecks and sleeve length must match that of the uniform shirt. Undershirt may not hang below polo shirt.
Pants: Pants must be navy blue corduroy or twill pants and have no visible labeling or rivets. Pants must be worn at the waist and be of modest fit. (Pants deemed too legging-like by administration will not be allowed.) **Legging or jegging-like pants are prohibited.** Corduroys and twill pants must not be faded. Students wearing worn, faded pants will be considered out of 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.
Uniform Jackets/Fleece: Gray or black uniform jackets and green uniform fleeces may be purchased from the PVA. These may be worn as an additional layer to the uniform. **No gym/team sweatshirts or jackets may be worn. The gray fleece has been retired and will no longer be part of the uniform.**
Socks: Socks must be worn and must be clearly visible. Leggings are not permitted.
Shoes: **Shoes must be leather dress shoes that are primarily black, brown, gray, or navy in color.** Shoelaces must be the same color as the shoe and must be tied. Shoes that have a place for shoelaces are required to have shoelaces. Soles may not exceed 1 inch, and heels may not exceed 1½ inches. All shoes must be closed at the toe and heel and have a hard sole. Shoe tops must be below the ankle bone. Shoes must be in good repair and worn properly on the foot. The following type of footwear is not permitted: sandals, moccasins (soft or hard soled), athletic shoes (even if leather), hey dude style canvas shoes, platform shoes, fleece- lined shoes/ slippers, wedges, clogs, or boots.
Belts: Belts are optional. If worn they should be simple dress belts.

Jewelry: Ear piercings, if worn, may not be distracting. **No other type of visible body piercing is allowed.** Other jewelry, if worn, should not be distracting. Faculty or staff may require a student to remove offending jewelry.
Ties: If worn, ties must be tied at the neck and worn with an oxford cloth, button-down uniform shirt. Ties cannot be distracting or contrary to school expectations regarding clothing. Faculty or staff may require a student to remove offending ties.

MANY THANKS

- to our dedicated custodial and maintenance staff for their year-round effort to care for CCHS. Their hard work all year long allows us to start the school year in a bright, clean school building.

2026-27 CALENDAR

UPDATED CALENDAR --Please use this calendar in your planning. Please remember that exams must be taken on scheduled exam days, and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester 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.

Wednesday, August 12	Registration for high school students (see schedule p. 5)
Thursday, August 13	Registration for middle school students (see schedule p. 5)
Wednesday, August 19	first day of school, 11:30 dismissal
Thursday, August 20	first full day of school
Wednesday, September 2	Back to School Night, 7pm
Monday, September 7	Labor Day-no school
Saturday, October 10	Homecoming
Monday, October 26	11:30 dismissal, professional development for teachers
Thursday, November 5	Parent Teacher Conferences- no school for students
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans' Day- no school
Wednesday, November 25	E-day for students
Thurs., Nov. 26- Fri. Nov. 27	Thanksgiving holiday
Wed- Fri., Dec. 16-18	exams; 11:15 dismissal
Mon., Dec. 21- Fri. Jan. 1	Christmas break
Mon., January 4	classes resume
Mon., January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- no school
Tues., January 19	e-day for students, teacher professional development
Mon., February 15	Presidents' Day- no school
Friday, March 26- Friday, April 2	Easter Break
Mon., April 5	classes resume
Thurs., May 27	baccalaureate
Fri., May 28	graduation
Mon., May 31	Memorial Day- no school
Wednesday, June 2- Friday, June 4	exams for 6th -11th graders; 11:15 dismissal
Friday, June 4	Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders

WHOM DO I CALL TO ASK ABOUT. . .? -- From time to time parents are unsure about which staff member to contact regarding specific issues. This list should help!

For questions about . . .
confidential matters -- call Mrs. Hoyer or Mrs. Aubel (Assistant Principal for Student Support)
specific class-related academic or behavioral concerns -- call school and ask for individual teachers
student academic support—call Mrs. Aubel
college-related concerns -- credits, college applications, admissions, etc. -- call Mrs. Aubel
locks, attendance, bookstore, athletic fees, change of address etc. -- call Mrs. France
financial matters -- call Mrs. Shindle (business manager)
student behavior concerns– call Mr. Villers (Assistant Principal for Operations)
specific athletic questions -- call individual coaches or Mr. Nelson (Athletic Director)
textbooks – call Mr. Villers
fine arts requirements/cultural critiques – talk to English teachers
community service requirements – Mrs. Williams
community service opportunities – Mrs. Williams
reporting daily absences/appointments -- call the school office for absences and email any appointments to appointments@charlestoncatholic-crw.org by 8:30 a.m.

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