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Dear parents and students,

This past Monday, September 21, was the International Day of Peace. It was also the feast day of St. Matthew the Evangelist. Our morning prayer on Monday focused on the beatitudes from Matthew's gospel, specifically "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." During our August preparation days, I shared with all of the teachers a copy of the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, the Prayer for Peace. This prayer has always held a place of importance to me. It's so easy to think of peace only as the absence of war or conflict, but St. Francis reminds us that there are so many ways we can be the peacemakers.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

As we progress through the school year, may we all strive to be peacemakers and to find the opportunities when we can bring love, pardon, faith, hope, light and joy to others. May we seek to love, to understand, and to console. It can be challenging at times, to say the least. But our world--the world our young people are growing up in-- will be stronger and better if we each make the effort to be instruments of peace.

Warmly,
Colleen Hoyer

CONDOLENCES—We express our sympathy to a few of our students and their families who have lost a loved one recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Chase Noland's paternal grandfather; Caroline Pence's maternal grandfather; Grayson Gosselink's maternal grandmother; Cadence White's paternal grandfather; and Richie, Cosette, Ethan, and Mairin Knapp's mother. Please keep those families in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP NEWS– Each September, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation releases the names of the National Merit Semifinalists. I am thrilled to share that this year Jude Griffith earned the title of National Merit Semifinalist! The National Merit Scholarship competition begins each October when juniors across the country take the PSAT, known as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The nationwide pool of semifinalists includes the highest scoring entrants in each state and represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. These seniors have the opportunity to continue in the competition for the $24 million in prestigious National Merit Scholarships that will be offered next spring. Congratulations, Jude, on this achievement! Best wishes in the competition as you move toward becoming a National Merit Finalist.

FIRST QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS— I can't believe that Friday, September 18, marked the mid-way point of the first quarter. That means that the RenWeb grade report that you receive via email this weekend will contain the halfway point "progress report." This week, teachers distributed grade sheets to their students, detailing student information on homework, labs, quizzes, tests, etc. Please look over this report with them. As you review your children's progress reports, take time to help them identify what's working well this year and what is not. Help them figure out how to manage their time so they can successfully balance academics with the many other important commitments in their lives.

MAP TESTING- Sixth through tenth graders have finished their first round of MAP testing. This initial round of testing gives teachers information about students' starting point this year. They can use the information to design instruction with the students' achievement in mind. The goal is for students to grow in knowledge and improve their scores over the course of the year. Score reports will be sent home with first quarter report cards at the end of October. Students will test again in the winter and spring. You can reach out to Mrs. Aubel at meredith.aubel@charlestoncatholic-crw.org if you have questions about MAP test results.

FACTS/ RENWEB UPDATES- If you have not yet completed your updates to demographic and medical information in RenWeb, please do so ASAP. The updated contact and medical information is critical in case of emergency. Thanks for your cooperation.

FREE MATH TUTORING-- As a service to Charleston Catholic students, our school's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta provides free math tutoring. This year, the tutoring service will take place on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Just drop in, no appointments necessary! If you have any questions, email Mrs. Griffith at sarah.griffith@charlestoncatholic-crw.org or Mrs. Walter at jean.walter@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY —Successful applicants for SNHS will be notified of acceptance by September 28. There will be an induction ceremony at lunch on October 1st. See Mrs. Arnold if you have any questions.

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 on October 22 and applications will be due October 28. See Mrs. Arnold or Science Olympiad President Luke Passmore for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCIENCE SEMINAR- The first high school science seminar of the year will be at 7 pm on Thursday, October 22, in the CCHS Chapel. Sydney Rashid, former CCHS student (Class of 2018) and current third year WVU medical student pursuing a Pathology career, will be the speaker. Contact any high school science teacher if you have questions.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES -- Parent conferences for all grades are scheduled for Thursday, November 5, from 8 a.m. to noon; 1 to 5 p.m.; and 6 to 9 p.m. There will be no school for students on this day. Details regarding format and scheduling will be coming soon. Scheduling will open on Monday, October 19. Please watch for an email in the next few weeks with important directions and details on how to schedule your conferences.

SAVE THE DATE!—Join us Friday, November 13, for the Luck of the Irish Bingo, a fun-filled event to raise funds for a new roof for the school building. Come dressed casually and ready to tailgate as we enjoy an evening of BINGO, cornhole, food, drinks, and other games—all with plenty of Irish spirit. More details, including information on how to purchase tickets, will be coming soon!

BASEBALL SPAGHETTI DINNER- The high school baseball team will host its annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sunday, December 6, in the Commons. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP- Many thanks to all families who have completed their first quarter Hope payments. There are still families out there who need to pay, though! Please login to your Hope account and select the option to pay Charleston Catholic. This will happen three more times this year, as payment is quarterly. Your tuition is NOT paid until you complete this step each quarter. 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.

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 2027 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. Here are the categories we historically need the most help with:
- middle school sports
- outside of school activities (arts, scouting, non-school sports, internships, etc.)
- general student life/school spirit/fun photos (first day of school, other events as the year progresses) from each grade level.

The yearbook is better when we represent as many students as possible - thank you in advance for helping us do so!

LIKE TO SING? -- Join our choir! Any students interested in singing in choir should join the Choir Google Classroom using the following join code: **bauxpnyq**. Be on the lookout for announcements in the morning, in the afternoon, or on Google Classroom about rehearsal times, masses, and other singing opportunities!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB-- We are excited to launch an all-new Middle School Drama Club for students in grades 6–8! Thank you to everyone who has already expressed interest in joining. Stay tuned for details about an upcoming parent/student information meeting, where we will share plans for the year, meeting details, and ways students and parents can get involved. Parents with questions or who are interested in helping with the Drama Club may contact Mrs. Freeman at brandy.freeman@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURE CLUB AND HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH-- The International Culture Club (ICC) will hold its first meeting of the year this Friday, September 25. All high school students in grades 9-12 are welcome! We have many exciting plans for ICC this year and will also hold officer elections for the new school year. We would love to involve more of our school community this year! We greatly appreciate parent volunteers, guest speakers, cultural connections, and ideas for activities or events**.** More information will be shared soon. You may contact Mrs. Freeman at brandy.freeman@charlestoncatholic-crw.org

In celebration of **Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15–October 15**, ICC is excited to recognize the diverse cultures, histories, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities throughout the Spanish-speaking world and the United States.
Stay tuned for ways our students and school community will celebrate and learn more throughout Hispanic Heritage Month!

NATIONAL SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY-- Exciting things are happening in the World Language–Spanish program! National Spanish Honor Society membership applications will be available at the end of the first quarter for eligible students. We will soon send information about eligibility requirements, the application process, and membership to students and families.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRONE TEAM AT CCHS-- We recently held an interest meeting for seventh and eighth students interested in learning about drone technology, piloting, teamwork, engineering, and competitive drone challenges. Students will have the opportunity to work together as a team while developing skills in piloting, programming, problem-solving, communication, and engineering. We are looking for 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in being part of this exciting new program. We plan to have four competition teams, giving students the opportunity to work together and compete against other schools.

The deadline to join the Aerial Drone Competition Team is September 30, 2026.

Students interested in participating should make sure they complete the required tryout/application process by the deadline. We are excited to bring this new opportunity to Charleston Catholic and look forward to seeing our students take flight! Please see Mr. Kellison in Room 412 for more information or questions or email phillip.kellison@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR AT CCHS!- Charleston Catholic High School will be hosting a Social Studies Fair this school year, and we are looking for students who are interested in researching a topic and competing at the school level. There will be an interest meeting coming up next week for both high school and middle school students who are interested in participating. More information about the project requirements, categories, timelines, and expectations will be provided at the meeting.

Charleston Catholic will be able to send one high school winner and one middle school winner to the next level of competition. The students selected will be the Best Overall Project in their respective division**.**

We Need Judges! We are also looking for volunteers to serve as judges for our Social Studies Fair. Judges will review student projects, talk with students about their research, and help determine the winners**.** If you are interested in judging, we would greatly appreciate your help! Please contact Mr. Kellison for more information. Email: phillip.kellison@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

We look forward to seeing the amazing research and projects our students create this year!

PE UNIFORMS – A portion of sixth graders will begin PE in the second quarter. All sixth graders may place orders for PE uniforms. Order forms for PE uniforms for sixth graders are attached to this email and were sent home with your student on Friday. Orders will be filled in time for the second quarter in late October.

SCHOOL PICTURES -- PhotoGrafix is the official CCHS yearbook photographer. Make up pictures will be taken for 6th through 11th graders on Wednesday, October 14th. **Students should come to school in their uniforms and bring an outfit to change into that meets the picture day guidelines in the student handbook.** Senior official yearbook photos (i.e., suit jacket, formal drape) will be taken on Tuesday, October 13th. An email will be sent to senior families as we get closer to October 13th. Seniors who want clothing changes and/or indoor/outdoor shots can call and make appointments (304-768-2000). For pricing info, go to the website www.wvphoto.com.

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.

ACADEMIC ADVISING UPDATES

1.) **PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT --** The Preliminary SAT, also known as the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), is a practice version of the SAT exam given to all juniors and sophomores. 8th and 9th graders will take the PSAT 8/9 (a version of this test designed specifically for this age group). The NMSQT for juniors is the qualifying test for National Merit Scholarships! Students will take the PSAT in its online format. Please make sure that students are well-rested and have eaten a good breakfast on test day. Registration is done through the school; you do not need to preregister.

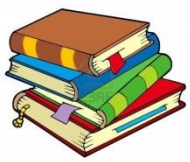
- Tuesday, October 13th will be PSAT day for our 8th graders
- Tuesday, October 20th will be PSAT day for our 9th through 11th graders.

2.) SAT and ACT testing and registration information is available online at --www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org (CCHS code: 490-205). All juniors should take each test at least once this year. All seniors should retake the tests before January if they would like to do better before applying to college.
3.) College visit request forms are available in the office. Students should pick up the forms there and return the completed forms to the office at least 2 days before the trip. Seniors are allowed 2 college visit days; juniors are allowed 2 college visit days. All college visits must be made before May 1.
4.) **College representatives** are visiting, and these meetings 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!

FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES REQUIREMENTS – All students should submit their fine art/humanities critiques using the Google Form posted to their English teachers' Google Classrooms. Paper forms will no longer be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact your child's English teacher.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

1.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Our next order period for white polos and uniform jackets will open on October 7, 2026, and close on October 14, 2026. Estimated delivery is around November 20. Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the green quarter zip fleece jacket, the heavier weight grey jacket, and also a lighter weight black jacket, both in full zip and quarter zip), white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts are available on the CCHS website. For questions, please contact Cynthia Hemphill-Reehling (803-242-5087) for jackets, 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.) Thanks to all who have volunteered to serve lunch! **Cafeteria volunteers** are still needed! 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 contacted her. Please indicate in your email if it has been more than two years since you took your food handlers course.
3.) **Parent involvement** is instrumental to 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.
4.) **Athletic family passes** are available through the PVA. These passes are good for **immediate family members only** (not cousins, in-laws, ex-in-laws, grandparents, fiancées, etc.) to attend CCHS home games. **The passes do not cover away games, tournaments played at home, homecoming games, or any SSAC tournaments.** Cost is $175 for all home middle school games only, $200 for all home high school games only, and $250 for all home games (both levels). A $100 student or senior citizen pass for all home games is also available. An order form for sports passes was included in the PVA Parent Registration Packet. Please contact Nikki Rohrig (276-614-4897) if you have questions about these passes.
5.) **PVA packets** including volunteer forms and all ordering forms for logo jackets, white polos, and green polos are available on the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Volunteer forms should be submitted electronically and order forms should be turned into the school office.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

1.) 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 or in theology classrooms.
2.) The junior retreat will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at Benedict Haid Farm in Quick, WV (that's just beyond Pinch, about 30 minutes from school). Guests will share their gifts and talents in creativity, music, mindful awareness, prayer and joy. With good weather there will be activities both indoor and outdoor, so juniors should be sure to dress warmly and comfortably. The juniors will meet at CCHS in the morning, and then be transported to Quick by parent drivers. Virtus certified parent volunteers are needed. If you are able to drive, please email Mrs. Linehan Belcher at molly.linehan@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.
3.) The sixth grade retreat will be on Thursday, October 29th, at Blessed Sacrament Parish. On that day, sixth graders will need to be dropped off at Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 am and picked up at 2:15 pm. Further details, along with permission slips, will be provided in the coming weeks.
4.) All Saints Day is on Nov. 1st and All Souls Day is Nov. 2nd. Charleston Catholic celebrates these days with our Book of Remembrance which has the names of many of our deceased loved ones. The book is brought up during the offertory procession at all of our liturgies during the month of November. To prepare, the Book of Remembrance is near the office throughout October. Students can stop before and after school or with their theology class to add names of those who have passed that they would like remembered. Our loved ones will be kept in our prayers throughout November.
5.) The CCHS Annual Woodcutting day to Big Laurel in Mingo County will be on Veteran's Day which is Wednesday, November 11th. This is an opportunity for juniors and seniors. Mrs. Linehan Belcher will coordinate the group. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

CLAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT— We are pleased to continue our Christmas tradition with Clay County and Risen Lord parish. Each year, for the last 30+ years, approximately 300 Clay County children and their families are served through this project which provides Christmas gifts and builds a relationship between families in Clay County and the CCHS/ SHGS community. CCHS seniors will be invited to attend the party in Maysel as party hosts and volunteers. All other students will participate in preparation for the event. Parents and businesses willing to donate goods or funds should contact the school office -- cash donations are needed to assist with extra stocking stuffers and miscellaneous needs. The entire school is involved in the project: getting stockings, providing gifts for specific children, stuffing stockings, bagging gifts by family, loading trucks, and on and on. **The Christmas party is scheduled in Clay County on Saturday, December 5.**

The timetable for the Clay County Christmas Project is below:

1.) Tuesday, November 24 (at the latest) - Students will receive the name and other information about their Clay County children. Students are asked to purchase a $45 gift. Please do not exceed the $45 limit, but buy as much as you can for $45. Try to hit right at the mark! It is very difficult on families when children within the same family do not

receive "equitable" gifts. **If a CCHS student is unable to participate in this aspect of the Clay County Christmas Project, please alert Mrs. Hoyer ASAP.** Parents wishing to help with gifts for additional children are encouraged to inquire in the office.

2.) Tuesday, December 1 – Stockings and stocking stuffers are due to theology teachers. We try to fill approximately 350 stockings, so we count on each student to bring in the requested items. Each student needs to follow the directions below for their grade level's stocking stuffer assignment. The dollar store is a great resource for these items. We are providing this information now so you can keep an eye out for bargains!

Each 6th, 7th, and 8th grader: Two 12 to 14 inch stockings to be filled, 4 small boxes of crayons (8 or 16 count), 4 thin coloring books, 5 mechanical pencils and 1 pair of stretchy gloves-one size fits all.

Each high school student: One 12 to 14 inch stocking to be filled, 2 hairbrushes, 2 tubes of toothpaste, 2 toothbrushes individually packaged, 2 chapsticks and 1 pair of stretchy gloves-one size fits all.

EXTRA ITEMS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

3.) Tuesday, December 1- Food items are due -- Each homeroom will be preparing food boxes. Each student will be asked to provide specific food items. The majority of the food boxes are being provided by Sacred Heart Grade School children. CCHS students help fill the remainder of the boxes required by the number of families participating. Students will sign up for food items in their homerooms.

4.) **Wednesday, December 2** - Wrapped gifts are due to homeroom teachers. Presents should be wrapped and labeled according to the labeling instructions that will be provided with shopping details.

5.) **Friday, December 4**- Bags of wrapped gifts are collected and trucks are packed with gift bags and food boxes.

6.) **Saturday, December 5**- Items are delivered to Risen Lord Parish in Maysel. A group of seniors will have the opportunity to attend and participate in the Christmas party.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the children of Clay County and your participation in this very important project!

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.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

FALL SPORTS UPDATE—

- The CCHS golf team is finding a lot of success again this year. The team is being led by junior Preston Young for the boys. Sophomore Gianna Scalise is leading the girls' team, placing 13th in the State of WV in the Girls' Tournament! The golfers are working hard and looking for success in the postseason under first year head coach Wes Duncan. Regionals will be at Big Bend this year on October 6th.

- The high school boys' cross country team is off to a strong start defending their 2025 State Championship. Peter Basdekis is having a stellar senior season following his individual state championship last year. Luke and Teddy Passmore have also made an impressive start this year. The boys won first place in the Irish Invitational and fourth at the Coal River Classic with Peter placing third individually against AAA and AA schools. The high school girls are also running well! Breiel Duncan and Bailee King have had some great runs. Ella Green finished 44 out of 143 in AA and AAA schools in the Coal River Classic, her first meet of the year. The girls have shown a solid team effort with the first through fifth runners all finishing within 45 seconds of each other.

- The Irish boys' and girls' soccer teams are facing the toughest schedules in the State, playing the state's best teams from all classifications, to prepare them for October's regional tournament. Both teams are hovering around the .500 mark, but don't let their records fool you! The teams are making big strides in the right direction. Be ready for the Irish to make some noise in the postseason this year. Regionals will begin Thursday, October 22nd.

- The high school volleyball team is facing some early season challenges including key injuries and welcoming new coach Chloe Kinder. They are currently 9-11. The girls are undefeated in AA! The team is playing a remarkably hard schedule, but is still managing to put in effort and get the victories. They will look to keep adding momentum as they prepare for regionals which begin October 26th.

- The cheer team has been gearing up to compete this fall. On October 3rd, the girls will compete at the Gameday competition in Parkersburg. Regionals will be on November 7th.

- In the middle school Kanawha County Conference, both the boys and girls soccer teams are undefeated at this point in the season. They hope to keep up the momentum and effort for the county tournament in late October. The boys' cross country runners have been putting together impressive times, and the program has positive energy from top to bottom. The girls have a young team made up of many multiple sport athletes who have been running well! The volleyball team, with just two eighth graders recently won their first game. This young team has shown lots of effort and grit and hopes to continue their growth through the season.

We wish our fall athletes much success as they approach the end of the season tournament play! Go Irish!

HANDBOOOK REMINDERS

UNIFORM UPDATE – Uniform shorts will be permitted until October 15. As the weather gets cooler, remember that team apparel (including sweatshirts and jackets) is not an approved part of the uniform and should not be worn in the building during school hours. Uniform jackets and fleeces are available through the PVA.

MEDICATION - Any student taking medication, prescription or over-the-counter, during school hours must report this to the school office. Students taking medication during school hours must have a Diocesan form on file in the school office. **Medication is to be given to the office staff who will dispense it at times designated on the permission slip.** All medications in the office will be returned to students at the end of the year. Medications are not kept from year to year.

MANY THANKS

- to our phenomenal and much appreciated parent volunteers! Their support of so many school activities —from working registration, to providing tasty treats and meals for teachers, to serving lunch, and working gates at athletic events—build our sense of community pride. CCHS wouldn't be the same without their creativity and enthusiasm!
- to our fall coaches for their commitment to working with our student athletes and their efforts to help teach the young people athletic skills in addition to developing sportsmanship, teamwork, and leadership throughout the season.
- to parents Sarah Bailey, Sarah Griffith, Becky Hentschel, Tristan Judy and Katie Paulson for picking up the seniors at Camp Virgil Tate and driving them back to school after their river retreat.

- to the guest speakers in our World Religions course: Mr. Ravi Jaishankar who spoke to all of our seniors, via zoom, in an introduction to Hinduism; and Rev. Dr. Sharletta Green who spoke with our seniors on being a Christian in dialogue with those of other faiths.
- to Fr. Andy Switzer who visited with our juniors in theology to talk about the writing of the Appalachian Pastoral Letters as synodal theology.

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.

Saturday, October 10	Homecoming, games at 10 am and 12 pm; high school dance in Commons from 8-10 pm
Tuesday, October 13	PSAT 8; Junior retreat
Monday, October 19	Scheduling opens for parent teacher conferences
Tuesday, October 20	PSAT 9, 10, 11
Friday, October 23	end of the first quarter
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
Tuesday, December 1	food items and stocking stuffers due
Wednesday, December 2	wrapped gifts due in homeroom
Saturday, December 5	Clay County Christmas Party
Sunday, December 6	Baseball Spaghetti Dinner
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