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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students,

I was reminded over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend of the very special and somewhat unique nature of the Charleston Catholic community. Over the course of the weekend, I had the pleasure of running into a number of CCHS alumni-- alumni who graduated during my time as a teacher or administrator at CCHS. It was a joy to see them in their various phases of adulthood and to hear about their lives. I was assured by a current college student that she was academically prepared and is currently tutoring her friends in what she considered her weakest subject in high school. I heard about jobs in new cities and budding careers in medicine, physical therapy, and banking. I met babies and learned about new ones on the way! I was touched by the warmth and the happiness that these young CCHS graduates exuded. They approached me in each situation, eager and proud to share the details of their lives. How blessed we are to have these connections and to see our young people prosper. I am beyond grateful for the gift of the CCHS students, past and present.

As we begin the holy season of Advent and look forward to the joy of Christmas, may we find hope, peace, love, and joy in each other and in our relationships. May our focus this season be on sharing those gifts with others and building relationships that allow us to spread hope, peace, love, and joy.

I wish you much happiness this Advent.

Warmly,
Colleen Hoyer



CONDOLENCES -- We express our sympathy to our students and their families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Danny and Hope Linton's paternal grandfather; Katherine Skinner's maternal grandfather; Gage and Colton Tawney's great grandfather; Rylee Wright's maternal grandfather; Katelyn Hentschel's paternal grandfather. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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WELCOME TO THE CCHS COMMUNITY!—This week we welcome two new staff members to the Charleston Catholic community. Dr. Bob Pennington will join our Theology Department. Dr. Pennington comes to us with a wealth of experience teaching theology at both the high school and collegiate levels. He has his PhD in Practical Theology from St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens, Florida, with a Masters Degree in Theology from Xavier University, and a Bachelors degree in Political Science from Wheeling Jesuit. Dr. Pennington will assume some campus ministry responsibilities, including retreat and liturgy planning. Additionally, he will share his knowledge and expertise in some of our ninth and tenth grade theology classes.

We also welcome Michaila McAnuff to our staff. Mrs. McAnuff has a degree in Communications from the University of Charleston and experience working with local non-profit agencies. She will work with the theology department to coordinate community service and expand our community service program. She will also work to increase communication through social media outlets and outreach to alumni.

We welcome Dr. Pennington and Mrs. McAnuff to Charleston Catholic! Please introduce yourselves when you see them.

ACADEMIC UPDATES

SECOND QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS – Progress report grades for the second quarter closed last week, on Tuesday, November 22. Updated progress reports will be emailed from RenWeb on Sunday, December 4. Please review these reports for specific information about grades. Are assignments being submitted (0 out of “points possible” is a big clue)? Are assignments being turned in on time (look for half the “points possible”)? How are your children doing on quizzes and tests? Exams are scheduled for the week of December 12 (schedule included below). **The first semester closes on Friday, January 13, 2023, two weeks after we return from Christmas break. Upon our return in January, teachers will cover additional coursework and give tests (which will be calculated in second quarter grades) which will affect the first semester average.** At this point, time remains for students to improve their grades if they are not where they want to be (or should be) academically.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Exams are almost upon us! All classes have exams, and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. Students should prepare for exams by reviewing past tests and quizzes, using study guides, rereading notes and homework/class assignments, reworking math problems, and so on. Teachers will be providing guidance on how to prepare next week. Please note that students will have two weeks of classes upon their return to school after Christmas break before the end of the semester. During those weeks, teachers will cover new material and make graded assignments.

If we have a two-hour delay due to weather during exam week, we will start that day’s exams at 10 a.m. and school will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. If school is cancelled on any exam day due to weather, exams for that day will take place on the next day the school is open. **IN THE EVENT OF ANY WEATHER-RELATED CHANGES, CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE, WATCH FOR A PARENT ALERT TEXT, OR FOLLOW THE SCHOOL’S TWITTER FEED FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION. First semester report cards will be mailed no later than Monday, January 23, 2023.**

6 th grade:	Wednesday, 12/14 Thursday, 12/15 Friday, 12/16	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
7 th /8 th grades*:	Tuesday, 12/13 Wednesday, 12/14 Thursday, 12/15 Friday, 12/16	exam for period 4 (8:00 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 dismissal exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:00 dismissal exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:00 dismissal exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:00 dismissal

*Please note that 7th and 8th grade students will NOT take an exam in their foreign language or exploratory class. During that scheduled exam time, they will use the period to prepare for other exams.

High school:	Tuesday, 12/13 Wednesday, 12/14 Thursday, 12/15 Friday, 12/16	exam for period 4 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 dismissal exams for periods 3 and 6; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
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SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2023-24

2023-2024 SCHEDULING FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS – Re-enrollment/ registration for the 2023-24 school year will start shortly after we return from break. Re-enrollment forms will be sent home in early February to reserve your child’s space in the class for next year. Registration forms for course requests for returning students will be distributed to students later in the spring. In preparation for next year, students should be focused on doing their best in their current classes since grades and work ethic are important factors in course placement.



NEW STUDENTS FOR 2023-2024– The Admissions Committee has released its schedule for the upcoming school year. Applications for all grade levels will be available online (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org) by mid to late January 2023. Applications will be completed and submitted online. Detailed instructions are available on the CCHS website.

Prospective Parent Mixer

Parents will have the opportunity to talk with current parents and Mrs. Hoyer and Mrs. Aubel over light refreshments in the Commons to learn more about the school and go on a tour of the school building. We look forward to this opportunity to introduce prospective students and families to our community.

Fifth Grade Visit Day

Any fifth grade student is invited to attend our 5th grade visit day. It will be held on February 10th from 9 a.m. to noon. Fifth grade students will meet the current sixth grade teachers, take a tour of the school building, eat lunch in the Commons, and participate in their very first CCHS ‘pep rally.’ Families who do not attend Sacred Heart Grade School or St. Francis School should call the school office to register.

Prospective Student Night at the Facility

All prospective students and parents are invited to attend the CCHS vs. Poca basketball game on February 21 that will start at 7:00 p.m. Prospective families must call school to pre-register. Come out to support the Irish and show your Irish Pride!

Admissions Testing

All students applying to CCHS will take an admissions test prior to their application being reviewed. Any rising 6th grader from Sacred Heart Grade School will take their admissions test at SHGS during the school day. All other students and families will coordinate admissions testing with Nancy McLaughlin.

Admissions Timeline and Calendar

Wednesday, February 1– Prospective Parent Mixer

Friday, February 3- beginning of re-enrollment for current families

Friday, February 10 – applications accepted for current Catholic school families who wish to be given first consideration.

Friday, February 10- 5th Grade Visit Day, 9 am to noon

Thursday, February, 16- deadline for applications from current Catholic school families to receive first consideration

Friday, February 17- applications open to the general public

Tuesday, February 21- Thursday, February 23- Admissions tests after school; call to schedule

Tuesday, February 21– Prospective Student Night at the Athletic Facility

Friday, March 3 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by **February 24** – applications received after February 24 will be reviewed periodically by the Admissions Committee and notification as to enrollment status will be mailed at that time)

NOTE – It is rare for CCHS to accept students as juniors and seniors. Only juniors and seniors moving into the area will be considered.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMS – All Charleston Catholic students take semester exams. However, they serve an instructional purpose for our middle school students, helping them learn how to study for and take exams so they are better prepared for high school. For this reason, middle school exams make up only a small percentage of the overall grade. In fact, sixth grade exams are included in the second quarter grade and do not count as a separate calculation in semester grades. Quarter grades provide a more accurate assessment of your child’s progress. Help your children prepare for exams by encouraging them to study over a period of time rather than cramming the night before the test. Also, to assist your children in doing their best, please make sure they have adequate rest and a good breakfast before coming to school each day.

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY BOWL-- In 2010, the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History began an exciting new challenge for eighth graders to test their West Virginia history: the West Virginia History Bowl Tournament. Teams of students from around the state face off in an academic bowl competition focusing on West Virginia history, literature, arts, architecture, geography and culture. Eighth graders in public, private and homeschool education programs are eligible to compete on the four-person teams in double-elimination tournament play. The regional tournament winners and the runner-up team move forward to the state tournament held in late April at the Culture Center at the State Capitol Complex. Congratulations to those who will compete and represent CCHS this spring-- Patrick Kirby, Jude Griffith, Katelyn Hentschel, and Izzy Paulson!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AND SCIENCE OLYMPIAD-- There will be a meeting on December 8th in the Biology classroom during lunch to discuss SNHS and Science Olympiad. All high school students are invited to learn about these two programs. Contact Mrs. Arnold if you have any questions.

WINTER WALTZ- This year we will bring the Winter Waltz back for high school students. The dance will be from 8:00 pm until 10:30 pm on Saturday, February 11. The dance will be in the Commons. Dance permission slips will be sent home the week before. Please pay attention to dress guidelines!

ELEMENTARY DAY AT THE CCHS ATHLETIC FACILITY-- We are excited to invite all students and families from Sacred Heart Grade School and St. Francis to join us at the CCHS Athletic Facility on Saturday, January 14, to cheer on our girls and boys high school basketball teams. Game times are 2pm for the girls and 4:30pm for the boys. Let’s go Irish!



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

MORNING TARDIES—The school day starts each morning promptly at 8 am with prayer, pledge and morning announcement. Students are expected to be in class at that time. As stated in the Student Handbook (p. 13), students who are late to first period are required to serve a lunch detention that day. **PARENT PHONE CALLS DO NOT EXCUSE THE TARDY.** Students who come in late from a doctor’s appointment must have an excuse from the doctor’s office verifying the appointment in order to be excused from the lunch detention.

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 in the Library on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Just drop in, no appointments necessary! If you have any questions, email Mrs. Walter at jean.walter@charlestoncatholic-crw.org, Mrs. Griffith at sarah.griffith@charlestoncatholic-crw.org, or Ms. Elliott at sarah.elliott@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

VIRTUS– Be sure you’re able to help! All parents or other adults who volunteer, coach, drive students, chaperone, etc., are required by the Diocese to complete the diocesan sexual abuse awareness training before being allowed to work with our

students. Training is available online or at sessions periodically scheduled. To begin, visit the VirtusOnline.org and choose the online option. Allow 1- 1½ hours to complete the program.

There will be a new process for the remaining two components of compliance. They will be completed using digital forms through the Virtus system (virtus.org). 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.

Additionally, adults who volunteer, coach, or chaperone, may be asked to update background and policy forms. Background checks must be updated every three years. Policy questionnaires should be updated if they were signed before 2014. Current Diocese guidelines do not require volunteers to update the training portion of VIRTUS. Please contact Mr. Villers with any questions about how to update your forms.

WANT YOUR PHOTOS IN THE YEARBOOK? - Students, parents, and teachers can contribute content to the yearbook staff by uploading photos directly to our app for potential use in the book. You can share photos of sporting events and practices, school & community events, or other school events. Start sharing today! **Share images directly from your phone by downloading the FREE Yearbook Snap app from the App Store or Google Play Store and using school code: goirish**

Be sure to share photos as soon as possible so that our staff can integrate them prior to their quarterly deadlines!



IT'S SENIOR AD TIME!-- The yearbook staff is selling senior ads to be featured in the 2022-2023 yearbook. Parents and guardians can purchase the following spread options:

Full Page: \$300

Half Page: \$160

Quarter Page: \$85

Please go to <https://yearbookforever.com/> to purchase ads for your seniors. The deadline for purchase is January 31, but spreads sell quickly so please purchase ASAP.

SCHOOL SPIRIT SHOP— CCHS gear makes great Christmas gifts! Check out the CCHS Spirit Shop for your holiday shopping. We have a variety of gear ranging from ball caps, scarves and hats, and canvas totes. If you are interested in ordering any spirit wear, call the school office at 304-342-8415 or submit an order form (attached to this email). Go Irish!



UNIFORMS – Take advantage of the time at Christmas break to check your children’s uniforms. Make sure that pant hems are not frayed, that colors are not washed out, that uniforms still fit, etc. Please make sure that your children are in proper uniforms when they leave home each morning.

GLOVES? GLOBE?—Our high school science classes would welcome the donation of disposable gloves to be used during lab work. Additionally, Mrs. Arnold could use some student globes in her classroom. Please contact Mrs. Arnold to coordinate a donation or drop off any gloves in the office.

ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

- 1.) **SAT and ACT** testing and registration information is available online at --www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org (CCHS code: 490-205). All juniors should take each test at least once this year. Students will be taking the SAT school day at CCHS on Wednesday, March 22nd. There are many ways for students to practice and prepare for the SAT and the ACT
 - Students can link their PSAT results to Khan Academy to create free customizable lessons to focus on targeted areas based on the student's PSAT scores.
 - CCHS will be offering a SAT prep class that will start at the end of January and lead up to the SAT school day. The class will be held on Sunday nights and offered by CCHS faculty Sarah Griffith and Kate Shirley. The class will cost \$300. Registration details will be emailed to parents in early January.
- 2.) **College Visits-** Mrs. McLaughlin handles college visit requests. Students should pick up the forms from her or the office and return the completed forms to her at least 2 days before the trip. Seniors are allowed 2 college visit days; juniors are allowed 2 college visit days. All college visits must be made before May 1.
- 3.) **The PROMISE Scholarship Application** (www.cfww.com/promise) and **2023-2024 FAFSA** (www.fafsa.gov) are now available; both are due by March 1, 2023. Seniors must apply by the March 1 deadline, even if they do not currently meet the test score or GPA requirements. The PROMISE application and tutorial link are available at cfww.com/promise. Students can contact the WVHEPC office with questions at 304-558-4618 or PROMISE@wvhepc.edu.
- 4.) **Eighth Grade Parent Meeting** -- Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 15th. Mrs. Aubel will offer a meeting for 8th grade parents regarding high school course offerings and requirements, the path to college and careers, including resume building, scholarship opportunities, and more. It's never too early to start thinking about your child's future.
- 5.) **NCAA College Information Session**— On Tuesday, December 13th at 6pm in the CCHS Chapel, there will be a brief informational session for all high school parents of students interested in playing sports at the collegiate level. High school coaches are also encouraged to attend.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

- 1.) **Catholic Schools Week, January 29 – February 4-** Faith, Excellence, Service. CCHS will again participate in National Catholic Schools Week by supporting a number of community organizations. This year we are supporting six charities that make an impact on their communities with the help of our 8th grade students and parents. Please mark your calendars and start stocking up now for any donations you are able and willing to make. Our \$2 dress down day will be Wednesday, February 1, and the \$2 donation will benefit Catholic Charities West Virginia.
Below is the full list of charities and the items that they have requested. If any eighth grade parents would like to volunteer to help work that week, please call or text Megan Harris (304-382-6417) or Sabrena Gillis (304-389-6870). Thank you in advance for your help with this project.
Monday, Jan. 30 - Gabriel Project - size 3, 4, 6, and preemie diapers, wipes, baby toiletries including baby shampoo, lotion, diaper rash cream
Tuesday, Jan. 31 - Sojourners - bath and face towels, blankets, deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, cereal, kids snacks, ground coffee, sugar
Wednesday, Feb. 1-\$2 dress down day benefitting WV Catholic Charities; Manna Meal- any non-perishable food items including peanut butter, jelly, cereal, Pop Tarts, canned meat with pull tabs for easy opening
Thurs, Feb. 2 – Bob Burdette Center- markers, crayons, colored pencils, highlighters, air-dry clay, gym toys and balls, Legos, card stock, activity books, math flash cards, Rubik's cubes, dominoes, twine, clothespins, quart sized Ziploc bags, prize box toys

Friday, Feb. 3–Risen Lord Catholic Church Food Pantry (Clay County)- any non-perishable food items including peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, rice, dried beans, canned fruits and vegetables, instant oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, soup, crackers, instant mashed potatoes, cereal, jelly, instant pudding, Bisquick

- 2.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the new 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 Carrie Groom (304-546-4927) for jackets, Kristina Whiteaker (304-610-5544) for green polos, and Sara Frame (304-389-1241) 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.
- 3.) Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help serve lunch. It's not too late to get on the second semester schedule. Please take notice of the weekly reminder emails as the lunch times may vary based upon mass schedules and alternate bell schedules. If there is a change in schedule, it will be noted in the reminder email. All cafeteria volunteers should be COVID vaccinated and have a food handler card (see below).

****The Kanawha-Charleston Health Department requires all cafeteria volunteers to have a food handler card. Cards must be renewed every two years. In order to be in compliance with this requirement, all CCHS cafeteria volunteers must complete a 75 minute online training course and 30 question assessment with a score of 70%. The PVA will pay the registration cost and will provide volunteers with an access code to participate in the course. Please contact Tina Caldwell at (304) 546-3081 or tina.caldwell1987@gmail.com for an access code. Upon completion please submit a copy to the office which will be kept on file at the school and Athletic Facility. ****
- 4.) **Parent involvement** is necessary for the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Helping drive students to games and practices, working gates, working concession stands, 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!
- 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. Please contact Kerri Linton at 304-228-4138. or klinton@pcolutions.com 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 are available on the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). Forms should be submitted electronically or to the school.
- 7.) Share your CCHS spirit this Christmas! The PVA is offering a custom **CCHS Christmas tree ornament** (pictured below). Ornaments are available for \$10 and make a great gift for alumni, students, faculty, and CCHS families. The order form is attached to this email.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



Our Advent opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, Dec. 7th between 9 and 11am. Reconciliation is a meaningful way to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP—Please keep Charleston Catholic on your gift list while you do your holiday shopping! It's easy to do!

- 1) It is simple to use the **Kroger Community Rewards program, and it greatly benefits the school.** To enroll, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use the Charleston Catholic organization number **LH615**. Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus Cards are available at the Customer Service desk at any Kroger. To participate in the program, just register your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card (as outlined above)**, use the card when you checkout, and Charleston Catholic will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis.
- 2) When you shop at Amazon.com, the **Amazon Smile program** will donate 0.5% of your purchases to CCHS when you log in to your Amazon account using the address <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0630688> (or by clicking on the link on the School Home section of RenWeb) to enroll in the program.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

FALL SPORTS UPDATE- Fall sports are officially over!

- 1.) The **high school cross country teams had an impressive end to the season.** The girls finished fourth in the State and the boys finished fifth. Bella Boggs finished 4th overall in the State. This makes her an All-State runner. Congratulations, Irish, on a great season!
- 2.) The **high school soccer teams** are the Champions again! Both boys and girls once again swept the State Tournament. The girls won their fourth consecutive State Championship! The boys went back to back as State Champions.
 Congratulations to Kelan Swan, Sully Groom, William Ball, Claire Mullen, Annie Cimino, Mia Lough, and Ashley Green on earning first team All-State honors. Congratulations to Molly Messer on earning 2nd team All-State recognition. Congratulations to Claire Mullen and Kelan Swan on being named Forward of the Year. Congratulations to Annie Cimino and Sully Groom on being named Player of the Year. Congratulations to both teams and coaches staff for a fantastic season.
- 3.) The Lady Irish **high school volleyball team** finished in the regional semi-finals. It was a stellar season for the Irish as they finished just short of the State Tournament. Congratulations to Zoe Jarvis who made the All-State team as Special Honorable Mention.



FOLLOW OUR WINTER SPORTS--Winter sports are on the way. Please follow our twitter and instagram for updates. Our school websites will have our schedules and scores.

INTERESTED IN COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS?-- On December 13th at 6:00 pm in the school chapel, we will have a meeting for any parents of high school athletes who are interested in playing collegiate sports. This informational meeting is open to all freshmen, sophomore, and junior parents and coaches.

ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE ATHLETIC FACILITY- Calling all alumni to come out and support the Irish on Friday, December 23! At halftime of the boys' basketball game, we will be honoring the 2012 State Championship team. Celebrate Christmas and reminisce with fellow alumni!

GO IRISH!

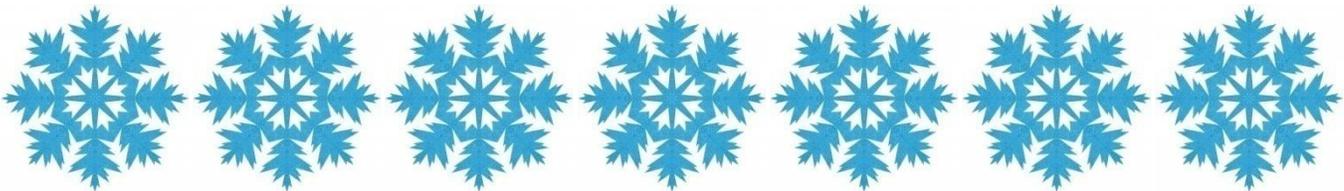
HANDBOOK REMINDERS

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.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES--In order to participate in extracurricular activities on a particular day, a student must be in school for the FULL DAY on the day of the event. This "full day" policy includes appointments, so students need to avoid scheduling appointments during the school day. Students who have long-standing medical appointments, family funerals, or similar instances may be excused at the discretion of the Assistant Principal for Operations. Additionally, students must be at school for the majority of the school day in order to be eligible for practice. Students are also expected to be on time on days following athletic events. If 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).

MANY THANKS

- to all of our teachers and parents who spent time together during Parent Teacher conferences. Though it was a long day for the teachers, it was a meaningful and productive day, and it was so good to sit down together to support the growth of our young people.
- to the PVA for ongoing acts of kindness and support of our faculty and staff. They provided excellent meals for the teachers on conference day that enabled the teachers to enjoy a little downtime and conversation during a very long work day. They have shared wonderful fall birthday treats, and they have kept the faculty workroom stocked with snacks. Thank you so much for all you do!
- to both Rabbi Victor Urecki of B'nai Jacob Synagogue and Ibtesam (Sue) Barazi, Vice President of the Islamic Center in South Charleston. Rabbi Urecki and Sue not only joined all five of our senior sections of World Religions, but also hosted our students on two different weekends, each, at the synagogue and masjid. The senior class is deeply moved by your and your community's generosity and hospitality!
- to Father Paul Wharton for joining the sophomore class as a guest speaker. Fr. Paul reflected on the meaning of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.
- to our community for your participation in the Clay County Christmas Project. Your generosity makes Christmas magical for hundreds of children each year. Thank you for your generous hearts.
- to our faculty and staff for their commitment to the CCHS community and their care for our students. They work tirelessly to challenge students and to help them grow into well- educated and caring adults.



SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE –Since December has arrived, it’s time to prepare for winter weather. Here’s a brief reminder of the CCHS weather policy. **Remember that school closings and delays are texted through Parent Alert, are announced on the CCHS website, and are tweeted through cchsnews.**

- 1) CCHS/SHGS will NOT follow ANY of the Kanawha County Schools’ weather-related procedures.
- 2) Families may connect to the CCHS website or listen to the radio/television for changes to CCHS/SHGS schedules. The following stations will be notified by 6:15 a.m. if there are changes to be made: WV Public Radio, WCBS, WCBS-TV, WSAZ-TV, V100, 96.1, and WKAZ. **The CCHS website will be updated, a tweet will be sent through cchsnews, and a Parent Alert text will be sent. PLANS FOR THE DAY (WHETHER E-DAY OR DAY OFF) WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CLOSURE.**
- 3) If no announcements are made for CCHS/SHGS, classes will be held on the regular schedule.
- 4) **If a two-hour delay is announced, classes will start promptly at 10 a.m.** The building will not open until 9:45 to give staff time to get to school. Please do not drop off your children before 9:45!
- 5) As always, if you cannot get your child to school for health or safety reasons, notify the school.

CALENDAR

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 (if those students have not been participating in classes remotely) 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, December 3	Clay County Christmas Project
Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, December 14- 16	exams, 11:15 dismissal
Monday, December 19-	
Monday, January 2	Christmas Break
Friday, December 23	Alumni Night at the Athletic Facility
Tuesday, January 3	classes resume
Friday, January 13	end of second quarter, first semester
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-no school
Tuesday, January 17	e-day for students, professional development for teachers
Monday, January 23- Friday, February 3	winter MAP testing for grades 6-10
Monday, January 30- Friday, February 3	Catholic Schools Week
Friday, February 3- Saturday, February 4	winter drama performance
Saturday, February 11	Winter Waltz for high school students, 8- 10:30 pm
Monday, February 20	Presidents Day-no school
Tuesday, February 21	Golden Horseshoe test for 8 th graders
Friday, March 17	end of third quarter
Wednesday, March 22	SAT School Day for juniors
Friday, April 7-	Easter Break
Friday, April 14	
Monday, April 17	classes resume
Monday, April 24- Friday, May 5	spring MAP testing for grades 6-10
Monday, May 1- Friday, May 12	AP tests
Saturday, May 20	prom
Thursday, May 25	Baccalaureate, in evening
Friday, May 26	graduation and Project Graduation
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day-no school
Wed/Thurs/Friday, May 31- June 2	exams, 11:15 dismissal
Friday, June 2	Moving Up Ceremony for 8 th graders



Merry Christmas to all!