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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

As we approach the end of February, I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of spring and its longer days, warmer temperatures, and blossoming flowers. For my husband, spring means the beginning of baseball season. We were recently watching a special about Lou Gehrig, and I was deeply moved by his story. I knew that he was a good ball player, but other than that and knowing that he suffered from ALS (now commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease), I could not have told you anything else about him. What I took away most from his story was the emphasis on his positive outlook and his determination to look on the bright side.

Lou Gehrig was impressive. He grew up simply, the only one of his siblings to survive to adulthood. Providing him with a good education was important to his mother. Gehrig attended Columbia University where he played football and baseball. Before graduating from college, he was signed by the New York Yankees, and he never looked back. Gehrig played thirteen years for the Yankees with a consecutive game streak of 2,130 games lasting from 1925 until 1939. He played every day despite hand fractures, a broken toe, and back spasms. He became known as the "Iron Horse" because of his strength and endurance. He was part of a New York Yankees era of dominance and played alongside Babe Ruth and Joe DMaggio during his career. He earned many accolades for his play: two time American League MVP, seven consecutive All Star recognitions, one triple crown, and a spot on six World Series champion teams. Gehrig was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1939 and was the first major league baseball player to have his number (4) retired by a team.

But, Lou Gehrig was much more than a phenomenal baseball player. He was a hard worker who did his job with enthusiasm and commitment. His health began to decline in 1938, and he lost some of his legendary strength. He played the first several games of the 1939 season but struggled physically and knew something was not right. Gehrig had the courage to take himself out of the starting lineup and end his consecutive game streak at 2,130 in May 1939. Doctors diagnosed him with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a nervous system disease which causes progressive loss of muscular control. Gehrig retired from baseball in the summer of 1939. During his farewell speech at Yankee Stadium on July 4, 1939, Gehrig called himself "the luckiest man on the face of the earth." He recognized the many gifts he had been given and focused on the love and support in his life rather than the terminal diagnosis he had recently received.

Life can be hard and at times our challenges may seem insurmountable. May we reflect on the inspiring story of Lou Gehrig in those tough times and remember that we are surrounded by people who love us and care about our well being. May we use prayer and faith to recognize the many blessings we have and may we summon the strength to find some good even in times of difficulty.

Warmly,

Colleen M. Hoyer

CONDOLENCES – We express our sympathy to our families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Lindsay Carr's maternal grandmother; Olivia Corbett's paternal grandmother; Jayallen Turner's maternal uncle; Zion Suddeth's paternal grandfather; and office manager Corrie Lovejoy's sister/ Savanna Lovejoy's aunt. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.



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ACADEMIC UPDATES

THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS- The Ren Web report that you receive this weekend will include grades through the halfway point of the third quarter. Students were given printouts from their teachers in their classes this week. Please thoughtfully review the report with your children. Look for and celebrate successes and determine if there are areas that can be improved on. It's often hard to stay motivated during the third quarter. Set realistic goals that can be achieved by the end of the quarter (March 20).

SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Although they still seem far away, exams will be here before we know it. All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. Students who miss semester exams for reasons other than illness (who will be given the opportunity to make up the exams) will receive an F for those examinations. Just a reminder regarding the **seniors- only exam exemption policy**: Seniors may be exempt from second semester exams if: 1) the course is a two-semester course; 2) the teacher chooses to allow exam exemptions; 3) third and fourth quarter grades average to at least a 93; **4) fine arts requirements must have been completed by Friday, March 20, and community service requirements by Friday, May 8, 2020.** Students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP exam AND teacher-developed final exams. Seniors who meet exam exemption requirements for their AP classes may be exempt from teacher- developed final exams. Seniors in non-AP classes who choose to take AP exams will also take teacher-developed final exams unless they meet the exemption standards. Non-seniors who choose to take an AP exam for an AP class in which they are not enrolled must take the final exam for their class.

Seniors:	Tuesday/Wednesday, May 19/20 (schedule to be announced)	
Sixth grade:	Monday, 6/1 Tuesday, 6/2 Wednesday, 6/3	exams for periods 7 and 8; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 5 and 3; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
7th/8th grade:	Friday, 5/29 Monday, 6/1 Tuesday, 6/2 Wednesday, 6/3	exam for period 2 (8- 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal exams for periods 4 and 7; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 3 and 5; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 1 and 8; 11:15 dismissal

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

High school:	Friday, 5/29 Monday, 6/1 Tuesday, 6/2 Wednesday, 6/3	exam for period 2 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 Dismissal exams for periods 4 and 7; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 3 and 6; 11:15 dismissal exams for periods 1 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
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SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2020-21

2020-2021 SCHEDULING FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS –Scheduling/ registration forms for returning students will be distributed to returning students the second and third weeks of March. Mrs. Aubel and Mrs. Herrick will meet with high school classes to discuss course requirements and options for next year. Grades are an important factor in course placement so students should continue to work hard until the end of the school year.

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2020-2021–Next week is an important week in the admissions process. **Applications for all grade levels are available online (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org).** **Detailed instructions for completion and submission are available on the CCHS website.**

NOW – applications available on the CCHS website

Tuesday, February 25 – information meetings for parents of prospective students (grades 6-10). We have planned two options: 1) **at 8:15 a.m.** -- Following the information session in the chapel, parents will have the opportunity to tour the school as a group while classes are in session. 2) **at 6:00 p.m.** – information session in the CCHS chapel followed by a tour of the school.

Thursday, February 27 – prospective 6th graders visit CCHS (5th graders not currently enrolled at a local Catholic elementary school must call CCHS office to make reservations.)

Saturday, February 29 – admissions test for prospective students from 10:00 a.m. – noon - CCHS Commons

Monday, March 2 – deadline for receipt of applications of students currently attending Catholic schools who wish to be given first consideration. Applications from area Catholic schools received after this date lose “first consideration” status and are placed in the general pool of applicants.

Tuesday, March 3 - first day applications will be processed from students in non-Catholic schools

Friday, March 6 – deadline for all non-Catholic school students to submit applications who want to be considered in the first round of acceptances

Friday, March 13 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by Friday, March 6 – applications received after March 6 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY- Sunday, April 19, will mark the debut of an awards assembly to recognize the academic achievements of our high school students. Award recipients and their families will be notified by April 3 so they can plan attendance. We will hold the ceremony in the chapel on the fourth floor and will gather for cookies and lemonade afterwards.

SPRING MUSICAL- Charleston Catholic Drama is proud to present the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, *Into the Woods*, by James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim. One of Sondheim's most popular works, the show takes everyone's favorite storybook characters and brings them together for an enchanting and touching modern classic. The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results. Join us May 1-2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. as we present this Broadway classic. All seating is general admission and tickets are available at the door - Adults \$10 and Students \$7. Into the woods we go...



TUITION AND CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2020-21

TUITION RATES FOR 2020-21—will be released in mid-April. Invoices and loan information from Premier Bank will be mailed on April 15. **Tuition payment in full is due June 15** (late charge assessed at \$1.00 per day after June 15).

DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE-- For the twenty-ninth year, the Diocese of Wheeling- Charleston will continue its tradition of offering the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) in an effort to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it but may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to Most Reverend Mark Brennan's commitment to Catholic education, funds have once again been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of assistance. Awards are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. Apply on-line at <https://www.factsmgt.com>. Click on "Grant and Aid Assessment" and log in. Have your 2019 tax information available. Families with children currently enrolled or who are applying to enroll for the 2020-2021 school year should apply ASAP. Applications opened February 3. **The deadline is April 30.** 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. The application fee is \$35. The Diocese will pay \$17.50 and families must pay \$17.50.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2020-21 – Please keep this calendar in mind as you plan for next year. Please remember that **exams must be taken on scheduled exam days** and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester will have to make up those days at the end of the semester.

Thursday, August 20	first day of school, 11:30 dismissal
Friday, August 21	first full day of school
Monday, September 7	Labor Day-no school
Saturday, September 19	Homecoming
Thursday, November 5	Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day-no school
Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, November 25- 27	Thanksgiving Break
Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, December 16- 18	exams, 11:15 dismissal
Monday, December 21-	
Friday, January 1	Christmas Break
Monday, January 4	classes resume
Monday, January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-no school
Monday, February 15	Presidents Day-no school
Friday, April 2-	Easter Break
Friday, April 9	
Monday, April 12	classes resume
Friday, May 28	graduation
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day-no school
Wed/Thurs/Friday June 2- 4	exams, 11:15 dismissal
Friday, June 4	8 th grade moving up ceremony

NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

1.) **West Virginia Governor's Schools:** The State of West Virginia is proud to offer The Governor's Honors Schools, residential summer sessions for academically and/or artistically talented students from across West Virginia. The programs are based on the premise that West Virginia's youth must be provided with special opportunities for learning and personal development in order for them to realize their full potential. There is no cost to families of students who are accepted to these competitive programs. Those who have attended the programs in the past describe them as "life-changing." It is time to start thinking about whether this might interest your child. For more information, visit <http://www.govschools.wv.gov/>.

- **Governor's STEM Institute (formerly GSMS) -** current 7th grader sessions at WVU (June 25-July 3; July 5-13); current 8th graders at the Green Bank Observatory (June 28-July 11)

This program encourages students to delve into projects that allow them the time and opportunity to think and work like scientists, using high level mathematics and thinking skills. Current 7th and 8th graders may apply. Please let Mrs. Herrick know if you are applying.

- **Governor's School for Entrepreneurship (WVGSE) -** West Virginia University (June 21-July 1)

In an effort to provide a dream-realizing experience, WVGSE offers high-school students the chance to dream about a new business or product and then make it happen. Young innovators are thrown into an "accelerator" atmosphere where in three short weeks, they learn about business models, design thinking, and scaling new startup ventures. There are team competitions, a pitch competition, and the opportunity to actually launch a new business venture. In fact, every young innovator will be an entrepreneur by the end of GSE. Please let Mrs. Herrick know if you are applying.

- 2.) **PROMISE scholarship FAFSA deadline** – March 1. All students in the class of 2020 must complete the FAFSA application in order to be considered for the PROMISE scholarship. Additionally, colleges and universities throughout the country use FAFSA information to determine scholarships and financial aid. Go to www.cfwv.com then Financial Aid Planning. (Note: Please use all zeros for the student ID number.)
- 3.) **Reminder -** Mrs. Herrick handles college visit requests. Students should get the forms from her 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. College visits must be made before May 1.**
- 4.) CCHS encourages students to take both the ACT and the SAT before the end of their junior year. Doing this allows students to get a baseline score and to prepare for future tests. Both tests are accepted by all colleges and universities for admission. We have found that students perform better on these tests if they are taken before the end of the school year. By the June testing dates, students tend to be tired and not as fresh. So, if possible, consider an earlier test date. Students may also take SAT II subject tests which are best taken at the end of the junior year or upon completion of courses being tested e.g., Biology, World History, U.S. History.
- 5.) **Juniors--mark your calendars!** On April 14, CCHS will participate in the SAT School Day (a *free* test administered to all CCHS juniors).

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

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 June 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.

UNIFORM 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. The following type of footwear is not permitted: sandals, moccasins (soft or hard soled), athletic shoes (even if leather), platform shoes, fleece-lined shoes/slippers, wedges, clogs, or boots.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBER

Any change of address or phone number should be updated by parents through the RenWeb parent portal. Email admin@charlestoncatholic-crw.org if you have any questions.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

HOMEWORK HOUR- The school library is open to all students for distraction-free homework completion and study each week on Monday - Thursday afternoons from 3-4 p.m. Mrs. Shindle is in the library to supervise students while they work.



SCHOOL SAFETY- Our central downtown location offers many benefits. However, it also brings challenges at times. We must be diligent in a continuous review of our safety measures. The school administration regularly reviews and makes modifications to safety plans as they become necessary. Additionally, all doors to the school building are locked during the school day. Entry is granted only through the main Virginia Street doors. For safety reasons, students and faculty are instructed not to open ANY door to let visitors into the building. The office staff works hard to respond to the doorbell when it chimes and to receive and welcome all guests, but it may take a moment or two before you are admitted. You may be asked to identify yourself before being permitted entry—this is for everyone’s safety. Please don’t take it personally! Upon entry, please report directly to the office to sign in and receive a visitor’s pass.

VIRTUS— Be sure you are 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. Print out the certificate of completion and submit it to Mr. Villers. It is still necessary to complete the background check and sexual abuse awareness statement which can be done by clicking on the link at the school website at www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org. If you have questions, please call Mr. Villers.

Adults who volunteer, coach, or chaperone, may be asked to update background and policy forms. Background checks must be updated every three to five years depending on your role in the school. Policy questionnaires should be updated if they were signed before 2014. Current Diocesan guidelines do not require volunteers to update the training portion of VIRTUS. Please contact Mr. Villers with any questions and to update your forms.

PARENT ALERT COMMUNICATION TOOL—We will continue to use our Parent Alert text system (a Ren Web component) as a means of communication in addition to the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org), Twitter feed (text “follow cchsnews” to 40404), and RenWeb email. Be on the lookout for these texts with important school updates including announcements from the school office AND ALL WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS/ DELAYS. If you have not received any Parent Alert texts, please check RenWeb and make sure your phone number is correct!

GLOVES?— The science department is in need of rubber, latex gloves for students to use during lab work. Donations would be much appreciated. Please coordinate with Amy Arnold or drop gloves off in the school office.

FREE MATH TUTORING-- As a service to Charleston Catholic students, our school's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta provides free math tutoring two days a week after school. Hours are 3-4 p.m. on Tuesdays in room 313 and Wednesdays in room 209 or 205. Just drop in, no appointments necessary!

SPIRIT SHOP— Stop by the office to check out the new spirit shop featuring a variety of CCHS gear.

IMMUNIZATIONS--The health department asks all schools to keep students’ immunization records updated. If your child has had recent shots, please send CCHS a copy of new health records. **All rising 7th and 12th graders are required to have updated Tdap and meningococcal vaccines before they enter school in August. Once your child has these vaccines, an updated immunization record must be submitted to Mrs. Shindle.**

PRINTING SERVICES- Paper due and printer out of ink? No worries! Take advantage of the CCHS printing service. Items needing printed should be emailed as an attachment/shared to printer@charlestoncatholic-crw.org by 7:30 a.m. Documents sent after 7:30 a.m. will not be available until the following day. Printed documents will be available in the school office at a rate of 50 cents per page.

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.

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.



WANT YOUR PHOTOS IN THE YEARBOOK? - So do we! Students, parents, and teachers can contribute content to the yearbook staff by uploading photos directly to our website for potential use in the book. You can share photos of sporting events, performances, school & community events, or shots of you and your friends our staff photographers might have missed. Start sharing today! **Share images directly from your phone by downloading the FREE hjeShare app using school code: goirish**

OR:

- 1) Go to www.hjeshare.com
- 2) Enter the school code: goirish
- 3) Locate the picture (file) you want to upload. You can Ctrl+click to upload as many as 10 photos at a time.
- 4) Click Open.
- 5) Click each thumbnail to select and enter any relevant information about the images.
- 6) Click Submit Image Information when you are done.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

GOLDEN HORSESHOE - A highlight of the eighth-grade year is the opportunity for a student to become a Knight or Lady of the Golden Horseshoe. Named for the golden horseshoes given to the early explorers of what is now West Virginia by Alexander Spotswood, the Governor of the Virginia colony, the program recognizes students for their knowledge of West Virginia history. Later this winter, eighth-grade students from all over the state will take a computerized assessment on West Virginia history, facts, and trivia. Top scorers from each county are awarded a golden horseshoe by the governor in a ceremony at the capitol in May. Kanawha County's date for the Golden Horseshoe Test is Thursday, February 27th. There is no make-up date, so please make sure that your child does not have an appointment scheduled that day! Our eighth-graders will be taking the test in the school computer lab during their WV Studies class. Students have been gathering information in WV Studies class, but additional practice quizzes can be found on the WV Culture and History website (wvculture.org) and the WV Department of Education website. Ms. Phebus also holds study sessions after school from 3:00-3:30 every Thursday.



SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR - Social studies education is essential for the preservation and improvement of our society. Effective social studies education requires the engagement of the learner in the investigation of history and its relationship to current events. The West Virginia Social Studies Fair provides this opportunity for students. All middle school students are invited to participate in a School Fair on Thursday, February 27th. Presentations and judging will take place in the Ms. Phebus' room beginning at 3:00. Winners will move on to compete in the County Fair on Saturday, February 29th, at DuPont Middle School. The State Fair will be held on Friday, April 24th at the Charleston Convention Center. An information packet was sent home with interested students. Please contact Ms. Phebus if you have any questions.

SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS-- All 6th grade students will need a copy of the novel Number the Stars by Lois Lowry for Social Studies class by Friday, March 27th. Information about the novel can be found at https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/47281.Number_the_Stars .

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— Please consider supporting Charleston Catholic through Kroger and Amazon rewards programs. Your support is very much appreciated!

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

HOPE 2020 – Planning is underway for our 16th summer of HOPE. We will partner again next summer with Bill & Addie Likens, who coordinate the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission (CAM) in Wayne and Mingo Counties. During the week of **June 14-19, 2020**, our group of juniors, seniors, college age alumni and adult work crew leaders will make significant repairs at the homes of several low income families and seniors. Also, some of our volunteers will assist with the construction of a new house for a family. We are committed to raising **\$25,000, the amount needed to purchase all the building materials for the construction of the new home**. CAM will supplement our fundraising efforts with the materials necessary to complete the repairs on the other houses at which we will work, making these houses warmer, safer, and drier. A **slide show of our HOPE experience last summer** can be viewed on our school website under the "Community Outreach" tab. The slide show includes photos of the new house that some of our volunteers help construct last June. The house was built for a mom and her two young children.

Please consider making a **tax deductible donation, 100% of which will go toward the purchase of construction supplies**. Checks can be made payable to Charleston Catholic and sent to the school office to the attention of Bill Mehle, HOPE Coordinator, or donate online at www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org and search "Donate to HOPE."





- 1.) Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. Lent is the 40 days of fasting, prayer and almsgiving that prepare us for Good Friday and then Easter. During morning prayers, each day of Lent, we will receive a Lenten challenge to identify ways that we can stretch ourselves to live with faith with intention. Students will also have the opportunity during the Lenten season to participate in Stations of the Cross and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- 2.) For Lent, Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls will be available in all theology classes. Proceeds from the Rice Bowl reach communities in 101 countries.
- 3.) Fish Fry volunteers are needed at St. Anthony Parish (1000 6th St.) from 5:00-8:30 p.m. each Friday of Lent (not including Good Friday): 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/26 and 4/3. Volunteers serve food and drinks, clean up and bus tables, and eat for free! Call Theresa Ashworth, 304-546-8186 if you have questions.
- 4.) The Patron Saint of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19. Across our diocese, there will be simultaneous masses at 6:30 p.m. at many parishes. Wherever possible, the masses will be led by youth choirs. Students from the SHGS and CCHS choirs will be singing at the mass at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. All are welcome at this diocesan wide celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph!

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

- 1.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including the heavier weight grey jacket and 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 Kathy Atassi (304-415-0071) for jackets, Marilyn Ford (304-610-4243) 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.
- 2.) **CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS** – Many thanks to those of you who volunteered to help in the cafeteria. Please be sure you report for duty on the days you are scheduled! **If an unforeseen conflict arises, please arrange for a substitute or call school ASAP at 304-342-8415 so alternate arrangements can be made.** If you would like to get involved, please submit a CCHS Cafeteria Volunteer Form to the office to the attention of Stephanie Sullivan (304-807-0377 or wvsteph23@yahoo.com).
- 3.) **Parent involvement** is critical for the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. As we gear up for spring sports, please look for ways to get involved if your child is a spring athlete. Helping transport students to games and practices, working gates, being supportive of the players and coaches, attending games, and participating in the team lunch program are just a few ways that parents help. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams! Each sport is allocated one team lunch, and guidelines and dates for these lunches will be distributed to parents at the beginning of each season, once team rosters have been established. **Please adhere to the guidelines.**
- 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, or any SSAC tournaments (sectionals, regionals, etc.). Cost is \$150 for all home middle school games only, \$175 for all home high school games only, and \$200 for all home games (both levels). A \$100 student or senior citizen pass for all home games is also available. Please contact Stephanie Hopkins (304-807-0052) 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 still being accepted. Forms are available on the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org).

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ATTENTION: FRESHMAN PARENTS- As the CCHS tradition continues, our 9th grade class will be hosting the Baccalaureate Reception for this year's graduating seniors and their families on Thursday evening, May 21, 2020. This event takes much planning and input from the entire 9th grade class and planning is underway. We are in need of 9th grade parent volunteers to help in the following areas: decorations; food; desserts; beverages; servers; set-up/clean-up; paper products; and solicitation of bottled water and monetary donations. Monetary donations may be sent to the office in an envelope directed to Jessica Anton's attention. To volunteer or for more information please contact: Jessica Anton at 304-546-2159 or jjajla@suddenlink.net.

ATTENTION: SOPHOMORE PARENTS – Hosting Project Graduation is the tenth grade parent project. It is an all night lock-in aimed at giving the graduating class a safe and fun place to celebrate with their classmates and the junior class one last time. This year it is scheduled to be at the Charleston YMCA on Friday, May 22, 2020, from 10:30 p.m. - 4 a.m. An email was sent with details of how you can get involved. For more information, please contact Susan Malinoski at slmalinoski@msn.com or 304-542-4098. Thank you in advance!

ATTENTION: JUNIOR PARENTS-- The juniors are moving from the planning to building phase for prom and are being encouraged to get their parents involved. Any parent who would like to help should pass the word along through their student or contact Mrs. Leven at avrah.leven@charlestoncatholic-crw.org. You can sign up for Remind for periodic updates by texting to the number 81010 with the message [@cchsprom20](#).

ATHLETIC UPDATES

WINTER SPORTS UPDATE- Winter sports are nearing their conclusion and end of season tournaments are beginning.

- The high school swim team will be in the State Meet on February 20th and 21st. The Irish had five athletes qualify for the State Meet: Matthew Smith, Mason Cormany, Zachary Mitchell, Anthony Metz, and Sydney Williamson. Good luck to the athletes and coaches this week!

- The high school boys' basketball team's regular season is coming to a close. The boys are 14-5 and are ranked second in the state in Single A. Sectionals will begin March 2nd. You can follow our twitter page for tournament information [@cchssports](#).

- The Lady Irish basketball team has had a lot of success this season. The Irish have a record of 12-8 and are now focused on Sectionals. Sectionals begin on February 24th. You can follow our twitter page for tournament information [@cchssports](#).

- The middle school boys' basketball team has had an impressive season and has shown tremendous growth over last year. The Irish finished the regular season with a 12-5 record and 5th in the counties entering the County Tournament. The tournament will start February 24th.

- The middle school girls' basketball team finished fifth in Kanawha County. The Irish fell short in the first round of the County Tournament, but had a very successful season. Congratulations, Lady Irish, and Coach Nelson, Coach Villers, and Coach Welch.

Spring sports are just about here. All spring sports will start practice during the week of March 2nd. Good luck to all our teams. Let's go Irish!

SPRING SPORTS – As we approach the beginning of spring sports, keep in mind that eligible students must have at least an unweighted 2.0 grade point average for the first semester and must be in good behavioral and academic standing at CCHS. All 6th grade athletes must have a 2.5 if competing in their second sport this school year. Spring head coaches are H.S. boys' and girls' tennis: David Sadd; H.S. baseball: Bill Mehle; H.S. softball: Kevin Corbett; H.S. track: Scott Welch; M.S. baseball: Andy Higginbotham; M.S. softball: Mark Henrich; M.S. track: Heidi Buscher; M.S. golf: contact Jacob Nelson; M.S. boys' and girls' tennis: Ricky Nelson. Families should feel free to contact coaches or the school office for additional information.



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.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY – Keep in mind that eligible students must have at least **an unweighted 2.0 grade point average for the semester** and must be in good behavioral and academic standing at CCHS in order to participate in extracurricular activities.

PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL SPORTS – As we prepare for spring sports, it is good to review our attendance policy for participation. 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. Additionally, students are expected to be in school for the majority of a school day in order to be eligible for practice that 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.

BASEBALL GAME DAY SPONSORSHIPS- Our high school and middle school baseball teams are scheduled to play 2020 home games at the Shawnee Sports Complex. While the field usage cost of our home games is included in our field sponsorship, we are responsible for the field usage cost for our practice time on the field. **Please consider a Game Day Sponsorship.** A **\$200 donation** will help us cover the cost of the field rental for practice. **Your firm or company’s name will be displayed at the field on your game date.** Baseball Game Day Sponsor Forms are available from our athletic director, Jacob Nelson, and on the school website. Click on the “Athletics Home” tab or search "Baseball Game Day Sponsorship."

CONGRATULATIONS

- to senior Clare Tupta for being selected as Charleston Catholic’s Aquinas Medal recipient, a recognition given to one student at each Catholic school in West Virginia recognizing faithful discipleship, academic excellence, leadership, and service. Clare will be recognized at the diocesan Catholic Schools Dinner in Morgantown in April.
- to seniors Katie Nester and Drew Casingal who were selected as Charleston Catholic’s St. Sebastian Medal winners. The award recognizes high achieving student athletes from each of the state’s diocesan high schools who exhibit the qualities of sportsmanship, teamwork, academics, and a high respect for school, classmates, teammates, opponents, parish, and the community. They will receive their medals at the Catholic Schools Dinner in Morgantown in April.
- to the Drama Club for the outstanding world premiere performance of *Dead Men Put On No Plays: The Tale of Barnabas Prymne*, an original script written and directed by seniors Simone Coustasse and Cameron Kiss under the guidance of faculty directors Joshua Fix, Sarah Elliott, and Jeanie Walter. The clever script was brought to life by cast members Ellis Brown, Alyssa Williams, Carter Kiss, Elizabeth Shaf, Grace Abdalla, Gabe Castro, Adam Boothroyd, Grace Litton, David Kershner-Leon, Mo Kranwinkel, Emma Wirts, Allyson Gardner, Jenna De’Temple, Celina Delgra, Kathryn Lakin, Delaney Wells, Mike Fox, Josh Kardos, Lauren Gillespie, Tristan Carrico, Robbie Fink, Colleen O’Leary, Ainsley Blundon, Katie Spangler, Nathan Tran, Zoe Jarvis, Emma Seagle, Emma Walden, Elizabeth Zacks, Ava Delgra, Vivian Delgra, Kelly Hayes, Abigail Marcinkowsky, Colleen O’Leary, Lindsay Carr, Emma Cimino, Isabella Griffith, Rayna Nichols, and Michael Ojeda with the technical support of the crew: Duncan McMaster, Ethan Bailey, Abby Boothroyd, Ava Delgra, Vivian Delgra, Jenna De’Temple, Robbie Fink, Kevin Hayes, Robert Keith, Maria Kershner-Leon, Hayden Kreitzer, Josie Kreitzer, Kathryn Lakin, Tiffany Lian, Sydney Loew, Lilly Namsupak, Angele Nguyen, Dylan Nguyen, Aidan Paul, Colleen Rogers, Anthony Scalzo, Nick Shaf, Nathan Tran, Andrew Wright, and Elizabeth Zacks.

- to the following eighth graders for their participation in the 10th Annual West Virginia History Bowl: Campion Carrico, Nicole Gao, Emilie McNeil, Avery Persinger, Olivia Persinger, Sarah Rahin, Tony Singh, and Hannah Sullivan. Teams of students from around the state faced off in an exciting academic competition that focused on West Virginia history, literature, arts, architecture, geography and culture. Charleston Catholic finished in the top 8.

- to CCHS participants in the Kanawha County Math Field Day: Dickinson Gould, Ewan Becher (4th place in 7th grade), Tony Singh (3rd place in 8th grade), Noah McLaughlin (1st place in 9th grade), Kevin Hayes (11th place in high school), Tiffany Lian, Kathryn Lakin, Matthew Ayoob (13th place in high school), Cameron Kiss (15th place in high school), and Elizabeth Shaf (5th place in high school). Good luck to Tony, Noah, and Elizabeth as they move on to compete in Regional Math Field Day on March 12th.



MANY THANKS

- to the PVA hospitality committee for wonderful Catholic Schools Week treats for the faculty that made us feel very appreciated!

- to all who have made financial contributions to HOPE. We appreciate the support that makes this very important project possible.

- to the parents of our student athletes for their ongoing dedication to the athletic program. Beyond showing up and cheering on the teams, your commitment to transporting teams around the state, cooking team lunches, working the scoreboard, manning the concession stand, and timing events makes it all possible!

- to Diana and Bob Hypes for the love they show to Charleston Catholic. On Friday, February 14, our annual “Wear Red for Bobby Day,” Mr. and Mrs. Hypes visited the school and provided free pizza to students, faculty, and staff for lunch. Many thanks to the students and faculty for their impressive showing of red and their \$2 donations which totaled \$772 to the Bobby Hypes Scholarship. The award is given to a rising 9th grader each year during the 8th grade moving up ceremony to a student who shares some of Bobby’s personality traits- kindness, determination, optimism. Mr. and Mrs. Hypes’ continued involvement in the life of Charleston Catholic is something we are grateful for. Bobby served as an example for all of us!

- to Bill Mehle, Jackie Fannin, Ted Walker, Andrea Herrick, Alicia Beck, Evan Underbrink, and Molly Linehan for their adventurous spirit and enthusiasm to brave the elements (as much rain as snow!) and to chaperone Ski Club which allowed this favorite student activity to continue.

- to everyone who participated in this year’s Catholic Schools Week project. We collected items for six different charities during Catholic Schools Week, January 27- 31, and the results were tremendous! Each day students brought their donated items down to the Commons where items were sorted on labeled tables, counted, and organized into boxes. The eighth graders helped load the boxes of donations into the vehicles for delivery. Each charity was overjoyed to receive your generous donations. Thank you for your support. Our total donations this year are as follows:

Gabriel Project - 567 total items of diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, car seats, strollers and a pack and play;

Sojourners - 370 items including pillows, pillow cases, dish soap, laundry detergent, towels, sheets and plasticware; the

Bob Burdette Center - 549 items including pencils, paper, glue, scissors, tape, markers, crayons and other craft supplies;

Catholic Charities- 476 items including cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, bleach, dish soap, sponges, wipes and miscellaneous items; **ABLE Families**- 1152 items including paper, pens, pencils, school supplies, deodorant, soap,

shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Additionally, on Thursday, we collected \$798 from the \$2 dress down day for

Trinity’s Table. The generosity that has been shown by the families of Charleston Catholic is something special to experience. Many, many thanks to project chairs Harmony Brown and Jennifer Scalzo who organized and managed this outreach and to the parent volunteers who helped each morning.

- to all who supported our **HOPE 2020 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**. Special thanks to Jesse and Molly Linehan Belcher who prepared the delicious meal and to the HOPE participants who helped serve. Proceeds from the dinner will support our HOPE home repair project this summer in Wayne and Mingo Counties.



SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION



SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE –Please be sure you are familiar with our closing and delay procedures. **Remember that school closings and delays are announced on the CCHS website, are tweeted through cchsnews, and are shared through RenWeb Parent Alert.**

- 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, WCHS radio, WCHS-TV, WSAZ-TV, WOWK-TV, V100, 96.1, and WKAZ. **The CCHS website will be updated, a tweet will be sent through cchsnews, and a Parent Alert will be sent.**
- 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 9:30 to give staff time to get to school. Please do not drop off your children before 9:30!
- 5) As always, if you cannot get your child to school for health or safety reasons, notify the school.

SNOW E-DAY POLICY

While we plan in excess of 180 days for each school year, we never know what the weather might bring. We have one extra day still allotted in our calendar, and hopefully we will not have to use it. However, if we use all of our days, whether for weather or any unforeseen reasons (i.e., water or power outages), we will activate our e-day plan. Though we hope not to need the “e-day plan,” we want to alert our school community to the possibility now. **In the event that the e-day policy becomes active, it will be noted on the school website, in the Parent Alert text, and in the cchsnews tweet that announces the school closing.**

If the e-day should become necessary, the following plan will be activated:

1) By 9 a.m. on days that school is closed, teachers will post instructions for their classes in the Lesson Plan section of Ren Web for the current day. Students can access this information through any internet connection, e.g., computer, phone, iPad, etc.

2) Assignments for each class will be about 30 minutes in length. Teachers will keep in mind what materials students would have available at home. Some assignments may be reading, watching videos, applying a concept, working problems, completing a worksheet, writing an essay, etc. Students without internet access may need to call a friend to get assignments. As is always the case, if students do not have access to printers at home, they can send the assignment to the CCHS printer on the school website.

3) **In order for a student to count the e-day as a day of attendance in each class, assignments must be submitted within two days of school's reopening.** Because there may be rare cases in which families do not have home internet access, either through a computer, phone, or other device, this two-day allowance is being made to allow all students the opportunity to complete assignments and count toward attendance. Students who do not submit assignments within two days of the school's reopening will be marked absent for each class for which an assignment was not completed.

4) Completion of each class' assignments is required. Namely, as is the case in a regular instructional day, each e-day assignment counts for a grade in teachers' gradebooks. Failure to complete an assignment will result in a zero for each assignment.

CALENDAR FOR 2019-20

FAMILY TRIPS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC. -- Please avoid taking students out of school for vacations, family trips, appointments, etc. If students miss school for any reason (including illness), it is their responsibility to find out what they missed. The policies for making up work are included in the Parent-Student Handbook. If your child is ill or will miss school for any reason, please notify the school office by 8:30 a.m. In addition, at the end of the semester students will have to stay after school to make up any time missed during excessive absences/tardies.

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, February 22	high school Winter Waltz, 8-11pm
Tuesday, February 25	8th grade retreat
Thursday, February 27	8th grade Golden Horseshoe Test
Friday, March 20	end of 3rd quarter
Monday, April 6	beginning of Easter Vacation
Tuesday, April 14	classes resume
	SAT school day test for juniors
Friday, May 1	freshman retreat
Friday/Saturday, May 1-2	spring drama production
Monday - Friday, May 4- 22	MAP testing window #3
Monday-Friday, May 4-15	AP Testing
Saturday, May 16	prom
Thursday, May 21	Baccalaureate, 7:30 pm
Friday, May 22	Graduation and Project Graduation, 7:30 pm
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day holiday
Mon/ Tues/ Wed, June 1-3	exams for 6 th - 11 th graders
Wednesday, June 3	Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders

FEBRUARY - MARCH MENU

NOTE: During Lent (which begins February 25), no meat is served at Charleston Catholic on Fridays. If you are preparing a team lunch on a Friday, please be sure to adhere to this expectation.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24- Pizza Jennifer Scalzo Harmony Brown Ashley Stapleto	25- Hot ham and cheese on pretzel bread Tater tots Tracy Wilkerson Christie Staun Courtney Lohri	26- Ash Wednesday Pasta Alfredo Green beans Wendy Johnson Jodie Breitkrutz Cindy Keith	27- Cook's Choice Fletcher Arnold Julie Carew Pat McCutcheon	28- Mozzarella sticks Baked potatoes Leroy Dumm Denise Dumm Cary Charbonniez
2- Vegetable soup, Bosco sticks Debbie Swiger Kip Wilcox Joanne Kirby	3- Meatball subs, cheesy potatoes Amy Monday Michelle Harman Pam Delgra	4- Chicken tenders, buttered noodles Karrah Pauley Shawna Meeks Betsy Cimino	5- BBQ, slaw, French fries Larra Winter Courtney Lohri Cindy Keith	6- Stuffed shells, garlic toast Tara Hayslip Tracy Zachwieja Heather Harrison
9- Pizza Alex Macia Wendy Young George Metz	10- Tacos, nachos Sara Frame Jessica Griffith Amy Hill	11- Chili, cornbread Kristi Snyder Jennifer Wright Emilie Love	12- Corn dogs, mac and cheese Stephanie Sullivan Erica Bumgras Ben Sullivan	13- Fish sticks, wild rice, corn Michelle Endicott Sheila Moran Tina Caldwell
16- Calzones, chicken noodle soup Brandy Messer Paula Durst Mirelle Hanna	17- Chicken legs, mashed potatoes, green beans Rob Aliff Yolanda Tam Trish Lusk	18- Biscuits, gravy, sausage, French toast Barb Haynes Kristian Whiteaker Keith Sayre	19- Hot ham on pretzel bread, tots Susan Jarvis Greg Bolles	20- Alfredo, green beans, bread Kerri Linton Ron Rushworth Susan Veazey
23- Pizza Jennifer Scalzo Harmony Brown Jennifer Haynes	24- Spicy chicken, smiley fries Jamie Bowman Chris Williams Alison Corbin	25- Bacon cheeseburgers, French fries Pat McCutcheon David Mitchell Sandra Mitchell	26- Chicken parm, ziti noodles Fletcher Arnold Wendy Johnson Julie Carew	27- Baked potatoes, mozzarella sticks Cary Charbonniez Gail Carter Chris Hayslip

Volunteers 1 and 2: 10:30- 12:45
Volunteer 3: 11:15- 12:45

Mass Day- Volunteers 1 and 2: 11:00- 1:15
Volunteer 3: 11:45-1:15