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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students:

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, a national celebration when we recognize the blessings that our Catholic schools are in our lives and in our communities. This year’s theme of “Faith. Excellence. Service.” no doubt highlights some of the hallmarks of Charleston Catholic High School. Our longstanding tradition of academic excellence provides our students with foundations to be successful when they move on to the next level. Our robust theology program enables students to be thoughtful, faith-filled people who support others on their faith journeys. The Charleston Catholic mission statement encourages us to make the world a better place which we strive to do through service to our neighbors.

However, I am reminded time and time again of the family that exists within Charleston Catholic, not just within our walls but through the relationships that are built and that carry far beyond the building at the corner of Leon Sullivan Way and Virginia Street.

As a CCHS alumna, I am proud to be a part of the network of alumni who remain connected across the years and the miles. I regularly hear from my CCHS classmates and love to see pictures of their families as they embark on adventures around the county and the world. I watch as my husband chuckles while reading texts from a large group of his classmates who have an ongoing group text about all aspects of life. There is no doubt that Charleston Catholic has created a bond that unites us.

During this Catholic Schools Week, may we take some time to reflect on what Charleston Catholic means to us. May we appreciate the relationships we form in this community and may we take the opportunity to grow deeper in faith while we serve others and pursue excellence in our endeavors.

I wish you a happy Catholic Schools Week.

Warmly,
Colleen Hoyer

CONDOLENCES– We express our sympathy to our families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Josef and Heidi Brammer’s maternal grandfather, Grace Javins’ maternal grandmother, and Zion Suddeth’s maternal uncle. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

FIRST SEMESTER REPORT CARDS – were mailed today. Semester grades are composed of first quarter grades and second quarter grades. The quarter with the higher grade was weighted 60% of the semester grade and the lower grade was weighted 40%. When you examine your child’s current report card, please note that **quarter GPAs** are reported at the bottom of each quarter’s column. The semester GPA, calculated using current semester grades, is located at the bottom of the semester average column and is recorded on a student’s middle school or high school transcript. As it appears on the high school report card, the GPA is weighted. However, the unweighted semester GPA is used for extracurricular eligibility determination. The **cumulative GPA (noted on high school report cards only)**, reported at the lower right under the teacher comments, is the cumulative grade point average for all high school semesters. Please note each of these details.

TRANSCRIPTS AND REPORT CARDS – At this time of year, there is a lot of talk about grades being recorded on a transcript. It is important for you to know what is included in a transcript. In addition to demographic information (e.g., address, phone, birthdates, etc.), academic and attendance information is recorded. CCHS **does not** include students’ Social Security numbers on transcripts. Students’ courses are listed by grade level and **semester grades** for each course are included with a letter grade and a number grade. Quarter, exam, and conduct grades are NOT included on the transcript. Only high school courses are recorded on the transcript that will be sent to colleges during a student’s senior year.

PROMOTION POLICY – A review of the CCHS promotion policy is in order, now that first semester grades are official.

- 1.) All students (grades 6-12) must pass both semesters of theology in order to be promoted to the next grade level in June. The required number of community service hours and fine arts/humanities credits must also be completed before being granted a diploma or before being readmitted for the next school year.
- 2.) Promotion to the next grade is granted when a student earns credit for each semester’s courses.
- 3.) Students who fail courses must enroll in CCHS-approved summer school programs during the summer following the failure to make up the credit if they wish to remain at CCHS. Students failing more than two semesters in one school year may be placed on academic probation or may not be readmitted to CCHS for the following school year.
- 4.) 4. In 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students must earn a total of 7 credits each year. To be classified as a sophomore, a student must have earned 7 credits, 14 credits to be considered a junior, and 21 credits a senior.

MAP TESTING—This year we will bypass the winter round of MAP testing for the majority of our sixth through tenth graders. Because of the back and forth nature of the school year, we would like to spend as much time as possible focused on instruction. We will offer MAP testing though to our eighth graders in science (which will be administered during a science class period) and to students who were unable to test in the fall. The testing window closes March 5, so we are finalizing testing details and will be in touch with eligible students and their families in the coming weeks. All sixth through tenth graders will participate in the end of the year MAP testing in late April.

RENWEB REMINDERS

RENWEB CONTACT INFORMATION –If any of your demographic information changes or if you are not receiving weekly RenWeb emails with grade reports, please update your demographic information in RenWeb. Log in to ParentsWeb through RenWeb and update your contact information by choosing “WebForms” under “School Information.” Address, phone number, and email information is located in the family demographic form. If you have questions or need assistance, please call the school office.

RENWEB BEST PRACTICES—As we begin the second semester, students get a fresh start with their grades in their courses. It is important to have a healthy knowledge of and discussion about students’ grades. RenWeb grade emails

offer increased knowledge to parents. However, sometimes this knowledge can translate to additional stress on students. Below please find some ideas that might help RenWeb be a beneficial experience for your family.

1. Monitor grades weekly. Facilitate discussion.

By checking in weekly with RenWeb, parents are able to get the big picture of their child's week at school. Talk about what you see together. What did you learn this week? What did you do well? What did you find challenging? Were your study habits for the week successful? Do your study habits need to be adjusted for the upcoming week? Look for areas of strength and weakness.

2. Empower your child.

If your child has a question about a grade or a misunderstood concept, encourage him or her to talk to the teacher first. It is important that our children know we support them as they take control of their own learning.

3. Focus on the big picture.

Frequent monitoring of RenWeb places a large amount of unnecessary stress on students. Teachers create many assignments in their classes that allow students to learn and display their learning in varied ways over time. Students need to have the freedom to participate in these various activities independently and to monitor their own daily progress in their classes.

4. Look for patterns.

RenWeb's itemized grade sheet can help you to identify learning and difficulty patterns. Is my child turning in homework? Did he or she earn any zeros this week? Are reading quizzes a problem? Is there a discrepancy between class work and test grades? If you see a pattern on your child's grade sheet, have a conversation about the patterns you see and decide if teacher follow-up, by either you or your child, is needed.

5. Set a time to review grades that works for your family.

While RenWeb grade updates go out at midnight, grade review doesn't have to be the way your family begins Sunday morning. What makes sense for your family? When do you plan for the upcoming week? Can weekly RenWeb grade review, as well as RenWeb Lesson Plan review, fit naturally into this planning time?



COVID COMMUNICATION UPDATES

COVID EXPOSURE REPORTING- The ongoing and open communication between home and school related to illness and COVID cases and exposures is of utmost importance. Many thanks for keeping us in the loop. If anyone in your household is undergoing COVID screening due to an exposure or illness, please keep your students home until receiving negative test results. Please use health@charlestoncatholic-crw.org to notify the school administration if you learn of an exposure of your student or a household member after school hours. Please use this email address to report COVID-19 exposures, positive tests, or questions. Please call the school office at 304-342-8415 and speak with an administrator if you learn of the exposure during school office hours.

ABSENCES- Virtual participation has been designed to support our students who are ill and to encourage students to stay home if they are sick so that we can keep our school community healthy. Planning for virtual learning, in addition to in person learning, requires significant time and effort from the teachers. Therefore, it should be utilized primarily in the cases of illness, exposure, or injury. **Students who miss school for reasons other than illness should contact a school administrator for approval prior to virtual participation.** Students who are ill with any symptoms should stay home from school. If your child will be absent from school, please communicate with the school office as soon as possible in the morning. You may email the office at appointments@charlestoncatholic-crw.org or begin calling the office as early as 7:15 to make us aware of an absence so we can prepare. Middle school starts class at 7:45 and high school starts at 8:00. Letting us know before school starts will help make the day go more smoothly for everyone!

RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDELINES AND VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION- Students who are ill will remain out of school for 3 days with improving symptoms. A negative COVID test or documentation of another condition (eg. strep throat,

ear infection) from the student's physician will be required for a student to return to school. Students may attend school virtually for the days they are home if they are well enough and the office has been notified by a parent prior to the student logging on. Students who are sent home sick during the school day will follow the guidelines for three days of improving symptoms and a negative COVID test or documentation of another condition to return. **Students who leave during the school day will NOT participate virtually for the remainder of that day. They may begin to participate virtually on their first full day of the absence.** If a student misses class due to illness, it is important that he/she touches base with the teacher **and** checks Google Classroom for make up work. Students should not assume that all classes will be recorded.

CALENDAR AND TUITION INFORMATION FOR 2021-22

TUITION RATES FOR 2021-21—will be released in mid-April and invoices will be mailed at that time.

DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE— For the thirtieth 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.factsmgmt.com>. Click on "Grant and Aid Assessment" and log in. Have your 2020 tax information available. Families with children currently enrolled or who are applying to enroll for the 2021-2022 school year should apply ASAP. Applications open February 1. **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 2021-22 – 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.

Wednesday, August 18	first day of school, 11:30 dismissal
Thursday, August 19	first full day of school
Monday, September 6	Labor Day-no school
Saturday, September 18	Homecoming
Thursday, November 4	Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 11	Veterans Day-no school
Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, November 24- 26	Thanksgiving Break
Wed/ Thurs/ Friday, December 15- 17	exams, 11:15 dismissal
Monday, December 20-	
Friday, December 31	Christmas Break
Monday, January 3	classes resume
Friday, January 14	end of second quarter, first semester
Monday, January 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-no school
Monday, February 21	Presidents Day-no school
Monday, April 11-	Easter Break
Monday, April 18	
Tuesday, April 19	classes resume
Friday, May 27	graduation
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day-no school

Wed/Thurs/Friday June 1- 3
Friday, June 3

exams, 11:15 dismissal
8th grade moving up ceremony

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOOK CLUB-- reading selection for the second semester is Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species: A Graphic Adaptation by Michael Keller, Illustrated by Nicole Fuller. Any high school student may join this club. We will meet four times this semester on Google Meet to discuss assigned sections of the book. The first meeting will be in February, so interested students should acquire a copy of the book soon. Contact Mrs. Arnold for more information or to get an invite to join the Google Class site for Science Book Club.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12-- We will continue our annual tradition of remembering *Bobby Hypes*, a member of the CCHS class of 2008 who died of heart disease on February 5, 2006, with a "Wear Red for Bobby Day." Students may wear red sweaters/shirts with jeans or khakis with a \$2 contribution to help fund the CCHS Bobby Hypes Memorial Scholarship. The partial-tuition scholarship, awarded to a rising freshman each year, celebrates Bobby's life and reminds each of us to live as Bobby did – kindly, appreciatively, and enthusiastically. Mr. and Mrs. Hypes will be unable to join us for lunch this year due to our visitor restrictions in the school building, but they are thrilled we will be continuing the tradition. Donations to the scholarship fund are also accepted.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



PARENT ALERT COMMUNICATION TOOL—Remember that we will be using 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, and RenWeb email. Make sure your contact information in RenWeb is correct and up to date! Be on the lookout for these texts with important school updates including announcements from the school office AND ALL WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS/ DELAYS.

VIRTUS– Be sure you're on board 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. 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 Diocese guidelines do not require volunteers to update the training portion of VIRTUS. Please contact Mr. Villers with any questions and to update your forms.

GLOVES NEEDED-- The science department is in need of latex and vinyl gloves of all sizes for dissections and other lab activities. Please contact Mrs. Arnold to coordinate a donation or drop off any gloves in the office. Many thanks!

OUTSIDE FORMS- If your child needs to have forms filled out by teachers or other school staff for a physician's evaluation, please send them to the main office with a note. Please note that any form filled out for the purpose of evaluation must be sent directly to a specific doctor or group; forms will not be returned to the child or parent.

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

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT FORMS -- for drivers' licenses and permits may be requested from the school office using the appointments@charlestoncatholic-crw.org email address. Please put PROOF OF ENROLLMENT REQUEST in the subject line. Include student's full legal name (no nicknames), date of birth MM/DD/YYYY), and home address in the request. It will take two school days for the forms to be completed by office staff.



WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK! – This year has presented challenges in acquiring photos for the yearbook. We need your help! You can share photos of sporting events and practices, school & community events, or e-learning photos. 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!

SENIOR ADS FOR THE YEARBOOK— Senior parents— be on the lookout for an email reminder about senior ads. Design and payment are due by February 10 for the ad to be included in the yearbook. Don't miss the deadline!

SPIRIT SHOP— **Get ready for the return of sports with some spirit gear.** Stop by the office to check out the new spirit shop featuring a variety of CCHS gear. There are scarves, hats, tote bags and more!



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 3:30-4:30p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays using the Google Meet code "CCHSMathTutoring". Just drop in, no appointments necessary!

SOCIAL MEDIA- Like us on Facebook ([facebook.com/charlestoncatholicwv](https://www.facebook.com/charlestoncatholicwv)) and Instagram (@charlestoncatholicwv) to stay connected with us on social media and see some of our students' many activities!

SCHEDULING AND ADMISSIONS FOR 2020-21

2021-2022 SCHEDULING FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS—Registration forms for returning students will be distributed to students in early March. At this point, 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 2020-2021—The Admissions Committee has released its schedule for the upcoming school year. If you have other children or are asked by non-CCHS families about the school, please refer to this section of the newsletter. Please note that there are changes in our format and events to accommodate safety protocols for COVID-19. **Applications for all grade levels are now available online** (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org). **Applications will be completed and submitted online. Detailed instructions are available on the CCHS website.**

Virtual Admissions Open Houses for Prospective Parents will be held via Zoom Each session will include a meeting with Mrs. Hoyer and Mrs. Herrick and an opportunity for questions and answers. Times and dates are included below.

- February 2nd** Virtual Admissions Open House via Zoom at 7 pm
- February 3rd** Virtual Admissions Open House via Zoom at 9 am
- February 4th** Virtual Admissions Open House via Zoom at 7 pm
- February 10th** Virtual Admissions Open House via Zoom at 9 am

February 16 and 18, times TBA – Virtual visits for 5th grade students; students will receive a virtual tour, meet Mrs. Hoyer and Mrs. Herrick, talk with a group of CCHS seniors, and “drop in” to sixth grade classes.

Monday, February 22 – 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, February 23 - first day applications will be processed from students in non-Catholic schools

Monday, March 1– deadline for all non-Catholic school students to submit applications who want to be considered in the first round of acceptances

Friday, March 12 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by March 1 – applications received after March 1st 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.

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 these 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 Honors Academy (GHA) - Marshall University (June 28-July 9)

This program offers endless opportunities for the highest achieving rising seniors to live and study with like-minded students in an intellectually stimulating environment. Current juniors may apply. Please let Mrs. Herrick know if you are applying.

Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) - Marshall University (Dates TBD) *This program is*

designed for rising juniors who write, dance, sing, play an instrument, act, draw/paint or work in digital media. Current sophomores may apply. Please let Mrs. Herrick know if you are applying.

- 2.) **8th Grade Parent Meeting** -- Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 10th, at 7:00 p.m. Please join our virtual meeting to learn about high school course offerings and requirements, high school extracurricular sports and activities, and 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. Mrs. Herrick will be in touch with the zoom link for the meeting.
- 3.) **PROMISE scholarship and FAFSA deadline** – March 1. All students in the Class of 2021 must complete BOTH the PROMISE and the FAFSA applications 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.cfww.com then Financial Aid Planning. (Note: Please use all zeros for the student ID number.)
- 4.) **SAT and ACT CLASS FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS**-- "Tricks of the Trade" is Charleston Catholic's very own SAT and ACT prep class. The course is designed by Mrs. Griffith (AP Calculus and AP Physics teacher) and Mrs. Herrick (Academic Advisor and former English teacher) specifically for our students, keeping in mind what they have already learned in class and building upon that knowledge. Students will split the time equally. The course will begin Sunday, March 14, and will run for three weeks meeting from 6-7:15 p.m. via Google Meet. The cost is \$150. Please email Mrs. Herrick at andrea.herrick@charlestoncatholic-crw.org if you have any questions or if you wish to register your child.
- 5.) **PSAT results** for students in grades 8-11 PSAT 8/9 results are available on collegeboard.org. Please review these detailed reports and contact Mrs. Herrick if you have any questions.
- 6.) **Juniors--mark your calendars!** On April 13, CCHS will participate in the SAT School Day (a *free* test administered to all CCHS juniors).

CAMPUS MINISTRY

- 1.) Lent of 2021 will be February 17-April 3. On Ash Wednesday, Fr. Binu will bless our ashes which will then be delivered to theology classes. Our theology teachers will have a prayer service in theology class and sprinkle ashes on students' heads. We will be certain to offer petitions for the health and well-being of our community and for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2.) Our theme this Lent will follow Pope Francis' newest Encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, which addresses our current crisis of COVID-19, social division and care for the most vulnerable. We will pay special attention to our own efforts to combat racism and complacency where we encounter them.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GIVING

HOPE 2021 Update – Planning has begun for our 16th summer of HOPE. We will partner again this coming summer with Bill & Addie Likens, who coordinate the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission (CAM) in Wayne and Mingo Counties. Due to the current state of the pandemic, our usual June participation is moved to later in the summer. **HOPE 2021 is scheduled for the week of August 1-6.** Our group of juniors, seniors, college age alumni and adult work team leaders will make significant repairs at the homes of several low income families and seniors. We also plan for some of our volunteers to 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 in the summer of 2019** can be viewed on our school website under the "Community Outreach" tab. The slideshow includes photos of the new house that some of our volunteers helped construct in Mingo County. The house was built for a mom and her two young children.



SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— Kroger and Amazon both offer rewards programs that are easy to use and that benefit CCHS. Your support is much appreciated!

- 1.) The **Kroger Community Rewards is a simple but beneficial program.** 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 **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.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

All volunteers must be 100% VIRTUS compliant.

- 1.) **Catholic Schools Week, January 31 – February 6- is upon us!** Faith, Excellence, Service. CCHS will participate in Catholic Schools Week by reaching out to charitable organizations. This year we are supporting local charities that make an impact on our community. Please take note of the items below and send in any donations you are able and willing to make. 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 Cynthia Hemphill Reehling (803-242-5087). Thank you in advance for your help with this project.
 - Monday, Feb. 1 - Gabriel Project - Baby items**
 - diapers (larger sizes 3-6), Similac formula, wipes, baby food, Desitin, baby shampoo and lotion, bottles and baby blankets
 - Tuesday, Feb. 2 - Sojourners - Household items and cleaning supplies**
 - pillows, pillow cases, twin sheets, bath and face towels, plastic shower curtains, Pine Sol, bleach, laundry detergent, trash bags (30 gallon), dishwashing soap
 - Wednesday, Feb. 3–Manna Meal- Nonperishable food items and \$2 dress down day (money deducted from student's lunch accounts at My Student Account)**

- canned meats: chicken, tuna, fish, Treet, Spam, Vienna Sausages
- canned beans, legumes, lentils, soup, peanut butter, and cereal

Thurs, Feb. 4 - Catholic Charities of West Virginia- Toiletries and cold weather clothing

- hats, scarves, blankets, gloves, socks, hand warmers
- individually wrapped toothpaste and brushes, handwipes, toilet paper

ITEMS MAY BE BROUGHT ANY DAY DURING THE WEEK–Risen Lord Catholic Church Food Pantry (Clay County)- Food items

- peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, rice, dried beans, canned green beans, instant oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, soup, crackers, instant mashed potatoes, cereal, jelly, instant pudding, Bisquick, Vienna sausages, individually packaged tuna
- 2.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including 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 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.
 - 3.) **Parent involvement** is a vital component of the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Parent involvement looks different this year than in the past. Your ongoing support and understanding are appreciated as we navigate the athletic program’s changing needs. Please continue to cheer on the Irish!
 - 4.) **Athletic family passes** will not be available this year due to the ongoing COVID guidelines and limited attendance policies for athletics.
 - 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). Forms are being accepted in the school office.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

KING CUPCAKES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-- The PVA King Cake Committee is seeking volunteers to purchase King Cupcakes from Spring Hill Pastry Shop for "Fat Tuesday," February 16, 2021, for the students, faculty and staff to enjoy. Due to COVID-19, and to continue this tradition in as safe as manner as possible, volunteers will only be permitted to purchase cupcakes from Spring Hill Pastry Shop and will not be permitted to bake any cupcakes or cakes this year. If you are interested in purchasing cupcakes to assist with this project, please contact Amy Tawney by email at atawney@bowlesrice.com or by cell at 304-546-7179.

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

COLLEGE VISITS- Juniors and seniors are encouraged to visit colleges to help in the college selection process. Juniors and seniors wishing to visit colleges during a scheduled school day will not be penalized for attendance purposes if they do not exceed a total of **2 days for seniors and 2 days for juniors**.

In order to be approved, requests for college visits must be submitted in writing (form in academic advisor’s office) **at least 48 hours prior to the visit for approval by the academic advisor and principal. Visits must be completed by May 1.**

USE OF TECHNOLOGY- **Cyberbullying** involves the use of technology to support ongoing negative hostile behavior that is intended to harm others. **Social media accounts that are associated with a student may be held against them (i.e. fake accounts, spam accounts).** Behaviors include, but are not limited to, posting rumors, threats, or hurtful statements on a social networking site, following social networking sites that contain rumors, threats, or hurtful statements, forwarding text or email messages, or posting and/ or reposting tweets that contain rumors, threats,

offensive pictures or videos, pictures or videos containing sexual content, or hurtful statements about another person, and misrepresenting one's self over a technological communication device.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

STUDENT-PARENT ATHLETIC COMPACT- Participation in athletics should be a positive learning experience for our young people. There will be disappointments, but the goal is that student athletes feel supported and satisfied with the overall experience. Parents of student-athletes play an important role in helping their children learn how to participate appropriately. Parents should set the example that is expected of our students. Namely, they should exhibit good sportsmanship and show respect for everyone associated with the program. They should help establish balance in their children's lives by supporting participation in athletic and extracurricular activities while placing primary importance on academics. Parents should give consistent encouragement and support to their children regardless of the degree of success, the level of skill, and the time on the field, and they should leave the coaching to the coaches and not place their children in the uncomfortable position of having to choose between their parents or their coach. Our athletic program would not be possible without the support of our parents, and we thank you for your commitment. Additional details of the Student-Parent Athletic Compact can be found in the Parent-Student Handbook.

BASEBALL GAME DAY SPONSORSHIPS- Our high school and middle school baseball teams are scheduled to play 2021 home games at the Shawnee Sports Complex. While the field usage cost of our home games is included in our field sponsorship, we are responsible for the field usage cost for our practice time on the field. **Please consider a Game Day Sponsorship.** A **\$200 donation** will help us cover the cost of the field rental for a few days of practice. **Your firm, company, or family's name will be displayed at the field on your game date.** Baseball Game Day Sponsor Forms are available online on the school website. Click on the "Athletics Home" tab or search "Baseball Game Day Sponsorship."

BASEBALL FAN GEAR ON SALE NOW - February means spring training is right around the corner. Be ready for the season with **2021 Charleston Catholic Baseball Fan Gear.** Order forms and payment are due February 12. Order forms are available online on the school website. Click on the "Athletics Home" tab or search for "Baseball Fan Gear." Forms are also available on the CCHS Facebook, Instagram and Twitter sites.

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. Attaining such standards should be a given for our students.



UPCOMING ATHLETIC SEASON DATES- Middle and high school sports are returning to the state on February 15th! Things will kick off with winter sports practices. Winter sports contests will start on March 3rd.

HS girls' basketball dates- Sectionals will begin on April 12th.
 Regionals will be April 22nd.
 State Tournament will begin April 27th.

HS boys' basketball dates- Sectionals will begin on April 19th.
 Regionals will be April 29th.
 State Tournament will begin on May 4th.

Swimming dates- Regionals will be April 10th.
State meet will be April 20th and 21st.

Spring sports practices will begin for the high school on March 15th and for middle school on March 22nd. Spring contests will begin on April 12th for both middle school and high school.

HS tennis dates- Regionals will be the week of May 24th.
State Tournament will start on June 3rd.

HS track dates- Regionals will be June 2nd.
State Track meet will begin on June 10th.

HS softball dates- Sectionals begin on June 1st.
Regionals will be the week of June 14th.
State Tournament will be June 22nd and 23rd.

HS baseball dates- Sectionals begin on June 1st.
Regionals will be the week of June 14th.
State Tournament will be June 24th-26th.

*The middle school conference will not be having a County Championship Tournament this year in any of the sport seasons. While this is disappointing, plans are in the works for a showcase that will be live streamed to showcase all the middle school athletes and programs.

All individual schedules will be posted on the school website (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org).



LIVE STREAMING OF GAMES-- Charleston Catholic once again will be partnering with Video Productions to bring you live broadcast of some sporting events this year. Please email jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org for additional details or if you know any businesses who would like to sponsor. The more sponsorships we have the more games we can broadcast!

ADDITIONAL ATHLETIC DETAILS-- Based on the dates above, there is more of an overlap of seasons than in years past. This is going to be a challenge for athletes who participate in both winter and spring sports. Athletes will still be able to participate in all the sports they would play in a normal school year. Both middle and high school athletes may participate in both seasons at the same time. The WVSSAC rule regarding winter and spring sport athletes states that if an athlete is playing a winter sport, he/she will only need to attend five spring practices to be eligible for spring sporting events. That being said, academics come first and our coaches recognize that this year's schedules will be more challenging. Please communicate with them and Mr. Nelson if time is needed for school work.

We are still developing guidelines on attendance, flex days, and conditioning and will be communicating those to coaches in the near future. Once we have more information we will update you.

Please follow our twitter page @cchssports for updates on scheduling, live streams, and other athletic news.

Please email jacob.nelson@charlestoncatholic-crw.org if you have any questions.



MANY THANKS

- to our students for their good attitudes and positive spirits despite the many challenges presented this year. They continue to come in with smiles on their faces and to work hard in their classes whether in the building or from home.

- to our teachers for their continued dedication to their students working long hours and thinking creatively to be sure that students are learning despite the many changes this year has brought.

- to the guest speakers - veteran and new to our program - that helped our senior World Religions course come to appreciate the great diversity of Christian worship in Charleston: Rev. Sharletta Green of the Methodist tradition, Pastor Jaime Wright of Grace Life Church, Revs. Cindy Briggs-Bioni and Darick Biondi who spoke on Church History, and Fr. Joseph Hazar of St. George's Orthodox Cathedral. We would also like to thank the Catholic Committee of Appalachia for connecting us to our guest speaker for Native American traditions. Our students greatly appreciated the time with Lianna Costantino of the Eastern Band of Cherokee in western North Carolina. Thank you Miss Lianna for sharing your tradition and stories. We are so very grateful for all who shared their time with us!

SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE – We are in the winter months when snow is possible on any day. Let's be ready! 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.**

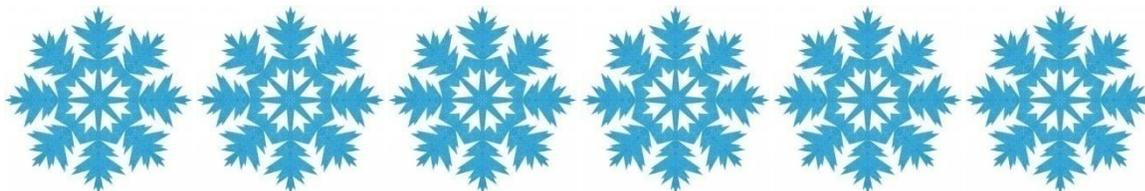
1) CCHS/SHGS will NOT follow ANY of the Kanawha County Schools' weather-related procedures.

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, WCHS, 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 text will be sent. PLANS FOR THE DAY (WHETHER REMOTE LEARNING, 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 2 hours after the normal start time. Middle school classes will start at 9:45 a.m. and high school will start 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

Though we hope not to need our “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 and in the messages (Parent Alert and cchsnews) that announce 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 their Google Classroom.
- 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.
- 3) 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. Teachers will post details about assignment submission in Google Classroom.

CALENDAR FOR 2020-21

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 (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.

Monday, February 1- Friday, February 5	Catholic Schools Week
Friday, February 5	Remote learning for all students (follow Monday schedule for live instruction)
Friday, February 12	Wear Red for Bobby Day with \$2 donation
Friday, March 26	end of 3rd quarter
Friday, April 2	Good Friday, beginning of Easter Vacation
Monday, April 12	classes resume
Tuesday, April 13	School day SAT for juniors
April 19- May 7	MAP testing for 6 th through 10 th graders
Monday-Friday, May 3-14	AP Testing
Saturday, May 22	prom
Thursday, May 27	Baccalaureate, in evening
Friday, May 28	Graduation and Project Graduation, in evening
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day holiday
Mon/ Tues/ Wed, June 7-9	exams for 6 th - 11 th graders
Wednesday, June 9	Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders