



## **OCTOBER SPECIAL SCHEDULES:**

**Thursday, October 7:** Standardized Test Prep Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Sunday, October 10** – Senior Retreat begins.

**Monday, October 11:** Senior Retreat. (No school for 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades)

**Tuesday, October 12:** Standardized testing for all students in grades 8, 9 and 10. No school for students in grade 11 and grade 12. See details below.

**Wednesday, October 13:** Standardized testing – PSAT All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, and select 10<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. No school for remaining 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. See details below.

**Wednesday, October 20:** Book club meetings. Special schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 26:** Faculty meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[\*\*CHS Calendar\*\*](#)

**HURRICANE IDA MAKE-UP DAY:** Because of Hurricane Ida, we lost five instructional days of school. We made one day up on Tuesday, September 7. We will make up another day on Monday, November 8. This day was originally on our calendar as the Faculty Day of Experience.

For your planning purposes, at this time we will not take any other days originally scheduled as holidays from school. This includes the Thanksgiving, Christmas, Mardi

Gras, and Easter holidays. All of those holidays will remain as originally scheduled.

## **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME:**

Congratulations to Dale Weiner and David Butler’77 on being named to the Catholic High School Hall of Fame. The Catholic High School Board of Directors unanimously agreed to induct these two worthy recipients.

Coach Weiner is in his 35<sup>th</sup> year of service at CHS, serving as head football coach from 1987 until 2016, along with teaching and mentoring students throughout the years. He is currently teaching Civics. More than anything, Dale Weiner has been the visible witness of the charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart to countless numbers of faculty, students, and athletes.

David Butler’77 has been a constant supporter of all things CHS, serving for decades as the writer of the “Sports in the Past” column in each edition of *Bear Facts*, and as an athletic statistician for numerous athletic events, just to name a few of his contributions. He currently serves as a member of the CHS Operations Board.

They will be formally inducted on December 2 at the Hall of Fame and Founders Banquet. Congratulations Dale and David on this worthy recognition.

## **PARENTS OF JUNIORS: IMMUNIZATION REMINDER:**

The State Department of Health and Hospitals states that all students 16 years of age and in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade are required by state law to show proof of having received a second dose of the MCV4 (Meningococcal) vaccine. If your son has already received this vaccine, please send an updated record as soon as possible. If he has not received the vaccine, please schedule an appointment and send the updated record as soon as he had the vaccine.

The Meningococcal booster has been a recommended vaccine for a number of years, so your son may have already received it. Please check with his doctor to verify his vaccination status. If he has received the vaccine, a copy of the record can be faxed to CHS at (225) 383-0381; scanned and emailed to [vmelancon@catholichigh.org](mailto:vmelancon@catholichigh.org), or dropped off by your son to the main office. We will also accept records faxed directly from the doctor's office. Please note that a photographed or printed copy from MyChart does not fulfill the state requirement.

If you have any questions, please email Vicki Melancon at [vmelancon@catholichigh.org](mailto:vmelancon@catholichigh.org).

**PLEASE NOTE - REVISED DEBIT ACCOUNT PROCEDURES:**

Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, all parents must have at least one payment method stored in myCHS. This includes a credit card, debit card, or E check.

Beginning November 1, the procedure for student debit cards that go negative will change as follows:

- If a student's debit account becomes negative, his parents' default payment method (not parents' FACTS account) on their myCHS account will automatically be charged the total of two amounts:
  - (a) the amount the account is negative
  - (b) a \$25 credit to be added to the student's debit account to bring it to a positive balance.

There will no longer be a \$25 penalty fee since negative accounts will be brought positive using the stored payment method. I strongly suggest that all parents go into myCHS and set up the auto-reload option for when a student's account goes below a certain threshold.

This is an update to our original policy which was to charge the parents' FACTS account for negative balances. CHS reserves the right to amend this policy at any time. Please remember, it is our policy that all students maintain a positive balance on their student debit account. Any parent who does not have stored payment method by November 1 will be contacted by a representative from CHS.

For questions or assistance with how to set up your myCHS account with a payment method, how to set up the auto-reload option, or questions related to myCHS, please contact Bradley Katzmarzyk at [bkatzmarzyk@catholichigh.org](mailto:bkatzmarzyk@catholichigh.org).

**STANDARDIZED TESTING SCHEDULE:**

**8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> Grades:** All students in grades 8 through 10 will take the pre-ACT test on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>, grade students do not attend school on October 11 and 13, with the exception of those students participating in the PSAT. Regular classes are not held during testing days.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:** On October 13, all students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade will take the PSAT/NMSQT which is used to determine National Merit and National Achievement Semifinalists. A select group of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who qualify will also take the PSAT.

11<sup>th</sup> grade students do not attend school on October 11 and 12. Regular classes are not held during testing days.

**All Grades:** Regular classes are not held during testing days. See the testing schedule for details and dismissal times.

These tests are very important for your son and very important for our school as they provide valuable information about your son's academic progress. Each of your son's teachers receives the results of his tests and uses these scores to determine what skills he needs in order to be prepared for college. In addition, this information is used to better individualize instruction during our standardized test prep sessions in the spring.

We view standardized testing as one more opportunity to partner with you in your son's education. Please encourage him to take these tests seriously. Results of these tests will be given to you later in the school year through your son. Please contact Ms. Shelley Vance, testing coordinator, at [svance@catholichigh.org](mailto:svance@catholichigh.org) if you have any questions.

During testing days, breakfast will be available in the Union beginning at 7:00 a.m. Sandwiches and other grab-n-go items will be available during the breaks and after testing concludes.

**Daily Standardized Testing Schedule**

Standard Schedule

Pre-ACT- Tuesday, October 12

7:55 & 7:58	Warning Bells
8:00	Prayer and Pledge
8:05	Take attendance; Complete information section on answer sheet

8:30-9:00	English Section
9:00-9:40	Math Section
9:40-9:55	Break
10:00-10:30	Reading Section
10:30-11:00	Science Section

Wednesday-PSAT- Wednesday, October 13

7:55 & 7:58	Warning Bells
8:00-8:30	Administrative Tasks
8:30-9:30	Reading Test
9:30-9:35	Break
9:35-10:10	Writing and Language Test
10:10-10:35	Math Test (No Calculator)
10:35-10:40	Break
10:40-11:25	Math Test (Calculator Optional)

Accommodations Schedule

Pre-ACT- Tuesday, October 12

7:55 & 7:58	Warning Bells
8:00	Prayer and Pledge
8:05	Take attendance; Complete information section on answer sheet
8:30-9:15	English Section
9:15-10:15	Math Section
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:15	Reading Section
11:15-12:00	Science Section

PSAT- Wednesday, October 13

7:55 & 7:58	Warning Bells
8:00-8:30	Administrative Tasks
8:30-9:15	Reading Test, Part 1
9:15-9:20	Break
9:20-10:05	Reading Test, Part 2
10:05-10:10	Break
10:10-11:03	Writing and Language Test
11:03-11:08	Break
11:08-11:46	Math Test (No Calculator)
11:46-11:51	Break
11:51-12:25	Math Test (Calculator Optional)
12:25-12:30	Break
12:30-1:04	Math Test (Calculator Optional)

**Please note:** Students must be in classrooms and seated by 8:00 or they will be considered tardy. It is critically important that students are on time so that testing can begin on time. Please keep in mind that traffic at this time of day is heavier than normal. Please allow additional time when commuting to school.

**FIRST QUARTER GRADES:** Final first quarter report cards will be in the E-Locker section of PlusPortals by October 19. Please consult page 45 and 46 of the [2021-2022 Student Handbook](#) for an explanation of grading policies and the importance of first quarter grades.

If you have not activated your PlusPortals account, please do so with the information previously sent to you via email. If you cannot locate that activation information, or if you are otherwise unable to login to PlusPortals, please contact Stephanie Potter at [spotter@catholichigh.org](mailto:spotter@catholichigh.org) for assistance.

**NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS:** Congratulations to Jonathan Beale, Shaan Jindal, Alexander Landreneau, Benjamin Papizan, and Jackson Robb who have been named National Merit Semifinalists. These young men took the PSAT/NMSQT last October and performed exceptionally well. As semifinalists, they are eligible to compete for a variety of scholarships from colleges and universities as well as from corporations that subsidize the National Merit Scholarship Program.

We would also like to congratulate: John Appleton, Matthew Bohan, William Boneno, Ethan Cave, Benjamin Eagleton, Lucas Gawarecki, Benjamin Herman, Brady Keller, Alexander Lauve, Christopher Mengis, and Parker Nyboer for being named as National Merit Commended Students.

We are extremely proud of these sixteen young men, and we are grateful to their parents and the faculty members who have so positively influenced their academic achievement.

**FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS:** Healthvac will provide our students the opportunity to receive their flu vaccine this season. Vaccines will be given on Friday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The vaccine is \$28 and is offered as an injection only. A questionnaire form and vaccine information sheet are attached to this newsletter. If you are interested in your son receiving the vaccine, please complete and sign the consent form. All students, including those 18 and older, must bring their signed consent forms with them. Cash or check is accepted. Checks should be made out to Healthvac.

UPCOMING ADMISSIONS EVENTS:

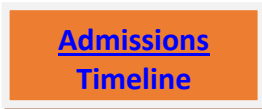
**Information Afternoon – October 4 | 4:30 p.m.**

This event is designed to give prospective parents and students an overview of Catholic High School and all that our community has to offer. This event will feature presentations and small group discussions with faculty

and current students. It is by reservation only. Please use the [link](#) to register.

**Open House, November 11, 2021 | Details coming soon.**

Please see the [admissions timeline](#) for details:



**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN:** It is the policy of CHS to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to control pests (animals, plants or microorganisms) which pose significant problems to people, property and the environment. These pesticides may also pose problems to people. In compliance with Section 3389 of Act 237, CHS maintains a registry of students who are hypersensitive to pesticides. If your son has this sort of sensitivity, please send a written verification by a licensed physician and your written statement regarding his condition so we may attend to his needs. A copy of our IPM plan is on file with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and is available in our Main Office.

**MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS (from Michelle Bohan, President):** October will be a busy month for CHS Mothers' Club! We'll be providing treats for Information Night, hosting a reception following Senior Retreat, celebrating our appreciation of faculty/staff/students, as well as kicking off our annual car raffle!

We are also excited to announce that the Mothers' Club Auction is VIRTUAL this year – meaning you can bid on items from your home sitting on the couch. Watch for announcements via social media. If you or someone you know would like to donate an auction item, contact Lauren Coco ([laurencoco@yahoo.com](mailto:laurencoco@yahoo.com)). Donations may be a physical item, vacation accommodations, hunting trip, etc.

Each of these events offer opportunities to support our students, enhance their high school experience and meet parents of other students. It is never too late to get involved and have fun in the process! Learn more about CHS Mothers' Club and join today via <https://catholichigh.org/parents/> or contact Michelle Bohan ([michelle@lhdesign.net](mailto:michelle@lhdesign.net)).

### **Men's Club Announces Rescheduled Guys' Night Out**

The Men's Club would like to invite the CHS dads to its Fall Guys' Night Out on Tuesday, October 26th in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. This free event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. followed by special guest speaker Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. Please RSVP to Men's Club Moderator Jeffrey Hotard at [jhotard@catholichigh.org](mailto:jhotard@catholichigh.org) by October 18th. You do not have to be a member of the CHS Men's Club to attend, but we encourage all new dads to attend and find out how the Men's Club supports your son's school and the mission of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

# Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant): *What you need to know*

Many Vaccine Information Statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See [www.immunize.org/vis](http://www.immunize.org/vis)

Hojas de información sobre vacunas están disponibles en español y en muchos otros idiomas. Visite [www.immunize.org/vis](http://www.immunize.org/vis)

## 1 Why get vaccinated?

**Influenza vaccine** can prevent **influenza (flu)**.

**Flu** is a contagious disease that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May. Anyone can get the flu, but it is more dangerous for some people. Infants and young children, people 65 years of age and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions or a weakened immune system are at greatest risk of flu complications.

Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections and ear infections are examples of flu-related complications. If you have a medical condition, such as heart disease, cancer or diabetes, flu can make it worse.

Flu can cause fever and chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache, and runny or stuffy nose. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

Each year **thousands of people in the United States die from flu**, and many more are hospitalized. Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related visits to the doctor each year.

## 2 Influenza vaccine

CDC recommends everyone 6 months of age and older get vaccinated every flu season. **Children 6 months through 8 years of age** may need 2 doses during a single flu season. **Everyone else** needs only 1 dose each flu season.

It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination.

There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against three or four viruses that are likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season. Even when the vaccine doesn't exactly match these viruses, it may still provide some protection.

Influenza vaccine **does not cause flu**.

Influenza vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines.

## 3 Talk with your health care provider

Tell your vaccine provider if the person getting the vaccine:

- Has had an **allergic reaction after a previous dose of influenza vaccine**, or has any **severe, life-threatening allergies**.
- Has ever had **Guillain-Barré Syndrome** (also called GBS).

In some cases, your health care provider may decide to postpone influenza vaccination to a future visit.

People with minor illnesses, such as a cold, may be vaccinated. People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting influenza vaccine.

Your health care provider can give you more information.



## 4 Risks of a vaccine reaction

- Soreness, redness, and swelling where shot is given, fever, muscle aches, and headache can happen after influenza vaccine.
- There may be a very small increased risk of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) after inactivated influenza vaccine (the flu shot).

Young children who get the flu shot along with pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13), and/or DTaP vaccine at the same time might be slightly more likely to have a seizure caused by fever. Tell your health care provider if a child who is getting flu vaccine has ever had a seizure.

People sometimes faint after medical procedures, including vaccination. Tell your provider if you feel dizzy or have vision changes or ringing in the ears.

As with any medicine, there is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a severe allergic reaction, other serious injury, or death.

## 5 What if there is a serious problem?

An allergic reaction could occur after the vaccinated person leaves the clinic. If you see signs of a severe allergic reaction (hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, or weakness), call **9-1-1** and get the person to the nearest hospital.

For other signs that concern you, call your health care provider.

Adverse reactions should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Your health care provider will usually file this report, or you can do it yourself. Visit the VAERS website at [www.vaers.hhs.gov](http://www.vaers.hhs.gov) or call **1-800-822-7967**. *VAERS is only for reporting reactions, and VAERS staff do not give medical advice.*

## 6 The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) is a federal program that was created to compensate people who may have been injured by certain vaccines. Visit the VICP website at [www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation](http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation) or call **1-800-338-2382** to learn about the program and about filing a claim. There is a time limit to file a claim for compensation.

## 7 How can I learn more?

- Ask your healthcare provider.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
  - Call **1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO)** or
  - Visit CDC's [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

Vaccine Information Statement (Interim)  
**Inactivated Influenza  
Vaccine**



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Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Screening Questionnaire for Injectable Influenza Vaccination

**For adult patients as well as parents of children to be vaccinated:** The following questions will help us determine if there is any reason we should not give you, or your child an injectable influenza vaccination today or in the near future. If you answer "yes" to any question, it does not necessarily mean you would not be vaccinated. It only means additional questions must be asked. If a question is not clear, please call Healthvacs at 225-270-2925.

1. Is the person to be vaccinated sick today or had fever in the last 48 hours?      Yes      No

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2. Does the person to be vaccinated have asthma, heart, lung, kidney, liver disease, diabetes, neurologic or neuromuscular disease or a blood disorder?      Yes      No  
If yes please list.

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3. Is the person to be vaccinated allergic to eggs or ever had a serious reaction to an influenza vaccine in the past?      Yes      No

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4. Has the person to be vaccinated ever had Guillain-Barre' Syndrome?      Yes      No

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**Consent for vaccination:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use:**

Form reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Admin.: Fluvirin MDV/Fluvirin PFS/Afluria MDV

Influenza Injection Lot# & Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Site:** LD / RD