



NOVEMBER SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Thursday, November 11: Open House. Special schedule with 8th period dismissal at 12:39 p.m. to allow time to prepare our campus for Open House. Students are encouraged to stay and help with set-up.

Friday, November 12: Freshman Retreat. No school for 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12 grades.

Tuesday, November 16: Student Mentoring Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Wednesday, November 17: Faculty Meeting Schedule. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

Monday, November 22 – Friday November 26: Thanksgiving Holidays.

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[**CHS Calendar**](#)

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS: No classes from Monday, November 22, through Friday, November 26. Please do not request holiday time before the end of school on Friday, November 19, or beyond Sunday, November 28.

COVID UPDATE: As you all know, CHS decided to allow masks to be optional indoors once the governor lifted the mask mandate last week. The instances of COVID at CHS have been so low this school year that the administration decided it was the right time to make the decision. However, we still encourage unvaccinated students to continue to wear masks and encourage vaccinations for all students. We also ask that you encourage your son to continue to practice the hygiene and distancing protocols that we know work. Hopefully,

these measures will also reduce the spread of other viruses and illnesses such as the flu and stomach bugs.

ADMISSIONS EVENTS AND OPEN HOUSE:

On September 30 and October 4, we conducted CHS Information Afternoons to discuss Catholic High with prospective students and their parents. We had a great crowd present to hear more about the mission of Catholic High and to have the opportunity to ask questions. The most important part of our student recruitment process is Open House on Thursday, November 11, from 3:45 – 6:00 p.m. Please encourage families with sons in 6th, 7th, or 8th grades to attend this event. Open House allows prospective students and their parents to see our facilities, meet our faculty and staff members, learn more about our academic development and faith formation programs, and meet our current students. If you have any questions about our admissions process, please contact Sherie LeBlanc, admissions director at sleblanc@catholichigh.org.

[**Admissions**](#)

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OPEN HOUSE:

We invite the parents of current CHS students to help us tell our story at our 35th annual Open House on November 11th! Specific needs include helping gather supplies, set up, and/or greet guests during our event. We ask all parents to consider assisting CHS in this important way.

Please see the attached flier for more information and to sign-up to volunteer.

FRESHMAN RETREAT: All of our freshmen will participate in their retreat on Friday, November 12, the day after Open House. There is no school for students in grades 8, 10, 11, and 12. Details about the retreat,

including times, dress for the day, and lunch, will be distributed through students' religion classes. Please pray for our freshmen as they experience this important aspect of their spiritual formation.

GRADUATION MATERIALS: By late October, seniors should receive information packets about graduation supplies from Jostens. Please examine the information carefully with your son. Representatives from Jostens will be in the main lobby on Wednesday, November 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. to answer questions and take orders for 2022 graduation supplies. If you have any questions, please refer to the email from Dr. Charley Silvio, Activities Director.

RELIGION CURRICULUM: Continuing a program initiated by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, and in keeping with recommendations from the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Catholic High includes within its 8th through 12th grade religion curriculum information concerning sexual abuse and harassment. The 8th and 9th grade curriculum contains age-appropriate material and is designed to make students aware of these issues. The 10th grade curriculum contains a more comprehensive study of sexual education using the textbook YOU: Life, Love, and Theology of the Body by Brian Butler, Jason Evert, and Crystalina Evert. If you would like more information about the program, please contact Tom Eldringhoff, academic assistant principal at teldringhoff@catholichigh.org.

ASBESTOS UPDATE: CHS has an updated management plan for removal, repair, or encapsulation of asbestos material found in any area of our facility. Our plan will be completed in a timely manner and will be evaluated and kept current with ongoing operations, maintenance programs, response actions, periodic surveillance, re-inspections, and training. A copy of our plan is available for reading in our Main Office during office hours.

CHS MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS [from Michelle Bohan, President]: The CHS Mothers' Club is excited to announce a new raffle sponsored by Price LeBlanc! This year's raffle winner will be awarded \$25,000 toward the vehicle of your choice at any one of the Price LeBlanc locations. The drawing will take place at the Mother-Son Breakfast on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center in Baton Rouge. Tickets are only \$10, use the link below to purchase tickets!

[Raffle Tickets](#)

Join us from the comfort and convenience of your home the week of November 8 – 14th for our Virtual Auction!

Get ready to enjoy early holiday shopping as we auction exciting items throughout the week!

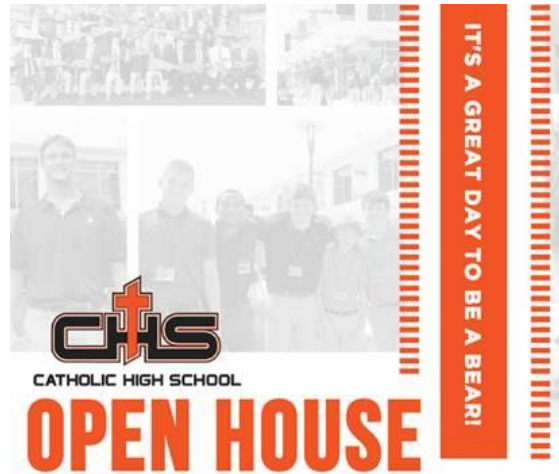
CHS moms have fun volunteering together while supporting the mission of Catholic High School. Join today to meet other mothers and to contribute to a successful school environment!

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS – ASSISTING YOUR SONS WITH DECISION MAKING:

Now that dances and other social events have started to return, so have the instances of non-CHS events that may not be well-chaperoned or do not have the same expectations as CHS. We are asking for your assistance in allowing your sons to attend only those events where you are reasonably sure they are properly chaperoned and where alcohol and other substances will not be present. Among our primary concerns are the cotillion dances that frequently occur. The large number of students from a variety of schools that attend these dances, along with questionable chaperoning, often leads to incidents involving alcohol, drugs, and fighting. More times than not, CHS is notified of an incident that occurred at a cotillion dance involving one or more of our students, and we must follow up with consequences at school.

If you are not comfortable with an event, or have any doubt, do not let your son attend. If he does attend, please counsel your son about making good decisions at any social event, including private parties in the homes of CHS students. Together, we can help your sons, our students, make good decisions that allow them to have a great time and keep them safe.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING: On behalf of the entire CHS faculty and staff, we wish all of our families in the CHS community a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. It goes without saying that it has been difficult for everyone since March of 2020 and this Thanksgiving is one that should be full of gratitude for a return to what we hope is more normal life. Please know of our gratitude for you sharing the gift of your sons with all of us at Catholic High. We ask for your prayers as we continue to form our students within the mission and tradition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. May the holiday season be one of joy, gratitude, and peace for everyone.



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MOTHERS' CLUB

The CHS Mothers' Club is soliciting volunteers for several set-up teams, refreshment donations, and refreshment service. You can see those opportunities and sign up here: [CHS Mothers' Club Open House Volunteer Sign-up](#).

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

As a parent representative, your will greet and guide guests along the route. The link below includes a list of the displays in each area along with designated times; feel free to sign up according to the activities in which your son is or about which he is passionate, or the activities related to your personal interests or professional expertise.

[CHS Open House Parent Representative Sign-up](#)

Thank you for supporting CHS in this way! If you need additional information, please contact me.



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