

NEWSLETTER

From the Office of the Principal



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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2021

DECEMBER SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Thursday, December 2: Student Mentoring Schedule.
Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8: Schoolwide liturgy at 9:47 a.m. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Monday, December 13: Christmas Concert. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Monday, December 20 – Friday, December 31:
Christmas Holidays (No school for students)

Monday, January 3: Parent-teacher conferences, faculty and staff professional development. (No school for students)

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[CHS Calendar](#)

SEMESTER EXAMS: The weekend before exams begin is the opportunity for students to study for their exams. Consequently, Monday, December 13 is considered a “dead day” prior to exams. This means that students will not have homework or assignments given on Friday, December 10 to be due over the weekend or on Monday, December 13. It also means that students will not have any tests or quizzes, or homework due on the 13th. Nothing can be due after class on Friday, December 10.

Our first semester exam schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, December 14	2nd and 8th periods
Wednesday, December 15	7th and 4th periods
Thursday, December 16	3rd and 5th periods
Friday, December 17	1st and 6th periods

Your son is not required to be on campus if he is not scheduled to take an exam during a particular period

(example: He has lunch during 5th period). The daily time schedule for exams is as follows:

7:55 & 7:58	Warning tones
8:00	First exam begins
9:35	First exam ends
10:00 & 10:03	Warning tones for second exam
10:05	Second exam begins
11:35	Second exam ends

Please check the exam schedule carefully so that you can assist your son in preparing for the proper exam on the correct day. Breakfast will be available in the Student Center Union before school. Snack items will be available between exams and briefly after exams end.

For students not participating in athletic practices immediately after exams, I request that parents pick up their son as close to the end of their last exam as possible. School office hours during exams are 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Semester exams are important for your son because they can significantly affect his first-semester grades. Please review with your son the CHS grading policy beginning on Page 45 of the [2021-2022 Student Handbook](#). It is important for students to begin preparing now for exams by developing a schedule for study and time management. Please consult with individual teachers if you have specific questions about exam preparation.

REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023: Registration for the 2022-2023 school year will take place in mid-January. Detailed information about the registration process will be sent by email to all families in early January. Please keep in mind that for returning students, there is no registration fee due at the time of re-registration for next school year.

SEMESTER REPORT CARDS: Final first semester report cards will be in the E-Locker section of PlusPortals by January 3.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND OFFICE HOURS: Our Christmas holidays begin after the last exam on Friday, December 17. Students return to class on Tuesday, January 4.

School office hours will be 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20; Tuesday, December 21; Wednesday, December 29 and Thursday, December 30.

Offices will be closed Wednesday, December 22 – Tuesday, December 28, and Friday, December 31. Regular office hours of 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. will resume on Monday, January 3.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: Please mark your calendar now to attend Parent–Teacher Conferences on Monday, January 3 from 7:15- 9:15 a.m. Teachers will be available during this time to discuss with parents first semester grades or other concerns. There is no school for students on January 3. The remainder of the day is designated as professional development for teachers.

Parents do not need to make an appointment for teacher conferences on January 3 but waiting may be necessary if other parents are in line. So that as many parents can speak with teachers as possible, please limit your conferences to 5-7 minutes per teacher. Any parent who does not feel comfortable coming to campus on January 3 can make an appointment with your son’s teachers or schedule a phone call or virtual meeting.

ACT PREPARATION CLASS: ACT preparation classes will be offered on Saturday, January 29 or Saturday, February 5. If interested, your son may choose one of these two dates to attend the class. Please see the attached flier for more details about this course. This course has proved to be beneficial for many of our students so please consider taking advantage of this resource. E-mail Mrs. Christy Kessler at ckessler@catholichigh.org if you have any questions about the course.

2021 OPEN HOUSE: Catholic High’s 35th Open House on November 11th was a great success. Thanks so much to everyone who assisted us, but we especially thank Tracy Ducote, CHS Events Coordinator. This event would not be possible without our faculty, students, parents, and alumni. I also thank the Mothers’ Club and Men’s Club for their continued support during events such as Open House.

TUITION [From Gene Tullier, President]: Remember that in order for your son to take his first-semester exams, his tuition must be up to date as of Wednesday, December 8. If his tuition is in arrears as of that

morning, a school official will attempt to contact you. School policy does not allow a student to take his exams until any outstanding balance has been paid or until an acceptable financial arrangement for payment has been made.

In keeping with the educational tradition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, **no student is refused admission or asked to leave Catholic High School solely because of his family’s inability to pay tuition.** If you are having difficulty meeting your tuition payment obligation, please contact Mr. Stuart Sonnier, Finance Director, or me immediately to make special arrangements.

It is always unpleasant to have to take action that may interrupt a student’s academic experience, especially during exams. Unpleasant or not, it is sometimes necessary to do so to ensure the financial integrity of the school. For CHS to meet its financial commitments, I must insist that parents meet their financial obligations to Catholic High. I thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

PARENT SURVEY: Last year in December, the administration of Catholic High School sent a survey to all parents to request feedback concerning the CHS experience of both students and parents. Once again, we are asking that all parents complete this survey to provide us with feedback, and so we can compare responses from last year to find out what aspects of the CHS experience still need attention. CHS takes seriously our partnership with parents, and we are always committed to improving the educational experience of our students. With that in mind, we request your feedback and I ask that you complete the survey at this link: [Parent Survey 2021](#). I will also email the survey link to all parents. Thank you in advance for your participation. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! On behalf of everyone at Catholic High School, we wish you a wonderful and joyous holiday season. I hope that everyone takes the opportunity to spend time with friends and family and celebrate the season, something that was not possible for so many of us last year. Please know how much we thank you for the gift of your son and appreciate the trust you demonstrate in us by sharing him with us for this short time during the high school years. May you all know the peace and love of Christ during this Christmas season. Happy holidays!

ACT PREPARATION CLASS

Where: Catholic High School Library
When: Saturday, January 29 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **OR**
Saturday, February 5 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Cost: \$95 (covers book and all materials)

It has been proven that test anxiety, knowledge of test format and content, and knowledge of proper test-taking skills and strategies can impact a student's score on a standardized test such as the ACT. Did you ever wonder why your test scores were not as high as you expected? Learn to do your best on the ACT.

This class will present:

- Ways to reduce test anxiety.
- Procedures for being mentally, psychologically, and physically prepared for the test.
- Helpful hints for testing day.
- Content summary for the ACT.
- Examples of problems that frequently appear on the ACT.
- Strategies that will improve scores on any standardized test.
- Specific strategies for the items on the ACT.
- Scoring information for the ACT.
- Supplementary materials to guide study and final preparation for the ACT.

Presenter: Mrs. Christy Kessler (ckessler@catholichigh.org) Bring a bag lunch!

Registration is online at mychs.catholichigh.org or
detach this form and return to Mrs. Hodges in the Main Office by Wednesday, January 26.

REGISTRATION FORM - ACT PREPARATION CLASS

Student Name (please print) _____
Student Email (please print) _____

_____ Saturday, January 29 from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. **OR**

_____ Saturday, February 5 from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Parent Email address (please print) _____

Parent Name (please print) _____

Please make checks (\$95.00) payable to *Catholic High School*.

Mothers' Club News

Membership

Join the Mothers' Club today if you want to receive advanced notice of special events and have opportunities to get to know other CHS moms, as well as making an impact on your son's school environment!

Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Tickets are on sale NOW for the annual **CHS Mothers' Club Car Raffle!** Ten dollars buys one chance to win \$25,000 toward the vehicle of your choice at any of the Price LeBlanc locations. The deadline to purchase tickets is January 14, 2022. Tickets are available online on the CHS website or you can scan the QR code below to purchase tickets.



On December 9, 2021, the Mothers' Club will be showing the CHS **Faculty/Staff our appreciation** for them by providing a delicious holiday meal. Join us in saying thanks for a great semester. Send handwritten notes or give a social media "shout out" the week of December 6 to show your appreciation.

The **Mother-Son Breakfast** tradition continues! It will take place on February 13, 2022, and tickets go on sale starting Friday, January 7, 2022. Members of the Mothers' Club may purchase tickets in advance beginning Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Tickets are \$35 per person. Tables of 10 may be purchased, so we encourage moms to plan ahead and be prepared to provide a table captain and a guest list for table reservations. Individual tickets are not guaranteed for placement at specific tables. Starting January 7, 2022, you can visit www.catholichigh.org for the link to purchase tickets via myCHS.