

NEWSLETTER

From the Office of the Principal



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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY 2022

SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Monday, January 3: Parent-teacher conferences, faculty and staff professional development. (No school for students) Classes resume on Tuesday, January 4.

Friday, January 7: Student mentoring schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Wednesday, January 12: Schoolwide liturgy at 9:47 a.m. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Monday, January 17: A holiday to celebrate the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. No school. Offices are closed.

Friday, January 21, and Thursday, January 27: Special schedule for standardized test preparation/presentations for 8th and 12th grade students. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[**CHS Calendar**](#)

UPDATED COVID- 19 PROTOCOLS: Based on updated CDC guidelines due to the surge in COVID cases from the Omicron variant, Catholic High School recommends the following for students and faculty:

- Get fully vaccinated and boosted.
- Wear a mask while indoors, especially if you are not fully vaccinated.
- Follow proper physical distancing guidelines to the greatest extent possible, even when outdoors.
- Follow the routine COVID protocols including the following:

- Stay home when sick or exhibiting symptoms.
- Follow proper physical distancing.
- Frequently sanitize or wash hands properly.

Depending on individual circumstances within our school population, these Catholic High School protocols are subject to change, including the possible initiation of a mask mandate should infections at CHS greatly increase. Our goal is to protect the health of everyone on campus, both students and faculty, and these recommendations are the best way possible to keep CHS open to in-person learning. Thank you for your assistance.

Updated CDC Guidelines:

If you test positive:

- Stay home for 5 days.
- If you are symptom free then you can return on day 6, however you must wear a mask through the 10th day.
- You will need to stay home until you are fever free for greater than 24 hours regardless of how many days you have quarantined.

If you have been exposed and have received the COVID booster or completed your primary COVID vaccine in the last 6 months for Pfizer or Moderna or within the last 2 months for Johnson and Johnson:

- No need to quarantine.
- Get tested on day 5 if possible.
- Wear a mask around others for 10 days
- Immediately quarantine at first sign of symptoms and get tested.

If you have been exposed, were unmasked and closer than 3 feet, and are unvaccinated, or have

completed your primary Pfizer or Moderna vaccine more than 6 months ago and are not boosted OR received the J&J vaccine over 2 months ago, and are not boosted:

- Quarantine for 5 days.
- After 5-day quarantine, wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days.
- Test on day 5 if possible.
- If you develop symptoms, immediately quarantine, and get tested.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: Please plan 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 your son's 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.

All parents attending Parent-Teacher Conferences must wear a mask. No exceptions.

You 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. Should you need a more in-depth conference with a teacher, you can utilize the time on January 3 to speak with that teacher to schedule a different time to meet.

Please see the attached list of rooms where teachers will be located during parent-teacher conferences.

SEMESTER REPORT CARDS: Semester report cards are available and are in the E-Locker section of PlusPortals. Please consult Page 45 of the [2021-2022 Student Handbook](#) for an explanation of grading policies.

STANDARDIZED TEST PREPARATION CLASSES DURING THE SECOND SEMESTER: On January 21 & 27, February 10 & 22, and March 10, students in grades 8-11 will receive instruction relevant to standardized tests in order to prepare them for testing in March. Seniors will attend presentations on the topics of sexual consent, mental health resources on college campuses, avoiding peer pressure and good decision making as it relates to situations in the college setting. The remaining two

sessions for seniors are associated with the end of senior year and graduation.

ACT PREPARATION CLASS: ACT preparation classes will be offered on Sunday, January 30 and 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, which has been quite beneficial for many of our students. Please e-mail Mrs. Christy Kessler at ckessler@catholichigh.org if you have any questions about the course.

CLASS OF 2023 RING ORDERS: Juniors will receive a packet in their religion classes and an informational email from Ms. Ducote concerning class ring options and prices. Representatives from Balfour will be on campus on Wednesday, January 19 to take orders and answer questions concerning ring orders. Balfour will be in the Student Center during all lunch periods and from 5-7 p.m. A deposit of \$100 is required when ordering a class ring.

Contact Events Coordinator Tracy Ducote at tducote@catholichigh.org if you have any questions.

STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023: Registration for all students takes place online. All families will receive an email mid-January to notify you that registration is open, along with instructions. The registration form must be completed by January 31, 2022.

Please keep in mind that for returning students, there is no registration fee at the time of re-registration for next school year.

Because of the intricacies of planning for the coming school year, I ask for your cooperation in completing the registration process accurately and in a timely manner.

8th GRADE PROMOTION FEE: Parents of current 8th grade students only will be charged an 8th grade promotion fee of \$50. This fee will be added to the scheduled February tuition payment through FACTS for current 8th grade students.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: January 30 – February 5 is designated nationwide as “Catholic Schools Week.” The theme this year is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.” In honor of Catholic Schools Week, many activities take place both nationally and locally. On January 31, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will host a dinner honoring

its distinguished graduates from all Catholic schools in the Diocese. Catholic High will recognize Dr. Kevin Riche '92 as our distinguished graduate on this occasion. We are proud to celebrate Kevin's contributions to Catholic High and the local community. Please take some time this month to remember in your prayers Catholic High and all Catholic schools across the country who work so hard to educate the young people we are blessed to encounter each day.

MOTHERS' CLUB INFORMATION: Please see the attached flier from the Mothers' Club for information concerning the Car Raffle, Mother-Son Breakfast, and Membership.

ACT PREPARATION CLASS

Where: Catholic High School Library

When: Sunday, January 30 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) _____

_____ Sunday, January 30 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

The **Mother-Son Breakfast** tradition continues on February 13, 2022! Tickets go on sale Friday, January 7, 2022; however, members of the CHS Mothers' Club may purchase tickets in advance beginning Tuesday, January 4, 2022, and 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 guest list for table reservations. Individual tickets are not guaranteed for placement at specific tables. Effective January 7, 2022, visit www.CatholicHigh.org for a link to purchase tickets via myCHS.

Not sure if you're a member of the Mothers' Club? Please check the membership list here <https://catholichighorg.finalseite.com/fs/resource-manager/view/73fad859-7708-46ef-9f01-ccbfd1a9824e> to confirm if your membership is current. It's not too late to join!

Student Appreciation for the 3rd quarter is Thursday, January 13, 2022. Students will enjoy special snacks donated by the Mothers' Club members.

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 Toyota Lexus locations. The deadline to purchase tickets is January 14, 2022. Tickets are available online at CHS website or scan the QR code below to purchase tickets.



Please join the Mothers' Club in extending a special thank you to Ashley Distefano and Becky Maher who during the Thanksgiving break led the decorating of the CHS Student Center for Christmas!