



SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Thursday, February 10 and Tuesday, February 22: Standardized test preparation for grades 8-11/ presentations for 12th grade students. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16 – Schoolwide liturgy at 9:50 a.m. Regular dismissal at 2:47.

Friday, February 18 – Special schedule for guest speaker. Regular dismissal at 2:47.

Monday, February 28 – Friday, March 4 – Mardi Gras Holiday. No school for students.

[**CHS Calendar**](#)

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Attached to the newsletter is the 2022-2023 school calendar indicating important dates for the school year. Please make note of the dates of student orientation, the first day of classes, and holidays so that you can plan your son’s schedule accordingly. We ask that parents not extend vacations or schedule other appointments during school days. Daily attendance at CHS is critical to the academic success of your son. Please see page 24 of the Student Handbook for our policies on absences.

[**Student Handbook**](#)

SENIOR SESSIONS: During the standardized test prep sessions in the second semester, the majority of seniors attend presentations or activities focused on completing their time at CHS and preparing for the transition to college. See the list below for the content of the Senior Sessions.

- **February 10:** Transitioning to College – Peer pressure and other important decisions. Attorney John McLindon will address the effects of destructive behaviors and potential long-term legal consequences, including alcohol and drug use, as well as the culture within fraternities that can contribute to destructive behaviors. Dr. Brian Benson will discuss substance abuse within the college environment and strategies to help students prevent addiction. Recent alumni will also discuss the challenges they encountered in their first year of college.
- **February 22:** The legal, moral and ethical issues surrounding sexual consent. Guest speakers will include representatives from the East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney’s Office, and other law enforcement officials. Seniors will also hear from two faculty members.
- **March 10:** Seniors will complete a Senior Exit Survey, learn information about the optional purchase of their laptop, complete a survey for Career Day, vote for the American Legion Award and Jacob Meek’17 Scholarship Recipients.
- **March 15:** Information on graduation procedures, finish strong comments from administrators, and 2022 Class Picture.

PRESENTATION – PUBLIC AND PERMANENT/HAVING A DIGITAL CONSCIENCE AND WHAT IT MEANS: On February 18, CHS will host a school-wide presentation by Richard Guerry, the Executive Director of the Institute for Responsible Online and Cellphone Communication. He will cover the following topics with our students:

- Cyber Cruelty
- Safe Communication in Gaming

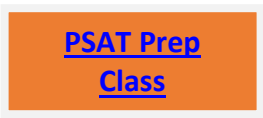
- Responsible Status Updates
- Removing the Social Privacy Myth
- The Importance of Empathy in our Digital Decision Making
- Red Flags with Apps such as Tiktok, Snapchat, Cash Apps, and more
- Digital Legacy
- Positive Use Leads to Opportunities

I will send out more information about this presentation as the date draws closer. We will also have access to a recorded replay of the event that we will share with parents.

BIMAS-MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING: Beginning in mid-February, the Counseling Center will conduct a mental health screening of all students. Please see the attached letter for details about the program.

PSAT PREPARATION CLASSES: Dates are available for the PSAT/NMSQT Preparation Course for members of the Class of 2024. These six workshops will be offered on March 26 or 27, April 30 or May 1, May 14 or 15, August 20 or 21, September 17 or 18, and October 1 or 2. There are also make-up workshops being offered in July (July 19, 20, 21). The cost of the PSAT/NMSQT course is \$215. A flyer is included in this newsletter with more details about this course, including times.

Please email Mrs. Kessler at ckessler@catholichigh.org if you have questions about this course.



PARENT SURVEY: Attached to the Newsletter email is a link to the results of the Parent Survey that I sent out in November. Thanks to the overwhelming number of parents who completed the survey and offered feedback. Also included in these survey results are the results from the 2020 survey so that responses can be compared.

Administrators will continue to consider the results to inform and guide our policies, procedures, and practices so that the experience of our students and parents is as positive and beneficial as possible.

GOLDEN BEAR DONORS: A Golden Bear is the highest honor a student can receive for his work in academics and extracurricular activities. These awards are made possible through donations by generous sponsors. If

you are interested in sponsoring a Golden Bear in your name or in memory of a loved one, please contact Tracy Ducote, Events Coordinator at tducote@catholichigh.org.

SUMMER AT CHS PROGRAM: Information including dates, times, and fees about our 2022 Summer at CHS courses will soon be available on our [website](#). Registration will be available online beginning this month. Courses include:

Strength and Speed: Required for current CHS JV and varsity athletes, incoming 8th and 9th grade athletes.

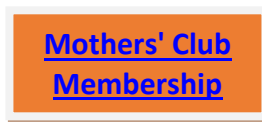
Academics and Enrichment: ACT Preparation*, Advanced Placement Boot Camp, Preparation for Algebra I, College Application Boot Camp*, Creative Writing*, Preparation for English I, CHS/SJA Jazz Band Camp*, Middle School Band Camp*, New Member Marching Camp*, CHS/SJA Percussion Camp*, Public Speaking*, Service Week, Study Skills*.

*courses open to girls

Athletic Camps: Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Track, Wrestling

Additional courses are being planned so be sure to check the website for updated information.

CHS MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS: The CHS Mothers' Club extends a sincere thank you to everyone who supported this year's car raffle. Our winner will be announced at the Mother-Son Breakfast, which we are excited to host on February 13. In addition, we will be welcoming the incoming students and parents at Bear Fair on March 9, as well as welcoming CHS grandparents to campus on March 20. It is never too late to get involved. Join the Mothers' Club today at the link below.



CHS MEN'S CLUB NEWS: The Men's Club is preparing for a busy spring semester. The January Hamburger Supper last week was a great success, and we are looking forward to our February supper on the 23rd honoring BBN, Basketball, Bowling, Lacrosse, NHS, Soccer, Ultimate, Wrestling, and Grizzly Hospitality Group. Details will follow in next month's Newsletter for the March 16th Hamburger Supper.

Finally, “save the date” for our *Spring Guys’ Night Out* on Wednesday, March 30th. We will welcome the dads of our incoming 2022-2023 8th and 9th grade students, so please add this meet and greet to your calendar. We will send out more information about the program and guest speakers as the event approaches. You do not

have to be a member of the Men’s Club to attend any of our events, but if you have not joined the Men’s Club please consider doing so (using the link on the Men’s Club page of the Parents tab on the CHS homepage). If you have any questions, please contact Men’s Club Moderator Jeffrey Hotard at jhotard@catholichigh.org.

CHS PSAT/NMSQT PREPARATION PROGRAM

As part of our continuing effort to prepare students to succeed on standardized tests, Catholic High will offer a special preparation program for the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (**PSAT/NMSQT**). It is through this test that students compete for the honor of being recognized as **National Merit Semifinalist** or a National Merit Commended Student. This test is also the vehicle through which qualified students earn the opportunity to compete for National Merit Scholarships.

Mrs. Christy Kessler will be the workshop presenter. The workshop will include six sessions:

PSAT Workshop 2022			
Workshop # 1	Saturday, March 26 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, March 27 1 pm to 4 pm
Workshop # 2	Saturday, April 30 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, May 1 1 pm to 4 pm
Workshop # 3	Saturday, May 14 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, May 15 1 pm to 4 pm
MAKEUP SESSIONS	Workshop #1 Makeup Tuesday, July 19 9 am to noon	Workshop #2 Makeup Wednesday, July 20 9 am to noon	Workshop #3 Thursday, July 21 9 am to noon
Workshop # 4	Saturday, August 20 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, August 21 1 pm to 4 pm
Workshop # 5	Saturday, September 17 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, September 18 1 pm to 4 pm
Workshop # 6 MOCK EXAM	Saturday, October 1 9 am to 12:30 pm	or	Sunday, October 2 1 pm to 4:30 pm

All sessions will be held in Room 171 at CHS. The \$215 course fee includes all course materials.

Any current sophomore may take this course. Registration is available online at mychs.catholichigh.org or you may bring the form below to the Main Office with the course fee of \$215 by Friday, March 18

For more information, please email Mrs. Kessler at ckessler@catholichigh.org.

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PSAT/NMSQT PREPARATION PROGRAM

Registration is available online at mychs.catholichigh.org or you can detach and return this portion to the Main Office by Friday, March 18 with a check for \$215 made payable to Catholic High School.

Please register _____ for the PSAT/NMSQT Preparation Program.

Preparation Program Student Email: _____ (please print)

Parent Name: _____ (please print)

Parent Email Address: _____ (please print)



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

A Brothers of the Sacred Heart School Since 1894

Dear Parents,

Catholic High School has taken a number of steps over the last two years to enhance the personal attention we give to our students, especially as it relates to the safety and well-being of our school community. These steps include, but are not limited to, increased campus safety efforts such as perimeter fencing and gates with controlled access, additional security cameras, and ID's with card readers. In addition, students have access to the STOP!T app to report concerning behavior. We have increased our school counseling staff so that every student has access to a grade-level counselor, as well as two counselors specifically dedicated to the college admissions process.

Beginning next week, Catholic High will add one more component of personal attention in order to better address the behavioral and mental well-being of our students. Before the end of the semester, all students in grades 8-12 will take an electronic risk assessment survey called the BIMAS-2. The assessment identifies strengths and concerning behavior, social and academic functioning, emotional affect, and cognitive/attention abilities. The goal of giving this survey is to better know our students and then identify their behavioral health needs so that our counselors can more thoroughly address a student's individual concerns. The BIMAS-2 was created by a team of psychologists, is research based, and is serving over 500,000 students across the country. In order to encourage the most honest answers from our students, the results of this assessment will be confidential, with only our school counselors having access to the results. The administration, including the principal, will not be notified of the results, except in the case of an emergency. Likewise, parents will be notified only if their son's results indicate a high risk of concerning behavior. This assessment takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and will be administered by school counselors in first period classes.

In their document, *Partners in Mission*, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart state that the school environment "is best described by the term 'sanctuary,' a place where students sense the compassion which motivates those who care for them, where they feel safe to become the best person God created them to be, and where they are known, valued, and treasured." Our latest efforts will help us know our students more fully so that Catholic High can continue to provide an environment that comes closer to becoming the sanctuary that we strive to be every day. Thank you for entrusting your son to us and for partnering with us as together we guide the students of Catholic High School through these formative years.

Please feel free to contact your son's counselor if you have questions concerning the BIMAS-2. If for any reason you do not want your son to participate in this survey, please email me directly at lharvey@catholichigh.org.

Sincerely,
Lisa Harvey
Principal

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Legend: Circles indicate holidays for students and faculty

Squares indicate holidays for students; professional development for faculty and staff