

NEWSLETTER

From the Office of the Principal



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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2022

DECEMBER SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Monday, December 5: Student Mentoring Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

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

Monday, December 19 – Tuesday, January 3: Christmas Holidays (No school for students)

Tuesday, January 3: Sophomore Interviews with Faculty Mentors, 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 12 is considered a “dead day” prior to exams. This means that students will not have homework or assignments given on Friday, December 9 to be due over the weekend or on Monday, December 12. It also means that students will not have any tests or quizzes, or homework due on the 12th. Nothing can be due after class on Friday, December 9.

Our first semester exam schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, December 13	2nd and 8th periods
Wednesday, December 14	1st and 6th periods
Thursday, December 15	3rd and 5th periods
Friday, December 16	7th and 4th periods

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

Semester exams are important for your son because they can significantly affect his first-semester grades. Please review with your son the grading policy as stated beginning on Page 43 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 2023-2024: Registration for the 2023-2024 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 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 16. Students return to class on Wednesday, January 4. School office hours will be 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Monday, December 19; Tuesday, December 20; Thursday, December 29; and Friday, December 30. Offices will be closed Wednesday, December 21 – Wednesday, December 28 and Monday, January 2. Regular office hours of 7 a.m. –

4 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, January 3. No school for students on January 3, 2023.

JANUARY 3, 2023: The early morning of this day (7:15 – 9:15) has traditionally been set aside for Parent-Teacher Conferences after report cards are issued for the first semester. Because attendance at this event has continued to drop over the years, we have decided to make this time more productive for faculty and parents.

In conjunction with our Student Mentoring program, the morning of January 3 between 7:15 -9:15 will be used to conduct sophomore /parent Interviews. Your son's faculty mentor will contact you to arrange a time for the interview. If it will fit in with your schedule, I encourage you to participate in the interview on January 3. We anticipate that the interview will last between 30-45 minutes. At least one parent, and the sophomore, should attend. The remainder of the day is set aside for faculty professional development.

If that date does not work with your schedule, your son's faculty mentor will be contacting you to find a time to meet during the second semester.

Catholic High School is in its third year of the Student Mentoring Program, and I hope all of know that your son meets monthly with his mentoring group and his faculty mentor. The goal of the interview is to receive informed feedback from sophomores and their parents half-way through their CHS experience. The meeting will take the form of an interview that focuses on the four components of a Catholic High School education that serve as the foundation of our mission and ministry with our students and parents: religious values, personal attention, friendly discipline, and academic excellence.

Thank you in advance for participating in this sophomore interview. It is our hope that the interview will improve our level of effectiveness with our students and parents during your time at CHS, especially as our sophomores begin to look to the last half of their high school career.

If any parent does want to meet individually with one of your son's teachers concerning his first semester grade, you can also request to schedule a time between 7:15 and 9:15 on the morning of January 3 to set up a conference. Please contact your son's teacher(s) to schedule the conference.

2022 OPEN HOUSE: Catholic High's 36th Open House on November 10th was a great success. Tours began in Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. 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 7. 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.

CHS MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS (from Lisa Prater Bailey, President): Support the CHS Mothers' Club by buying a **raffle ticket** to win \$25,000 toward the vehicle of your choice at any one of the Price LeBlanc locations. The drawing will take place at the CHS Mothers' Club Mother-Son Breakfast on Sunday, February 12, 2023. Tickets are \$10 each. Be on the lookout for an announcement with details of fun rewards for the CHS class that sells the most raffle tickets! Purchase your tickets at the link below.

[Raffle Tickets](#)

Save the date for the annual **CHS Mother-Son Breakfast** on February 12, 2023. Last year's event sold out! Mothers' Club members receive priority in purchasing tickets. If you are not already member, please consider joining [here](#). Tickets go on sale Friday, January 6, 2023. Members of the CHS Mothers' Club may purchase tickets in advance beginning Tuesday, January 3, 2023. CHS Mothers'

Club registration must be current as of Friday, December 16, 2022, to be eligible for early registration. 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.

PARENT SURVEY: Last school year in December, I 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. 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 2022](#). 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. I will send out the results of the survey in the second semester.

CHS TASTE FAIR & AUCTION IS BACK! All parents, alumni and friends are invited to attend the very popular CHS Taste Fair & Auction on January 15, 2023 in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. The event, co-hosted by the Alumni Association and Mothers' Club, features approximately 30 well-known food and beverage vendors and over 100 fantastic auction items. Tickets for the event are \$50 per person and can be purchased at <https://www.catholichigh.org/alumni/alumni-events/taste-fair-and-auction>. To participate and bid on items in the CHS Mothers' Club Auction, please visit

<https://charityauction.bid/chsmothersclubauction>. You do not have to attend the Taste Fair & Auction to participate in the auction.

Don't miss out on this wonderful community building event that supports CHS and offers amazing food from local restaurants! Admission only available to individuals 21 years old and older.

CALLING ALL BARRISTER BEARS... CLE AT CHS:

Are you a lawyer looking for some more CLE hours? Need Professionalism and Ethics credits? The CHS Alumni Association is hosting the second annual CLE at CHS on December 19, 2022, in the Brother Donnan Berry Student Center. Attendees can receive up to 3 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour of Professionalism and 1 hour of Ethics. This is FREE for the following people: CHS alumni, CHS parents, spouses of CHS alumni and parents of CHS Alumni. Cost for all other attendees is \$100. Registration is at 12:15 pm and the sessions begin at 1:00 pm. Join us for the FREE Happy Hour after the last session! For registration and more information please visit www.catholichigh.org/CLEatCHS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! On behalf of everyone at Catholic High School, we wish you a wonderful and holy holiday season. 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!