



**SPECIAL SCHEDULES:**

**Tuesday, January 3:** Faculty and staff professional development. (No school for students) Classes resume on Wednesday, January 4.

**Wednesday, January 11:** Schoolwide liturgy at 9:47 a.m. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Monday, January 16:** A holiday to celebrate the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. No school. Offices are closed.

**Friday, January 20:** Student mentoring schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Thursday, January 26:** Special schedule for standardized test preparation/presentations for 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[\*\*CHS Calendar\*\*](#)

**SEMESTER REPORT CARDS:** Semester report cards are available and are in the E-Locker section of PlusPortals. Please consult Page 43 of the [2022-2023 Student Handbook](#) for an explanation of grading policies.

**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 may have contacted you to arrange a time for the interview. At least one parent, and the sophomore, should attend. If any parent does want to meet individually with one of your son's teachers concerning his first semester grade, you can also request 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. The remainder of the day is set aside for faculty professional development.

**SOPHOMORE INTERVIEW REMINDER:** If you are the parent of a sophomore and are not meeting with your son's faculty mentor on January 3, you can expect to be contacted during the second semester to participate in the sophomore interview.

Catholic High School is in its third year of the Student Mentoring Program, and I hope all of you know that your son meets monthly with his mentoring group and his faculty mentor. The goal of the sophomore 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.

**CLASS OF 2024 RING ORDERS:** Juniors will receive a flyer 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 18 to take orders and answer questions concerning ring orders. Balfour will be in the Student Center during all lunch periods and in the main lobby (Hearthstone entrance) from 5-6:30 p.m. A deposit of \$100 is required when ordering a class ring.

Contact Events Coordinator Tracy Ducote at [tducote@catholichigh.org](mailto:tducote@catholichigh.org) if you have any questions.

**REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024:** Registration for all current students takes place online. All families will receive an email in mid-January to notify you that registration is open, along with instructions. The registration form must be completed by January 31, 2023.

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.

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

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** January 29 – February 4 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 30, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will host a dinner honoring its distinguished graduates from all Catholic schools in the Diocese. Catholic High will recognize Mr. Hal Dupuy ‘73 as our distinguished graduate on this occasion. We are proud to celebrate Hal’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 entrusted to our care.

**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 Bother 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.

**CHS MOTHERS’ CLUB NEWS (from Lisa Prater Bailey, President):** The CHS Mothers’ Club needs your help with the annual car raffle. We are asking each student to sell 10 tickets for \$10 each. The winner of the raffle will receive \$25,000 toward the vehicle of their choice at any one of the Price LeBlanc locations. The drawing will take place at the CHS Mothers’ Club Mother-Son Breakfast on February 12, 2023. Be on the lookout for an announcement with details of fun rewards for the CHS class that sells the most raffle tickets.

Mark your calendars for January 15, 2023, to join us on the *Highway to the Danger Zone* for CHS’s annual Taste Fair and Auction hosted by the CHS Alumni Association and the CHS Mothers’ Club!

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 a member, please consider joining.

See the Catholic High School website details and links for purchasing tickets.

**STANDARDIZED TEST PREPARATION CLASSES DURING THE SECOND SEMESTER:** On January 26 , February 3 & 7, and March 2 & 22, students in grades 8-11 will receive instruction during the school day 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, February 5 and Saturday, March 25. 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](mailto:ckessler@catholichigh.org) if you have any questions about the course.

**PARENT SURVEY:** Thanks to those parents who completed the Parent Survey that I sent out in the December Principal's Newsletter and through email. If you have not yet completed the survey, I ask that you take a few minutes to participate in the survey and share your feedback concerning the CHS experience of

both students and parents. CHS takes seriously our partnership with parents, and we are always committed to improving the educational experience of our students. The survey can be found at this link: [Parent Survey 2022](#). 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.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR:** May the new year bring everyone health, happiness, and peace. Thank you for entrusting your son to us and your continued support of Catholic High School. Happy 2023!

# ACT PREPARATION CLASS

Where: Catholic High School Library

When: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1 pm to 4:30pm in CHS Library **OR**  
Saturday, March 25, 2023 9 am to 1 pm in CHS Library.

Cost: \$95 (covers book and all materials) **Bring a bag lunch for Saturday classes or snack**

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](mailto:ckessler@catholichigh.org)) **Bring a bag lunch or snack**

Registration is online at [mychs.catholichigh.org](http://mychs.catholichigh.org) or  
detach this form and return to Mrs. Hodges in the Main Office by Wednesday prior to class.

## REGISTRATION FORM - ACT PREPARATION CLASS

Student Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

CHS ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, Feb 5, 2023 1 pm to 4:30 pm in CHS Library.

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, March 25, 2023 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in CHS Library.

Parent Email address (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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