



MARCH SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Thursday, March 2 – Standardized test prep schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7 – Student mentoring schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Friday, March 17 – Schoolwide liturgy at 9:47 a.m. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22 – Standardized test prep schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Friday, March 24 – Challenge Day. Pep rally schedule. Regular dismissal at 2:47 p.m. Challenge activities begin at 4:00 p.m. on the Dale Weiner Field.

Monday, March 27 – Junior Retreat, Standardized testing for 8th, 9th, and 10th grades, senior activity.

Tuesday, March 28 – Sophomore Retreat, Standardized testing for 11th grade (no school for 8th and 9th grades), senior activity.

CHS Calendar

END OF THE THIRD QUARTER: The third quarter of our school year will end on Friday, March 10. Your son's third-quarter grades will be based on a combination of daily work, projects, tests and quizzes given during the quarter. Report cards will be in the E-Locker section of PlusPortals by Friday, March 17.

MARCH 27 and 28 DETAILS: March 27 and 28 are special days for all students. See the details below for information about activities for each grade level. Breakfast will be available in the Union before school, and snacks will be available after testing.

8th and 9th Grade Students: On March 27th, all 8th and 9th grade students will take the EXPLORE test,

which is the same test that students took as their placement test before being accepted as a student at CHS. The results of this test will be used to determine progress on the college readiness skills assessed through EXPLORE. Students will be dismissed following testing. Students will receive an email the week of March 20th from Mrs. Canady with details concerning testing, including where to report and dismissal times.

On March 28th, there are no classes for 8th and 9th grade students.

10th Grade Students: On March 27th, all 10th grade students will take a retired version of the ACT test. This test is part of our Cambridge Testing Services, and the scores are not reported to colleges. These scores give us a baseline of ACT preparedness so that instruction during our standardized test prep sessions can be targeted for each student. Students will receive an email the week of March 20th from Mrs. Canady with details concerning testing, including where to report and dismissal times.

On March 28th, all 10th grade students will be on retreat.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: Because of the number of classrooms involved in testing and because classes dismiss at varying times, we are asking that all 8th, 9th, and 10th grade parents park in the Westmoreland parking lot in a parking spot to pick up their son at the conclusion of testing. There will not be a carpool line for pickup. At the conclusion of testing, students will walk to the Westmoreland parking lot and meet their parents. Students will be allowed to use their cellphones once outside the buildings to locate their parent in the parking lot. This will eliminate the difficult carpool pickup lines that we typically experience because of the staggard dismissals.

The testing Schedule for 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students on Monday, March 27 is below. All students are to be in their classroom and seated by 7:55 a.m.

otherwise they are considered tardy. Testing begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. Please allow additional time for travel to school since traffic is often heavier at this time of the morning.

EXPLORE 8/9th Grades	
Monday – March 27, 2023	
7:55	All 8 th and 9 th grade students report to their testing classroom for attendance, prayer and pledge
8:00	Testing Begins
10:45	Approximate Dismissal – parents will park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland lot and wait for students to be dismissed. Each testing room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.

10th Grade CAMBRIDGE ACT	
Monday – March 27, 2023	
7:55	All 10 th grade students report to their testing classroom for attendance, prayer and pledge
8:00	Testing Begins
11:35	Approximate Dismissal – parents will park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland lot and wait for students to be dismissed. Each testing room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.

11th Grade Students: On March 27th, all 11th grade students will be on retreat.

On March 28th, all 11th grade students will take the official ACT test on our campus. This test can serve as one of the two ACT tests we suggest students take in the spring of the junior year. The registration fee for this test was paid during orientation in August. Students will receive an email the week of March 20th from Mrs. Canady with details concerning testing, including where to report and dismissal times.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: Because of the number of classrooms involved in testing and because classes dismiss at varying times, we are asking that all 11th grade parents park in the Westmoreland parking lot in a parking spot to pick up their son at the conclusion of testing. There will not be a carpool line for pickup. At the conclusion of testing, students will walk to the Westmoreland parking lot

and meet their parents. Students will be allowed to use their cellphones once outside the buildings to locate their parent in the parking lot. This will eliminate the difficult carpool pickup lines that we typically experience because of the staggered dismissals.

All students are to be in their classroom and seated by 7:55 a.m. Testing begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. otherwise they are considered tardy. Please allow additional time for travel to school since traffic is often heavier at this time of the morning.

ACT – 11th Grade Students	
Tuesday – March 28, 2023	
7:55	All Students report to their testing classroom for attendance, prayer and pledge
8:00	Testing Begins
12:20	Approximate Dismissal – parents will park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland lot and wait for students to be dismissed. Each testing room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.

Seniors: On March 27th, seniors will participate in the Senior Olympics and on March 28th they will have Career Day.

These are considered school days and seniors are required to attend. More details will be sent out to seniors soon.

CAMPUS SECURITY ADDITIONS: Since the Christmas holidays, CHS has been in the process of adding additional perimeter fencing to increase campus security. Fencing has been added around the t-buildings and across the access into the Fine Arts Courtyard from Westmoreland. With the new fencing, the interior areas of campus on the Main Building side of Hearthstone, including the Centennial Courtyard, are now controlled access only. This additional fencing adds another level of security for keeping our students and faculty safe.

CHS considers the safety of your sons one of our top priorities and we will continue to enhance security in the future.

2023 - 2024 TUITION AND RE-REGISTRATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A copy of this schedule is enclosed with this newsletter.

DEADLINE FOR REQUESTS FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

[From Gerald Tullier]: Applications for tuition

assistance for the 2023-2024 school year must be submitted by Friday, April 28, 2023. Note that applications must be submitted by all persons who are requesting tuition assistance, both those applying for the first time and those who received tuition assistance during the 2022-2023 school year and are re-applying for tuition assistance for the coming school year.

Applications for assistance are to be submitted on-line through FACTS. A link to the FACTS web page can be found in the "Tuition Information" section of the Parents section of the CHS web page or in the link below. You will need to create a FACTS account and log-in, and then complete the application online.



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.** Tuition assistance is available for students whose families are unable to pay the full cost of tuition.

Any parent who does not have access to a computer or who needs help completing the online application can get assistance by contacting Mrs. Pinney Johnson by phone at (225) 383-0397 ext. #104, or by e-mail at pjohnson@catholichigh.org.

PSAT PREPARATION CLASSES: Dates are available for the PSAT/NMSQT Preparation Course for members of the Class of 2025. These six workshops will be offered on: March 11 or 12, April 22 or April 23, May 13 or 14, August 26 or 27, September 23 or 24, and October 7 or 8. There are also make-up workshops being offered in July (July 18, 19, 20). The cost of the PSAT/NMSQT course is \$215. A flier is included in this newsletter with more details about this course.

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

REMINDER: DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP LOCATIONS

DURING REGULAR SCHOOL DAYS: Students may not be dropped-off or picked up in the Claycut lot, the Student Center lot, or the Westmoreland lot at any time before school or in the afternoons immediately after school. This rule is for the safety of our students and our faculty members who park in these lots. Parents may pick up students after practices in the Claycut lot after 4:00 p.m. Students may be

dropped off and picked up in the horseshoe on Hearthstone Drive or Claycut (near the old Union doors) before and after school.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES: Because we have had increased instances of students and parents not following our established procedures regarding checking out of school, please read below so you are familiar with our attendance policy and the procedure to check a student out of school. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

It is important to remember that school attendance is a priority and students should only check out in the event of illness or for appointments that absolutely cannot be scheduled after school hours. Parents should make every effort to schedule appointments that do not take students out during the school day. It is especially important that parents not extend school holidays by taking off the day before holidays begin or returning late from the holidays. Such absences are unexcused, and consequences will be given in most instances.

On those rare occasions when a student does need to check out, he should bring a note from a parent before school to the assistant principal's office. The note must include a) the student's name, b) date, c) time to be dismissed from class, and d) reason for checking out. The attendance secretary will give the student a dismissal slip to leave class at the designated time to report back to the assistant principals' office to scan his ID before leaving campus. Parents arriving to school to pick up their son do not need to come into the school. Park in the Hearthstone Circle and call (225) 383-0397. We will send your son out to the car.

If an unforeseen and necessary circumstance occurs and a student must check out and he did not know about it, parents must call the school in advance. This situation should only occur in the rarest of circumstances. Please do not just show up at school to check a student out. We do not call into classrooms to have a student to report to the office, so a member of our office staff must leave their desk and go get the student. This takes time away from our office staff, but also means that parents must wait longer for their son to check out.

It is also important to remember that not all absences are excused, and consequences may be given to a student in those circumstances. Please consult the *Student Handbook* for further details.

SUMMER AT CHS PROGRAM: Registration is opening soon! Information including dates, times, and fees

about our 2023 Summer at CHS courses are available on our [website](#).

Courses include:

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

Academics and Enrichment: 3D Animation*, ACT Preparation*, Advanced Placement Boot Camp, Preparation for Algebra I, College Application Boot Camp*, Preparation for English I, Fun Science*, International Culinary Camp*, Jazz Band Camp*, Lego Camp*, Middle School Concert Band Camp*, Middle School Percussion Band Camp*, New Member Band Camp*, CHS/SJA Percussion Camp*, Public Speaking*, Robotics*, Service Week, Study Skills*, Video Production*

Athletic Camps: Baseball, Basketball, Football, Jiu Jitsu*, Lacrosse*, Powerlifting*, Soccer, Wrestling

*courses open to girls

GRANDPARENTS DAY – SUNDAY, MARCH 19:

Grandparents of CHS students are invited to the 2023 Grandparents' Day celebration on Sunday, March 19th, from 2-4 p.m. in the CHS Gym.

Grandparents of current CHS students are invited to join in the afternoon's celebration, whether grandson(s) can attend or not. Immediately following the assembly, guests are welcome to tour campus and to take part in a reception inside the Br. Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center, hosted by the CHS Mothers' Club. The CHS Photography Club will also be taking pictures in the Valluzzo Student Union. Dress for students is school attire. A parking map including general and handicapped parking was included in the invitation mailed to all grandparents in February. Contact Mr. Jamie Segar '90 in the CHS Advancement Office for more details at jsegar@catholichigh.org.

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 J.P. Kelly, Advancement Director at jkelly@catholichigh.org.

MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS: The Catholic High School Mothers' Club would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the success of the 37th

Annual Mother-Son Breakfast. It was truly a wonderful time with our sons. The winner of the Mothers' Club Car Raffle was announced at the event, and the recipient was so excited! The raffle raised over \$54,000 for CHS and we are very grateful for everyone that purchased raffle tickets. The 8th graders sold the most raffle tickets per student and will be awarded with a Donut Daze coming soon!

Volunteers are needed for two upcoming events, so be on the lookout for a Sign-Up Genius! Student Appreciation Day, which is hosted by the Mothers' Club, will be Thursday, March 16th, and we will need volunteers to work during all lunch periods as well as volunteers to donate snacks as treats for the boys. Also, the Mothers' Club will assist in hosting CHS Grandparents' Day on Sunday, March 19th, and we will need volunteers to work the event and volunteers to donate food for the event. Please sign up to help with whatever works with your schedule!

CHS MEN'S CLUB: The CHS Men's Club will host a Guys' Night Out on Wednesday, March 29th from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Brother Donnan Berry, SC Student Center. Special guest speaker will be the "Voice of the Tigers" Chris Blair. Please see the flyer included in this Newsletter for additional details and RSVP information. In addition, the final Hamburger Supper of the school year will be held on Wednesday, March 15th also in the Brother Donnan Berry, SC Student Center. We will be honoring the students participating in the following groups: Baseball, Bowling, eSports, FCA, Fishing, Golf, Mock Trial, Tennis, Track, Youth & Government, Investors Club, and Cinema Club.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

TUITION AND REGISTRATION 2023-2024

The initial REGISTRATION FEE for new students is \$550 payable upon acceptance.

TUITION \$12,795

Tuition includes the individual use of a school-issued notebook computer.

Returning student REGISTRATION FEE for 2024-2025 is \$450

TOTAL TUITION AND REGISTRATION **\$13,245**

(New Students and Returning Students)

TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS (All tuition and registration is interest free, payable in advance on-line through FACTS. In March 2023, parents will be invited to schedule a tuition payment plan through FACTS. The following are payment options:

#1 Annual Payment—due on July 5, 2023

- \$13,245 for underclassmen (includes re-registration fee for 2024-2025)
- \$13,245 for seniors (includes graduation and retreat fees)

#2 Semi-Annual Payments—due on July 5, 2023, and December 4, 2023

- \$6,622.50 for returning underclassmen (includes re-registration fee for 2024-2025)
- \$6,622.50 for seniors (includes graduation and retreat fees)

#3 Monthly Installment Payments through FACTS—see below for details.

Note: All tuition payments will be made on-line through FACTS. FACTS charges a \$5 fee for the Annual Payments, a \$15 annual fee for the Semi-Annual Installment Plan, and \$55 annual fee for the Monthly Installment Plan.

12 Month Payment—includes re-registration (for 2024-2025) or senior fees	Underclassmen	Graduating Seniors
June 2023	\$1,103.75	\$1,103.75
July 2023	\$1,103.75	\$1,103.75
August 2023	\$1,103.75	\$1,103.75
September 2023	\$1,103.75	\$1,103.75
October 2023	\$1,103.75	\$1,103.75
November 2023	\$1,103.75	\$1,103.75
December 2023	\$1,103.75	\$1,103.75
January 2024	\$1,103.75	\$1,103.75
February 2024	\$1,103.75	\$1,103.75
March 2024	\$1,103.75	\$1,103.75
April 2024	\$1,103.75	\$1,103.75
May 2024	\$1,103.75	\$1,103.75

Note: Tuition payments made by credit card will incur an additional service fee of approximately 2.85% collected by and retained by FACTS.

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 2023			
Workshop # 1	Saturday, March 11 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, March 12 1 pm to 4 pm
Workshop # 2	Saturday, April 22 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, April 23 1 pm to 4 pm
Workshop # 3	Saturday, May 13 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, May 14 1 pm to 4 pm
MAKEUP SESSIONS	Workshop #1 Makeup Tuesday, July 18 9 am to noon	Workshop #2 Makeup Wednesday, July 19 9 am to noon	Workshop #3 Thursday, July 20 9 am to noon
Workshop # 4	Saturday, August 26 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, August 27 1 pm to 4 pm
Workshop # 5	Saturday, September 23 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, September 24 1 pm to 4 pm
Workshop # 6 MOCK EXAM	Saturday, October 7 9 am to 12:30 pm	or	Sunday, October 8 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 with a check for \$215 made payable to "Catholic High School".

Please register _____ (student name)

Student Email: _____ (please print)

Parent Name: _____ (please print)

Parent Email Address: _____ (please print)

Catholic High School Men's Club
Guys' Night Out
Wednesday, March 29th
Brother Donnan Berry, SC Student Center
Featuring Special Guest Speaker
"Voice of the Tigers" Chris Blair

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Chris Blair, Georgia Southern's radio voice for 10 seasons, enters his fourth football season as the "Voice of the Tigers" after joining the LSU Sports Network and calling his first season of baseball games at LSU in the spring of 2016. Blair was named in June 2015 as the "Voice of the Tigers" after officially joining LSU Athletics on Dec. 7, 2015. He serves as play-by-play announcer for the LSU football, men's basketball and baseball programs.

Please RSVP by March 22nd to Men's Club President Darrell Ourso at chsmensclub@gmail.com.

This event is free of charge and is for adults only.