
CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE PREPARATORY



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Letter from the Principal

Dear Cathedral Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new principal of Cathedral High School. Over the course of my career at Cathedral, I have been a parent, teacher, coach, development director, and most recently, vice president. I am honored to be in this new role and I look forward to meeting you throughout the school year as we celebrate the accomplishments of our students. Along with the faculty, staff and with the support of the Christian Brothers, we will continue to educate the hearts and minds of our students.

I am excited to announce that due to successfully obtaining private funding, the school is undergoing major summer renovations in our main office and various classrooms. In addition, we will also be replacing the roof in the science building. I am confident that the newly renovated offices and classrooms will provide an enhanced learning experience for our students.

Dennis Uniforms Required for All Students

On Friday, August 18th all students will be required to wear a Dennis polo shirt and Dennis shorts (pants if desired) on a daily basis with strict enforcement. Students may wear shorts year-round with sneakers, except on Dress Up Days when a collared shirt, tie, pants (not shorts) and dress shoes (or all black sneakers) are required. Cathedral logo sweaters (hoodies) will be sold from the student store on school days and from parent booster groups before home football games and parent meetings. Only Cathedral logo sweaters (hoodies) may be worn to school.

Class Schedule: Back to School Packet

Parents who completed the 2023-2024 Tuition Contract and paid the Registration Fee will find their son's class schedule in the mailed back to school packet. **If a class schedule is NOT enclosed it is due to lack of payment of the Registration Fee, July tuition or no school contract.** To receive the class schedule, a parent would have to come in person to the Tuition Office and pick up the schedule from 8:30am to 2:30pm weekdays after payment is made and 2023-2024 contract submitted.

Process for Students to Request a Class Change

All students should be assigned seven classes. However, if the school made an error (for example, two English classes are listed or no religion class is listed, etc.) then Ms. Modesto will approve a class change correction with no fee required.

If a class error exists students should request a class change by completing the Class Change Google Form that will be found on Cathedral's webpage (www.cathedralhighschool.org) beginning at 8:00am on Monday, August 14 thru 2 pm on Friday, August 18. Class changes will only be processed by submitting the request through the Class Change Google Form (no phone calls or emails accepted) through the school website on August 14th through August 18th. Students who submit a class change request will receive an email regarding their request no later than 24 hours after it was

submitted. More detailed information about this process will be posted on Cathedral's webpage before August 14th.

Class Change Requests for Personal Preference

While most classes are full, if the school made no error on the student's class schedule, but the student would still like to change a class due to personal preference he may request a class change by completing the Class Change Google Form from 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 16th thru 2:00 pm Friday, August 18th. Please know if a student has an elective class on his schedule that was not chosen by him, the school may have had to assign him this class due to class size, limitations or because space in the requested class was full. Changes due to personal preference will only be considered beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 16th by completing the Class Change Google Form. No charge for school errors and first online request. Any additional requests will accrue a \$20 schedule fee.

Purchase/Download Books thru EdTech Shelfit

Cathedral has partnered with EdTech Software Company (Shelfit) to be our online bookstore. To purchase books for your iPad you will need to have an email address, use of a credit or debit card, and create a Shelfit account. A link to the online book site can be found on our school's website main page at cathedralhighschool.org along with a flyer and instructions on how to create an account and purchase books. Once you have your iPad and Shelfit account you can purchase/download books. (However, students requesting a class change should not purchase any books until after your request is approved or denied since once a book is purchased/downloaded no refund is possible).

TI-84 Plus Calculator Required for School

All students are to purchase a new or used Texas Instrument TI-84 Plus or TI-84 CE calculator for use in math and science classes. The Texas Instrument TI-84 Plus calculator comes in different styles and prices do vary significantly among different retailers.

Student Personal Appearance Reminders

At school students are not allowed to wear earrings or piercings. Hair must be kept neat and clean and be the student's natural color with no unusual features (i.e. shaved designed, mohawks, fohawks, etc.). As a privilege, only seniors can have a beard. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors must be clean shaven, but a mustache is allowed. Caps, except for Cathedral caps, cannot be worn on campus. While AirPods or similar devices cannot be worn in class, they may be worn during Break and Lunch.

Student Orientation Days: August 16th or 17th

The first day of school depends on the grade level of the student. Students are required to attend their Orientation Day on either Wednesday, August 16th or Thursday, August 17th depending on their grade level or if new to Cathedral. Students will get their Cathedral ID photo taken (Picture Day) for free on their Orientation Day. **To get the photo taken students must be clean shaven and wear a collared shirt and tie.** The color of the shirt and tie is the student's choice. Only seniors may have a beard or facial hair. On Orientation Day students may wear shorts and sneakers instead of dress shoes. Photo packages will be available for purchase at a later time.

The first Orientation Day on Wednesday, August 16th is for Freshmen, Transfer Students who are Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, and returning Sophomores. The second Orientation Day on Thursday, August 17th is for Juniors and Seniors who are not new to Cathedral.

Orientation Day I

**Freshmen
Class of 2027**

Wednesday, August 16

8:00am Check-in at Theater
8:15am Orientation begins
Dismissal after photo ID (approx. 12pm)
Wear collared shirt & tie for photo

**Transfer Students in
Class of 2024, 2025, 2026**

Wednesday, August 16

8:00am Check-in at Theater
8:15am Orientation begins
Dismissal after photo ID (approx. 12pm)
Wear collared shirt & tie for photo

**Sophomores
Class of 2026**

Wednesday, August 16

10:45am Check-in at Theater
11:00am Orientation begins
Dismissal after photo ID (approx. 1:00)
Wear collared shirt & tie for photo

Orientation Day II

**Juniors
Class of 2025**

Thursday, August 17

8:00am Check-in at Theater
8:15am Orientation begins
Dismissal after photo ID (approx. 10:30)
Wear collared shirt & tie for photo

**Seniors
Class of 2024**

Thursday, August 17

10:15am Check-in at Theater
10:30am Orientation begins
Dismissal after photo ID (approx. 12pm)
Wear collared shirt & tie for photo

As partners in your son's private Lasallian Catholic education, we value your support and look forward to welcoming him and all Phantoms as we begin the new school year in a few weeks. May God bless you and your family!

Sincerely,



Arturo Lopez '93
Principal