



DECEMBER SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Monday, December 4: Mentoring Schedule.
Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

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

Wednesday, December 20 – Wednesday, January 3:
Christmas Holidays (No school for students)

Wednesday, 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](#)

CLASS OF 2025 RING ORDERS: Juniors and their
parents received an email from Ms. Ducote
concerning class ring options and prices.
Representatives from Balfour will be on campus on
Wednesday, December 6 to measure, take orders,
and answer questions concerning rings. Balfour will
be in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center
during all lunch periods and in the main lobby
(Hearthstone entrance) from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Contact
Events Coordinator, Tracy Ducote,
tducote@catholichigh.org, if you have any
questions.

SEMESTER EXAMS: Wednesday, December 13 is
considered a “dead day” prior to exams. This means
that students will not have homework or assignments
due on Wednesday, December 13 or be given any
tests or quizzes on the 13th in order to prepare for
exams.

Our first semester exam schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 14	2 nd and 8 th periods
Friday, December 15	7 th and 6 th periods
Monday, December 18	1 st and 4 th periods
Tuesday, December 19	3 rd and 5 th 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
before school, and snack items will be available
between exams in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C.
Student Center.

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 [2023-2024
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.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND OFFICE HOURS: Our
Christmas holidays begin after the last exam on
Tuesday, December 19. Students return to class on
Thursday, January 4. School office hours will be 8
a.m. - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20;
Thursday, December 21; and Thursday, December

28. Offices will be closed Friday, December 22 – Wednesday, December 27 and Friday, December 29 – Tuesday, January 2. Regular office hours of 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. will resume on Wednesday, January 3. No school for students on January 3, 2024.

REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025: Registration of returning students for the 2024-2025 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 Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024: The early morning of this day (7:15 – 9:15) has been set aside for two purposes: Parent-Teacher Conferences and Sophomore/Parent Interviews that are conducted in conjunction with our Student Mentoring Program. The remaining of the day is set aside for faculty professional development.

If any parent does want to meet individually with your son's teachers concerning his first semester grade, please contact your son's teacher(s) to schedule a conference for a time between 7:15 and 9:15 a.m. on January 3.

If your son is a sophomore, his faculty mentor will contact you to arrange a time for the Sophomore/Parent Interview. 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. We anticipate that the interview will last between 30-45 minutes, and at least one parent and the sophomore should attend. If this time fits your schedule, I encourage you to participate in the interview on January 3. If that date does not work, please work out a time with the faculty mentor to meet during the second semester.

Thank you in advance for participating in this sophomore interview. Catholic High School is in its fourth year of the Student Mentoring Program where your son meets monthly with his mentoring group and his faculty mentor. 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.

2023 OPEN HOUSE: Catholic High's 37th Open House on November 9 was a great success. 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.

NEW STUDENT ACCEPTANCE YARD SIGN DELIVERY: We'd love your help painting the town **ORANGE** as we welcome our newest bears to CHS! We need volunteers to plant yard signs at the homes of our newly accepted students. Signs will be available for pick up at CHS from Monday, January 29, to Thursday, February 1. Volunteers will receive an email around 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, with assigned addresses and will need to plant yard signs between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2. We anticipate each volunteer delivering 3-5 signs. If you can help, please complete [this form](#). More details will be sent to volunteers as planning continues. Please contact Tracy Ducote (tducote@catholichigh.org) with any questions before then. Thank you for your help welcoming our new **BEARS!**

TUITION [From Lisa Harvey, President]: Remember that in order for your son to take his first-semester exams, his tuition must be up to date as of Friday, December 8. 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. We will always try to work with families who are in financial difficulty, but it is imperative that communication take place before exams begin so that your student is not negatively impacted.

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 immediately contact finance director Stuart Sonnier (ssonnier@catholichigh.org) or president Lisa Harvey (lharvey@catholichigh.org) to make special arrangements.

PARENT SURVEY: Every year in December, parents are requested to complete a survey to provide 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 2023](#). I will also email the survey link to all parents. Thank you in advance for your participation. The survey should take approximately 20 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 Sunday, January 14, 2024 in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 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 the following link: [CHS Taste Fair & Auction](#). To participate and bid on items in the CHS Mothers' Club Auction, please register at [Auction Link](#). 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 its annual CLE at CHS on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. Attendees can receive up to 3 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour of Professionalism and 1 hour of Ethics. This event 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. The first session begins at 1 p.m., and the day concludes with a FREE Happy Hour! For registration and more information, please click [here](#).

CHS MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS [from Anna Enright

Stuckey, President]: Please support the CHS Mothers' Club with the annual car raffle! The winner of the raffle will receive \$25,000 toward the vehicle of their choice at any one of the Price LeBlanc locations, and we are asking each student to sell 10 tickets for \$10 each. The drawing will take place at the CHS Mothers' Club Mother-Son Breakfast on Sunday, March 24, 2024. Be on the lookout for an announcement with details of fun rewards for the CHS class that sells the most raffle tickets! Purchase tickets using this link: [Raffle Tickets](#).

Save the date for the annual CHS Mother-Son Breakfast on Sunday, March 24, 2024. Because of the limited space, last year's event sold out! Mothers' Club members receive priority in purchasing tickets. If you are not already a member, please consider joining by clicking [here](#).

MERRY CHRISTMAS! On behalf of everyone at Catholic High School, we wish you a blessed Advent, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!. 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 these crucial high school years. May you all know the peace and love of Christ during this sacred season.

Ametur Cor Jesu!