



### **SPECIAL SCHEDULES:**

**Wednesday, January 10:** Schoolwide liturgy at 9:47 a.m. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Monday, January 15:** A holiday to celebrate the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. No school. Offices are closed.

**Friday, January 19:** Student mentoring schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 24:** 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 [2023-2024 Student Handbook](#) for an explanation of grading policies.

**2024-2025 REGISTRATION:** Registration for all returning students takes place online. All families will receive an email mid-January to notify you that registration is open, along with instructions. The registration form must be completed by January 31, 2024.

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.

### **NEW STUDENT ACCEPTANCE YARD SIGN DELIVERY:**

We would 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](mailto:tducote@catholichigh.org), with any questions before then. Thank you for your help welcoming our new **BEARS!**

**BIMAS-MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING:** Beginning in mid-February, the Counseling Center will conduct a mental health screening of all students. Please see the attached letter for details about the program.

**SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULES:** Below are the exam schedules for seniors and underclassmen. Please note that seniors take final exams by subject, not by class period. Parents are encouraged to consult this schedule when planning end-of-year activities. Requests to reschedule exams should be rare and are considered on a case-by-case basis. Not all

rescheduling requests are excused and may result in disciplinary consequences, including serving detentions over the summer.

Senior Exam Schedule:

Friday, May 3	Science and Religion
Monday, May 6	History and Math
Tuesday, May 7	English and Electives
Wednesday, May 8	Conflicts

Underclassmen Exam Schedule:

Tuesday, May 21	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> periods
Wednesday, May 22	1 <sup>st</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> periods
Thursday, May 23	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> periods
Friday, May 24	7 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> periods

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** January 28 – February 3 is designated nationwide as “Catholic Schools Week.” The theme this year is “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.” In honor of Catholic Schools Week, many activities take place both nationally and locally. On January 29, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will host a dinner honoring its distinguished graduates from all Catholic schools in the Diocese. Catholic High will recognize Dr. David Pope '85 as our distinguished graduate on this occasion. We are proud to celebrate David'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.

**TIES FOR SCHOOL LITURGIES:** Many of you are aware that we have been asking students to voluntarily dress up for our school masses by wearing ties. We have had a great response from students, and many of the students have expressed that they like the practice and want it to continue. Our next mass is January 10<sup>th</sup>. We will of course again encourage students to wear ties on that day, and I hope you will also encourage your son to continue to wear a tie if he has been, or to begin the practice if he has not.

**CHS MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS [from Anna Enright Stuckey, President]:** Has your son sold his 10 tickets for the car raffle? The tickets are only \$10 each for a chance to win \$25,000 toward the purchase of any car from any Price LeBlanc location. Please send the link out to family & friends, and please share our car raffle posts on your social media. Proceeds from the car raffle go back to Catholic High to enhance the education of our sons! There will also be fun

rewards for the CHS class that sells the most raffle tickets! Purchase tickets using this link: [Raffle Tickets](#).

Mark your calendars for January 14 and join us for the CHS annual Taste Fair and Auction hosted by the CHS Alumni Association and the CHS Mothers' Club. Buy your tickets and get ready to taste some of the best food in Baton Rouge and bid on some unique and fun auction items! For more information and to purchase tickets, click the following link: [CHS Taste Fair & Auction](#). The Mother-Son Breakfast tradition continues! This popular event will take place on Sunday, March 24, 2024, and last year's event SOLD OUT! Tickets go on sale starting Thursday, February 22; however, members of the CHS Mothers' Club can purchase pre-sale breakfast tickets in a priority window beginning February 19. CHS Mothers' Club registration must be current as of Friday, February 9, to be eligible for the pre-sale tickets. Click [here](#) to join the Mothers' Club. Tickets for the breakfast will be \$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. Starting February 22, you can purchase tickets via [MyCHS](#).

**STANDARDIZED TEST PREPARATION CLASSES**

**DURING THE SECOND SEMESTER:** On January 24, February 1, 20, & 28, and March 8, 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 Saturday, February 3 and Saturday, March 2. 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 2023](#). 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.

**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 2024!

# ACT PREPARATION CLASS

Where: Catholic High School Library  
When: Saturday, February 3, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **OR**  
Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$95 (covers book and all materials)

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.
- 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!

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Registration is online at [mychs.catholichigh.org](http://mychs.catholichigh.org) or detach this form and return to the Main Office.

## REGISTRATION FORM - ACT PREPARATION CLASS

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

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

CHECK ONE:

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. **OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

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

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

Online payments can be made at [mychs.catholichigh.org](http://mychs.catholichigh.org) or via check (\$95.00) payable to *Catholic High School*.



# CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*A Brothers of the Sacred Heart School Since 1894*

Dear Parents,

During the second semester, the Counseling Center will once again oversee all students taking an electronic risk assessment survey called the BIMAS-2. This year will be the third year we have administered the assessment which identifies strengths and concerning behavior, social and academic functioning, emotional affect, and cognitive/attention abilities. The goal of giving this survey is to better know our students and then identify their behavioral health needs so that our counselors can more thoroughly address a student's individual concerns. The BIMAS-2 was created by a team of psychologists, is research based, and is serving over 500,000 students across the country. In order to encourage the most honest answers from our students, the results of this assessment will be confidential, with only our school counselors having access to the results. The administration, including the principal, will not be notified of the results, except in the case of an emergency. Likewise, parents will be notified only if their son's results indicate a high risk of concerning behavior. This assessment takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and will be administered by first period teachers according to the following schedule:

January 22	11 <sup>th</sup> grade
January 30	8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> grades
February 26	12 <sup>th</sup> grade
March 4	10 <sup>th</sup> grade

In their document, *Partners in Mission*, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart state that the school environment "is best described by the term 'sanctuary,' a place where students sense the compassion which motivates those who care for them, where they feel safe to become the best person God created them to be, and where they are known, valued, and treasured." These efforts will help us know our students more fully so that Catholic High can continue to provide an environment that comes closer to becoming the sanctuary that we strive to be every day. Thank you for entrusting your son to us and for partnering with us as together we guide the students of Catholic High School through these formative years.

Please feel free to contact your son's counselor if you have questions concerning the BIMAS-2. If for any reason you do not want your son to participate in this survey, please email me directly at [teldringhoff@catholichigh.org](mailto:teldringhoff@catholichigh.org).

Sincerely,  
Dr. Tom W. Eldringhoff  
Principal