



FEBRUARY

- 3 Registration for Class of 2028
 - 4 Father/Son Communion Breakfast-Saint Michael's Church
 - 6-7 Alternate Registration Days
 - 8 Tuxedo Junction-Measurements for Senior Tuxedos
 - 9 Campus Ministry Family Pasta Dinner 3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
 - 13 CHSPA Meeting- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - Montante Cafeteria
 - 19 President's Day – Offices Closed
 - 19-23 Mid-Winter Recess
 - 19 CHS Mid-Winter Athletics Clinic – Baseball 9:00 - noon. Strength Training 12:30-2:30
 - 20 CHS Mid-Winter Athletics Clinic – Basketball 9:00-noon. Strength Training 12:30-2:30
 - 21 CHS Mid-Winter Athletics Clinic – Football 9:00 - noon. Strength Training 12:30-2:30
 - 22 CHS Mid-Winter Athletics Clinic – Hockey- TBD
- *All Mid-Winter Clinics are \$25/session, more than one the price drops to \$15/session

Be sure to check the school website often for event details and the updated school calendar.

GUIDANCE CENTER

Reminders for Seniors:

- Midyear reports are now available. Some colleges request them to complete the application review. If this applies to your son, we ask him to complete the midyear request form available in the Guidance Office or through his counselor's Class of 2023 page in Schoology.
- Please continue to bring in your acceptance and scholarship award letters as you receive them. You may also email a legible screenshot/picture to your school counselor. **Remember that these letters will be required in order for you to pick up your graduation tickets in May.** Seniors are strongly encouraged to continue checking their email, Scoir, and Schoology accounts for ongoing important information from the Guidance and Counseling Office.
- Our webpage of college acceptances is live! Click [here](#) to see where our seniors have been recently accepted.
- As a reminder to both parents and students, a comprehensive listing of local and state scholarship opportunities can be found on the [Western New York School Counselor website](#). We continue to email students scholarship opportunities worth thousands of dollars. Don't let all this "free" money go to waste!
- Remember to complete and submit your financial aid forms:

- [FAFSA](#) (FREE Application for Federal Student Aid)
- [College Board: CSS Profile](#)
- [HESC for New York State TAP](#) (must complete FAFSA first)

Juniors:

- We will offer four different informational evenings related to the college process for juniors and their parents. All juniors and at least one parent must attend one of these sessions. More information about registering for a session will be sent out soon. Please watch your e-mail. The dates are: March 5, March 11, April 11, April 16.
- The College Planning course has begun. Course topics will include: SAT/ACT tests, creating resumés, career interests in relation to college searching and their Strong inventory results from last year, creating Common Application accounts, and much more. While parents are encouraged to review the class syllabus with their son, we also welcome meeting with you as your son begins the college search process.
- We are happy to re-introduce **Scoir**, a web-based platform, to all of our juniors. In class, juniors have already begun to log back into their accounts and invite their parent(s)/guardian(s) to create their own account. This program will assist in the college search and application process. Students and parents will have access to several resources from one website. In the fall, we will use Scoir to transmit recommendations, transcripts, and other school documents to colleges.
- Juniors have the option of taking the SAT at Canisius on March 22. Please see your e-mail for more information about how to register for this opportunity. Our SAT Prep course is offered on the prior Saturdays (March 2, 9, and 16) from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Parents of juniors can [register for our prep class here](#). Please note that if you plan to take the SAT on one of the Saturdays it is offered this semester – March 9, May 4, June 1 – you must register on the College Board website.
- All prospective college athletes are invited to attend our annual seminar on athletic eligibility. Our Athletic Director, Mr. Mauro, and our NCAA Liaison, Dr. Veronica, will present info on academic eligibility and tips on recruiting for athletes in any sport. Prospective student athletes should plan to attend the seminar on March 18 during the Gold period.
 - SAT website: [College Board](#)
 - ACT website: [ACT](#)
 - NCAA website (for Division I or II college athletics): [Begin registration here](#)

Sophomores:

Career Exploration class has begun. The main focus of the class is to help students explore career possibilities using the Strong Interest Inventory. Based on individual responses, students will have an opportunity to identify several potential career fields and explore specific careers using O*Net. Other topics include: Junior year course selection, introduction to the SCOIR college search management platform, and top factors colleges will consider in the application process.

COURSE SELECTION:

2024-2025 Course Selection

- During the month of February, students will select courses for the 2024-2025 school year. Administrators and counselors will meet with students to explain the course catalog and the course selection process.

- Students should take this process seriously and should discuss course options with parents, counselors and teachers. Course selection forms **require a parent/guardian signature**. Your son’s course request form outlines details for specific due dates and turn-in procedures.
- The 2024-2025 Course Catalog will be available on Schoology. Please direct any questions about course selection to your son’s counselor or to the Registrar, Mrs. Battin. Questions about course level placement should be directed to the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Whittington.
- Once the course selection and verification processes are complete (typically by May or early June), a student’s course requests are considered **final**. All efforts will be made to schedule a student in his desired courses, **provided he meets the necessary prerequisites**. Nonetheless, students should be aware that some courses will have restricted enrollment, some classes may be cancelled due to low enrollment, and some combinations of course requests will be impossible to schedule because of conflicts.

Summer Session

- Canisius will offer several courses of study in our Summer Accelerated Learning Program. Electives and credit-bearing core courses will be offered for students entering grades 9-12. Course offerings may include, Health, Physics, Pre-Calculus, and a College Essay Writing Workshop for rising seniors.
 - Health – June 24, 2024-July 24, 2024
 - Physics and Pre-Calculus – June 26, 2024-July 30, 2024
- Registration and payment will be processed ONLINE this year. Further details about courses, eligibility, scheduling, fees and registration will be available in March. Registration will be open through Monday, May 6, 2024.
- PLEASE NOTE: A student **must register** for Summer Session if he chooses to take a course. Simply requesting a Summer Session course on a “course selection sheet” does not register a student for the course.
- Please contact Mrs. Battin at 200-0219, or battin@canisiushigh.org, with any questions.

2024 Advanced Placement Exam Information

The 2024 AP Exams will be administered in school as paper-and-pencil exams over two weeks in May: May 6-10 and May 14-16. Students should report 15 minutes before the exam start time, and they should report directly to the location of their AP exam(s). The exam locations will be posted and the AP teachers will also provide this information at a later date. Please contact Mrs. Michele Battin, battin@canisiushigh.org, if you have any questions about the 2024 AP Exams.

MAY 2024 AP EXAM SCHEDULE

Week 1

MONDAY 5/6	TUESDAY 5/7	WEDNESDAY 5/8	THURSDAY 5/9	FRIDAY 5/10
7:45-11:30 AP US Government and Politics		7:45-12:00 AP English Literature		7:45-12:00 AP European History AP United States History
11:45-3:30	11:45-3:00		11:45 – 3:30	

AP Chemistry	AP Statistics		AP Psychology	
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Week 2

MONDAY 5/13	TUESDAY 5/14	WEDNESDAY 5/15	THURSDAY 5/16	FRIDAY 5/17
7:45-11:45 AP Calculus AB/BC	7:45-11:45 AP English Language	7:45-12:00 AP World History		
	12:00-2:30 AP Physics C: Mechanics	11:45-3:00 AP Computer Science Principles	11:45-3:30 AP Biology	

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Attention 7th graders! Begin the high school process by sitting for the 7th Grade Practice Exam at Canisius High School. The practice exam will be offered on March 2nd and April 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Learn more and sign up at no cost at the link below:

<https://www.canisiushigh.org/admission/apply/seventh-grade-practice-exam>

For rising 5th-9th graders, Canisius High School's Best. Summer. Ever. is back with its 2024 iteration! Visit Canisius and get to know faculty, staff and coaches through athletic camps, workshops, and more.

Rising 8th graders are invited to spend the summer blending academics and recreation at the month-long Higher Achievement Program (HAP).

Find a program that suits you and reserve your spot at the link below:

<https://www.canisiushigh.org/admission/bestsummerever>

2024 Senior Prom

When: Friday, May 10th, 2024

Where: Events @ The Foundry

Time: 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Permission Slip and Guest Authorization Form: These will be emailed to Seniors via their school account on March 27th. Hard copies will also be available through Mrs. Wojda in 3W5.

Details:

- Tickets will be on sale April 9th – April 19th. Checks only for the exact amount please.
- A hard copy of the Permission Slip and Guest Authorization Form must be turned in at time of ticket purchase.

Questions? See Mrs. Wojda (wojda@canisiushigh.org)

Campus Ministry

What: Spaghetti Dinner - Fundraiser for Campus Ministry Programming

When: Friday, February 8th

Time: 3:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

How Much: Cost \$20

Contact: Fr. Frederico: CampusMinistry@canisiushigh.org

<https://www.canisiushigh.org/student-life/ministry/spaghetti-dinner?bblinkid=272478392&bbemailid=49549520&bbejrid=-1498027186>

Buffalo Dortmund Summer Exchange Program

Expand your horizons and become a Global Ambassador with the Buffalo Dortmund Summer Exchange Program! For well over 40 years the Buffalo Dortmund Summer Exchange Program has been organizing high school exchanges between our two sister cities. After a 4-year hiatus, we are again offering an experience of a lifetime!

Germany is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world for a reason - it has something for everyone! Whether you like big cities, quaint historic towns, snow-capped peaks, glittering blue seas, or the best food ever - you can find it in Germany.

High School students will have the opportunity to fly to Dortmund and stay with a host student and their family. They will take part in educational excursions and sightseeing programs together with German exchange students. The planned program includes day trips to Amsterdam and Cologne, a weekend in Berlin, as well as tours in and around Dortmund. In July 2025 the German exchange students will come to Buffalo for 3 weeks and stay with the American students and their families for the perfect exchange experience. Students do not need to know German to participate in the program. The program, including room and board and transportation to and within Germany, costs \$2,990.00.

We are offering the trip to 15 high school students in Western New York on a first come first served basis. Please register early to save your spot! Registration Deadline is February 23, 2024! For more information, contact program director Lynn Engle either by email: lengle29@gmail.com or via phone/text at 716 989-8849.

DEAN'S OFFICE

- 2024-2025 Transportation forms can be found in the transportation section of your home district's website
- Forms must be returned to your home district by April 1, 2024
- Failure to complete forms on time may result in forfeiture of transportation
- If you have multiple children in attendance, a separate form must be filled out for each child
- Students living within the Buffalo School District, who already receive a Metro pass, do not need to reapply. They will automatically be renewed for 2024-2025 unless there is a change of address.

GAMBIT XLIX NEWS

SAVE THE DATE! - March 23, 2024

\$10,000 GAMBIT RAFFLE – Our \$10,000 raffle will be pulled on March 23 at GAMBIT.

- Tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased on our website at canisiushigh.org/raffle. Please make sure that you enter your son's name so they get sale credit for the Student Raffle Drive!
- Printable raffle ticket purchase forms are available as well on the GAMBIT Raffle page. Just click on the link for the printable raffle form. Please make sure that you include your son's name so they get sale credit for the Student Raffle Drive!

- **We need the students help in selling tickets!** Part of the \$10,000 raffle includes a Student Raffle Drive. We have some great incentives for the boys who sell tickets to win. Details on the Student Raffle Drive prizes were mailed to each family before Thanksgiving. If you have any questions, please email GAMBIT@canisiushigh.org

Spruce Shopping Event – Thursday, Feb. 8

On Thursday, Feb. 8, Spruce on Main is holding a shopping event from 3:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. where 15% of all sales will go to GAMBIT. Purchase a gift for your Valentines and help the school in the process! Spruce on Main is located at 4446 Main Street, Snyder.

There are several ways to be involved in GAMBIT!

- **Purchase an advertisement or sponsorship.**
 - Go to canisiushigh.org/sponsorships to see what sponsorships are available and purchase.
 - Contact Kelly Wilkens at wilkens@canisiushigh.org or (716) 200-0220 for more information.
- **Make a donation to GAMBIT** – Click [HERE](#) to make a donation.
- **Adult volunteers needed!**
 - **Set-up dates the week of:**
 - Wednesday, March 20 – silent Auction set-up – 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, March 21 – décor and silent auction set-up – 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - Friday, March 22 – décor set-up – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - **GAMBIT night:**
 - Saturday, March 23 – registration, silent auction – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 - **Next day clean up:**
 - Sunday, March 24– What goes up must come down! – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

We welcome parent volunteer participation for all our events, as well as in the office helping with different things. If you haven't already, please sign up at canisiushigh.org/volunteer and we will add you to our volunteer distribution list.

Thank you so much for your support!

ANNUAL HOSPICE SPRING BOUQUET SALE

Think spring and help Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo during the 38th Annual Hospice Spring Bouquet Sale! Loyola House is spearheading the Bouquet Sale for Canisius High School, and I will be taking pre-orders now through February 7, 2024. All proceeds benefit Hospice patients and families throughout the Western New York Community.

You can pre-order a standard mixed bouquet for \$14 or a larger, tribute bouquet for \$35. For every tribute sold, a mixed bouquet is donated back to a patient in Hospice.

Bouquets will be ready for you to pick up on Monday, March 4 at Canisius High School. If you would like to place your order, email me at nicosia@canisiushigh.org or have your son stop in and see me in Room M302. Payment is due at the time of the order. Cash or checks made out to Canisius High School will be accepted.

On a personal note, Loyola House has been looking for an organization to dedicate some service hours to each year and this is what we decided on.

For 38 years, the Hospice Spring Bouquet Sale has been bringing joy to our community all while raising over \$7 million. Every bouquet truly makes a difference!

Thanks so much for your help in our fundraising efforts for Hospice Buffalo.

Karen Nicosia and Courtnie Wojda

Loyola House

Canisius High School

CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION (CHSPA)

Thank you to all who attended our December holiday meeting. We enjoyed cocoa and cookies and everyone went home with some prizes from our saran wrap ball/game. Thank you for joining our January zoom meeting due to the weather! If you didn't get to join us, please join us for our next meeting on February 13th and enjoy some valentine goodies. Come ***Cultivate a Connection*** with us!

Special thanks to all those who volunteered and purchased during our Poinsettia & Wreath sale, those who volunteered and baked for Cookiepalooza and those who volunteered for the Mother Son Dance committee!

Mother Son Dance 2024 was another success! Thank you to all who attended. We hope you had a great time and made memories that you will cherish. We look forward to Father Son Mass and Breakfast this weekend as well.

Please stay tuned for more information on the Post Prom party, opportunities to donate and ways to volunteer for the evening! For any questions, please contact the CHSPA officers at

CHSPA@canisiushighschool.org

CAMPUS STORE

Our *online store* is open. Shop anytime at www.canisiushigh.myshopify.com. The campus store will be open from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.