



### **APRIL SPECIAL SCHEDULES:**

**Friday, March 29 – Friday, April 5:** Easter holiday. No school for students.

**Wednesday, April 10:** Liturgy Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Thursday, April 11:** Faculty Meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

**Thursday, April 18:** Student Mentoring Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Monday, April 29:** Faculty/Staff Retreat. No school for students.

**Tuesday, April 30:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat

To view the full calendar, please click below.

[\*\*CHS Calendar\*\*](#)

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUND RAISER:** During the week of April 8-April 12 we will be raising money for our Catholic High School Habitat for Humanity build. Since 2014 Catholic High School has partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge to provide funds and labor to build 4 homes for qualified families. One of the primary ways we raise the money required to build the home is by allowing students to pay \$25 so they don't have to have a haircut or shave, and may have a relaxed dress code.

Students who wish to participate will pay by cash or check (payable to CHS) in their first period class. Students who are unassigned first period or in class at SJA at 1<sup>st</sup> period can turn in their money at the Main Office. Our Habitat Build is a wonderful experience and has become an important way for

us to teach our students as well as contribute to our wider community. Please encourage your son to participate and thank you in advance for your generosity.

**SOLAR ECLIPSE, MONDAY, APRIL 8:** Last week, I sent the information below in an email. As a reminder:

On April 8, 2024, the day we return to school after the Easter Break, a solar eclipse will occur and be visible in Baton Rouge (weather permitting). Teachers have the option of allowing their students to go outside during the eclipse. Safety is our primary concern. In science classes, students will make simple pinhole viewers so they may indirectly and safely view the eclipse; they have been instructed not to look directly at the eclipse.

The only safe way to look at the sun at any time is through special purpose solar filters, such as "eclipse glasses." Eclipse viewers must meet the ISO 12312-2 international standard for such products. You can use the following link to a NASA webpage for information about the eclipse and safe viewing: [NASA Eclipse Safety](#). NASA does not approve any particular brand of solar viewers. It is of utmost importance that your son understands that looking at the sun for any length of time without certified eye protection, even during an eclipse, can cause permanent damage to his eyes as well as other effects.

Catholic High is not providing viewing devices, but if your son has an eclipse viewing device for viewing the event, and he has your permission to view the eclipse with it:

- Sign the emailed permission form and have your son bring it to school on Monday, April 8.
- Remind him that he must have this form with him during viewing.
- Explain that he may only use his own viewing device.

- Make sure he understands that he may not share his eclipse viewing device with another student.

**DEADLINE FOR REQUESTS FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE**

**[From Lisa Harvey]:** Applications for tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 school year must be submitted by Friday, April 26, 2024. 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 2023-2024 school year and are re-applying for tuition assistance for the coming school year.

Applications for assistance are to be submitted online 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 by clicking 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 or by e-mail at [pjohnson@catholichigh.org](mailto:pjohnson@catholichigh.org).



**2023-2024 TUITION [From Lisa Harvey]:** Parents are asked and expected to honor their financial obligations to Catholic High School through the timely payment of tuition and fees. However, should a CHS family experience a severe financial difficulty, the parents should contact the CHS president as soon as possible to discuss adjustments in scheduled payments. As stated on the CHS web page, no student will be asked to leave CHS solely on the basis of his parent's inability to pay full tuition.

If no alternative arrangement for payment is made and authorized by the CHS president, when a student's tuition account becomes two months in arrears, the student may be subject to suspension

from classes. No student may take semester examinations until all financial obligations to the school have been satisfactorily addressed as defined by the CHS president.

**SENIOR SUPPER:** On Monday, April 8, the senior class will celebrate the end of their senior year with their parents at the Senior Supper. The event takes place in the gym and begins at 6:00 p.m. Seniors and their parents will hear graduation details and receive their graduation supplies. This is a mandatory event for all seniors. Due to limited seating, only seniors and their parents are asked to attend. For questions about the Senior Supper, please contact Events Coordinator, Tracy Ducote, at [tducote@catholichigh.org](mailto:tducote@catholichigh.org). We join in celebrating with our seniors as they begin to enjoy the many events that mark the end of their time at Catholic High. Please keep the Class of 2024 in your prayers.

**LEADERSHIP CONVOCATION:** On Wednesday, April 24, we will hold our Student Leadership Convocation in the Catholic High gym beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will recognize leaders of our extracurricular activities, honor band and honor choir students, students that placed at district and state rally, and other academic award winners. We will also install the newly elected officers of the Student Council for the 2024-2025 school year. Emails of invitation were sent to everyone being recognized. If you have any questions, contact Activities Director, Dr. Charley Silvio, [csilvio@catholichigh.org](mailto:csilvio@catholichigh.org).

**SENIOR EXAM SCHEDULE:** The senior exam schedule is listed below. Please note that seniors take final exams by subject, not by class period.

	<b>10:20 – 11:50</b>	<b>12:12 – 1:42</b>
Friday, May 3	Science	Religion
Monday, May 6	History	Math
Tuesday, May 7	English	Electives
Wednesday, May 8	Conflicts	Conflicts

**UNDERCLASSMEN FINAL EXAMS:** Underclassmen exams will take place Tuesday, May 21, through Friday, May 24.

**FOURTH QUARTER GRADES:** Please review Catholic High's grading policy beginning on Page 43 of the [2023-2024 Student Handbook](#). If your son had a failing grade in any subject at the end of the first semester, it is imperative that you review this policy. Even if your son had passing grades in all subjects for the first semester and the third quarter, please read the entire policy, and be aware particularly of the following stipulations:

- A first semester failing grade can be offset only by a grade of C or higher in the second semester.
- A second semester failing grade is not offset by a first semester average of C or higher, and requires summer school remediation.

### **SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY AND SUMMER**

**REMEDICATION:** CHS is once again offering students the opportunity to either overcome a semester failure in a subject or improve a GPA due to poor semester grades. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter email for further information. Students who must remediate a semester failure will be contacted by an administrator or counselor on May 24.

### **CHS MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS**

**Mother-Son Breakfast:** The Catholic High School Mothers' Club would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the success of the 38th 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 we congratulate Chelly Greco! This is one of the largest fundraisers we have for CHS, and we are extremely grateful for everyone that sold and/or purchased raffle tickets.

**Mini Online Auction:** Mark your calendar for April 8-14 for the Mothers' Club Mini Online Auction! There will be art, restaurant gift cards, salon items, spa items, CHS swag and more! You can register at [auctria.events/chspringauction](#). Don't miss your chance to snag amazing deals and contribute to the continued success of Catholic High.

**Service Opportunities:** It is hard to believe the school year is almost over! Mothers' Club members will have a wonderful opportunity to help with Senior Supper on April 8, at 6:00 p.m. When you receive the Sign-Up Genius email, grab your volunteer spot and be a part of the special evening for our seniors and their parents! We will also host the last Faculty/Staff Luncheon on May 9, and if you have never had the opportunity to help with that event, it is such a treat! CHS moms are amazing!

**Mothers' Club CHS Fabulous Finds:** For this event the Mothers' Club collects gently worn khakis, polos, CHS outerwear, blazers, and gym clothes for resale at hugely discounted prices. Clothing must be in good shape and have no holes, tears, or markings. If you have clothes to donate, we will gladly take them! Look for the collection and sale dates coming in the May edition of the Newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who makes all these events and celebrations possible! For more information on any of these events and/or other ways to get involved, contact Anna Stuckey at [stuckeyame@gmail.com](mailto:stuckeyame@gmail.com). We enjoy the friendships made through working together in the Mothers' Club and always welcome any "Mama Bears" who want to join us!

**CHS MEN'S CLUB ANNOUNCE NEW EVENT!:** On Saturday, May 4, the CHS Men's Club will host a **Kentucky Derby Watch Party** in the Brother Donnan Berry, SC Student Center from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (race time is approximately 5:45 p.m.). Tickets are \$25 for an individual and \$40 for couples. There are also reserved table options – table for 6 people is \$120 and a table for 8 people is \$150. Each ticket-holder will also receive a complimentary mint julep, as well as dinner (pastalaya, salad, roll), other food offerings and there is a cash bar. There will be a raffle with the Grand Prize being a bottle of Blanton's Original Single Barrel Bourbon, and each raffle board square sold entitles the purchaser to a free bourbon tasting. Prizes for Best Dressed Couple and Best Ladies Hat!!

This is an adults-only event. Purchase tickets [here](#).

**ADVANCEMENT ACTIVITIES [From Advancement Director J.P. Kelly]:** The 1894 Minute Challenge was an amazing success, and on behalf of the entire Advancement Office (Margie Alexander, Shelley Vance, Ashley Davis, Hilary Trahan, Ben Relle, Thomas Broussard '16, Jamie Segar '90, Bart Saia '91, J.P. Kelly '92) I want to express our gratitude for the fantastic generosity and spirited participation you showed. With your help, we raised over \$225,700, received 19 dedicated gifts, welcomed contributions from over 500 donors, established a new scholarship, and proudly saw the Bears bring home the Challenge Day Trophy!

Your support not only strengthens our community but also benefits every student, faculty, and staff member at CHS. This collective achievement has established a new standard of excellence for our school. On behalf of everyone in the Advancement Office. We look forward to seeing you soon!

**SUMMER AT CHS PROGRAM:** Registration is OPEN!  
Information including dates, times, and fees about our 2024 Summer at CHS courses are available on our [website](#). Courses include:

**Strength and Speed:** Required for current CHS JV and varsity athletes and incoming 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade athletes.

**Academics and Enrichment:** 3D Animation\*, ACT Preparation\*, Advanced Placement Preparation, Algebra I Preparation, Becoming a BEAR, College Application Boot Camp\*, English I Preparation, Fun Science\*, Lego Camp\*, New Member Band Camp\*, CHS/SJA Percussion Camp\*, Public Speaking\*, Robotics\*, Service Week, Study Skills\*

\*courses open to girls

**Athletic Camps:** Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse, Powerlifting, Soccer, Track and Field, Wrestling

**SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR:**

Please take a few minutes to discuss with your son the importance of completing his school year successfully. As the end of the school year gets closer, excitement naturally occurs, and it is easy for students to lose focus. Please encourage your son to concentrate on all his schoolwork, academic and extracurricular, as well as his behavior, so that all of us can experience a positive conclusion to the school year.

# CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM

The CHS Summer Credit Recovery Program is designed to support students' academic growth by offering remediation in coursework from the most recent school term. The program gives students an opportunity to improve their GPAs and reinforces academic skills necessary for future success.

### Important Dates:

- Summer Credit Recovery Registration – Monday, May 28, 8:00 AM through Wednesday, May 29, 3:00 PM. Note: in person registration and payment begins on Tuesday, May 29 at 8 a.m.
- Summer Credit Recovery Schedules emailed to students – Friday, May 31
- Student Orientation – Monday, June 3, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Student Center.
- Classes - Tuesday, June 4 - Thursday, June 27, 8:00 AM to 2:45 PM.
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Summer Credit Recovery Classes are 90 minutes per class for 18 days (June 4-June 27). No credit will be awarded to a student who does not attend the required number of seat minutes.

### Summer Class Daily Schedule:

1<sup>st</sup> period - 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> period - 9:35 AM to 11:05 AM  
Lunch - 11:05 AM to 11:40 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> period - 11:40 AM to 1:10 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> period - 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM

Tuition for each class is \$275; a summer credit recovery class remediates one semester of a course. A student can remediate up to four semesters of coursework. A student may only remediate courses that they took in the most recent school year.

### Summer Remediation is an opportunity for students to:

1. Master skills and content that they need to succeed in future classes. Courses build on content and skills for prior courses. Mastering these skills and reviewing that content in the summer can help a student succeed in the next school year.
2. Prevent a Summer Slide - "Summer slide" is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year. Continuing academic work during the summer can help students retain the gains they made during the school year.
3. Improve their GPA (TOPS, CHS GPA, NCAA)-TOPS utilizes a "repeat/delete" system, meaning that a semester grade is deleted, and the summer grade is used instead. This same system is used for the Louisiana Transcript System and NCAA. The CHS GPA includes all the courses a student has taken. The semester grade and the summer school grade are averaged together.