



WELCOME TO THE 130TH YEAR OF OPERATION OF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL!

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are privileged to partner with the families of our students in carrying out the educational tradition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

THE MISSION OF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: The mission of Catholic High School is to teach Gospel values in an environment of academic excellence according to Catholic tradition and the spirit of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

We are dedicated to continuing the mission and charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. In 1818, Father Andre Coindre, the founder of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, wrote the *Prospectus Pieux Secours – A Sanctuary for Boys*, to request support for his new vision of educating the young men of his time. In this document he states: “They must be surrounded with every possible help in order to form them to good habits....” This same vision continues today even though times and circumstances have certainly changed. What will not change is our commitment to helping each student become the young man that God has created him to be.

Our faculty and staff are committed to providing our students with an educational environment that allows

them to know the unconditional love of God while doing our best to provide an outstanding experience for your son this school year.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS: As parents, you are the primary educators of your son, so we see partnering with you as an essential part of the mission of Catholic High School. In an effort to help keep parents connected with Catholic High, we have various opportunities throughout the school year for parents to participate in the life of the school community.

Please check the school calendar on the website for all events and take advantage of the opportunities we offer so that you can be a part of your son’s school activities. Several opportunities follow immediately below.

1. Bear Claws for Breakfast. The first opportunity is for the parents of students new to Catholic High and is associated with New Student Workshop. We invite you to enjoy a complimentary breakfast with your son from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m., Monday, July 29, in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center before the New Student Workshop begins. Please park in the Westmoreland parking lot if you plan to join us for breakfast and the parent presentation that will follow.

2. Parent Technology and *Guilty at an Age* Presentation. Immediately following Bear Claws for Breakfast, a presentation for parents of students attending the New Student Workshop will be made in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. Although not mandatory for parents, we highly encourage parents to attend this presentation, which will last approximately an hour.

In addition to covering all aspects of technology at CHS, the parent meeting will also focus on issues concerning student health and well-being, including social media, substance use, and pornography. Parents of students who attend this meeting will not be required to attend one of the mandatory “Guilty at an Age” programs held later in the fall (more on that below).

If you are not attending the breakfast or the parent meeting, please drop your son off in either the Hearthstone circle drive, or the Claycut horseshoe drive (see drop-off and pick up directions later in this newsletter).

3. Back-To-School Afternoon. On Sunday, August 11, from 3:45 – 4:30 p.m., parents are invited to meet their son’s first semester teachers. This afternoon is intended for parents only. We ask that you report directly to the gym for announcements and a presentation containing significant information for the 2024-2025 school year. This is an important presentation, and we ask that you be seated in the gym no later than 3:40 p.m. so we can begin promptly at 3:45 p.m. Following the presentation in the gym, our schedule will include 7-minute classes with 5-minute transit times. The brief class sessions provide you an excellent opportunity to meet your son’s teachers and to preview the academic and behavioral expectations in each of his classes.

Please note: Parents whose sons take classes at SJA for the 2024-2025 school year will not meet with SJA teachers during this program. Parents in this situation should feel free to spend this class period in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center or other areas around campus.

In this mailing is a blank student schedule which you should ask your son to complete for your use on August 11. Please be sure to use the schedule issued to your son at Orientation as it will be the most current.

Because of the large number of parents attending Back-To-School Afternoon, I suggest you plan to arrive no later than 3:30 p.m. Parking will be available in the Westmoreland Parking Lot. Security will be provided. Please do not park along the streets in the neighborhood.

The CHS Mothers’ Club invites you to have refreshments in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center during your son’s lunch period.

4. *Guilty at an Age* Parent Workshops: In the *Prospectus of 1818*, Father Andre’ Coindre wrote, “Guilty at an age when boys tend to be reckless rather than wicked, impetuous rather than incorrigible, hope for their transformation must never be lost.” Now more than ever, young men are faced with many different societal pressures, their brains are wired to be “reckless” and “impetuous,” and they can easily fall victim to those pressures.

Continuing a program that was formerly known as “Parent to Parent,” Catholic High School is once again hosting a presentation for all new parents of 8th and 9th grade students to discuss a broad range of topics from substance abuse to social media and other addictive behaviors. Presenters will not

only educate but also provide strategies for parents to help children navigate the world around them. Attendance is mandatory for at least one parent of all new 8th and 9th grade students.

The available dates for this mandatory meeting are July 29 (New Student Workshop), and the evenings of September 18, and October 21. Please mark your calendar now if you are unable to attend the session on July 29. More information about this program will be communicated at a later date.

5. Parent-Teacher Conferences. On January 6, 2025, students will not attend school. Time for parent-teacher conferences is set aside that day from 7:15 – 9:15 a.m. to give parents the opportunity to discuss their son's first semester grades with teachers or meet their son's second semester teachers. Conference times are not assigned; teachers or parents may request a conference during this time. The remainder of the day is set aside for faculty professional development.

NEW STUDENT WORKSHOP FOR NEW INCOMING STUDENTS: Part of your son's obligation as a Catholic High student is to attend the mandatory new student workshop that will take place on Monday July 29, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Tuesday, July 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:05 p.m. Students will attend a series of classes and activities designed to help them transition smoothly to our school culture and expectations. We will focus on school culture issues such as the Charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, respect for the dignity of each individual, school spirit, school discipline, and academic excellence. The remainder of our time will be spent on our 1:1 laptop program. Each student is issued a laptop computer for daily use both in the classroom and at home. We are in our eleventh year of integrating technology

into daily instruction, and this integration is now a standard part of academic excellence at CHS. Dress for the new student workshop is regular Catholic High School attire (dress pants, dress shoes, socks and collared shirt). Hair and shaving guidelines will not be enforced until orientation on Aug. 5 and 6.

Lunch will be served to students attending the New Student Workshop. A \$40 fee will be charged to your August FACTS account to cover the costs associated with the workshop (includes lunch).

If previous plans prevent your son from attending, there is a make-up session on Tuesday, August 6, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. If your son must attend the make-up session on August 6, please email Tammy Feduccia @ tfeduccia@catholichigh.org. Note that there is no parent meeting during this make-up session.

Please Note: Students who were in the 8th grade at CHS last school year (2023-2024) do not attend the New Student Workshop.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP DIRECTIONS: For safety reasons, we ask that you not drop off or pick up any student in the Claycut, Student Center, or Westmoreland Parking Lots (except on July 29 for the Bear Claws for Breakfast. School proctors are instructed not to allow drop off in these areas. Students may be dropped off in the circle drive in front of the main entrance on Hearthstone or in the horseshoe driveway on Claycut. In the afternoon they should only be picked up from either of those locations.

On regular school days, parents are encouraged to pick up students between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. This alleviates long carpool lines and traffic in the

neighborhood surrounding school. Faculty members are on duty and students are welcome to be in the Mall, Library and courtyard areas.

Important: We also ask that parents not drop off or pick up students in the surrounding neighborhood streets or arrange for pickup in the neighborhood. Not only is this dangerous, but it is a tremendous inconvenience to our neighbors. Students who carpool with SJA students are allowed to be dropped off or picked up in either school's carpool.

STUDENT SCHEDULES: Student schedules will be available through PlusPortals at the end of July. All students will receive an email from Christy Kessler, academic assistant principal, notifying them when schedules are available. As stated in the email, some schedules may be changed to balance class sizes. Students will receive their final schedules during Orientation.

According to the *Student Handbook*, "Schedule changes during the school year typically are made to adjust the level of a student's placement in a particular course." Please do not request schedule changes in order to change an elective course, change an unassigned period, or change teachers. Such requests are not considered.

2024-2025 RETREAT DATES: Please mark your calendar now for the following required attendance events for CHS students:

Senior Retreat: Sunday, October 13 and Monday, October 14

Junior Retreat: Monday, March 17 (all day).

Sophomore Retreat: Tuesday, March 18 (all day).

Freshman Retreat: Friday, November 15 (all day).

8th Grade Retreat: TBD.

Please do not schedule any activity that conflicts with these retreats.

STUDENT HANDBOOK: The *2024-2025 Student Handbook* will be available soon online through the Catholic High website (www.catholichigh.org). At Student Orientation, your son will receive the Parent/Student Consent Form. After you and your son have read the handbook, each of you must sign the form and return it to school. The deadline for your son to return this signed form to his **1st period teacher** is Wednesday, August 14. This form also includes acknowledgement of the Honor Code and the TOPS Information Release. As noted on the Parent/Student Consent Form, "Failure to respond in a timely manner could result in the student's suspension from school until the completed document is submitted."

It is essential that you and your son read the handbook very carefully. It is an excellent reference for most questions you may have about school policies and procedures. Also, the regulations and provisions outlined in the handbook are a material condition of the contractual agreement between you and Catholic High School.

SCHOOL CALENDAR: Catholic High School's updated 2024-2025 school calendar is enclosed in order to help you plan your son's school year. This calendar also contains the special schedules throughout the school year. As always, please consult the calendar when planning appointments, trips, or vacations.

We consider your son's attendance at school to be critical in allowing him to be academically successful. Please do not use special schedule days for appointments that can be made outside the school day. Whether the special schedule is for mentoring, test prep or something else, the activity is still an

essential part of our educational program, and your son's attendance is important.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE: Orientation for all students will take place on Monday, August 5, and Tuesday, August 6. Your son must be present for orientation at his assigned time. Students with an unexcused absence from orientation should expect to receive consequences. Contact Tracy Ducote at tducote@catholichigh.org with any questions.

Students must be checked in and seated in the wrestling room in the Jume Center by the arrival time listed below:

2024-2025 Orientation Schedule

Monday, August 5		
Grade	Arrival Time	Alpha Listing
8th	8:00 a.m.	A-H
	8:30 a.m.	I-Z
9th	9:00 a.m.	A-C
	9:30 a.m.	D-H
	10:00 a.m.	I-M
	10:30 a.m.	N-R
	11:00 a.m.	S-Z
11th	12:00 p.m.	A-F
	12:30 p.m.	G-L
	1:00 p.m.	M-R
	1:30 p.m.	S-Z
Tuesday, August 6		
Grade	Arrival Time	Alpha Listing
12th	8:00 a.m.	A-C
	8:30 a.m.	D-G
	9:00 a.m.	H-L
	9:30 a.m.	M-R
	10:00 a.m.	S-Z
10th	11:00 a.m.	A-C
	11:30 a.m.	D-G
	12:00 p.m.	H-L
	12:30 p.m.	M-P

	1:00 p.m.	Q-S
	1:30 p.m.	T-Z

If you are bringing your son to Catholic High for his orientation, we welcome you to come into the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center and relax while orientation is in process, but please allow your son to complete orientation himself, unaccompanied by you. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. The process typically lasts no more than an hour and a half.

The Bruin Shop: for those wanting to do a little CHS shopping, The Bruin Shop will host a pop-up store in the Br. Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center on Monday, Aug. 5 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ORIENTATION INFORMATION:

School Pictures: All students are required to wear a coat and tie on the day of their orientation and to be properly groomed. School pictures will be taken at that time. If your son does not have a coat, he may come with a dress shirt and tie, and we will provide a coat for the picture. Please note we do not have every size.

Romaguera Photography will be taking pictures of each student during orientation for his ID and the yearbook. If you want to purchase pictures, please follow the directions in the email that will be sent from Romaguera at the end of July. All orders and payments will be submitted online.

Note: Seniors will take school pictures at orientation for school use in addition to the formal portraits (tuxedo/cap and gown) taken by Brad Messina Photography. Details about these portraits were included in the April letter sent to junior parents. Appointments are available now and may be scheduled by visiting

<http://www.bradmessinaphoto.com/seniors.html>. The deadline for formal portraits is October 31.

Hair and Grooming Requirements: It is particularly important that your son meets CHS grooming requirements when he arrives for orientation. A conservative approach to the school's dressing and grooming standards is a positive way to start the year. If your son's hairstyle does not meet CHS grooming requirements, he will not be allowed to complete orientation; in effect, he will be suspended from school until he has an acceptable haircut. Students will not be allowed to cut their own hair on campus during orientation.

For your convenience, a barber will be on campus during orientation to correct hairstyles as deemed necessary by the Assistant Principal for Discipline. Should students choose to use this service, there will be a \$20 fee applied to the orientation fee bill. Catholic High does not receive any compensation for this service. It is essential that parents and students understand that haircuts given by the on-campus barber are done in an expedited manner and are not customizable. The service of the on-campus barber is not designed to be a personal stylist for your son, and Catholic High is not responsible if you or your son do not like the haircut. To avoid this issue, please ensure that your son has the appropriate haircut before he arrives for orientation.

A student whose hair is only slightly outside of the guidelines and utilizes the barber on campus will not receive disciplinary consequences. However, a student who arrives on campus in serious need of a haircut, well outside of our expectations, will be directed to our on-campus barber and may receive disciplinary consequences.

Your son must also be clean-shaven, and his sideburns must be of appropriate length. Even the slightest hint of a mustache or peach-fuzz will need shaving. We ask that parents of 8th graders and freshmen take a particularly close look before their son leaves home. Our policy is that 8th graders and freshmen who need to shave, but a student who would be shaving for the first time and whose facial hair would not show up in the school picture may be allowed to proceed with orientation so that their first shave can be supervised at home. Those students will need to be clean shaven for the first day of class.

Should a student choose to leave campus and stop the orientation process to correct a grooming issue, he may receive consequences.

Any student who has altered his natural hair color will not be allowed to attend classes at CHS until it is corrected.

Past experience indicates that complying with our haircut guidelines is the most challenging part of orientation. It is not the intent of Catholic High School to start a new school year in a negative manner by having to send a student to get his hair cut and interrupt orientation. This often leads to frustration on the part of parents, students, and the school. Therefore, in order to avoid this frustration, **I strongly encourage parents and students to make sure that your son's hair meets our guidelines as stated in the *Student Handbook*:**

The purpose of the CHS dress and grooming policy is to embody the importance the Brothers of the Sacred Heart place on an orderly and disciplined environment. CHS recognizes that there are different types of hair, and that no single set of descriptions will perfectly capture the school's expectations about haircuts, but the following guidelines will

keep a student in compliance with the school's expectations. These guidelines allow for some individual preferences regarding haircuts, while ensuring that hair is neat in appearance and not a distraction.

- A student's hair may be of only moderate length, height, and thickness in the front, back, top and sides. A common guideline for length is not more than 3-4 inches on the top and not more than 1-2 inches on the sides.
- Students are expected to comb, brush, style or otherwise groom their hair before they arrive on campus. Students who come to school without having done so should expect consequences.
- Students with straighter hair should keep their hair at a length so that it is naturally off of their ears, collar, and eyebrows. Students with wavy or curly hair should keep their hair to a moderate length so that it does not get too high or extend out too far on the sides. Any transition from shorter to longer hair should be gradual.
- Completely shaven heads, mohawks or faux mohawks, shaving or carving lines into the natural hairline or eyebrows, braided, dyed, bleached, or tinted hair and the like are not acceptable.
- Students are not allowed to use rubber bands, hair ties, clips, etc.
- Each student is to be clean-shaven each day. Sideburns may not extend lower than the middle of the ear and must be neatly groomed.
- Earrings are not allowed at any time during the school day or at any CHS event.

NOTE: The Assistant Principal for Discipline handles all matters of dress and grooming.

If your son's hair does not meet these requirements, he will not be allowed to continue orientation without first complying with the standard. My advice is to get a shorter than typical haircut in order to be within our expectations. If you have any questions about whether a hairstyle is acceptable at CHS, please contact the Assistant Principal for Discipline, Doug Logsdon, for an appointment. Please call or email him (dlogsdon@catholichigh.org) in advance of your visit so he can be available.

Bruin Yearbook: During orientation, orders can be placed for the 2024-2025 *Bruin*, our school yearbook. The cost of the book is \$52, payable at orientation. Seniors will have their yearbook mailed to them.

Student ID/Food Service Debit

Card: During orientation, each student will receive an ID card that will serve as his student debit card and contain the chip that will allow him access through the electronic gates. Students must have their ID at all times so that they will have access around campus. In addition, part of our dress and grooming policy is that all students are required to wear their student ID on a school-issued lanyard that is the designated color for their grade level. The ID must be worn once a student arrives on campus and throughout regular school hours. Please see the *Student Handbook* for further details.

The ID/debit card must be used for all purchases in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center, The Bruin Shop, Library, Activities Office, and Help Desk. The debit card is not transferable. If a student forgets, loses, or misplaces his ID/lanyard on any school day, he must go to the Activities Office and purchase a replacement. Because of the chip in the ID card, the cost for a replacement ID and lanyard is \$8.50.

For security reasons, purchasing a replacement card will automatically deactivate the previously issued ID card, so students cannot have more than one active card at a time. Students can reactivate an ID card previously purchased during the school year by logging into their myCHS account.

As part of orientation expenses, each student is required to have an initial balance of \$35 on his debit account. If your son has a credit balance on his account at the end of the school year, it will remain in his account for the following year. If you know your son will make use of the CHS food service, I recommend you consider posting at least \$100 on his account to start the school year.

Debit Card Procedures:

- A student must keep a positive balance on his CHS debit card at all times. Balances can be managed on the school website under myCHS or through The Bruin Shop on campus.
- Parents will receive an automatic email when a student's balance falls below \$20.
- If a student's debit account becomes negative and is not brought current by 3 p.m., his parents' default payment method (not parents' FACTS account) on their myCHS account will automatically be charged the total of two amounts:
 - (a) the amount the account is negative
 - (b) a \$25 credit to be added to the student's debit account to bring it to a positive balance.
- Any additional funds added after an account becomes negative will be credited only to a student's debit account.

- No student is allowed to use another student's debit card.
- Student will receive disciplinary consequences when his account goes negative.

For your information, student lunch purchases typically average \$5 per person per day; however, your son is also able to purchase breakfast or snacks. Prices are available on the CHS website by clicking Quicklinks, then Lunch Menu.

Students can check the balance of their debit accounts at the scanner located in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center or The Bruin Shop. Parents can also check the balance online through the Catholic High website under myCHS. Student debit accounts are managed through the myCHS link on the CHS website. Payments may be made online utilizing a credit or debit card (processing fees apply) or through E-checks (includes a smaller processing fee than credit or debit cards).

Parents can also set up automatic reload on their son's debit account. This is a convenient way to avoid negative balances, fees, and disciplinary consequences for your son.

In addition to online payments, cash, checks, and credit cards are acceptable forms of payment at our campus store, The Bruin Shop, open daily between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (Closed for lunch from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.). Payments made at The Bruin Shop are not immediately available and may take up to 24 hours to process. In accordance with school policy, payments are not taken over the phone, and cash back on checks or debit cards is not permitted.

Parking for 2024-2025: Only those students who pay parking fees will be allowed to park in either the Claycut,

Student Center, or Westmoreland Parking Lots. Security is provided in these lots to ensure the safety of our students and their vehicles. The CHS Board of Directors has set the parking fee for the 2024-2025 school year at \$325, and only students with driver's licenses may register to park. Seniors, juniors, and sophomores have already been sent emails to register for parking. The last day to register so that the fee can be paid during orientation is August 3. After this date, requests for parking must be emailed to Melanie Smith, Administrative Assistant, at mesmith@catholichigh.org. Any available parking spots will be assigned in the order requests are approved by the Assistant Principal for Discipline.

Please note that students are not allowed to park in the neighborhood or at local businesses without express written permission from the homeowner or the business owner. Any student who chooses to do so must complete the Neighborhood Parking Permission Form included in this newsletter. If you have questions about student parking, please contact Doug Logsdon, Assistant Principal for Discipline, at dlogsdon@catholicig.org.

Payment for Orientation Fees: During the week prior to orientation, each parent will receive an email with estimated orientation fees based on their son's schedule. Some fees will be charged to your son's account automatically. See the attached Orientation Item List for details. Parents may deposit sufficient funds for orientation, including an initial deposit for lunch, through myCHS. When the student checks out at orientation, his myCHS account will be debited for the orientation expenses. In addition, students may pay for all orientation expenses at checkout with a check, Visa, Mastercard, or American Express.

Note: Many students attended CHS programs over the summer and used their school debit account to purchase food items in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. Therefore, parents may see a negative balance on their son's myCHS account. This balance must be paid during orientation to bring the student's account up to date.

FIRST DAY FOR 8TH AND 9TH GRADERS: Wednesday, August 7, will be a special day of school designed exclusively for our 8th and 9th graders. All other students do not report to school. This special day is designed to acquaint our new Bears with CHS in an atmosphere that is less hectic than a day with the full student body in attendance. We will begin with a liturgy for all 8th and 9th graders at 7:30 a.m., then run a full schedule of shortened classes. Lunch will be served. Students must have their Student ID/debit cards (received at orientation) for this first day of school. The day will conclude with "Bear Camp," and students will be dismissed at approximately 2:47 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Our office hours on school days are 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES: Included with this newsletter is a document outlining procedures for checking your son out of school. Please review it and follow those procedures.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE NUMBERS: It is very important that we have the most current contact information. Should your phone numbers or email addresses change or if you move, please email this information along with your son's name to Stephanie Potter, Registrar, at spotter@catholichigh.org as soon as possible.

DAILY TONE SCHEDULE:

Warning Tones	7:25 & 7:28
1 st Period	7:30 – 8:20
2 nd Period	8:25 – 9:15
Announcements	9:20 – 9:22
3 rd Period	9:22 – 10:12
4 th Period	10:17 – 11:07
5 th Period	11:12 – 12:02
6 th Period	12:07 – 12:57
7 th Period	1:02 – 1:52
8 th Period	1:57 – 2:47

CHS ATHLETICS: Students interested in participating in the CHS inter-scholastic or intramural athletic programs should listen to the school’s daily announcements for information. If you have any questions about interscholastic athletics at CHS, please contact Ben DiPalma, athletic director, at bdipalma@catholichigh.org. Questions about intramural athletics should be directed to Shelley Reinecke, sreinecke@catholichigh.org or Chris Wynne, cwynne@catholichigh.org, intramurals moderators.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS:

Catholic High utilizes a text messaging system to communicate with students, parents, and faculty when situations require that timely information needs to be disseminated. We will continue to utilize a voice message system when circumstances require a lengthier message. As always, email will continue to be used for general information.

CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL DAY: In case of a general emergency in which school may be called off, CHS will follow the action taken by the East Baton Rouge Parish public high schools (in most cases). Students and parents should use radio or TV news reports concerning whether or not schools will be open. The information will also be sent through the CHS text messaging

system or through voicemail and will be posted on the Catholic High website and social media accounts as soon as circumstances allow.

STANDARDIZED TESTING: Our standardized testing schedule will include both fall and spring standardized tests. In addition, we are continuing with standardized test preparation days specifically devoted to working with students to improve their performance on standardized tests. This year we have five special-schedule days in the fall prior to October testing and five special-schedule days in the spring prior to testing in March. The standardized test prep days are:

<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>2nd Semester</u>
August 28	January 29
September 19	February 6
September 25	February 12
October 4	February 20
October 9	February 26

Please make note of our testing schedule so that you can plan accordingly for these important dates. Students should not check out early during test prep days.

Fall:

Monday, October 14: No school for students in grades 8, 9, 10, and 11. Seniors are on their mandatory retreat on this day.

Tuesday, October 15: Students in grades 8 and 9 will take the PSAT 8/9, and 10th graders will take the Pre ACT 10. No school for juniors and seniors.

Tuesday, October 22: Seniors will take the ACT, and Juniors will take the PSAT. No school for grades 8, 9, and 10.

More detailed information about fall testing will be communicated as the dates approach.

Spring:

Monday, March 17: 8th, 9th grade students will take the PreACT 8/9. 10th grade will take the PSAT 10. Juniors will attend their mandatory retreat, and there are no classes for seniors. Seniors will report to school for Career Day.

Tuesday, March 18: Juniors will take an official ACT test that will be reported to the college/university of their choice, and this test will serve as their required junior ACT test. (Please see the Student Handbook for details). The cost of the ACT test will be included on juniors' fee bills during Orientation. Sophomores will attend their annual retreat, Seniors will participate in the Senior Olympics and students in grades 8-9 will not have school.

FACILITIES UPDATES: (From Lisa Harvey, President of CHS): Catholic High School is excited to welcome to Westmoreland, St. Lillian Academy, a full-time school that educates children who have communication and learning challenges. We look forward to opportunities that will allow CHS students to engage with St. Lillian students in a variety of activities. Already this summer, CHS students have hosted a day camp for St. Lillian students and assisted with moving the school into their new location. The mission of St. Lillian is a great compliment to the mission of CHS and we welcome our newest neighbors.

MEN'S CLUB AND MOTHERS' CLUB:

At the end of this newsletter are documents from our Men's and Mothers' Clubs. Please review them and consider joining these outstanding groups who support our school!

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Stag Barbeque: The 89th Annual Stag Barbeque, the signature event of the CHS Men's Club, will be held in the CHS gym on Saturday, August

24th, from 6:00-9:30 p.m. Dinner will be served in the gym until 8:30 p.m. with takeouts available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in front of the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. For ticket information, contact Jeffrey Hotard (Jhotard@catholichigh.org) or Men's Club President Jack Dirks (chsmensclub@gmail.com). Tickets can also be purchased online using the following link [Mens Club Stag BBQ Tickets](#). Please note that this event is not open to current students.

ALUMNI NEWS:

Grizzly Great Induction Ceremony

On Saturday, August 3rd, Catholic High School will induct four men into the Grizzly Greats Athletic Hall of Fame. The inductees are Steve Myshrall '64, Joe Veron '04, Ryan Lewis '08, and Cole Stafford '12. This event will be held in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center beginning with cocktails at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and ceremony at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased online at [Grizzly Greats - Catholic High School](#). This is a coat and tie event.

THANK YOU: We are looking forward to the 2024-2025 school year and forming our students within the mission and charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Our dedication to the young men entrusted to our care will be front and center in every decision and action we take.

We thank you for your confidence and trust as we begin this school year. We are grateful for the sacrifices you make to choose CHS for your sons, and we look forward to partnering with you throughout his high school education. Ametur Cor Jesu. Loved be the heart of Jesus!

SCHEDULE FOR: _____

Use schedule from orientation.
Only classes for Semester 1 (S1) meet today.
Classes at SJA do not meet today.

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room</u>
Assembly (Gym)	3:45 - 4:30			
(A) 1st	4:35 - 4:42	_____	_____	_____
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2024-2025 School Calendar

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Legend: Circles indicate holidays for students and faculty

Squares indicate holidays for students; professional development for faculty and staff

- Standardized Testing
- Standardized Test Prep Days
- Senior sessions in Spring
- Student Mentoring Schedule
- Liturgy

- Faculty Meetings
- Special Schedule
- Exams

Special Dates:

- Aug. 30 Honor Board
- Nov. 14 Open House
- @SJA Christmas Concert
- Apr. 4 Challenge Day

October 15 - Standardized testing for grades 8-10, 11th and 12th off
 October 22 - ACT for 12th, PSAT for 11th, 8-10th off
 March 17 - Standardized testing for 8-10, Junior Retreat, 12th Career Day
 March 18 - ACT for 11th, Sophomore retreat, Senior Olympics for 12th, 8-9 off



**Catholic High School
Orientation Item List 2024-2025**

Payment of Fees: Parents, please make a deposit to your son's account using your MyCHS login prior to him attending orientation. If you are unable to pay in advance a student may pay at checkout with cash, check or credit card. If paying by check please leave the amount line blank (to be filled in at checkout); however, *for security reasons* PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL. If paying by credit card a processing fee will be added to the total amount.

Students **will not** be permitted to re-enter the checkout area once checkout is complete. For exchanges, returns or to get assistance with other issues regarding orientation, **students** should come to *The Bruin Shop* beginning Wednesday, August 7. The store will open for all shoppers beginning Monday, August 12.

Please contact Mrs. Malissa Stacy, Bruin Shop manager, at mstacy@catholichigh.org if you have questions regarding items on this list or the *Bruin Shop sales process*. Contact Mr. Ben DiPalma at bdipalma@catholichigh.org with questions about Athletic Passes.

The following fees will be charged to your son's myCHS account prior to Orientation, when applicable.		
ORIENTATION FEES:	I.D./Cafeteria Debit Card [REQUIRED] Minimum Amount	35.00
	CPR fee [REQUIRED FOR 9 th GRADE]	55.00
	ACT fee [REQUIRED FOR 11 th GRADE]	40.00
	MATH Excel fee [Academic and Foundation Level Math]	16.50
	English License Fee [All Grades]	12.00
Religion III	Digital License Fee	19.00
Art I	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	48.00
Art II	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	48.00
Art III/IV and AP	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	48.00
Media Arts	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	45.00
Fine Arts Survey	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	25.00
Sculpture	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	25.00
Drawing and Painting	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	55.00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES*		
English II H	Fahrenheit 451	11.50
English IV H	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight	15.00
	Things Fall Apart	10.00
Reading	Planner	9.75
Religion I	Revelation and the Old Testament	35.00
Religion II	Sacraments and God's Grace	34.00

Religion II	You: Life, Love, & the Theology of the Body	24.00
Religion IV LFA	Fath and Film: Theological Themes at the Cinema	48.00
Religion IV DoJ	Living Justice and Peace	34.00
Religion IV EII	A Voyage of Discovery	34.00
Religion IV PoR	Burn Out Society	15.00
Religion IV BOSH	(Class provided materials)	N/A
Religion IV RSH	Mr. G	14.00
PE UNIFORMS:	<i>Available Monday, August 5 in Brother Dannan Berry Student Center and Tuesday, August 6 at orientation</i>	
PE Shorts	Youth sizes med-XL	20.00
	Adult Sm-XLL	20.00
	Adult 2X-3X	21.50
PE Shirts-cotton	Youth Med-XL	18.00
	Adult Sm-XL	18.00
	Adult 2X-3X	19.50
PE Shirts-Dry Fit	Youth Med-XL	20.00
	Adult Sm-XL	20.00
	Adult 2X-3X	22.50
	Combination Locks-School Issued	8.00

The following will be available for purchase at Orientation		
Yearbook	[OPTIONAL]	52.00
Athletic Pass	[OPTIONAL]	65.00
Parking fee	[OPTIONAL]	325.00

***Prices are based on information available at time of printing.**



CHS Checkout Procedures

For scheduled appointments:

- 1) Students bring a note signed by a parent to the Assistant Principals' Office by 7:25 a.m. The note must include a) the student's name, b) date, c) time to be dismissed from class, and d) reason for checking out.
- 2) The Assistant Principals' Office issues a checkout slip, showing the date and time the student will check out.
- 3) At the time noted on the checkout slip, the student brings the checkout slip to the Assistant Principals' Office and scans his ID to check out. If the student is checking out during a class period, he should inform the teacher at the beginning of the period that he's checking out.

For illness during the school day:

- 1) Students should request permission from their teacher to go to the Assistant Principals' Office.
- 2) The Attendance Office will assess the student and contact a parent/guardian for permission to check-out if necessary.

For students who do not drive themselves to school, please pick them up in front of the Main Office on Hearthstone Drive. Call 225-383-0397 when you arrive, and we will send the student out to you.

We understand there might be a time when a student must check out at a moment's notice; however, we ask our families to please limit these times to when it is absolutely necessary.

Please note that not all absences or checkouts are excused and can lead to disciplinary consequences. Please consult the Student Handbook for more details about our attendance policy.

We appreciate your continued support of Catholic High School.

Catholic High School

Neighborhood Parking Permission Form

Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

Student Vehicle License Plate Number: _____

Student Vehicle Make: _____

Student Vehicle Model: _____

Student Vehicle Color: _____

Homeowner Name: _____

Homeowner Address: _____

Homeowner Phone Number: _____

To the homeowner/business owner:

CHS strongly discourages students to park in the neighborhood surrounding CHS. There is ample parking available for students who would like to drive to school. This letter, however, serves as your written permission for the above-named student to park on or in front of your property. Please make sure the student understands the boundaries of where they can park and they can do so in a way that does not obstruct traffic or cause unsafe conditions for other drivers. By signing below, you understand the CHS policy, and you have given the above-named student permission to park on or in front of your property. You also acknowledge that CHS is not responsible for any damage caused by the above-named student or occupants of his vehicle.

Homeowner Signature: _____

Date: _____



2024-2025 Club Officers

Jack Dirks – President

Darrel Lewis – Vice President

Darrell Ourso – Secretary

Jeffrey Hotard '85 – Treasurer/Moderator

EMAIL: chsmensclub@gmail.com

The Catholic High Men's Club has a long tradition of service to the Catholic High School community and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Our purpose is to support the mission and young men of Catholic High School and to promote camaraderie among adult males who are interested in the betterment of the school. These goals are realized through recognition programs, community service, gatherings, and fundraisers. Our membership is comprised of dads of current and former students, alumni and other friends of the school.

89th Annual CHS Stag Barbecue

For almost 90 years, the Men's Club has hosted this annual steak dinner event for adult males as a significant fundraiser to support our club activities. This year's barbecue will take place Saturday, August 24th - more information is on the Men's Club page of the Parents tab at www.catholichigh.org/parents

Hamburger Suppers for Students

All clubs and sports are honored at 5 suppers throughout the year, recognizing students' participation at CHS. The schedule of suppers and those being recognized is also on the Men's Club page of the website.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner

The Men's Club honors the faculty and staff of CHS by hosting a crawfish boil at the end of the school year.

Partners with other CHS Organizations

The Men's Club participates in other events such as Senior Supper and Habitat for Humanity, and this year is looking forward to several other school campus spiritual, social, wellness and service events. Additionally, the Men's Club is frequently asked to provide food or service to such events as Open House, sporting events, and alumni events. The Men's Club also sponsors BBN and two Golden Bear awards.

\$13,000 Raffle at Bingo Night

The 39th Annual Men's Club Raffle will be held in September in conjunction with the annual fall Bingo event. More details can be found on the Men's Club website or in the September Principal's Newsletter.

Scan the QR code here to join today with an affordable \$30 Annual Membership or a \$300 Lifetime Membership. Your membership makes our efforts possible and helps to continue our support of your son during his time at Catholic High School.

Memberships also make an excellent Father's Day, Birthday or Christmas Gift for the dad who has everything...

or

HONOR a recent CHS Graduate with a Lifetime Membership!





Follow us on Instagram [@chsmothersclub](https://www.instagram.com/chsmothersclub)

and

Facebook [CHS Mothers' Club](https://www.facebook.com/CHSMothersClub)

CHS Mothers' Club 2024 – 2025 Executive Committee

President	Blythe Lamonica	blythelamonica@me.com	225-281-3137
Vice-President	Becky Maher	maher1209@yahoo.com	225-802-4882
Secretary	Bridget Denicola	denicolabb@cox.net	225-933-1898
Treasurer	Sarah Thompson	sthompson79@me.com	225-936-1812
Past President	Anna Stuckey	stuckeyame@gmail.com	225-266-1066
Faculty Moderator	Sherry Brouillette	sbrouillette@catholichigh.org	225-383-0397
Financial Advisor	Margie Alexander	malexander@catholichigh.org	225-383-0397

Date	Event	Chair	Co-Chair
7/13/2024 (10am-2pm)	CHS Fabulous Finds (Used Clothing Sale)	Theresa Gibson	Kaylin E Gifford
8/2/2024 (11am-1pm)	Back to School Faculty and Staff Luncheon	Rebecca Valluzzo	Tami Moran
8/11/2024 (3:30-6:30pm)	Back to School Afternoon	Brooke Carter	Amy Daughdrill
9/15/2024 (11am-1pm)	Moms and Mimosas	Executive Committee	Executive Committee

Date	Event	Chair	Co-Chair
9/23/2024 (3:00-8:00pm)	CHS Information Afternoon	Michelle Trahan	Susan Leblanc
October 10, January 15, March 20, May (TBD) (10:30am-1:00pm)	Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheons	Ashley Gautreau	Mercedes Dooley
10/14/24 (5:00-7:00pm)	Senior Retreat Reception	Krista Valluzzo	Kim Faulk
October 16, February 5, April 9 (10:30-1:00pm)	Student Appreciation Celebration	Jenny Vargas	Danielle Mensman
11/14/2024	Open House	Annette Droddy	Amy Schulze
11/30/2024	Christmas Decorating	Becky Maher	Aimee Dawes
12/10/2024 (6:00-9:00pm)	Christmas Moms' Night Out	Executive Committee	Executive Committee
12/17/24 & 12/19/24	Mid-Term Exam Survival Days	Chris Gibson	Kori Thomas Fontenot
1/19/2025	Taste Fair and Auction	Marcy Maurer	Lauren DiVincenti
3/19/2025	St. Joseph's Altar	Adele Dalmau	Amy McCormick
3/23/2025 (2:00-4:00pm)	Grandparents Day	Jaclyn Landry	Lisa Girouard
3/30/2025 (10am-12:00pm)	Mother/Son Breakfast	Lyn Savoie	Renita Williams Thomas
Ongoing	Car Raffle	Ann Booth	Mary Elizabeth Hart
4/7/2025 (6:00-7:00pm)	Senior Supper	Andree Talbert	Cherise Knapp
4/15/2025	New Student Welcome Meeting	Executive Committee	Executive Committee
Seniors - 5/5/25 All Other Students – 5/20/25 & 5/22/25	Final Exam Survival Days	Chris Gibson	Kori Thomas Fontenot
7/12/2025	CHS Fabulous Finds (Used Clothing Sale)	Kaylin E Gifford	TBD

President's Note:

The CHS Mothers' Club is a volunteer organization for mothers and guardians of Catholic High School students. Our mission is to enhance the holistic educational experience of students by providing volunteer services. These services support ongoing efforts of the faculty and staff and provide excellence in education while promoting the spiritual, moral, emotional, intellectual, social, and physical development of all according to Catholic tradition and the spirit of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

We provide our members with activities that will foster support for each other and for our school, engage in new friendships and most importantly, enrich the lives of our sons. Our members are committed to providing support to the CHS school community through designated programs and specific needs of the school.

A few important reminders:

- As a registered member of the CHS Mothers' Club, you will be notified of events and opportunities! There are countless ways to share your talents while getting to know other mothers and investing in your son's future. There is a volunteer opportunity that fits everyone's schedule.
- Join today via this [link](#) or visit the school website to join the CHS Mothers' Club. (To register, click on the "parents" tab, then scroll down to the Mothers' Club tab where you'll find a link to a digital registration page and a printable form, along with other helpful information.)
- **Mark your calendar for September 15!** Join us for the CHS Mothers' Club *Moms and Mimosas*. All moms or guardians of currently enrolled CHS students are invited to meet other CHS moms in a relaxed environment, learn from faculty, staff and veteran moms about all things Catholic High, how to get involved during a brief "Committee Meet and Greet," and enjoy food and cocktails in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center.
- Please consider volunteering to participate in one of the many committees.
- Remember to join both of our social media platforms. Facebook: CHS Mothers' Club and IG: chsmothersclub

As the mother of three sons who have graduated or are currently attending Catholic High, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as president of the CHS Mothers' Club this year. The Mothers' Club is a wonderful organization that has presented me and many other moms with the opportunity to volunteer at Catholic while also establishing lasting and lifelong friendships. I highly encourage all moms to consider participating and taking advantage of the many activities Mothers' Club hosts throughout the school year. Getting involved will enhance yours and your son's experiences during his years at Catholic High. I promise you will come to value the time you donate and cherish the memories you create while serving in the CHS Mothers' Club. I look forward to you joining us this year. Geaux Bears!

Sincerely,

Blythe Bellows Lamonica

CHS Mothers' Club President 2024-2025

Mom of:

Davis Lamonica – Class of 2024

Sam Lamonica – Class of 2026

Luke Lamonica – Class of 2028