



### **SPECIAL SCHEDULES in OCTOBER:**

**Friday, October 4:** Standardized Test Prep Schedule. Regular Dismissal.

**Wednesday, October 9:** Standardized Test Prep Schedule. Regular Dismissal.

**Sunday, October 13-Monday, October 14:** Senior Retreat at sites off campus.

**Monday, October 14:** Fall Break, No School

**Tuesday, October 15:** Standardized Testing for Grades 8,9, and 10. No School for Grades 11 and 12.

**Tuesday, October 22:** ACT for Seniors, PSAT for Juniors. No School for Grades 8,9, and 10.

**Thursday, October 24:** Faculty Meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

[CHS Calendar](#)

**SENIOR RETREAT:** Our seniors will be making their annual overnight retreat from Sunday morning, October 13, until Monday evening, October 14. Seniors and their retreat teams will be at 4 different retreat sites focusing on their relationships with themselves, family, friends, and God. Please keep in your prayers our seniors and the faculty, parents, alumni, and friends who comprise the retreat teams.

**MOTHER'S CLUB NEWS:** Recently, the 2024-2025 Mothers' Club officers presented CHS President, Lisa Harvey and CHS Principal, Dr. Tom Eldringhoff with a check totaling \$56,000. This money was raised by Mothers' Club members during the 2023-2024 school year. We want to thank everyone who contributed and made the donation possible. In addition to supporting the needs of the school, the Mothers' Club also contributes funding to two scholarships. The work we do is truly improving the experiences of our sons.

This past month, the CHS Mothers' Club held our very first "Moms & Mimosas" event. We gathered "seasoned" moms with "new" moms to share information and answer questions related to CHS life while enjoying delicious food and mimosas. We want to give a special "thank you" to Mrs. Lisa Harvey, Mrs. Jaime Olinde, Mrs. Jennifer DeCuir, Mrs. Brittany LeBlanc and Mrs. Erin Mosely for serving on our panel and giving great guidance to all moms in attendance. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive about the event and the Mothers' Club has plans to host it again next school year.

October marks the start of our "Student Appreciation" and "Faculty/Staff Appreciation" events. This is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to serve lunch to our hardworking faculty and staff as

well as hand out treats to the students. We are also gearing up for the Open House on November 14. This is a huge event for the school and entails many moving parts. The Mothers' Club provides assistance in preparing/decorating the school for guests and providing refreshments during the evening. If you want to help with these activities and have not signed up to be a CHS Mothers' Club member, follow this [LINK](#) to register. The volunteer opportunities will be sent in a separate email upon completion of the registration process.

If you are unable to participate in the school day activities, the upcoming holiday months provide additional opportunities to get involved in the Mothers' Club – Campus Christmas Decorating, Christmas Market/Moms' Night Out and Mid-Term Exams Treat Days. Get involved and join today! If you have any questions or would like to receive more information, please reach out to the CHS Mothers' Club President, Blythe Lamonica at [blythelamonica@me.com](mailto:blythelamonica@me.com).

### **STANDARDIZED TESTING DAYS AND**

**SCHEDULES:** Our fall standardized testing days are Tuesday, October 15 and Tuesday, October 22. We view standardized testing as one more opportunity to partner with you in your son's education. These tests are very important for your son and very important for our school as they provide valuable information about your son's academic progress.

Each of your son's teachers receives the results of his tests and uses these scores to determine what skills he needs to be prepared for college. In addition, this information is used to better individualize instruction during our standardized test prep sessions in the spring. Please encourage him to take these tests seriously. Results of these tests will be

given to you later in the school year through your son.

During testing days, regular classes are not held, and students are dismissed once testing has concluded in their classroom. Testing details and schedules follow below. Breakfast will be available in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Sandwiches and other grab-n-go items will also be available during the breaks and immediately after testing concludes.

8th, 9th, and 10th Grades: On Tuesday, October 15, all students in grades 8 and 9 will take the PSAT 8/9, and all 10th graders will take the Pre-ACT.

8th, 9th, and 10th grade students do not attend school on Monday, October 14, and Tuesday, October 22.

11th Grade Students: On October 22, all students in 11th grade will take the PSAT/NMSQT, which is used to determine National Merit and National Achievement Semifinalists.

11th grade students do not attend school on Monday, October 14, and Tuesday, October 15.

12th Grade Students: On Tuesday, October 22, students in 12th grade (who have not opted out) will take the ACT.

12th grade students are returning from retreat on October 14, and do not attend school on Tuesday, October 15.

Emails to students with information specific to their particular test will be sent in the next few days by Mrs. Lizzi Canady, testing coordinator. Please refer to that email for detailed information on testing procedures and locations for your son. Please contact Mrs. Canady if you have any questions.

All Grades: Regular classes are not held during the above testing days (October 15 and 22).

A chart with testing schedule details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

### Tuesday, Oct. 15 Testing Schedule

7:55: Students move to classrooms  
7:58: Warning bell  
8:00: Prayer, Pledge, testing begins.

Most students testing on the standard schedule will conclude testing at 11:00 a.m.

Most students testing with accommodations will conclude testing by noon.

### Tuesday, Oct. 22 PSAT Testing Schedule

7:55: Students move to classrooms  
7:58: Warning bell  
8:00: Prayer, Pledge, testing begins.

Most students testing on the standard schedule will conclude testing at 11:00 a.m.

Most students testing with accommodations will conclude testing by noon.

### Tuesday, Oct. 22 ACT Testing Schedule

7:55: Students move to classrooms  
7:58: Warning bell  
8:00: Prayer, Pledge, testing begins.

Most students testing on the standard schedule will conclude testing at 11:30 a.m.

Most students testing with accommodations will conclude testing by 1:00 p.m.

Please note: Students must be in classrooms and seated by 8 a.m. on

October 15 and 22, or they will be considered tardy. It is critically important that students are on time so that testing can begin promptly. Traffic at this time of day is heavier than normal, so please plan for additional travel time.

There will be no carpool on testing days. For parents who will pick up their students, please park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland Lot and wait for students to be dismissed.

All students will be dismissed early on October 15 and 22. The dismissal times listed in the above schedules are estimates as each room might be on a slightly different schedule. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms as soon as testing concludes.

**ACT PREP CLASS:** Included in this newsletter is a registration form for an October ACT preparation class with Mrs Christy Kessler, academic assistant principal.

**NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION:** Congratulations to Seniors Elliott Eagleton, Joseph Huynh, Caldwell Kerth, Ayden Leonardt, Thomas Miller, Ethan Noel, Noah Olson, Cesar Rico, Hayes Turner, and Michael Wilhelm, Jr. for being named as National Merit Semifinalists. These young men took the PSAT/NMSQT last October and performed exceptionally well. Semifinalists are eligible to compete for a variety of scholarships from colleges and universities as well as from corporations that subsidize the National Merit Program.

Five students are recognized as National Merit Commended Students: Max Chamberlain, Jonathan Mekari, Brennan Normand, Brady Waguespack, and Kevin Zheng. In addition, another 10 students received national recognition as either Hispanic, Indigenous, or first generation scholars.

We are extremely proud of these young men, and we are grateful to their parents and the faculty members who have so positively influenced their academic achievement.

**FLU VACCINES:** Healthvac will provide our students the opportunity to receive their flu vaccine this season. Vaccines will be given during the lunch periods on **Tuesday , October 8**. The vaccine costs \$30 and is offered as an injection only. A questionnaire/consent form is attached to this newsletter. If you are interested in your son receiving the vaccine, please complete and sign the consent form. All students, including those 18 and older, must bring their signed consent forms with them. Payments can be made via cash or checks made out to Healthvac. If you have any questions please contact Tammy Feduccia at [tfeduccia@catholichigh.org](mailto:tfeduccia@catholichigh.org).

### **CHANGE TO THE CHS STUDENT**

**HANDBOOK:** The following text will be added to the CHS Student Handbook, page 17:

#### **Student safety and electronic notification:**

In addition to the StopIt app, Catholic High School employs monitoring software on school-issued laptops that alerts staff of keywords in a student's email or social media that could indicate a potential for self-harm or harm to others. While such systems are in place to aid Catholic High School administration and staff in addressing serious situations, they are not a guarantee of safety. The systems are monitored during school hours. However, Catholic High School does not guarantee the monitoring of these systems outside of the school day.

**HOMECOMING DANCE:** Our homecoming dance will be held Saturday, Oct. 5, in the CHS gym from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Information about the event, including dress code, expectations, pick up and drop

off were sent by email from Activities Director Jaime Olinde. Note that party buses and limousines are prohibited for transportation to and from homecoming.

Please encourage your son to make decisions consistent with the Catholic High School behavior policy, in particular if he is participating in the homecoming dance.

**OPEN HOUSE:** Join us for Catholic High School's 38th Annual Open House on Thursday, November 14, 2024. Young men in 6th-8th grades and their parents are invited to tour the campus, meet members of the CHS community, and experience firsthand what makes CHS so special. We would love your help telling our story. See the attached flyer for information.

**Standard Schedule**

<b>PSAT 8/9 - Tuesday – October 15, 2024</b>	
8:00-8:05	Prayer and Pledge
8:05-8:30	Take Attendance; Complete Check In
8:30-9:36	Reading and Writing Section
9:36-9:46	Break
9:46-10:56	Math
10:56	Approximate Dismissal – <b>parents will park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland lot and wait for students to be dismissed.</b> Each room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.
<b>Pre-ACT - Tuesday – October 15, 2024</b>	
8:00-8:05	Prayer and Pledge
8:05-8:30	Take Attendance; Complete information section
8:30-9:00	English Section
9:00-9:40	Math Section
9:40-9:55	Break
9:55-10:25	Reading Section
10:25-10:55	Science Section
10:55	Approximate Dismissal – <b>parents will park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland lot and wait for students to be dismissed.</b> Each room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.
<b>PSAT - Tuesday – October 22, 2024</b>	
8:00-8:05	Prayer and Pledge
8:05-8:30	Take Attendance; Complete Check In
8:30-9:36	Reading and Writing Section
9:36-9:46	Break
9:46-10:56	Math
10:56	Approximate Dismissal – <b>parents will park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland lot and wait for students to be dismissed.</b> Each room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.
<b>ACT - Tuesday – October 22, 2024</b>	
8:00	Prayer and Pledge
8:05-8:20	Take Attendance; Complete information section
8:20-9:05	English Section (45)
9:05-10:05	Math Section (60)
10:05-10:20	Break (10-15)
10:20-10:55	Reading Section (35)
10:55-11:30	Science Section (35)
11:30	Approximate Dismissal – <b>parents will park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland lot and wait for students to be dismissed.</b> Each room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.

**Accommodations Schedule**

<b>PSAT 8/9 (with time and a half) - Tuesday – October 15, 2024</b>	
8:00-8:05	Prayer and Pledge
8:05-8:30	Take Attendance; Complete Check In
8:30-10:06	Reading and Writing Section
10:06-10:16	Break
10:16-12:01	Math
12:01	Approximate Dismissal – <b>parents will park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland lot and wait for students to be dismissed.</b> Each room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.
<b>Pre-ACT (with time and a half) - Tuesday – October 15, 2024</b>	
8:00-8:05	Prayer and Pledge
8:05-8:30	Take Attendance; Complete information section
8:30-9:15	English Section
9:15-10:15	Math Section
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:15	Reading Section
11:15-12:00	Science Section
12:00	Approximate Dismissal – <b>parents will park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland lot and wait for students to be dismissed.</b> Each room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.
<b>PSAT (with time and a half) - Tuesday – October 22, 2024</b>	
8:00-8:05	Prayer and Pledge
8:05-8:30	Take Attendance; Complete Check In
8:30-10:06	Reading and Writing Section
10:06-10:16	Break
10:16-12:01	Math
12:01	Approximate Dismissal – <b>parents will park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland lot and wait for students to be dismissed.</b> Each room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.
<b>ACT (with time and a half) - Tuesday – October 22, 2024</b>	
8:00	Prayer and Pledge
8:05-8:20	Take Attendance; Complete information section
8:20-9:28	English Section (68)
9:28-10:58	Math Section (90)
10:58-11:13	Break (10-15)
11:13-12:06	Reading Section (53)
12:06-12:59	Science Section (53)
12:59	Approximate Dismissal – <b>parents will park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland lot and wait for students to be dismissed.</b> Each room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.

**\*\* Times above are estimates and each room will be on a slightly different schedule. \*\***



Please invite any 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents to join us for our 37<sup>th</sup> annual Open House. Information and registration is available on our website: [ADMISSIONS - Catholic High School](https://www.catholichigh.org/admissions).

We would love to have parents of current CHS students help us on **November 14th!** We welcome you for any time you can spend helping us tell the Catholic High story.

As a parent representative, you will greet and guide guests along the route and share your and your son's experience. The link below includes a list of the displays in each area along with designated times; feel free to sign up according to the activities in which your son is or about which he is passionate, or the activities related to your personal interests or professional expertise.

[CHS Open House Parent Representative Sign-up](#)

Thank you for supporting CHS in this way! If you need additional information, please contact me.



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# ACT PREPARATION CLASS

Where: Catholic High School Library  
When: Saturday, October 12 from 9:00AM to 1:30 PM  
or Saturday, October 19 from 9:00 AM to 1:30PM  
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.
- Strategies that will improve scores on any standardized test.
- 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 Mrs. Hodges in the Main Office by Wednesday, October 9

## REGISTRATION FORM - ACT PREPARATION CLASS

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

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

Choose one:  Saturday, Oct 12

Saturday, Oct 19

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

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

Please make checks (\$95.00) payable to *Catholic High School*.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Screening Questionnaire for Injectable Influenza Vaccination

**For adult patients as well as parents of children to be vaccinated:** The following questions will help us determine if there is any reason we should not give you, or your child an injectable influenza vaccination today or in the near future. If you answer "yes" to any question, it does not necessarily mean you would not be vaccinated. It only means additional questions must be asked. If a question is not clear, please call Healthvacs at 225-270-2925.

1. Is the person to be vaccinated sick today or had fever in the last 48 hours?      Yes      No

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2. Does the person to be vaccinated have asthma, heart, lung, kidney, liver disease, diabetes, neurologic or neuromuscular disease or a blood disorder?      Yes      No  
If yes please list.

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3. Is the person to be vaccinated allergic to eggs or ever had a serious reaction to an influenza vaccine in the past?      Yes      No

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4. Has the person to be vaccinated ever had Guillain-Barre' Syndrome?      Yes      No

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**Consent for vaccination:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use:**

Form reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Admin.: Fluvirin/Fluvirin PFS/Flulaval

Influenza Injection Lot# & Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Site:** LD / RD