



NEWSLETTER

From the Office of the Principal

WWW.CATHOLICHIGH.ORG



NOVEMBER 2024

SPECIAL SCHEDULES in NOVEMBER:

Friday, November 1: Liturgy Schedule. Regular Dismissal.

Wednesday, November 6: Mentoring Schedule. Regular Dismissal.

Friday, November 8: Faculty and Staff Retreat. No school for students.

Thursday, November 14: Open House. Special Schedule with 8th period dismissal at 12:39 p.m. to allow time to prepare our campus for Open House. Students are encouraged to stay and help with set-up.

Friday, November 15: Freshman Retreat. No School for Grades 8,10, 11 and 12.

Tuesday, November 20: Faculty Meeting Schedule. Dismiss at 1:27 pm.

Monday, November 25 – Friday, November 29: Thanksgiving Holidays.

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[CHS Calendar](#)

HALL OF FAME: Ryan D. "Jume" Jumonville, a 1991 graduate of Catholic High School, will be honored with induction into the CHS Hall of Fame on December 5, 2024. A former running back for the Bears and a state champion in javelin, Ryan earned an athletic scholarship to the University of Tennessee, where his dedication to excellence only continued to grow. A Grizzly Greats Hall of Fame member, Ryan's success in athletics was an early indication of his lifelong

commitment to hard work, leadership, and service.

Jumonville's dedication to Catholic High School is visible in his generous support of school projects, notably through his sponsorship of the Ryan D. Jumonville '91 Health and Athletic Performance Center. This contribution helped fund the CHS track and field complex, providing top-tier physical education facilities for current and future students. Ryan's generosity was also critical in the building of the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center and the Grizzly Greats Strength and Conditioning Center.

Beyond his contributions to CHS, Ryan is recognized nationally and globally as a philanthropist committed to impactful change. Through his leadership as Chairman of United Networks of America (UNA), he has directed extensive resources to healthcare access, providing support to children's hospitals through initiatives like the Children's Miracle Network. His commitment to social good extends to numerous other areas, such as providing homes for single mothers through partnerships with Warrick Dunn Charities, supporting education for children of fallen military service members via Folds of Honor, and funding water projects and sustainable agriculture initiatives through The Jume-OTEPIC Kenya Project.

In addition, Ryan has joined The Giving Pledge, created by Warren Buffett, Melinda French Gates, and Bill Gates, pledging to dedicate the majority of his wealth to causes that promote healthcare, children's welfare, environmental sustainability, and economic opportunities for underserved communities

worldwide. Ryan has made a profound impact on communities at home and abroad, embodying the values and spirit of Catholic High School and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

The CHS community proudly celebrates Ryan D. “Jume” Jumonville `91 as he joins the ranks of the Hall of Fame, inspiring future generations to lead with both purpose and generosity.

OPEN HOUSE: Catholic High School’s 38 Annual Open House is 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 inviting prospective families and joining us to help tell our story. See the attached flyer for information about Open House and how to sign up to help.

FRESHMAN RETREAT: Our Freshman Retreat is Friday, November 15, the day after Open House. There are no classes for 8th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade students. Freshmen should report to campus no later than 8 a.m. Dress for the day is casual (students will get details in religion class) and the day will end around 2:45 p.m. Students should be picked up from the usual carpool lines on Hearthstone or Claycut, or in the Claycut parking lot.

Please pray for our freshmen, the student ministers who will facilitate the retreat, and the adults who will accompany them. For most of them this retreat is the beginning of our retreat program which is dedicated to helping our young men experience God’s unconditional love for them.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUND RAISER: 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. Currently it costs \$75,000 to begin a build, and we have about \$20,000 dollars from our Habitat drive from April of last school year.

At the conclusion of our All Saints Day Mass today Mrs. Harvey announced to our students that we will continue our efforts to raise the

necessary funds during the week of Dec. 2-6. That week students may contribute \$25 and participate in relaxed dress and grooming for the week. With the help of a generous anonymous donor, we are hopeful that our drive later this month will allow us to begin our 5th Habitat home in the spring.

I will email students and parents details about the dress and grooming expectations later this month. Students who wish to participate will pay by cash or check (payable to CHS) in their first period class, or online through myCHS. Students who are unassigned first period or in class at SJA at 1st 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.

GRADUATION AND JUNIOR CLASS RING INFORMATION: Junior class ring and Senior graduation supply orders should be placed by December 16th to ensure delivery for our spring events. See the emails from Ms. Ducote and the packets sent home with students for details.

MOTHERS’ CLUB: We are a quarter of the way into this school year and the CHS Mothers’ Club has been busy. This past month, we welcomed our seniors back from their retreat with a reception. A special “thank you” to the chairs, Krista Valluzzo and Kim Faulk for organizing the reception. We also held our first faculty/staff and student appreciation events. The delicious lunch and snacks were made possible by our wonderful volunteers and our chairs – Mercedes Dooley, Ashley Gautreau, Danielle Mensman and Jenny Vargas. Thank you, ladies for always making these appreciation events so special.

Next up for the CHS Mothers’ Club is Open House, where we are asking for volunteers to help with set up and day of activities. Also, we are recruiting “elves” to help decorate the campus for the Christmas holidays, which will take place the weekend after Thanksgiving. This is a wonderful opportunity to spread some holiday cheer. In addition, we will be on campus handing out snacks to students during exams and could use more moms to help. Lastly, mark your calendars for the

Christmas Market Moms' Night Out scheduled for December 10. More details will be forthcoming.

If you have not signed up to be a member of the Mothers' Club, please do so today. We have a number of events coming up and welcome you to be part of it all. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact CHS Mothers' Club president Blythe Lamonica at blythelamonica@me.com

MEN'S CLUB: The Men's Club cooked almost 500 hamburgers for the October Hamburger Supper last month. There was a large group in attendance, with two sports teams and eight clubs being honored. Our next Hamburger Supper will be Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center. For this supper, we will be honoring those students participating in the Art Club, Band, Bears in the Wild, Bruin, Bruinettes, Chess, Drama, Fishing, Games Club, Investors Club, Photography and Student Council. The students are encouraged to invite their dad, or a father figure, to attend with them. If you would like to volunteer to help with cooking or serving, please contact Men's Club President Jack Dirks at chsmensclub@gmail.com. It is never too late to join the Men's Club - [Click Here To Join!](#)

SEMESTER EXAMS: Semester exams are right around the corner. Please take some time to encourage your son to begin his preparation for exams.

Monday, December 16, is considered a "dead day" prior to exams. Nothing can be due after class on Friday, December 13. This means that students will not have homework or assignments given on Friday, December 13, that is due on Monday, December 16. It also means that students will not have any tests or quizzes on Monday, December 16.

Our first semester exam schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 17	1st and 4th periods
Friday, Dec. 18	7th and 8th periods
Monday, Dec. 19	3rd and 6th periods
Tuesday, Dec. 20	2nd and 5th periods

Your son is not required to be on campus if he is not scheduled to take an exam during a

particular period (ex: he has lunch during 5th period). The daily time schedule for exams is as follows:

7:55 & 7:58	Warning tones
8:00	First exam begins
9:35	First exam ends
10:00 & 10:03	Warning tones for second exam
10:05	Second exam begins
11:35	Second exam ends

Please check the exam schedule carefully so that you can assist your son in preparing for the proper exam on the correct day. Breakfast will be available in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center before school. Snack items will be available between exams.

Semester exams are important for your son because they can significantly affect his first semester grades. Please review with your son the grading policy as stated beginning on Page 41 of the [2024-2025 Student Handbook](#). It is important for students to begin preparing now for exams by developing a schedule for study and time management. Please consult with individual teachers if you have specific questions about exam preparation.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS: There are no classes from Monday, November 25, through Friday, November 29. School offices are also closed Thanksgiving Week. Please do not request holiday time before the end of school on Friday, November 22, or beyond Sunday, December 1.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS – ASSISTING YOUR SONS WITH DECISION MAKING: As football season continues, with the holidays approaching, I am taking this opportunity to ask parents to help their sons make good decisions when they attend non-CHS events, especially where chaperones may not have the same expectations as CHS. Please allow your son to attend only those events where you are reasonably sure they are properly chaperoned and where alcohol and other substances will not be present. If you are not comfortable with an event, or have any doubt, do not let your son attend. If he does attend, please counsel your son about making good decisions.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING: On behalf of the entire CHS faculty and staff, we wish all our families in the CHS community a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. May we all take time this Thanksgiving to praise God for all of the good things in our lives and for all of the ways that our lives are blessed. Please know of our gratitude for sharing the gift of your sons with all of us at Catholic High. We ask for your prayers as we continue to form our students within the mission and tradition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.