



DECEMBER/JANUARY

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- 6 CHSPA Wreath and Poinsettia Pick-Up between 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 7 Class of 2029 Scholarship and Placement Exam– 8:30 a.m.
- 8 Grandparent's Day – Auditorium/Kennedy Field House
- 10 CHSPA Meeting – Montante Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Lessons and Carols – 7:00 p.m. – St. Louis Church (780 Main St. and Edward)
- 12 CHS School Store Holiday Shopping Event – 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 17 BPO Christmas Concert – 7:00 p.m. – Auditorium
- 20 Christmas Mass and Activities – Noon Dismissal
- 23-3 Christmas Break
- 24-25 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Observed – Offices Closed

JANUARY

- 31-1 New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Observed – Offices Closed
- 6 Classes Resume
- 8-10 Junior Class Ring Orders @CHS during Lunch Periods
- 11 VEX Robotics Competition
- 14 CHSPA Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 17 End Q2
- 17 JUG Night – 6:00 pm– Auditorium
- 20 MLK Holiday – School and Offices Closed
- 21-24 Mid-term Exams
- 22 Noon Dismissal
- 23 Class of 2029 Acceptances Sent
- 24 Noon Dismissal
- 29 Lunar New Year-No Student Attendance
- 30 Class of 2029 New Student Celebration and Ignatian Scholar Reception

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



January 2025 Exam Schedule

EXAM	TUESDAY 1/21	WEDNESDAY 1/22	THURSDAY 1/23	FRIDAY 1/24
MORNING <u>Report at 8:50 a.m.</u> <u>Exam: 9 to 11 a.m.</u>	History	Religion	Science	English
AFTERNOON <u>Report at 12:10 p.m.</u> <u>Exam: 12:20 to 2:20 p.m.</u>	Math		French and Spanish <u>(12:20-1:50 p.m.)</u> Latin (12:20-2:20 p.m.)	

Transportation During Exam Week:

- Busses will depart at 3:00 p.m. on January 21st and 23rd
- Busses will depart at Noon on January 22nd and 24th
 - Cafeteria: Cafeteria will be open for breakfast and lunch only on Tuesday and Thursday
 - Dress Code: Standard dress code is in effect throughout exam week.
 - Exam Locations: Students should consult postings in the Foyer and outside the Dean's Office for exam locations.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE CENTER

Seniors:

The college application season is in full swing and many of our early applicants have started receiving acceptance letters. **Congratulations!**

Here are a few reminders for seniors:

- **Turning in your acceptance and scholarship letters** is a requirement in order for you to get your graduation tickets in May. We can take the following formats for your letters:
 - Forwarded emails
 - Legible screenshots of portal announcement
 - Actual hard copy letters (copies only)
 - High-quality, photographs of letters (must be able to read them)

College Financial Aid reminders:

Senior parents – please file the appropriate financial aid forms outlined below.

- [College Board: CSS Profile](#)
Select colleges require this financial aid form and there are fees associated with filing it. Please see the College Board website for more information.
- [FAFSA](#) (**FREE** Application for Federal Student Aid)
This Federal form is required for financial aid at all colleges. There is NO COST to complete this form. ***The FAFSA Form is now available for current seniors. Please remember to fill out the 2025-26 FAFSA.***
- [NYS TAP](#)
Applying to a NYS college? Be sure to apply and complete the TAP application after you complete the FAFSA. If you exited the FAFSA before completing the TAP application – and you filled in your New York State address and a New York State college on the FAFSA – HESC will automatically receive your information in about three days. HESC will then send you an email or postcard with directions to complete the TAP application online. There is NO COST to apply.

If you would like to view the **Financial Aid Presentation we hosted over Zoom on October 22nd**, please use the following link:

<https://canisiushigh-org.zoom.us/rec/share/550JGzpw3JmFa6KyIf4cLB-0irUbW0VZ-d2OWi2mScfVojh1IErsO1YGCQNYb7N.hAkcmROzXLDNHwG4>

Passcode: 0Q*pgUFg

Juniors:

All juniors will begin taking the College Planning course in second semester. School counselors will guide them through the important steps in the college search and admissions process. All juniors should have received an electronic copy of the PSAT scores by now. Please note that College Board does not provide us with hard copy reports. If your son is having trouble getting his score, please have him see his counselor.

Sophomores:

All sophomores will begin the Career Exploration class in the second semester. Meeting once per cycle, students will take the Strong Interest Inventory, which will be used as the starting point to begin career and college research. A hard copy of all Pre-ACT scores have been distributed to students. Parents, please ask your son to see his score report. Please contact your son's counselor if he no longer has it, and we can provide you with a scanned copy.

ADMISSIONS

Visit & Apply to Canisius High School

Prospective students and families are invited to visit and apply to Canisius High School this fall.

Grade 9 Application is open!

8th graders are invited to apply to Canisius High School and can do so by following the steps outlined at canisiushigh.org/apply.

Crusader for the Day – Throughout the fall

Spend a day in the life of a Canisius Crusader! Available to students in grades 8-10. Schedule your shadow day at canisiushigh.org/visit.

Best. Summer. Ever. 2025

Rising 4th-9th graders are invited to check out our recently released Best. Summer. Ever. 2025 offerings! Learn more and sign up for athletic camps, workshops, and our Higher Achievement Program (HAP) at canisiushigh.org/bestsummerever.

GAMBIT

SAVE THE DATE - GAMBIT 50! – MARCH 29, 2025

GAMBIT is celebrating 50 years as WNY's premier dinner auction event! Mark your calendars and get ready for a fun GAMBIT season!

Meet our GAMBIT 50 Co-Chairs:

Laura & David Gioia '87, P'16, P'25

Susan & Mike Mineo '96, P '25

Liz & Tom Sheehan P '25

We are grateful for their leadership and dedication to this year's golden celebration!

WHAT IS GAMBIT?

GAMBIT is our annual dinner auction celebration that raises critical funds for financial aid and academic scholarships.

\$10,000 GAMBIT RAFFLE!! – Our \$10,000 raffle will be pulled on March 29th at GAMBIT.

- Tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased on our website at canisiushigh.org/raffle. Please make sure that you enter your students name so they get sale credit for the Student Raffle Drive!

- Printable raffle ticket purchase forms are available as well on the GAMBIT Raffle page. Just click on the link for the printable raffle form. Please make sure that you enter your students name so they get sale credit for the Student Raffle Drive!
- **We need the students help in selling tickets!** Part of the \$10,000 raffle includes a Student Raffle Drive, which kicked off on November 20th and will run thru March 7th. We have some great incentives for the boys who sell tickets to win. Details on the Student Raffle Drive prizes along with information on an early bird sales incentive, were mailed to each family last week. If you have any questions, please email GAMBIT@canisiushigh.org

There are several ways for you to help!

- **Purchase an advertisement or sponsorship.** See our sponsorship opportunities at canisiushigh.org/sponsorships. Questions, please contact Kelly Wilkens at wilkens@canisiushigh.org or (716) 200-0220 for more information.
- **Drop off a gift for our auction** to the GAMBIT office – 1193 Delaware Ave. (across the street from the school)
- **Make a donation to GAMBIT** – Click [HERE](#) to make a donation.
- **Volunteer!!!** We welcome parent volunteer participation for all our events, as well as in the office helping with different things. It is a great way to meet other parents and enjoy your son's short time at Canisius. Please sign up at canisiushigh.org/volunteer
- **Attend a Gift Gathering Party** (see dates and details below) – You can RSVP online at canisiushigh.org/giftgathering

SAVE THESE DATES –

Friday, Dec. 6th – Ladies Holiday Gift Gathering Breakfast at The Buffalo Club – for all CHS moms and friends, past and present.

Thursday, Dec. 12th – CHS School Store Shopping Event – Stop into the CHS School Store between 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. with a gift card or cash donation for GAMBIT and receive 20% off your school store purchase!

Wednesday, Feb. 26th – GAMBIT Auction Donation Last Chance Drop Off – drop of your last-minute donation at the GAMBIT office (1193 Delaware Ave. – Across from the school). We will be available between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to accept your donation!

MARCH 29, 2025 – GAMBIT 50 Dinner Auction Gala – GAMBIT invitations will be mailed out in February!

Thank you so much for your support!

Kelly Wilkens

Canisius High School

Director of Special Events

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CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION (CHSPA)

Thank you to all who joined us for the November meeting! We had a nice time getting together, reviewing past events and ones for the future. If you didn't get to join us, please come for our next meeting on December 10th to celebrate the holidays. Snacks, drinks and a game or two to get us into the holiday spirit! Or join us in the new year on January 14th as we ramp up to the Mother Son dance and spring events! Come ***Cultivate a Connection*** with us!

Volunteers are still needed for upcoming events, Poinsettia & Wreath sale, Cookiepalooza and the Mother Son Dance! Sign up to help on the Sign up Genius link:

[Canisius High School Parent Association 2025: CHSPA Volunteer Opportunities 2024-2025 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Novemberfest was a success! Thanks to all who attended the event, volunteered their time or donated! We hope to make it an even bigger and better next year!

Just a reminder, mark your calendars for the **Mother Son Dinner Dance** (Mom Prom!). It will take place January 24, 2025 at Salvatore's. Ticket information will be coming soon. Stay tuned for more details on the Father Son mass and breakfast and more!

For any questions, please contact the CHSPA officers at CHSPA@canisiushighschool.org

ADOPT-HERO'S FAMILY 2024

The Crusaders for America's Heroes are reaching out to the whole Canisius community to help us give a local veteran, his wife, and their three kids a Christmas to remember.

As in past years, we are organizing cash and gift card donations to purchase presents for the family. Cash is most welcome as are gift cards for any of the following in any amount:

- Amazon
- Target
- Walmart
- Tops
- Wegmans
- Aldi
- MasterCard or Visa
- You may also donate cash. (No checks, please.)

Cards or cash can be given directly to Dr. Amy Kimmel (kimmel@canisiushigh.org) in M206 or left for her at Reception.

The deadline for donations is Friday, December 6, 2024. Your generosity is most appreciated.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

All are welcome to CHS's annual presentation of Lessons and Carols

December 11th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Louis Church (780 Main Street at Edward)

-This annual holiday service celebrates the Nativity in word and song

-The chorus, concert band, guitar ensemble, string orchestra, and hand bell ensemble will perform. For more information, email Mr. Durkin at durkink@canisiushigh.org

LOYOLA HOUSE ANNUAL HOSPICE SPRING BOUQUET SALE

Think spring and help Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo during the 38th Annual Hospice Spring Bouquet Sale! Loyola House is spearheading the Bouquet Sale for **Canisius High School**, and I will be taking pre-orders starting in mid-January 2025. All proceeds benefit Hospice patients and families throughout the Western New York Community.

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

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

On a personal note, Loyola House chose this organization last year to dedicate some service hours to each year and it was so rewarding!

For 39 years, the Hospice Spring Bouquet Sale has been bringing joy to our community all while raising over \$7 million. Every bouquet truly makes a difference!

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

Karen Nicosia and Courtnie Wojda
Loyola House
Canisius High School

JUG NIGHT

Hosted by the class of 1994

Date: Friday, January 17th
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Location: Canisius High School – Scaccia Auditorium

It's the best post-Christmas cocktail party in town!

Join alumni, family and friends for steak, cocktails, cigars, poker and blackjack.

Tickets include:

- Steak & cocktails *from Marble + Rye*
- Craft beer *provided by Try-It Distributing*
- Hand rolled cigars and cut service from Gregorio cigars *provided by Sandhill Investment Management*

The first 100 registrants receive a premium Nicaraguan cigar

Online Registration closes on January 14th.

[Register here](#)

CAMPUS STORE Our *online store* is open. Shop anytime at www.canisiushigh.myshopify.com.

The campus store will be open from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.