



SPECIAL SCHEDULES in DECEMBER:

Thursday, December 5: Faculty Meeting Schedule, early dismissal at 1:27pm

Monday, December 9: Liturgy Schedule – Holy Day of Obligation. Regular Dismissal.

Monday, December 16: Student Mentoring Schedule. Regular Dismissal

Tuesday, December 17 thru Friday, December 20: Exam Schedule

Monday, December 23 thru Friday, January 3: Christmas Holidays

Monday, January 6: Faculty and Staff Development. No Classes for Students

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[CHS Calendar](#)

HABITAT FUNDRAISER: We are in the midst of our Habitat for Humanity fundraiser. Please encourage your son to participate the week of Dec. 2-6. Consult the email from Dr. Eldringhoff for details.

MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS (from Mothers' Club President Blythe Lamonica): Can you believe it? We are nearing the end of 2024 and are halfway through this school year. It has been a special year so far. The CHS Mothers' Club has been blessed to have so many wonderful women volunteer for our activities and events. We would like to recognize the chairs of the CHS Open House – Annette

Droddy and Amy Schulze. This is a major endeavor for the school and required all

hands-on deck to be successful. Annette and Amy have generously donated their time and efforts over the last few years to chair this event for the Mothers' Club. This year's event was fantastic, and it was a success due in large part to the number of members who volunteered throughout the afternoon and evening. Thank you for making CHS shine.

As we enter the holiday season, the Mothers' Club has several special (and festive) events. Our members became Santa's elves and decorated the campus to make it Christmas-ready for when the students returned from Thanksgiving break. We will also be serving treats during exams to help encourage and spread extra love to the students. If you are interested in helping with these activities, be sure to join the Mothers' Club and fill out the volunteer form. You can find the link to join on the CHS website.

Another special event coming up will be the Moms' Night Out Christmas Market on Tuesday, December 10, from 6pm-8pm at Catholic High School. The Mothers' Club members and their guest (who does not need to be a member) are invited to shop local vendors, artists and boutiques for last minute Christmas gifts while enjoying food, drinks and friends. Please consider attending. Tickets can be purchased at this [Link](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to the CHS Mothers' Club President, Blythe Lamonica, at blythelamonica@me.com.

On behalf of the CHS Mothers' Club Executive Committee, we wish you and your family a blessed, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. Geaux Bears!



ADVANCEMENT NEWS: (from Advancement Director J.P. Kelly '92):

Make a Lasting Impact at Catholic High School! On December 3rd, we invite you to be part of National Give Day. You can direct your gift to the areas you're most passionate about – spiritual development, scholarships, endowments, classroom enhancements, activities, arts, athletics, and more. Every contribution fuels the mission of Catholic High School.

Unspecified gifts will support our Annual Appeal, addressing essential yearly needs.

Help us spread the word! Share the importance of National Give Day with family and friends and encourage them to join our mission.

Ready to make a difference? Visit [CHS National Give Day](#) to contribute. Together, we can enhance the experience for our student!

SEMESTER EXAMS: Monday, December 16 is considered a “dead day” prior to exams. This means that students will not have homework or assignments due on Friday, December 13 or be given any tests or quizzes on the 13th in order to prepare for exams. Our first semester exam schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 17: 1st and 4th periods
Wednesday, Dec. 18: 7th and 8th periods
Thursday, Dec. 19: 3rd and 6th periods
Friday, 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 before school, and snack items will be available between exams in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. 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.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND OFFICE

HOURS: Our Christmas holidays begin after the last exam on Friday, December 20. Students return to class on Tuesday, January 7. School office hours will be 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, December 27; Offices will be closed Monday, December 23–Thursday, December 26 and Monday, December 30 – Wednesday, January 1. Regular office hours of 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. will resume on Thursday, January 2. No school for students on January 6, 2025

REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026:

Registration of returning students for the 2025-2026 school year will be sent by email to all families on Monday, January 13. Please complete the form by Monday, February 3. Also, please keep in mind that for returning students, there is no registration fee due at the time of re-registration for next school year. If you have any questions, e-mail our School Registrar, Stephanie Potter at spotter@catholichigh.org.

SEMESTER REPORT CARDS: Final semester report cards will be in the E-Locker section of Plus Portals by Friday, January 3, 2025.

2024 OPEN HOUSE: Our 38th Open House was a success! Hundreds of students and their families visited and were able to see all that Catholic High School has to offer. Thanks to those of you who assisted that evening, and to each of you for being ambassadors for CHS!

TUITION [From Lisa Harvey,

President]: Remember that in order for your son to take his first-semester exams, his tuition must be up to date as of **Friday, December 6**. If his tuition is in arrears as of that morning, a school official will attempt to contact you. School policy does not allow a student to take his exams until any outstanding balance has been paid or until an acceptable financial arrangement for payment has been made. We will always try to work with families who are in financial difficulty, but it is imperative that communication take place before exams begin so that your student is not negatively impacted.

In keeping with the educational tradition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, **no student is refused admission or asked to leave Catholic High School solely because of his family's inability to pay tuition**. If you are having difficulty meeting your tuition payment obligation, please immediately contact me, or Mr. Stuart Sonnier, Finance Director, to make special arrangements.

PARENT SURVEY: Last school year in December, I sent a survey to all parents to request feedback concerning the CHS experience of both students and parents. Once again, we are asking that all parents complete this survey to provide us with feedback. CHS takes seriously our partnership with parents, and we are always committed to improving the educational experience of our students. With that in mind, we request your feedback, and I ask that you complete the survey at this link: [Parent Survey 2024](#). I will also email the survey link to all parents. Thank you in advance for your participation. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes. I will send out the results of the survey in the second semester.

JANUARY 6, 2025: In conjunction with our Student Mentoring program, the morning of January 6 between 7:15 -9:15 will be used to conduct sophomore/parent interviews. Parents with sophomores will be contacted by your son's faculty mentor to arrange a time for the interview. If it will fit in with your schedule, I encourage you to participate in the interview on January 6. We anticipate that the interview will last between 30-45 minutes. At least one parent, and the sophomore, should attend. The remainder of the day is set aside for faculty professional development.

If that date does not work with your schedule, your son's faculty mentor will be contacting you to find a time to meet during the second semester.

Catholic High School is in its fourth year of the Student Mentoring Program, and I hope all of know that your son meets monthly with his mentoring group and his faculty mentor. The goal of the interview is to receive informed feedback from sophomores and their parents half-way through their CHS experience. The meeting will take the form of an interview that focuses on the four components of a Catholic High School education that serve as the foundation of our mission and ministry with our students and parents: religious values, personal attention, friendly discipline, and academic excellence.

Thank you in advance for participating in this sophomore interview. It is our hope that the interview will improve our level of effectiveness with our students and parents during your time at CHS, especially as our sophomores begin to look to the last half of their high school career.

If any parent does want to meet individually with one of your son's teachers concerning his first semester grade, you can also request to schedule a time between 7:15 and 9:15 on the morning of January 6 to set up a conference. Please contact your son's teacher(s) to schedule the conference.

BRUIN SHOP: The Bruin Shop will have a few special hours during the month of December to help accommodate your shopping needs. We will close early and be closed a few days to

prepare for Spring. Come get your CHS gear in time for Christmas!

Saturday, 12/7: 8am – 1pm

Tuesday, 12/10: 6pm – 8pm in the Student Center

Monday, 12/23: 8am – 12pm

12/24 to 1/1: Closed for Holidays

Online Pickup Only

Thursday, 1/2: 9am-12pm

Friday, 1/3: 9am-12pm

MERRY CHRISTMAS! On behalf of everyone at Catholic High School, I wish you a blessed Advent, Merry Christmas, and Happy New year! Please know how much we thank you for the gift of your son and appreciate the trust you demonstrate in us by sharing him with us during these crucial high school years. May you all know the peace and love of Christ during this sacred season.

Ametur Cor Jesu!