



**SPECIAL SCHEDULES in JANUARY:**

**Monday, January 6:** Sophomore and parent interviews with mentors, Faculty Professional Development, No School for Students

**Tuesday, January 7:** Students Return

**Monday, January 20:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

**Tuesday, February 4:** Faculty and Staff Meeting. Students Dismiss at 1:27

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[\*\*CHS Calendar\*\*](#)

**HABITAT FUNDRAISER:** Our relaxed dress and grooming fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity was a success, so we will begin building our next Habitat home this semester. Each extracurricular club and athletic team will select a shift to work. If your son is eligible to work (volunteers need to be 16 years old) please encourage him to work with his club or team. Dates for the Catholic High School Habitat Build are Feb. 1-2, 8, 15, and March 15.

**BIMAS-MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING:** Beginning in mid-February, the Counseling Center will conduct a mental health screening of all students. Please see the attached letter for details about the program.

**JANUARY HOLIDAYS AND OFFICE HOURS:** Offices will be closed Wednesday, January 1 and Monday, January 20. No school for

students on January 6, 2025. Our normal office hours are 7:00am to 4:00pm M-F.

**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](mailto:spotter@catholichigh.org).

**8th GRADE PROMOTION FEE:** Parents of current 8th grade students only will be charged an 8th grade promotion fee of \$50. This fee will be added to the scheduled February tuition payment through FACTS for current 8th grade students.

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

**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. Attached to the newsletter email is a document with the names of our mentors and

the locations for your meeting. Please come to the main office and check in before going to the interview or teacher conference. 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 you all 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.

#### **SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULES:**

Below are the final exam schedules for seniors and underclassmen. Please note that seniors take final exams by subject, not by class period. Parents are encouraged to consult this schedule when planning end-of-year activities. Requests to reschedule exams should be rare and are considered on a case-by-case basis. Not all rescheduling requests are excused and may result in disciplinary consequences, including serving detentions over the summer.

#### **Senior Exam Schedule:**

Friday, 5/2	English & Math
Monday, 5/5	Elective & History
Tuesday, 5/6	Religion & Science
Wednesday, 5/7	Conflicts

#### **Underclassmen Exam Schedule:**

Monday, 5/19	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> periods
Tuesday, 5/20	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> periods
Wednesday, 5/21	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> periods
Thursday, 5/22	1 <sup>st</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> periods

#### **STANDARDIZED TEST PREPARATION CLASSES DURING THE SECOND SEMESTER:**

On January 29, February 6, 12, 20, and 26, students in grades 8-11 will receive instruction during the school day relevant to standardized tests in order to prepare them for testing in March. Seniors will attend presentations on the topics of sexual consent, mental health resources on college campuses, avoiding peer pressure and good decision making as it relates to situations in the college setting. The remaining two sessions for seniors are associated with the end of senior year and graduation.

**ACT PREPARATION CLASS:** ACT preparation classes will be offered on Saturday, February 22 and Saturday, March 8. If interested, your son may choose one of these two dates to attend the class. Please see the attached flier for more details about this course, which has been quite beneficial for many of our students. Please e-mail Mrs. Christy Kessler, Academic Assistant Principal, at [ckessler@catholichigh.org](mailto:ckessler@catholichigh.org) if you have any questions about the course.

**PSAT WORKSHOP:** Dates are available for the PSAT/NMSQT Preparation Course for current sophomores. See the attached flyer for dates and times. The cost of the PSAT/NMSQT course is \$215. Please e-mail Mrs. Christy Kessler, Academic Assistant Principal, at [ckessler@catholichigh.org](mailto:ckessler@catholichigh.org) if you have any questions about the course.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** January 26 – February 1 is designated nationwide as “Catholic Schools Week.” The theme this year is “United in Faith and Community.” In honor of Catholic Schools Week, many activities take place both nationally and locally. On January

27, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will host a dinner honoring its distinguished graduates from all Catholic schools in the Diocese. Catholic High will recognize Mr. John Meek '87 as our distinguished graduate on this occasion. We are proud to celebrate John's contributions to Catholic High and the local community. Please take some time this month to remember in your prayers Catholic High and all Catholic schools across the country who work so hard to educate the young people entrusted to our care.

**PARENT SURVEY:** Thank you to those who have taken the Parent Survey. The survey is a valuable tool in our partnership with you and helps us to improve the educational experience of our students. The survey will remain open through the end of January. Please take 10-15 minutes and provide us with your feedback. You can access the survey at this link: [Parent Survey 2024](#). Thank you in advance for your participation. I will send out the results of the survey later this semester.

**MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS (from Mothers' Club President Blythe Lamonica):** Happy New Year! 2025 is here, and there is no slowing down for the Catholic High School Mothers' Club. However, I would like to take a moment to thank the moms who helped make the holidays so special on campus. Our elves were busy decorating the school the weekend after Thanksgiving to ensure the students, faculty and staff returned to a campus filled with Christmas spirit. Thank you to the co-chairs, Becky Maher and Aimee Dawes, for once again, making the campus beautiful and festive. During exam week, our moms also served donuts, hot chocolate, and encouragement to the students to make sure they were exam ready. Thank you to our co-chairs, Chris Gibson and Kori Fontenot, for organizing this much-appreciated event. We will be back serving exam treats in May. As always, we could not do any of these events without the tremendous support from our members. Thank you, again, to all who volunteered their resources to help.

Our feature event, the Catholic High School Mother-Son Breakfast, will be coming up on **March 30, 2025**. More information about registration for the event will be sent in February. Please note that Mothers' Club

members have priority registration for the breakfast. You still have time to sign up through the CHS website to be a member of Mothers' Club.

In conjunction with the CHS Mother-Son Breakfast, we will once again be raffling off the chance to win \$25,000 toward the purchase of a vehicle from our sponsor, Price Leblanc. Each student is encouraged to sell 10 tickets. The class that sells the most tickets will win a free dress day. Catholic High School sent parents an email in early December with your son's specific raffle link, which can be shared with family and friends. If you did not receive the email, you may access your son's tickets through their myCHS account or by visiting the CHS website. On the website, ticket purchasers may identify which student they would like to credit with the ticket purchase. If your son is identified with a ticket sale, then he gets credit for it. If anyone would like to purchase a paper ticket for the raffle, please visit the front office. Ticket sales deadline is March 15, 2025, and the proceeds from the CHS Car Raffle and other Mothers' Club events directly benefit your son and Catholic High School.

Thank you for your continued support of the CHS Mothers' Club. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to President Blythe Lamonica at [blythelamonica@me.com](mailto:blythelamonica@me.com)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR:** May the new year bring everyone health, happiness, and peace. Thank you for entrusting your son to us and your continued support of Catholic High School. Happy 2025!