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- 1 7th Grade Practice Exam – 9:00 a.m.
- 3-4 Emmaus – Notre Dame Retreat House
- 7 No Student Attendance-Faculty Professional Development
- 8 SAT Exam Prep Class – 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 11 Blood Drive
- 11 CHSPA Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Junior College Information Night – 6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m. Montante Cafeteria
- 13-15 Spring Musical – 7:30 p.m. Scaccia Auditorium
- 15 SAT Exam Prep Class – 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 19-21 Kairos – Notre Dame Retreat House
- 21 End Q3
- 22 SAT Exam Prep Class – 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 24 Junior College Information Night – 6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m. Montante Cafeteria
- 27 Senior Parent Zoom Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- 28 No Student Attendance – Faculty Professional Development
- 29 GAMBIT 50 – Aud/ Foyer/ Kennedy Field House
- 30-1 Senior Silent Retreat – Notre Dame Retreat House

CAMPUS STORE

Shop the CHS online store anytime at www.canisiushigh.myshopify.com. On campus hours are 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2025-26 RE-APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID – TADS FOR RETURNING FAMILIES

All returning families must re-apply for financial aid using TADS for the upcoming 2025-26 academic year. Families can re-apply now and must apply no later than April 15th in order to be considered for financial aid. Late applications will not be considered. Please follow this link to the secure TADS application: <https://secure.tads.com>

Please contact Mrs. Holly Graham at 716-200-0255 with questions.

ANNUAL HOSPICE SPRING BOUQUET SALE

Thank you so much to all who purchased bouquets of flowers to support Hospice Buffalo. Loyola House raised over \$2,000 for this worthy cause. Flowers will be ready for pickup on Monday, March 3rd in the foyer at the end of the school day.

GAMBIT



RSVP now for the PARTY of the year!

GAMBIT 50! – March 29, 2025

GAMBIT TICKETS AND TABLES! – RSVP deadline is **March 14th** - Space is limited. Reserve your spot, so you don't miss out!

- Purchase tickets and tables online at <https://canisiushigh.ejoinme.org/GAMBIT2025>

\$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 student's 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; 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!

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come get a sneak peek at the Silent Auction items or help transform our beautiful school!

More hands make for light work, and we really need your help! No prior experience necessary for set up!

- Click [HERE](#) for our adult volunteer sign up!

Set-up dates the week of:

Wednesday, March 26th – Silent Auction set-up – 8:10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **(multiple shifts available)**

Thursday, March 27th – Décor set-up – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **(multiple shifts available)**

Friday, March 28th – Décor set-up – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **(multiple shifts available)**

GAMBIT night:

Saturday, March 23rd – registration, silent auction – 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Next day clean up:

Sunday, March 24th – What goes up must come down! – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to celebrating our great school with all of you! If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Wilkens at wilkens@canisiushigh.org.

Thank you so much for your support!

Kelly Wilkens

Director of Special Events

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ADMISSIONS

7th Grade Exam, Best. Summer. Ever. & More!

Attention 7th graders! Begin the high school process by sitting for the 7th Grade Practice Exam at Canisius High School. The practice exam will be offered on March 1st and April 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Learn more and sign up at no cost at the link below:

canisiushigh.org/admission/apply/seventh-grade-practice-exam

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.

Prospective Students in Grade 8-10: It's not too late to apply to Canisius! Check out the steps to formally apply to grades 9, 10 or 11 at canisiushigh.org/apply.

Still trying to make your high school decision? Schedule a private campus tour or visit as a Crusader for the Day to learn more about the Jesuit education offered only at Canisius. Arrange your visit today at canisiushigh.org/visit.

BUFFALO DORTMUND SUMMER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Canisius will once again have the opportunity to host eight young men from Dortmund – Buffalo's sister-city in Germany - for 3 ½ months this fall. This opportunity will be an experience of a lifetime for these German students and will also have a big impact on Canisius as well as the host families.

Due to the tremendous success of the program, over the past four years, we would love to accommodate all eight of these young men here at Canisius, before the opportunity is offered to another school in the area. We need your help in welcoming one of the students into your home to make this possible.

If you are interested in hosting or if you have any questions about the program, please contact Ms. Tyrpak-Endres at tyrpak@canisiushigh.org. She has the profiles of each of the Dortmund students for you to go through.

WORLD LANGUAGE WEEK

Canisius High School 2025

April 1-4, 2025- Note date change

- There will be events in classes throughout the week culminating in Taste of Canisius on Friday, April 4th.
- Please consider sending in a special dish for the Taste of Canisius on April 4th. We ask that all foods are prepared in sample sizes and are sent in a disposable container. We encourage students to bring foods from their own heritage and families. Sign up links will be provided by your student's language teacher.
- If you or a family member would like to share a short culture or language lesson with our students, please contact Mrs. Paterson at paterson@canisiushigh.org.

2025-2026 COURSE SELECTION

During the months of February and March, students will select courses for the 2025-2026 school year. Administrators and counselors have met with students to explain the course catalog and the course selection process.

- Students should take this process seriously and should discuss course options with parents, counselors and teachers. Course selection forms **require a parent/guardian signature**. Your son's course request form outlines details for specific due dates and turn-in procedures.
- The 2025-2026 Course Catalog will be available on Schoology. Please direct any questions about course selection to your son's counselor or to the Registrar, Mrs. Battin. Questions about course level placement should be directed to the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Whittington.
- Once the course selection and verification processes are complete (typically by May or early June), a student's course requests are considered **final**. All efforts will be made to schedule a student in his desired courses, **provided he meets the necessary prerequisites**. Nonetheless, students and parents should be aware that some courses will have restricted enrollment, some classes may be cancelled due to low enrollment, and some combinations of course requests will be impossible to schedule because of conflicts.

SUMMER SESSION

- Canisius will offer several courses of study in our Summer Accelerated Learning Program. Electives and credit-bearing core courses will be offered for students entering grades 9-12. Course offerings may include, Health, Physics, Pre-Calculus, and a College Essay Writing Workshop for rising seniors.
 - Health – June 23, 2025-July 23, 2025
 - Physics and Pre-Calculus – June 23, 2025-July 25, 2025
- Registration and payment will be processed ONLINE. Registration will be open through Monday, May 5, 2025.
- PLEASE NOTE: A student **must register** for Summer Session if he chooses to take a course. Simply requesting a Summer Session course on a "course request sheet" does not register a student for the course.
- Students who fail a course at the end of the school year must remediate that course at Canisius High School. Students failing 3 credits or more are not able to return to CHS the following year.
- Please contact Mrs. Battin at 716-200-0219, or battin@canisiushigh.org, with any questions regarding summer courses.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE CENTER

Freshmen: Course selection forms for freshmen are due on March 10th. This is an extension of the original due date. Parent signatures are required on these forms. If you have not yet seen your student's form (yellow), please be sure to ask him about it or you may reach out to his counselor.

Sophomores: All sophomores have taken the Strong Interest Inventory during Career Exploration class. In the coming weeks, they will use their results to consider various career possibilities, learn more about career resources online and research a specific career of interest. Sophomores have also all received their course selection forms (green), which were due to their counselor, with a parent signature, on Friday, February 28th. If you have not seen your son's form, please ask him about it.

Juniors:

- College Planning class is underway; students have already learned about using the SCOIR college platform and will soon be learning more about SAT/ACT testing, utilizing Khan Academy for test prep, researching careers, creating resumés, essays, the Common Application and requesting recommendations.
- Juniors have also all received their course selection forms (pink), which are due to their counselor, with a parent signature, by Tuesday, March 4th. Counselors will meet with each of their students to discuss their choices.
- *PLEASE NOTE: All juniors and at least one parent/guardian must attend one of the Junior College Information Night programs during February, March and April. If you have not registered you and your junior for one of these nights, please do so as soon as possible at the following link: <https://forms.gle/K5MYZmqUCD6VGCZG6>
- All prospective college-bound athletes are invited to attend our annual seminar on athletic eligibility on Wednesday, March 12th during the Gold period in the Brady Conference Room. NCAA liaison Dr. Veronica and Athletic Director Mr. Mauro will present information for athletes on eligibility and college recruiting. Students in any sport who expect to play at the college level are encouraged to attend.

Seniors:

- Please remember to send in copies of acceptances as they are received. Hard copies or electronic copies (e-mails/screenshots) should be given to your school counselor. This information is required to receive your graduation tickets in May.
- Please remind your son to watch his e-mail closely for communication from the colleges where he has applied. Requests for additional information are typically sent this way, as well as through the colleges' online portals.

2025 SENIOR PROM

When: Friday, May 9, 2025

Where: The Foundry Suites on Elmwood Ave

Time: 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$140 per couple (\$70 a person)

- A credit card link will be available on PowerSchool starting March 31st to purchase tickets.
- Check or money order can be made payable to: Canisius High School Senior Prom.
- Cash will not be acceptable as a form of payment.

Permission Slip and Guest Authorization Form: These will be emailed to Seniors via their school account and posted on Schoology on March 1st. Hard copies will also be available through Mrs. Wojda in 3W5.

Details:

- Tickets will be on sale **before** spring break, March 31st – April 11th. There will be no refunds.
- A hard or electronic copy of the Permission Slip and Guest Authorization Form must be turned in at time of ticket purchase.

See Mrs. Wojda with questions (wojda@canisiushigh.org)

SENIOR TRIBUTE PAGES

If you would like to create a yearbook tribute page (half or full) for your senior, you may purchase and design a tribute on Balfour's website, <https://www.balfour.com/student-info?smi=48845>

Please purchase ASAP; the deadline for designs to be submitted to Balfour is mid-March. Yearbook questions may be directed to Mr. Bryce Hopkins '08 at hopkins@canisiushigh.org.

CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION (CHSPA)

Thank you to all who attended our February meeting! We enjoyed having our guest speaker, Father Frederico, join us for the evening. He shared about campus ministry, service hours, retreats and immersion trips. There are so many opportunities that Canisius has to offer and so many opportunities for our sons to grow as individuals and as men for others. If you weren't able to join us, please come for our next meeting on March 11th where our focus will be ramping up to the Post Prom Party and discussing officer roles and elections for next year. Come ***Cultivate a Connection*** with us!

Thank you to all who attended the Father Son Mass and Breakfast at Canisius University and The Foundry. It was wonderful to hear about everyone's experiences and see pictures of fathers and sons celebrating this annual tradition.

Stay tuned for our upcoming coffee fundraiser! The CHSPA will be running a Great Lakes Coffee fundraiser from April 7th to April 21st. The sale will take place online and we will be selling "K-cups" and freshly ground coffee in five blends: Hazelnut, French Vanilla and Salted Caramel as well as a Superior (medium/dark roast) and Erie (light roast). Orders will be available for pick up the week of April 28th. Look for an email in April to place your orders!!

Please stay tuned for more information on the Post Prom party, opportunities to donate and ways to volunteer for the evening! You can use our sign-up genius link to volunteer. Moms and dads are needed for setup and for the event itself to ensure things run smoothly.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849AEAF2BA3FD0-51012956-chspa#/>

Finally, we are looking to put together a CHS Family Cookbook Fundraiser featuring recipes submitted by our Canisius Families. Look for an email with a link to submit your favorite recipe and purchase your copy of our CHS Cookbook.

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