



MARCH SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

March 3-7 – Mardi Gras Holidays. No School for Students.

Thursday, March 13 – Student Mentoring Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Monday, March 17 – Junior Retreat, Testing for 8th, 9th and 10th grades, Career Day for seniors.

Tuesday, March 18 – Sophomore Retreat, Testing for Juniors, No School for 8th and 9th grades, Senior Olympics for 12th grade.

Wednesday, March 19 - Liturgy Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Friday, April 4 - Challenge Day. Pep rally schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

To view the full calendar, please click below.

[CHS Calendar](#)

END OF THE THIRD QUARTER: The third quarter of our school year will end on Friday, March 14. Your son's third-quarter grades will be based on a combination of daily work, projects, tests, and quizzes given during the quarter. Report cards will be in the E-Locker section of PlusPortals by Friday, March 21.

PARENT SURVEY RESULTS: Thanks to all the parents who completed the Parent Survey. I appreciate the 400+ parents who took the time to give feedback. A summary of the survey results is attached to the email that

delivered this newsletter. I hope you take some time to go through it. Please feel free to contact me with any additional feedback.

LEADERSHIP CONVOCATION: On Thursday, April 10, we will hold our Student Leadership Convocation in the Catholic High gym beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will recognize leaders of our extracurricular activities, honor band and honor choir students, and other academic award winners. We will also install the newly elected officers of the Student Council for the 2025-2026 school year. Email invitations will be sent by March 20th to everyone being recognized. If you have any questions, contact Activities Director, Jaime Olinde, jolinde@catholichigh.org.

OFFICE HOURS: The school office schedule for the Mardi Gras Holidays will be as follows:

M-W	March 3-5	Closed
Th-F	March 6-7	8 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Bruin Shop will be closed all week, March 3-7.

STRATEGIC PLAN: At the direction of the CHS Board of Directors, Catholic High School has initiated a process to create a strategic plan that will ensure the school's commitment to providing a Catholic education in the spirit of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart well into the future. Mr. John Devlin, former Director of Schools for the United States Province of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, and Mr. Thomas Mavor, current Director of Schools for the Province, are helping to guide the process. A steering committee has been selected and plans are underway to involve all stakeholders: students, parents, alumni,

faculty and friends. The strategic planning process will be completed in May 2026.

SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY AND SUMMER REMEDIATION (Summer School):

CHS is once again offering students the opportunity to either overcome a semester failure in a subject or improve a GPA due to poor semester grades. If you believe your son will be attending, please make a note of the following dates and times:

- Mandatory orientation, Tuesday, June 3, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Classes: Wednesday, June 4 - Friday, June 27, 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

A flyer with more detailed information, including cost and expectations, will be included in the April Principal's newsletter. Students who must remediate a semester failure will be contacted by an administrator or counselor on May 23, 2025.

BLOOD DRIVE: Our Lady of the Lake will be on campus on Wednesday, March 12th, to host our annual Blood Drive. Students 16 years of age and older are encouraged to donate. All students missing class to donate must receive permission from the teacher. Signed permission slips must be presented at the time of donation. Parents, we invite you to campus to donate as well. Please complete the form [here](#) to let us know what time you would like to attend. Teachers and students will be given priority so we can get them back to the classroom as soon as possible! Please contact Jaime Olinde, Activities Director, with any questions at jolinde@catholichigh.org for questions.

MOTHER'S CLUB NEWS: The Catholic High School Mother's Club signature event, the CHS Mother-Son Breakfast, is coming up on **March 30, 2025**. Tickets are \$40 per person. The event is sold out every year, so don't wait to buy your tickets. Tickets went on sale Thursday, February 27.

At the CHS Mother-Son Breakfast, we are raffling off the chance to win \$25,000 toward the purchase of any vehicle from our sponsor, Price LeBlanc. Each student is encouraged to sell **10 tickets**, and the class that sells the

most tickets will receive a free dress day at school. CHS 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 student'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 (and his class) gets credit for it. If anyone would like to purchase a paper ticket for the raffle, please visit the CHS main office. The deadline to purchase tickets is March 15th, and the proceeds from the car raffle and other Mothers' Club events directly benefit your son and CHS.

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.

2024 TUITION STATEMENTS: Tuition statements for 2024 are now available through FACTS. After logging on to your account, click on "View Details" then "View Payment Summary." Feel free to reach out to the Finance Office with any questions.

STANDARDIZED TESTING DAYS AND SCHEDULES: Our spring standardized testing days are Monday, March 17, and Tuesday, March 18. We view standardized testing as one more opportunity to partner with you in your son's education. These tests are very important for your son and very important for our school as they provide valuable information about your son's academic progress.

Each of your son's teachers receives the results of his tests and uses these scores to determine what skills he needs to be prepared for college. Please encourage your son to take these tests seriously. The results of these tests will be shared through your son.

During testing days, regular classes are not held, and students are dismissed once testing has concluded in their classroom.

Breakfast will be available March 17-18 in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center beginning at 7:00 a.m. Sandwiches and other grab-n-go items will also be available during the breaks and immediately after testing concludes.

8th and 9th and 10th Grade Students: On Monday, March 17, students will take the Pre-ACT 8/9 test or the PSAT 10 test. The results of this test will be used to determine progress on their college readiness skills. Students will be dismissed following testing.

Students will receive an email the week of March 10 from Mrs. Canady with details concerning testing, including where to report and dismissal times.

On Tuesday, March 18, there are no classes for 8th and 9th grade students.

Also on Tuesday, March 18, 10th grade students will be on retreat.

On **March 17th**, students should be on campus no later than 7:55 a.m. and in the test room at 8:00 a.m.. Students will be testing on laptops. If your son is testing with standard timing, he will be dismissed at approximately 11:00 a.m.. **Parents should park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland Lot and wait for students to be dismissed.** Each room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.

If your son is testing with accommodations timing, he will be dismissed at approximately 12:00 p.m. **These parents should pick students up in front of the main office.** Each room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.

11th Grade Students: On Monday, March 17, all 11th grade students will be on retreat. On **Tuesday, March 18, all 11th grade students will take the official ACT test on our campus.** This test can serve as one of the two suggested ACT tests to be taken in the spring of the junior year. The registration fee for this test was paid during orientation in August.

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concerning testing, including where to report and dismissal times.

On **March 18th**, students should be on campus no later than 7:55 a.m. and in the test room at 8:00 a.m.. Students will be testing on laptops. If your son is testing with standard timing, he will be dismissed at approximately 11:30 a.m.. **Parents should park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland Lot and wait for students to be dismissed.** Each room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.

If your son is testing with accommodations timing, he will be dismissed at approximately 1:00 p.m. **These parents should pick students up in front of the main office.** Each room will be dismissed as soon as testing concludes.

12th Grade Students: On Monday, March 17th, seniors will attend Career Day.

On Tuesday, March 18th, seniors will have Senior Class Olympics.

These days are considered school days, and **seniors are required to attend.** More details about the day and the schedule will be sent out to students soon.

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE FEES: The fees for dual enrollment English and religion classes are \$300 per semester. Students enrolled in these classes will be billed on March 15 through FACTS.

2025-2026 TUITION AND RE-REGISTRATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND LAPTOP ORDERS FOR 2025-2026 (From Lisa Harvey): On February 3rd, all parents were emailed with information about tuition and re-registration for the 2025-2026 school year. A copy of the Tuition and Fees Schedule is included with this newsletter. Note that the schedule also includes information for those who have chosen to purchase a laptop for next school year.

Also included in that February 3rd email was information about the 2025-2026 laptop program. A reminder email was also sent on February 20th. We have extended the deadline

by one week for new laptop orders. Any current family who would like to order a new ASUS laptop for their son for 2025-2026 must complete the information by March 7th.

See this link for the laptop order form for current 8th grade students:
<https://mychs.catholichigh.org/technology/home/laptopselection8>

See this link for the laptop order form for students currently in grades 9-11:
<https://mychs.catholichigh.org/technology/home/laptopselection>

TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

[From Lisa Harvey]: 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.** Tuition assistance is available through various avenues for students whose families are unable to pay the full cost of tuition. See the attached document for information about various opportunities for tuition assistance.

Of particular note is the LA GATOR Scholarship Program that will be available for next school year. The attached document contains LA GATOR website information, but please note that **the application portal opens on March 1st at 9:00 a.m.** I strongly recommend that any family who thinks they may qualify apply on March 1st. Funding for this program is limited and will be distributed according to those meeting the qualifications and who applied first.

Applications for tuition assistance from Catholic High School for the 2025-2026 school year must be submitted by Friday, April 18, 2025. Note that applications must be submitted by all persons who are requesting tuition assistance, both those applying for the first time and those who received tuition assistance during the 2024-2025 school year and are re-applying for tuition assistance for the coming school year. Applications for assistance are to be submitted online through FACTS. A link to the FACTS web page can be found in the "Tuition Information" section of the Parents section of the CHS web page or by

clicking the link below. You will need to create a FACTS account and log-in and then complete the application online. Any parent who does not have access to a computer or who needs help completing the online application can get assistance by contacting Finance Director, Stuart Sonnier, by email at ssonnier@catholichigh.org.



PSAT WORKSHOP: Dates are available for the PSAT/NMSQT Workshop for current sophomores. This series of classes is designed to prepare students for the PSAT test in the fall of their junior year. The PSAT test is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Registration is available online at myCHS, or students may bring the registration form included with this newsletter email to the Main Office with the course fee of \$215 by Friday, March 14. Please email Mrs. Christy Kessler at ckessler@catholichigh.org with any questions.

ACT PREP CLASSES: The next ACT Preparation Class will be on March 8, 2025. This class is designed for students taking the ACT in March 2025. Registration is online at MyCHS.catholichigh.org. A flier is included in this newsletter with more details. Please email Mrs. Kessler at ckessler@catholichigh.org if you have questions about this course.

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SUMMER AT CHS PROGRAM: Registration is OPEN! Information including dates, times, and fees about our 2025 Summer at CHS courses are available on our website. Courses include:

Strength and Speed: Required for current CHS JV and varsity athletes and incoming 8th and 9th grade athletes.

Academics and Enrichment: 3D Animation*, ACT Preparation*, Advanced Placement Preparation, Algebra I Preparation, Becoming a BEAR, College Application Boot Camp*, English I Preparation, Fun Science*, Lego Camp*, New Member Band Camp*, CHS/SJA Percussion Camp*, Public Speaking*, Robotics*, Service Week, Study Skills*

*courses open to girls

Athletic Camps: Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse, Powerlifting, Soccer, Track and Field, Wrestling

GRANDPARENTS DAY – SUNDAY, MARCH

23: All CHS grandparents are invited to attend our Grandparents Day celebration on March 23rd at 2:00 p.m. in the CHS gym. Grandsons are invited to attend with their grandparents, but whether grandson(s) can attend or not, grandparents of current CHS students are invited to join in the afternoon's celebration. Immediately following the assembly, students and their grandparents are welcome to tour campus and to take part in a reception inside the Br. Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center, hosted by the CHS Mothers' Club. The CHS Photography Club will also be taking pictures in the Valluzzo Student Union. Dress for students is school attire. A parking map including general and handicapped parking was included in the invitation mailed to all grandparents in February. Contact Mr. Jamie Segar '90 in the CHS Advancement Office for more details at jsegar@catholichigh.org.

We encourage students, parents and grandparents to submit pictures or videos about your grandson/grandparent relationship using this [link](#). Please drag and drop photos/videos directly into this album or click the add photos icon at the top of the page, then select the images you wish to upload. If your son would like to record a brief video message for his grandparents (less than 2 minutes please) the video file can be shared using the same link. Submit photos/videos by Sunday, March 16.

GOLDEN BEAR DONORS: A Golden Bear is the highest honor a student can receive for his work in academics and extracurricular activities. These awards are made possible

through donations by generous sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring a Golden Bear in your name or in memory of a loved one, please contact J.P. Kelly, Advancement Director, at jkelly@catholichigh.org.

CHS MEN'S CLUB: There are volunteer opportunities available for three upcoming events in April and May. On Monday, April 8, the Men's Club will assist the school with Senior Supper. On Thursday, May 2, we will provide the Senior Class with a special lunch on their last day of classes. And on Friday, May 24, we will treat the Faculty and Staff to an Appreciation Dinner. If you would like to assist us with any of these functions, please contact Men's Club President David Hansen at chsmensclub@gmail.com.

ADVANCEMENT ACTIVITIES: (J.P. Kelly, Director of Advancement) There are many opportunities and a wide variety of ways to be involved at Catholic High School. Below are a few exciting upcoming events; we hope to see you at some (or all!) of them.

- **CHS Mothers' Club Online Auction:** Week of March 16, 2025

- **Grandparents Day:** Sunday, March 23, at 2 p.m. All CHS grandparents and their grandsons are invited to join us for an enjoyable celebration in the gym. Reception following in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center.

- **Mothers' Club Mother-son Breakfast:** Sunday, March 30, at 10 a.m. Location is the Crowne Plaza. (Drawing for Car Raffle).

- **Raising Cane's Challenge:** Wednesday, April 2, at select locations. Mention "I'm supporting Catholic High School" when purchasing your Cane's dinner, and 15% of proceeds benefit CHS.

- **BINGO "Sports Illustrated Theme:"** Wednesday, April 2, at 5:30 pm. Dress in your best sports-themed outfit and join us for Bingo in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center.

- **1894 Minute Challenge:** Friday, April 4. This is a one-day effort where the entire CHS

Community unites in support of enhancing student experiences. Your contributions deeply impact our students, and all parents, alumni and friends are encouraged to donate.

• **Baton Rouge Baseball Challenge:**

Thursday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. Join us at Alex Box Stadium as the Bears take on the Cubs.

• **Stations of the Cross:** Friday, April 4, at 7:45 a.m. Join us in the Brothers Chapel for prayerful Lenten reflection.

• **Challenge Watch Party:** Friday, April 4, at 3:30 p.m. in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. Come support the Bears as they take on the Red Stickers in the Annual Challenge Day competitions. This is an adult-only event.