



### **APRIL SPECIAL SCHEDULES:**

**Wednesday, April 2:** Student Mentoring Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Friday, April 4:** Challenge Day, Pep Rally Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Thursday, April 16:** Faculty Meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

**Friday, April 18 to Friday, April 25th:** Easter Holidays. No School for Students.

**Tuesday, April 30:** Liturgy Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

To view the full calendar, please click below.

[CHS Calendar](#)

**SCHOOL OFFICE:** School office hours for Easter break will be as follows: Office closed Friday, 4/18 thru Wednesday, 4/23. Office open Thursday, 4/24 & Friday, 4/25 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**BRUIN SHOP:** The Bruin Shop will be closed Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> for Easter Break.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD:** Our Habitat for Humanity build concludes with our final work day on April 5. It has been a tremendous success both by providing a deserving family a new home, and providing our community a chance to live out the Gospel values that are at the heart of the mission of Catholic High School. Thank you to our volunteers, and to all the parents who supported their sons' participation in this project.

**DEADLINE FOR REQUESTS FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE [From Lisa Harvey]:** Applications for tuition assistance 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 on-line 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 access your FACTS account and log-in, and then complete the application online.

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 for students whose families are unable to pay the full cost of tuition.

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](mailto:ssonnier@catholichigh.org).



**2024-2025 TUITION [From Lisa Harvey]:** Parents are asked and expected to honor their financial obligations to Catholic High School through the timely payment of tuition and fees. However, should a CHS family experience a severe financial difficulty, the parents should contact the CHS president as soon as possible to discuss adjustments in scheduled payments. As stated on the CHS web page, no student will be asked to leave CHS solely on the basis of his parent's inability to pay full tuition.

If no alternative arrangement for payment is made and authorized by the CHS president, when a student's tuition account becomes two months in arrears, the student may be subject to suspension from classes. No student may take semester examinations until all financial obligations to the school have been satisfactorily addressed as defined by the CHS president.

**SENIOR SUPPER:** On Monday, April 7, the senior class will celebrate the end of their senior year with their parents at the Senior Supper. The event takes place in

the gym and begins at 6:00 p.m. Seniors and their parents will hear graduation details and receive their graduation supplies. This is a mandatory event for all seniors. Due to limited seating, only seniors and their parents are asked to attend. For questions about the Senior Supper, please contact Events Coordinator, Tracy Ducote, at [tducote@catholichigh.org](mailto:tducote@catholichigh.org). We join in celebrating with our seniors as they begin to enjoy the many events that mark the end of their time at Catholic High. Please keep the Class of 2025 in your prayers.

**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 student 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. Emails of invitation were sent to everyone being recognized. If you have any questions, contact Activities Director, Jaime Olinde at [jolinde@catholichigh.org](mailto:jolinde@catholichigh.org).

**SENIOR EXAM SCHEDULE:** The senior exam schedule is listed below. Please note that seniors take final exams by subject, not by class period.

	<b>10:20 – 11:50</b>	<b>12:12 – 1:42</b>
Friday, May 2	English	Math
Monday, May 5	Elective	History
Tuesday, May 6	Religion	Science
Wednesday, May 7	Conflicts	Conflicts

**UNDERCLASSMEN FINAL EXAMS:**

Underclassmen exams will take place Monday, May 19, through Thursday, May 22.

	<b>8:00 – 9:35</b>	<b>10:05 – 11:35</b>
Monday, May 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour	4 <sup>th</sup> Hour
Tuesday, May 20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour	8 <sup>th</sup> Hour
Wednesday, May 21	6 <sup>th</sup> Hour	7 <sup>th</sup> Hour
Thursday, May 22	1 <sup>st</sup> Hour	5 <sup>th</sup> Hour

**FOURTH QUARTER GRADES:** Please review Catholic High’s grading policy beginning on Page 43 of the [2024-2025 Student Handbook](#). If your son had a failing grade in any subject at the end of the first semester, it is imperative that you review this policy. Even if your son had passing grades in all subjects for the first semester and the third quarter, please read the entire policy, and be aware particularly of the following stipulations:

- A first semester failing grade can be offset only by a grade of C or higher in the second semester.
- A second semester failing grade is not offset by a first semester average of C or higher, and requires summer remediation.
- Each semester F grade must be remediated during summer remediation in June.

**SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY AND SUMMER REMEDIATION:** 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. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter email for further information. Students who must

remediate a semester failure will be contacted by an administrator or counselor on May 23.

**CHS MOTHERS’ CLUB NEWS:** The CHS Mothers’ Club has been extremely active supporting six separate events in the month of March. We are blessed to be gifted with the incredible talents of so many women who selflessly give of their time to make these events a huge success. We want to thank the following moms for chairing these March events:

**St. Joseph’s Altar:** The beautiful altar was made possible by many volunteers including our chairs for the event: Adele Dalmau and Amy McCormick. A special thank you to the Mothers’ Club Financial Advisor Margie Alexander for providing the vision for the altar and many of the beautiful decorations that adorned it. If you missed visiting the altar when it was on display, you may visit the Mothers’ Club social media pages to see pictures.

**CHS Grandparents Day:** A special thank you to our chairs of the event: Jaclyn Landry and Lisa Girouard. Thanks to all the moms who baked or donated delicious refreshments for the reception and who also acted as hostesses in welcoming our grandparents to campus.

**CHS Mothers’ Club Online Auction:** the auction came together very quickly due in large part to the efforts of our executive committee, namely Becky Maher and Sarah Thompson. Thank you to all who bid on items during the online event. We could not have done the event without the generous support of the people who donated items to it including: Abby Bullock and Wanderlust by Abby, After Five Tuxedo, Annie Claire Bass, Ann Piazza, Becky Crawford, Becky Maher, Blythe Lamonica, Bonnie Marcantel and Aesthetic Medical Center Anti-Aging Clinic, Brad Messina, CCA and David Cresson, Chad Spillers and Jeansonne

and Spillers Dentistry, Chelsea Navarre, CHS Administration, CHS Advancement Office, CHS Alumni Office. CHS Athletics, CHS Bruin Shop, City Group Hospitality/ Patrick Valluzzo, Community Coffee, Crowne Plaza, D'Andra and Brandon Odom, Duane LeBlanc, Derek Benedetto, Fig & Dove and Colleen Waguespack, The "Original" Heroman's and David Heroman, Erica Bunch and Turquoise Lily Jewelry, Grace Yoga and Pilates, Hancock Whitney Bank, Jen Culotta, Chef John Folse, Katherine May, Kimberly McDaniel, Kleinpeter Photography, Lisa and Ted Harvey, Marcie McBride, Matt Bruce, Melissa Gulotta, Meredith Smith, Raising Cane's, Philip Guercio, Sarah Thompson, Tiffany Burke and William and Cynthia Steele. Also, we'd like to give a special thank you to our sponsors – Dan Jumonville and Lauren and Joey Coco.

### **CHS Faculty and Staff Appreciation**

**Luncheons:** To show a small token of appreciation for all the work the faculty and staff do for our boys every day, the Mothers' Club provides a delicious lunch approximately four times per school year. We want to thank the many people who make these luncheons possible, especially the chairs: Ashley Gautreau and Mercedes Dooley.

**The CHS Car Raffle:** The car raffle is the largest fundraising event for the Mothers' Club. Thank you to all who bought and sold tickets. Huge thanks to chairs Ann Booth and Mary Elizabeth Hart for all of their hard work in organizing the raffle.

**The CHS Mother-Son Breakfast:** This breakfast is the Mothers' Club signature event each year. It is a beautiful morning that celebrates the special bond between mothers and sons. This year's event was as wonderful as ever, and it took the work of dozens of people to make it happen. We would like to thank our chairs for the event: Lyn Savoie and Renita Williams Thomas. Additional thanks need to be

given to a remarkable committee including Bonnie Kolb, Kori Thomas Fontenot, Mimi Tompkins and Sarah Thompson.

### **Remaining 24-25 school year events:**

The Mothers' Club still has events we are supporting in April and May – Habitat for Humanity Meals, Senior Supper, New Student Welcome, Student Appreciation Snacks, Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon and Student Exam Snacks. We are also collecting gently used clothing for our Fabulous Finds Sale in July. You may drop off gently used, and in good condition, polo shirts, pants, suits, ties, belts, CHS outerwear, sports coats and oxford dress shirts in the bin located outside of the Bruin Shop.

Again, the work that the Mothers' Club does throughout the year would not be possible without the support of the CHS administration. We are grateful for the opportunity they provide for us to give back to the school community.

If you have any questions about the CHS Mothers' Club, please contact President Blythe Lamonica at [blythelamonica@me.com](mailto:blythelamonica@me.com).

Thank you and Go Bears!

**CHS MEN'S CLUB:** SAVE THE DATE! The 90<sup>th</sup> Annual CHS Men's Club Stag BBQ Dinner will be held on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets will be available in person or online sometime in June. More details to come. Mark your calendars now!

### **ADVANCEMENT ACTIVITIES [From Advancement Director J.P. Kelly]:**

It is Challenge Week! There are many activities available for the community this week, and we would love your participation. If you are interested in assisting, please contact me, [jkelly@catholichigh.org](mailto:jkelly@catholichigh.org)

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2:**

### **Raising Cane's Challenge Fundraiser.**

Eat at any Raising Cane's location and say: "I support Catholic High School" and 15% of your purchase will be donated back to CHS. This is an easy and delicious way to support the mission!

### **Bears Illustrated Bingo:** Join us

Wednesday evening for a community bingo night packed with fun, prizes, and Bear spirit!

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 3**

**CHS v U-High Baseball Game:** 6:00 PM at Alex Box Stadium. Come cheer on the Bears as they compete against the Cubs in the Battle of Baton Rouge.

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 4**

### **CHS Challenge Fundraising Drive:**

Friday, April 4 is our Challenge Give Day! Help us reach our goal with a one-time or recurring gift that strengthens CHS programs and supports our students.

**Stations of the Cross:** Join us for a beautiful, reflective prayer experience to begin the final day of Challenge Week at 7:45 AM Held in the CHS Chapel.

**Challenge Watch Party** – Join us at 3:00 PM in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. Enjoy food, fellowship, and celebration as we close out Challenge Week. All are welcome!

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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

### **SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR:**

Please take a few minutes to discuss with your son the importance of completing his school year successfully. As the end of the school year gets closer, excitement naturally occurs, and it is easy for students to lose focus. While the Easter break provides a welcome opportunity for rest and relaxation, poorly supervised "Spring Break" trips also provide students with opportunities to make poor choices that may have significant impacts at school. Our 24-7 policy is clear, so please provide your son with guidance and communicate that you expect him to follow our policies. A consistent message from home and school will help your son make good choices.

Please encourage your son to concentrate on all his schoolwork, academic and extracurricular, as well as his behavior, so that all of us can experience a positive conclusion to the school year.