



NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE 131ST YEAR OF OPERATION OF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL!

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We are privileged to partner with the families of our students in carrying out the educational tradition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

THE MISSION OF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: The mission of Catholic High School is to teach Gospel values in an environment of academic excellence according to Catholic tradition and the spirit of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

We are dedicated to continuing the mission and charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. In 1818, Father Andre Coindre, the founder of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, wrote the *Prospectus Pieux Secours – A Sanctuary for Boys*, to request support for his new vision of educating the young men of his time. In this document he states: “They must be surrounded with every possible help in order to form them to good habits....” This same vision continues today even though times and circumstances have certainly changed. What will not change is our commitment to helping each student become the young man that God has created him to be.

Our faculty and staff are committed to providing our students with an educational environment that allows them to know the unconditional love of

God while doing our best to provide an outstanding experience for your son this school year.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS: As parents, you are the primary educators of your son, so we see partnering with you as an essential part of the mission of Catholic High School. In an effort to help keep parents connected with Catholic High, we have various opportunities throughout the school year for parents to participate in the life of the school community.

Please check the school calendar on the website for all events and take advantage of the opportunities we offer so that you can be a part of your son’s school activities. Several opportunities follow immediately below.

1. Bear Claws for Breakfast. The first opportunity is for the parents of students new to Catholic High and is associated with New Student Retreat. We invite you to enjoy a complimentary breakfast with your son from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m., Thursday, July 31, in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center before the New Student Retreat begins. Please park in the Westmoreland parking lot if you plan to join us for breakfast and the parent presentation that will follow.

2. Parent Technology and *Guilty at an Age* Presentation. Immediately following Bear Claws for Breakfast, a presentation for parents of new students will be made in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. Although not mandatory for parents, we highly encourage parents to attend this presentation, which will last approximately an hour.

In addition to covering all aspects of technology at CHS, the parent meeting will also focus on issues concerning student health and well-being, including social media, substance use, and pornography. Parents of students who attend this meeting will not be required to attend one of the mandatory “Guilty at an Age” programs held later in the fall (more on that below).

If you are not attending the breakfast or the parent meeting, please drop your son off in either the Hearthstone circle drive, or the Claycut horseshoe drive (see drop-off and pick up directions later in this newsletter).

3. Back-To-School Afternoon (please read for important changes). On Sunday, August 17, parents are invited to meet their son’s first semester teachers. This afternoon is intended for parents only. Unfortunately, our gym will not be available (see item about the gym roof below), so the afternoon will only include parents going through a shortened version of their son’s schedule and will no longer include an initial meeting in the gym. We will record the presentations that would have been in the gym and will email a link so that parents can watch the presentations at their convenience. Please take the time to watch the video as it will include information about the 2025-2026 school year, our work with your sons, and our partnership with you.

The gym closure also means that the start time for Back-to-School Afternoon

will be a little bit later. First period will begin at 4:35 p.m. Eighth period will conclude at 6:06 p.m. Please be prompt in arriving at school for the 4:35 p.m. start.

Because of the large number of parents attending Back-To-School Afternoon, I suggest you plan to arrive on campus no later than 4:15 so that you have time to park and walk to your son’s first period classroom. Parking will be available in the Westmoreland Parking Lot. Security will be provided. Please do not park along the streets in the neighborhood.

Our schedule will include 7-minute classes with 5-minute transit times. The brief class sessions provide you an excellent opportunity to meet your son’s teachers and to preview the academic and behavioral expectations in each of his classes.

Please note: Parents whose sons take classes at SJA for the 2025-2026 school year will not meet with SJA teachers during this program. Parents in this situation should feel free to spend this class period in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center or other areas around campus.

In this mailing is a blank student schedule which you should ask your son to complete for your use on August 17. Please be sure to use the schedule issued to your son at Orientation as it will be the most current.

The CHS Mothers’ Club invites you to have refreshments in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center during your son’s lunch period.

4. *Guilty at an Age* Parent Workshops: In the *Prospectus of 1818*, Father Andre’ Coindre wrote, “Guilty at an age when boys tend to be reckless rather than wicked, impetuous rather than incorrigible, hope for their

transformation must never be lost.” Now more than ever, young men are faced with many different societal pressures, their brains are wired to be “reckless” and “impetuous,” and they can easily fall victim to those pressures.

Continuing a program that was formerly known as “Parent to Parent,” Catholic High School is once again hosting a presentation for all new parents of 8th and 9th grade students to discuss a broad range of topics from substance abuse to social media and other addictive behaviors. Presenters will not only educate but also provide strategies for parents to help children navigate the world around them. Attendance is mandatory for at least one parent of all new 8th and 9th grade students.

The available dates for this mandatory meeting are July 31, (New Student Retreat), and the evenings of September 18, and October 21 at 6 p.m. in the Library. Please mark your calendar now if you are unable to attend the session on July 31. More information about this program will be communicated later.

5. Parent-Teacher Conferences and Sophomore Interview. On January 5, 2026, students will not attend school. For the past few years we have set aside two hours from 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. to hold sophomore interviews. If your son is a sophomore, his mentor teacher may contact you to set up an interview with your son and at least one parent on this morning. This is not the only time the interview can take place, but it is a convenient one. The purpose of the interview is to allow you and your son to share your experience of Catholic High School about midway through his time here.

The 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. time slot on January 5 is also available for parent-teacher conferences if you or some of your son’s teachers believe it is

necessary. If you would like to discuss your son’s first semester grades with teachers or meet his second semester teachers, please contact them closer to this date and schedule a conference. The remainder of the day is set aside for faculty professional development.

NEW STUDENT RETREAT AND COMPUTER ROLLOUT:

Students new to CHS for the 2025-2026 school year must attend the New Student Retreat on Thursday, July 31 and Computer Rollout, on Friday, August 1. The retreat will focus on school culture issues such as the Charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, personal religious faith, respect for the dignity of each individual, and brotherhood. Our hope is starting with this focus will help our new Bears transition smoothly into our school community. Computer Rollout on Friday will focus on our 1:1 laptop program. Each student is issued a laptop computer for daily use both in the classroom and at home. We are in our eleventh year of integrating technology into daily instruction, and this integration is now a standard part of academic excellence at CHS. Workshop sessions will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. each day. Student attendance at these sessions is mandatory. Lunch will be provided.

A \$40 fee will be charged to your July FACTS account to cover the costs, including lunch, associated with the retreat and rollout. If previous plans prevent your son from attending, students will make up the sessions on August 7 (note: this is a change from August 6 in the June newsletter) from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If your son must attend the make-up session on August 7, please email Tammy Feduccia at tfeduccia@catholichigh.org

Please note: Returning CHS students that were in the **8th grade for the 2024-2025 school year** are required to attend

the New Student Retreat on July 31, but do not have to attend Computer Rollout on Aug. 1.

MAKEUP WELCOME MEETING: The makeup for the Mandatory Welcome Meeting will be held on July 31st at 3:00 p.m. in the Br. Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. This meeting is for those who missed the initial meeting in April and those that registered after the registration deadline.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP DIRECTIONS:

For safety reasons, we ask that you not drop off or pick up any student in the Claycut, Student Center, or Westmoreland Parking Lots (except on July 31 for the Bear Claws for Breakfast. School proctors are instructed not to allow drop off in these areas. Students may be dropped off in the circle drive in front of the main entrance on Hearthstone or in the horseshoe driveway on Claycut. In the afternoon they should only be picked up from either of those locations.

Carpool Changes: In order to minimize congestion and improve traffic flow during pick up in the afternoons, we ask that you please follow the instructions below for your son's pick up location.

Picking up in the Claycut Circle: Drivers must come from Acadian and turn right at the entrance to the circle. Pick up your son, and then turn left onto Claycut toward Acadian. Right turns from that circle will not be allowed.

Picking up in the Hearthstone Circle: Drivers must come to Claycut from the west via Kenmore or Arlington. Turn left onto Hearthstone and then right into the circle drive at the school's entrance. Exit Hearthstone to the right, back to Kenmore or Arlington.

Claycut will be blocked in the afternoon for a short period to prevent these two

pick-up lines from crossing and creating unnecessary congestion.

On regular school days, parents are encouraged to pick up students between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. This alleviates long carpool lines and traffic in the neighborhood surrounding school. Faculty members are on duty and students are welcome to be in the Mall, Library and courtyard areas.

Important: We also ask that parents not drop off or pick up students in the surrounding neighborhood streets or arrange for pickup in the neighborhood. Not only is this dangerous, but it is a tremendous inconvenience to our neighbors. Students who carpool with SJA students are allowed to be dropped off or picked up in either school's carpool.

STUDENT SCHEDULES: Student schedules will be available through PlusPortals at the end of July. All students will receive an email from Christy Kessler, academic assistant principal, notifying them when schedules are available. As stated in the email, some schedules may be changed to balance class sizes. Students will receive their final schedules during Orientation.

According to the *Student Handbook*, "Schedule changes during the school year typically are made to adjust the level of a student's placement in a particular course." Please do not request schedule changes in order to change an elective course, change an unassigned period, or change teachers. Such requests are not considered.

GYM ROOF REPLACEMENT: Because of the frequent rainstorms that have happened over the summer, we have experienced numerous leaks in the gym that make replacing the gym roof an immediate need. While we had hoped to replace it next summer, this major

construction project will have to begin as soon as possible. Replacing the roof will require a complete shutdown of the gym as well as some other adjustments around campus as the roofing contractor stages materials. Once we know the actual start date of the work, I will email changes to the dates, times, and locations of events affected by the closure.

2025-2026 RETREAT DATES: Please mark your calendar now for the following required attendance events for CHS students:

New Student & 9th Grade Retreat:

Thursday, July 31 (all day)

Senior Retreat: Sunday, October 12 and Monday, October 13

Junior Retreat: Monday, March 16 (all day).

Sophomore Retreat: Tuesday, March 17 (all day).

Please do not schedule any activity that conflicts with these retreats.

STUDENT HANDBOOK: The *2025-2026 Student Handbook* will be available soon online through the Catholic High website (www.catholichigh.org). At Student Orientation, your son will receive the Parent/Student Consent Form. After you and your son have read the handbook, each of you must sign the form and return it to school. The deadline for your son to return this signed form to his **1st period teacher** is Friday, August 15th. This form also includes acknowledgement of the Honor Code and the TOPS Information Release. As noted on the Parent/Student Consent Form, "Failure to respond in a timely manner could result in the student's suspension from school until the completed document is submitted."

It is essential that you and your son read the handbook very carefully. It is an excellent reference for most questions

you may have about school policies and procedures. Also, the regulations and provisions outlined in the handbook are a material condition of the contractual agreement between you and Catholic High School.

SCHOOL CALENDAR: Catholic High School's updated 2025-2026 school calendar is enclosed in order to help you plan your son's school year. This calendar also contains the special schedules throughout the school year. As always, please consult the calendar when planning appointments, trips, or vacations.

We consider your son's attendance at school to be critical in allowing him to be academically successful. Please do not use special schedule days for appointments that can be made outside the school day. Whether the special schedule is for mentoring, test prep or something else, the activity is still an essential part of our educational program, and your son's attendance is important.

CELL PHONE POLICY CHANGE:

In order to discourage distractions and encourage face to face interaction among our students Catholic High School is making a couple of changes to our cell phone policy. You will see the new policy in the 2025-2026 handbook, but I want parents and students to be aware of the changes well ahead of the beginning of school. Students will no longer be allowed to be on their phones outside of buildings before the beginning of the school day. Students' phones should be off and stored in a booksack upon arrival at school. If students have a locker, they may store the phone in their locker. At no time should a phone be in a student's pocket.

Students may turn on their phones and use them outside of buildings once the school day has ended. Consequences for

not following our phone policy include CHS holding the phone for 48 hours, 5 days of detention, and the phone being searched at the discretion of the Assistant Principal for Discipline.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE: Orientation for all students will take place on Wednesday, August 6, and Thursday, August 7. Your son must be present for orientation at his assigned time.

Students with an unexcused absence from orientation should expect to receive consequences. Contact Tracy Ducote at tducote@catholichigh.org with any questions.

Students must be checked in and seated in the wrestling room in the Jume Center by the arrival time listed below:

2025-2026 Orientation Schedule

| Wednesday, August 6 | | |
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| Grade | Arrival Time | Alpha Listing |
| 8th | 8:00 a.m. | A-H |
| | 8:30 a.m. | I-Z |
| 9th | 9:00 a.m. | A-B |
| | 9:30 a.m. | C-F |
| | 10:00 a.m. | G-K |
| | 10:30 a.m. | L-P |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Q-S |
| | 11:30 a.m. | T-Z |
| 11th | 12:30 p.m. | A-C |
| | 1:00 p.m. | D-H |
| | 1:30 p.m. | I-Mi |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Mo-R |
| | 2:30 p.m. | S-Z |
| Thursday, August 7 | | |
| Grade | Arrival Time | Alpha Listing |
| 12th | 8:00 a.m. | A-Ce |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Ch-F |
| | 9:00 a.m. | G-La |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Le-O |
| | 10:30 a.m. | St-Z |
| | 10:00 a.m. | P-Sp |

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| | 10:30 a.m. | St-Z |
| 10th | 11:30 a.m. | A-B |
| | 12:00 a.m. | C-E |
| | 12:30 p.m. | F-Hi |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Ho-L |
| | 1:30 p.m. | M-P |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Q-So |
| | 2:30 p.m. | St-Z |

If you are bringing your son to Catholic High for his orientation, we welcome you to come into the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center and relax while orientation is in process, but please allow your son to complete orientation himself, unaccompanied by you. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. The process typically lasts no more than an hour and a half.

The Bruin Shop: For those wanting to do a little CHS shopping, the Bruin Shop will host a pop-up store in the Br. Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center on Wednesday, Aug. 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ORIENTATION INFORMATION:

School Pictures: All students are required to wear a coat and tie on the day of their orientation and to be properly groomed. School pictures will be taken at that time. If your son does not have a coat, he may come with a dress shirt and tie, and we will provide a coat for the picture. Please note we do not have every size.

Romaguera Photography will be taking pictures of each student during orientation for his ID and the yearbook. If you want to purchase pictures, please follow the directions in the email that will be sent from Romaguera at the end of July. All orders and payments will be submitted online.

Note: Seniors will take school pictures at orientation for school use in addition to the formal portraits (tuxedo/cap and gown) taken by Brad Messina Photography. Details about these portraits were included in the April letter sent to junior parents. Appointments are available now and may be scheduled by visiting <http://www.bradmessinaphoto.com/seniors.html>. The deadline for formal portraits is October 31.

Hair and Grooming Requirements: It is particularly important that your son meets CHS grooming requirements when he arrives for orientation. A conservative approach to the school's dressing and grooming standards is a positive way to start the year. If your son's hairstyle does not meet CHS grooming requirements, he will not be allowed to complete orientation; in effect, he will be suspended from school until he has an acceptable haircut. Students will not be allowed to cut their own hair on campus during orientation.

For your convenience, a barber will be on campus during orientation to correct hairstyles as deemed necessary by the assistant principal for discipline. Should students choose to use this service, there will be a \$20 fee applied to the orientation fee bill. Catholic High does not receive any compensation for this service. It is essential that parents and students understand that haircuts given by the on-campus barber are done in an expedited manner and are not customizable. The service of the on-campus barber is not designed to be a personal stylist for your son, and Catholic High is not responsible if you or your son do not like the haircut. To avoid this issue, please ensure that your son has the appropriate haircut before he arrives for orientation.

A student whose hair is only slightly outside of the guidelines and utilizes the

barber on campus will not receive disciplinary consequences. However, a student who arrives on campus in serious need of a haircut, well outside of our expectations, will be directed to our on-campus barber and may receive disciplinary consequences.

Your son must also be clean-shaven, and his sideburns must be of appropriate length. Even the slightest hint of a mustache or peach-fuzz will need shaving. We ask that parents of 8th graders and freshmen take a particularly close look before their son leaves home. Our policy is that 8th graders and freshmen who need to shave, but would be shaving for the first time, may be allowed to proceed with orientation if their facial hair would not show up in the school picture. We make that allowance so their first shave can be supervised at home. Those students will need to be clean shaven for the first day of class.

Should a student choose to leave campus and stop the orientation process to correct a grooming issue, he may receive consequences.

Any student who has altered his natural hair color will not be allowed to attend classes at CHS until it is corrected.

Past experience indicates that complying with our haircut guidelines is the most challenging part of orientation. It is not the intent of Catholic High School to start a new school year in a negative manner by having to send a student to get his hair cut and interrupt orientation. This often leads to frustration on the part of parents, students, and the school. Therefore, in order to avoid this frustration, **I strongly encourage parents and students to make sure that your son's hair meets our guidelines as stated in the *Student Handbook*:**

The purpose of the CHS dress and grooming policy is to embody the importance the Brothers of the Sacred Heart place on an orderly and disciplined environment. CHS recognizes that there are different types of hair, and that no single set of descriptions will perfectly capture the school's expectations about haircuts, but the following guidelines will keep a student in compliance with the school's expectations. These guidelines allow for some individual preferences regarding haircuts, while ensuring that hair is neat in appearance and not a distraction.

- A student's hair may be of only moderate length, height, and thickness in the front, back, top and sides. A common guideline for length is not more than 3-4 inches on the top and not more than 1-2 inches on the sides.*
- Students are expected to comb, brush, style or otherwise groom their hair before they arrive on campus. Students who come to school without having done so should expect consequences.*
- Students with straighter hair should keep their hair at a length so that it is naturally off of their ears, collar, and eyebrows. Students with wavy or curly hair should keep their hair to a moderate length so that it does not get too high or extend out too far on the sides. Any transition from shorter to longer hair should be gradual.*
- Completely shaven heads, mohawks or faux mohawks, shaving or carving lines into the natural hairline or eyebrows, braided, dyed, bleached, or tinted hair and the like are not acceptable.*
- Students are not allowed to use rubber bands, hair ties, clips, etc.*
- Each student is to be clean-shaven each day. Sideburns may not extend lower than the middle of the ear and must be neatly groomed.*

- Earrings are not allowed at any time during the school day or at any CHS event.*

NOTE: The assistant principal for discipline handles all matters of dress and grooming.

If your son's hair does not meet these requirements, he will not be allowed to continue orientation without first complying with the standard. My advice is to get a shorter than typical haircut in order to be within our expectations. If you have any questions about whether a hairstyle is acceptable at CHS, please contact the assistant principal for discipline, Doug Logsdon, for an appointment. Please call or email him (dlogsdon@catholichigh.org) in advance of your visit so he can be available.

Bruin Yearbook: During orientation, orders can be placed for the 2025-2026 *Bruin*, our school yearbook. The cost of the book is \$52, payable at orientation. Seniors will have their yearbook mailed to them.

Student ID/Food Service Debit

Card: During orientation, each student will receive an ID card that will serve as his student debit card and contain the chip that will allow him access through the electronic gates. Students must have their ID at all times so that they will have access around campus. In addition, part of our dress and grooming policy is that all students are required to wear their student ID on a school-issued lanyard that is the designated color for their grade level. The ID must be worn once a student arrives on campus and throughout regular school hours. Please see the *Student Handbook* for further details.

The ID/debit card must be used for all purchases in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center, the Bruin Shop, Library, Activities Office, and Help

Desk. The debit card is not transferable. If a student forgets, loses, or misplaces his ID/lanyard on any school day, he must go to the Activities Office and purchase a replacement. Because of the chip in the ID card, the cost for a replacement ID and lanyard is \$8.50.

For security reasons, purchasing a replacement card will automatically deactivate the previously issued ID card, so students cannot have more than one active card at a time. Students can reactivate an ID card previously purchased during the school year by logging into their myCHS account.

As part of orientation expenses, each student is required to have an initial balance of \$50 on his debit account. If your son has a credit balance on his account at the end of the school year, it will remain in his account for the following year. If you know your son will make use of the CHS food service, I recommend you consider posting at least \$100 on his account to start the school year.

Debit Card Procedures:

- A student must keep a positive balance on his CHS debit card at all times. Balances can be managed on the school website under myCHS or through the Bruin Shop on campus.
- Parents will receive an automatic email when a student's balance falls below \$20.
- If a student's debit account becomes negative and is not brought current by 3 p.m., his parents' default payment method (not parents' FACTS account) on their myCHS account will automatically be charged the total of two amounts:

(a) the amount the account is negative

(b) a \$25 credit to be added to the student's debit account to bring it to a positive balance.

- Any additional funds added after an account becomes negative will be credited only to a student's debit account.
- No student is allowed to use another student's debit card.
- Student will receive disciplinary consequences when his account goes negative.

For your information, student lunch purchases typically average \$5 per person per day; however, your son is also able to purchase breakfast or snacks. Prices are available on the CHS website by clicking Quicklinks, then Lunch Menu.

Students can check the balance of their debit accounts at the scanner located in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center or the Bruin Shop. Parents can also check the balance online through the Catholic High website under myCHS. Student debit accounts are managed through the myCHS link on the CHS website. Payments may be made online utilizing a credit or debit card (processing fees apply) or through E-checks (includes a smaller processing fee than credit or debit cards).

Parents can also set up automatic reload on their son's debit account. This is a convenient way to avoid negative balances, fees, and disciplinary consequences for your son.

In addition to online payments, cash, checks, and credit cards are acceptable forms of payment at our campus store, The Bruin Shop, open daily between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (Closed for lunch from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.). Payments made at the Bruin Shop are not immediately available and may take up to 24 hours to

process. In accordance with school policy, payments are not taken over the phone, and cash back on checks or debit cards is not permitted.

Parking for 2025-2026: Only those students who pay parking fees will be allowed to park in either the Claycut, Student Center, or Westmoreland Parking Lots. Security is provided in these lots to ensure the safety of our students and their vehicles. The CHS Board of Directors has set the parking fee for the 2025-2026 school year at \$325, and only students with driver's licenses may register to park. Seniors, juniors, and sophomores have already been sent emails to register for parking. The last day to register so that the fee can be paid during orientation is August 3. After this date, requests for parking must be emailed to Melanie Smith, Administrative Assistant, at mesmith@catholichigh.org. Any available parking spots will be assigned in the order requests are approved by the assistant principal for discipline.

Please note that students are not allowed to park in the neighborhood or at local businesses without express written permission from the homeowner or the business owner. Any student who chooses to do so must complete the Neighborhood Parking Permission Form included in this newsletter. If you have questions about student parking, please contact Doug Logsdon, assistant principal for discipline, at dlogsdon@catholichigh.org.

Payment for Orientation Fees: There is a slight change this year to pay your son's orientation costs. In the June newsletter parents were instructed to deposit funds sufficient to cover their son's orientation expenses and initial lunch costs into their myCHS account no later than July 25. Orientation fees will now be payable via a fee bill that will be emailed directly to parents in the next 48

hours (2 days). This fee bill must be paid by August 1st. Online payment must come from e-check or credit card, or your myCHS balance. In person payment can be made in the Bruin Shop on July 31st and August 1st from 9 am to 12 pm. No payments will be accepted on Orientation Day. If you need special arrangements for your fee bill, please contact Malissa Stacy in the Bruin Shop mstacy@catholichigh.org.

For lunch account payments, within the next 2 days incoming students will automatically be linked to the myCHS account of the email used during registration. If your family uses a different myCHS account or needs to link a student to multiple myCHS accounts, then the link code from the acceptance account will also work. All students must begin the school year with at least \$50 in their myCHS account, even if they do not intend to use our on-campus food service. If you have any questions about linking students, please email Malissa Stacy in The Bruin Shop mstacy@catholichigh.org.

Note: Many students attended CHS programs over the summer and used their school debit account to purchase food items in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. Therefore, parents may see a negative balance on their son's myCHS account. This balance must be paid when paying orientation fees so that the student's account up to date.

FIRST DAY FOR 8TH AND 9TH GRADERS: Friday, August 8, will be a special day of school designed exclusively for our 8th and 9th graders. All other students do not report to school. This special day is designed to acquaint our new Bears with CHS in an atmosphere that is less hectic than a day with the full student body in attendance. We will begin with a liturgy for all 8th and 9th graders at 7:30 a.m., then run a full schedule of shortened classes. Lunch will be served. Students

must have their Student ID/debit cards (received at orientation) for this first day of school. Regular dress and grooming rules apply on this day. Dismissal will be at 2:47 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Our office hours on school days are 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES: Included with this newsletter is a document outlining procedures for checking your son out of school. Please review it and follow those procedures.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE NUMBERS: It is very important that we have the most current contact information. Should your phone numbers or email addresses change or if you move, please email this information along with your son's name to Stephanie Potter, Registrar, at spotter@catholichigh.org as soon as possible.

DAILY TONE SCHEDULE:

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| Warning Tones | 7:25 & 7:28 |
| 1 st Period | 7:30 – 8:20 |
| 2 nd Period | 8:25 – 9:15 |
| Announcements | 9:20 – 9:22 |
| 3 rd Period | 9:22 – 10:12 |
| 4 th Period | 10:17 – 11:07 |
| 5 th Period | 11:12 – 12:02 |
| 6 th Period | 12:07 – 12:57 |
| 7 th Period | 1:02 – 1:52 |
| 8 th Period | 1:57 – 2:47 |

CHS ATHLETICS: Students interested in participating in the CHS inter-scholastic or intramural athletic programs should listen to the school's daily announcements for information. If you have any questions about interscholastic athletics at CHS, please contact Matt Shelton, Athletic Director, at mshelton@catholichigh.org. Questions

about intramural athletics should be directed to Shelley Reinecke, sreinecke@catholichigh.org or Chris Wynne, cwynne@catholichigh.org. intramurals moderators.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS: Catholic High utilizes a text messaging system to communicate with students, parents, and faculty when situations require that timely information needs to be disseminated.

I will send a text message to all parents from the system on August 6 at 8 a.m. The sending number should show as 79041. If you have previously opted in to receive text messages, you do not need to do anything else. If you are a new family, you may be prompted to opt in. Please do so by texting "Yes" to 79041. You should receive a subscription confirmation from BrightArrow from a separate number.

The system will only display a short text message. If the message is longer, you will be able to click a link to read the entire message.

We will continue to utilize a voice message system when circumstances require a lengthier message. As always, email will continue to be used for general information.

CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL DAY: In case of a general emergency in which school may be called off, CHS will follow the action taken by the East Baton Rouge Parish public high schools (in most cases). Students and parents should use radio or TV news reports concerning whether or not schools will be open. The information will also be sent through the CHS text messaging system or through voicemail and will be posted on the Catholic High website and social media accounts as soon as circumstances allow.

STANDARDIZED TESTING: Our standardized testing schedule will include both fall and spring standardized tests. In addition, we are continuing with standardized test preparation days specifically devoted to working with students to improve their performance on standardized tests. This year we have five special-schedule days in the fall prior to October testing and five special-schedule days in the spring prior to testing in March. The standardized test prep days are:

| <u>1st Semester</u> | <u>2nd Semester</u> |
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| August 27 | January 28 |
| September 4 | February 5 |
| September 24 | February 11 |
| October 2 | February 26 |
| October 8 | March 4 |

Please make note of our testing schedule so that you can plan accordingly for these important dates. Students should not check out early during test prep days.

Fall:

Monday, October 13: No school for students in grades 8, 9, 10, and 11. Seniors are on their mandatory retreat on this day.

Tuesday, October 14: Students in grades 8 and 9 will take the PSAT 8/9, and 10th graders will take the Pre ACT 10. No school for juniors and seniors.

Wednesday, October 15: Seniors will take the ACT, and Juniors will take the PSAT. No school for grades 8, 9, and 10.

More detailed information about fall testing will be communicated as the dates approach.

Spring:

Monday, March 16: 8th, 9th grade students will take the PreACT 8/9. 10th grade will take the PSAT 10. Juniors will attend their mandatory retreat, and there are no classes for

seniors. Seniors will report to school for Career Day.

Tuesday, March 17: Juniors will take an official ACT test that will be reported to the college/university of their choice, and this test will serve as their required junior ACT test. (Please see the Student Handbook for details). The cost of the ACT test will be included on juniors' fee bills during Orientation. Sophomores will attend their annual retreat, Seniors will participate in the Senior Olympics and students in grades 8-9 will not have school.

MEN'S CLUB AND MOTHERS' CLUB:

At the end of this newsletter are documents from our Men's and Mothers' Clubs. Please review them and consider joining these outstanding groups who support our school!

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Stag Barbeque: The 90th Annual Stag Barbeque, the signature event of the CHS Men's Club, will be held in the Brother Donnan Berry SC Student Center on Saturday, August 23rd, from 6:00-9:30 p.m. Dinner will be served until 8:30 p.m. with takeouts available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. from the Student Center parking lot at the kitchen entrance. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. For ticket information, contact Jeffrey Hotard (Jhotard@catholichigh.org) or Men's Club President Darrel Lewis (chsmensclub@gmail.com). Tickets can also be purchased online using the following link [Mens Club Stag BBQ Tickets](#). Please note that this event is not open to current students.

ALUMNI NEWS:

Grizzly Great Induction Ceremony

On Saturday, August 2rd, Catholic High School will induct the newest members into our Grizzly Greats Hall of Fame. This year's inductees are Mr. Chris Williams '03, Mr. Mathew Mazoch '03, Mr. David Pollet '02, Mr. David

Brewerton '92, and Coach Kyle Jackson '07. This event will be held in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center beginning with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., followed by the induction ceremony. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased online at [Grizzly Greats - Catholic High School](#). Gentlemen are asked to wear a sport coat, but ties are not required.

THANK YOU: We are looking forward to the 2025-2026 school year and forming our students within the mission and charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Please be assured of our dedication to the young men entrusted to our care and to our partnership with you.

We do not take for granted the confidence and trust you have placed in us and we are grateful for the sacrifices you make to choose CHS for your sons.

Ametur Cor Jesu. Loved be the heart of Jesus!

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2025-2026 School Calendar

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Important Dates 2025

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| July 31-Aug 1 | Rollout/Retreat for Incoming students |
| Aug 4-5 | Faculty & Staff Prof. Development |
| Aug 6-7 | Student Orientation |
| Aug. 8 | 1st day of school for 8th & 9th grades |
| Aug. 11 | 1st day of school for all students |
| Sept. 1 | Labor Day holiday |
| Sept. 2 | Prof. Dev. (no school for students) |
| Sept. 9 | Speaker: Jason Evert--special sched. |
| Oct. 10 | End of 1st Quarter |
| Oct. 12-13 | Senior Retreat |
| Nov. 7 | Faculty & Staff Retreat |
| Nov. 13 | Open House |
| Nov. 24-28 | Thanksgiving holidays |
| Dec. 16-19 | 1st semester examinations |
| Dec. 19 | 1st semester ends |
| Dec. 22 - Jan.2 | Christmas holidays |

Important Dates 2026

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| Jan. 5 | Faculty & Staff Development |
| Jan. 6 | 2nd semester classes begin |
| Jan. 19 | Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday |
| Feb. 2 | BOSH schools Day of Reflection |
| Feb. 16-20 | Mardi Gras holidays |
| Mar. 13 | 3rd Quarter Ends |
| Mar 16 | Junior Retreat/8th, 9th & 10th grade testing, Career Day |
| Mar. 17 | Sophomore Retreat/11th grade testing/Senior Olympics |
| Apr. 3-10 | Easter holidays |
| May 1 - 6 | Senior final examinations |
| May 18 | Graduation/Dead Day/E-learning |
| May 19-22 | 2nd semester examinations |
| May 22 | 2nd semester ends |
| May 22 | Record Day |

Legend: Circles indicate holidays for students and faculty

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| | Standardized Testing | | Faculty Meetings |
| | Standardized Test Prep Days | | Special Schedule |
| | Senior sessions in Spring | | Exams |
| | Student Mentoring Schedule | | |
| | Liturgy | | |

Special Dates:

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| TBD | Honor Board |
| Oct. 3-4 | Homecoming game and dance |
| Nov. 13 | Open House |
| Dec. 15 | Christmas Concert at CHS |

October 14 - Standardized testing for grades 8-10, 11th and 12th off
 October 15 - ACT for 12th, PSAT for 11th, 8-10th off
 March 16 - Standardized testing for 8-10, Junior Retreat, 12th Career Day
 March 17 - ACT for 11th, Sophomore retreat, Senior Olympics for 12th, 8-9 off

SCHEDULE FOR: _____

Use schedule from orientation.
Only classes for Semester 1 (S1) meet today.
Classes at SJA do not meet today.

| <u>Period</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Teacher</u> | <u>Room</u> |
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| Assembly (Gym) | 3:45 - 4:30 | | | |
| (A) 1st | 4:35 - 4:42 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (B) 2nd | 4:47 - 4:54 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (C) 3rd | 4:59 - 5:06 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (D) 4th | 5:11 - 5:18 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (E) 5th | 5:23 - 5:30 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (F) 6th | 5:35 - 5:42 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (G) 7th | 5:47 - 5:54 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (H) 8th | 5:59 - 6:06 | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Catholic High School

Neighborhood Parking Permission Form

Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

Student Vehicle License Plate Number: _____

Student Vehicle Make: _____

Student Vehicle Model: _____

Student Vehicle Color: _____

Homeowner Name: _____

Homeowner Address: _____

Homeowner Phone Number: _____

To the homeowner/business owner:

CHS strongly discourages students to park in the neighborhood surrounding CHS. There is ample parking available for students who would like to drive to school. This letter, however, serves as your written permission for the above-named student to park on or in front of your property. Please make sure the student understands the boundaries of where they can park and they can do so in a way that does not obstruct traffic or cause unsafe conditions for other drivers. By signing below, you understand the CHS policy, and you have given the above-named student permission to park on or in front of your property. You also acknowledge that CHS is not responsible for any damage caused by the above-named student or occupants of his vehicle.

Homeowner Signature: _____

Date: _____



**Catholic High School
Orientation Item List 2025-2026**

Payment of Fees: Parents, you will receive a fee bill in July to pay for the required items listed below based on your son's schedule. You will also be able to opt in to pay for any optional items you need. If you are unable to pay online, The Bruin Shop will open *July 31 and Aug. 1 from 9am-12pm* for you or your son to come by and place funds on his myCHS using check, cash or credit card. **We will NOT accept cash, check or credit cards at Orientation. All fee bills must be paid prior to orientation.**

PE uniforms and locks can be purchased starting the first of school in the Bruin Shop.

Please contact Mrs. Malissa Stacy, Bruin Shop manager, at mstacy@catholichigh.org if you have questions regarding items on this list or the *Bruin Shop sales process*. Contact Mr. Matt Shelton at MShelton@CatholicHigh.org with questions about Athletic Passes.

| The following fees will be charged to your son's myCHS account prior to Orientation, when applicable. | | |
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| ORIENTATION FEES: | I.D./Cafeteria Debit Card [REQUIRED] Minimum Amount | 50.00 |
| | CPR fee [REQUIRED FOR 9 th GRADE] | 57.00 |
| | ACT fee [REQUIRED FOR 11 th GRADE] | 41.00 |
| | MATH Excel fee [Academic and Foundation Level Math] | 16.50 |
| | English License Fee [All Grades] | 13.00 |
| | The Big Read | 13.00 |
| | Freshman & New Student Retreat and New Student Rollout Fee | 41.00 |
| | Freshman Retreat Fee (Students that attended CHS for 8 th grade) | 20.00 |
| Religion III | Digital License Fee | 21.00 |
| Art I | Supply Package [Materials issued in class] | 49.00 |
| Art II | Supply Package [Materials issued in class] | 49.00 |
| Art III/IV and AP | Supply Package [Materials issued in class] | 49.00 |
| Media Arts | Supply Package [Materials issued in class] | 33.00 |
| Fine Arts Survey | Supply Package [Materials issued in class] | 29.00 |
| Sculpture | Supply Package [Materials issued in class] | 29.00 |
| Drawing and Painting | Supply Package [Materials issued in class] | 46.00 |

| BOOKS AND SUPPLIES* | | |
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| English II H | Fahrenheit 451 | 14.00 |
| English IV H | Sir Gawain and the Green Knight | 17.00 |
| | Things Fall Apart | 14.00 |

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| Religion I | Revelation and the Old Testament | 39.00 |
| Religion II | Sacraments and God's Grace | 39.00 |
| Religion II | You: Life, Love, & the Theology of the Body | 29.00 |
| Religion IV DoJ | Living Justice and Peace | 39.00 |
| Religion IV BOSH | (Class provided materials) | N/A |
| Religion IV RSH | Mr. G | 18.00 |
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| The following are available for purchase | | |
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| Yearbook | [OPTIONAL] | 52.00 |
| Athletic Pass | [OPTIONAL] | 65.00 |
| Parking fee | [OPTIONAL] | 335.00 |

***Prices are based on information available at the time of printing.**





CHS Checkout Procedures

To preserve an orderly classroom environment, we do not page into the classrooms when it is time for students to check out. They are responsible for coming to the Attendance and Discipline Office for the check-out slip as soon as possible, preferably before school.

For scheduled appointments:

- 1) Email attendance@catholichigh.org or a student can bring a note signed by a parent to the Attendance and Discipline Office by 7:25 a.m. The note must include a) the student's name, b) date, c) time to be dismissed from class, and d) reason for checking out.
- 2) The Attendance and Discipline Office issues a checkout slip, showing the date and time the student will check out.
- 3) At the time noted on the checkout slip, the student brings the checkout slip to the Attendance and Discipline Office and scans his ID to check out. If the student is checking out during a class period, he should inform the teacher at the beginning of the period that he's checking out.

For illness during the school day:

- 1) Students should request permission from their teacher to go to the Attendance and Discipline Office.
- 2) The Attendance and Discipline Office will assess the student and contact a parent/guardian for permission to check-out if necessary.

For students who do not drive themselves to school, parents can pick them up in front of the Main Office on Hearthstone Drive. They should call 225-383-0397 when they arrive, and we will send the student out. We understand there might be a time when a student must check out at a moment's notice; however, we ask our families to please limit these times to when it is absolutely necessary. Please note that not all absences or checkouts are excused and can lead to disciplinary consequences. Please consult the Student Handbook for more details about our attendance policy.

We appreciate your continued support of Catholic High School.



Please scan this QR Code to email attendance@catholichigh.org



2025-2026 Club Officers

Darrel Lewis – President
Scott Roussel – Vice President

Mike Martin '80 – Secretary
Jeffrey Hotard '85 – Treasurer/Moderator

EMAIL: chsmensclub@gmail.com

The Catholic High Men's Club has a long tradition of service to the Catholic High School community and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Our purpose is to support the mission and young men of Catholic High School and to promote camaraderie among adult males who are interested in the betterment of the school. These goals are realized through recognition programs, community service, gatherings, and fundraisers. Our membership is comprised of dads of current and former students, alumni and other friends of the school.

90th Annual CHS Stag Barbecue

For 90 years, the Men's Club has hosted this annual steak dinner event for adult males as a significant fundraiser to support our club activities. This year's barbecue will take place Saturday, August 23rd - more information is in the attached flyer and on the Men's Club page of the Parents tab at www.catholichigh.org/parents

Hamburger Suppers for Students

All clubs and sports are honored at 5 suppers throughout the year, recognizing students' participation at CHS. The schedule of suppers and those being recognized is also on the Men's Club page of the website.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner

The Men's Club honors the faculty and staff of CHS by hosting a crawfish boil at the end of the school year.

Partners with other CHS Organizations

The Men's Club participates in other events such as Senior Supper and Habitat for Humanity, and this year is looking forward to several other school campus spiritual, social, wellness and service events. Additionally, the Men's Club is frequently asked to provide food or service to such events as Open House, sporting events, and alumni events. The Men's Club also sponsors BBN and two Golden Bear awards.

\$13,000 Raffle at Bingo Night

The 40th Annual Men's Club Raffle will be held October 2nd in conjunction with Homecoming Bingo Night. More details can be found on the Men's Club website or in next month's Principal's Newsletter.

Scan the QR code here to join today with an affordable \$35 Annual Membership or a \$300 Lifetime Membership. Your membership makes our efforts possible and helps to continue our support of your son during his time at Catholic High School.

Memberships also make an excellent Father's Day, Birthday or Christmas Gift for the dad who has everything...

or

HONOR a recent CHS Graduate with a Lifetime Membership!





STAG BARBECUE



BROTHER DONNAN BERRY, S.C.

STUDENT
CENTER



6:00 - 9:30 P.M.

AUGUST 23,
2025

CATHOLICHIGH.ORG/STAGBBQ

SCAN FOR
TICKETS





2025-2026

Calendar of events and volunteer opportunities

Follow us on Instagram [@chsmothersclub](#) & Facebook [CHS Mothers' Club](#)

A few important reminders:

- **JOIN TODAY**– click this [link](#), scan the QR code or visit the school website to join the CHS Mothers' Club. (To register, click on the “parents” tab, then scroll down to the Mothers' Club tab where you'll find a link to register.)



- **SAVE THE DATES!**
 - **September 7, 2025 - Moms and Mimosas.** All moms or guardians of currently enrolled CHS students are invited to meet other CHS moms in a relaxed environment, learn from faculty, staff and veteran moms about all things Catholic High.
 - **January 24, 2026 – Catholic High Mothers' Club Auction** is back IN-PERSON this year. We will be part of the Grand Slam Gumbo Jam event. So come eat the best gumbo and bid on amazing items and experiences. If you have a product, item or experience you would like to donate, you can contact our auction chair, Jen Parfait: 225-328-0535
 - **February 1, 2026 – Mother-Son Breakfast.** This event is one of the favorites and sells out every year. Early access tickets are available to members only, so don't forget to join the Mothers' Club today!
- As a registered member of the CHS Mothers' Club, you will be notified of events and volunteer opportunities! There are countless ways to share your talents while getting to know other mothers and investing in your son's future. There is a volunteer opportunity that fits everyone's schedule.

But wait there is more...

CHS Mothers' Club 2025 – 2026 Executive Committee

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| President | Becky Maher | maher1209@yahoo.com | 225-802-4889 |
| Vice-President | Emily Dirks | Emily.dirks80@gmail.com | 225-229-7478 |
| Secretary | Bridget Denicola | denicolabb@cox.net | 225-933-1898 |
| Treasurer | Ann Booth | Annwbooth78@gmail.com | 985-373-0699 |
| Communications | Haley Nassif | haleynassif@cox.net | 225-772-9944 |
| Past President | Blythe Lamonica | blythelamonica@me.com | 225-281-3137 |
| Faculty Moderator | Sherry Brouillette | sbrouillette@catholichigh.org | 225-383-0397 |
| Financial Advisor | Margie Alexander | malexander@catholichigh.org | 225-383-0397 |

2025-2026 Calendar

| Date | Event | Chair | Co-Chair |
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| 7/12/2025 (10am-2pm) | CHS Fabulous Finds (Used Clothing Sale) | Kaylin Gifford | Sarah Thompson |
| 8/5/2025 (11am-1pm) | Back to School Faculty and Staff Luncheon | Rebecca Valluzzo | Lauren Walker |
| 8/17/2025 (3:45-6:30) | Back to School Afternoon | Brooke Carter | Amy Daughdrill |
| 8/25 & 9/22/2025 (3:00-8:00pm) | CHS Information Afternoon | Michelle Trahan | Susan Leblanc |
| 9/7/2025 (11am-1pm) | Moms and Mimosas | Executive Committee | Executive Committee |
| 10/21, 1/14, 3/19, 5/8 | Faculty/Staff Luncheons | Mercedes Dooley | Marga Tabor |
| 10/13/2025 (5:00-7:00pm) | Senior Retreat Reception | Kim Faulk | Lindsey Jeansonne |
| 10/16, 2/4, & 4/2/2025 (10:30-1:00pm) | Student Appreciation Celebration | Jenny Vargas | Danielle Mensman |
| 11/13/2025 | Open House | Annette Droddy | Amy Schulze |
| 11/30/2025 Take down Jan 4 | Christmas Decorating | Aimee Dawes | Melanie Ford |
| 12/9/25 (6pm-9pm) | Mothers' Club Christmas Market | Executive Committee | Executive Committee |

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| 12/16/5 & 12/18/25 | Mid-Term Exam Survival Days | Chris Gibson | Kori Thomas Fontenot |
| 1/24/2026 | Auction | Jen Parfait | |
| 2/1/2026 (10am-12:00pm) | Mother/Son Breakfast | Nicole DeMoss | Stephanie Locklear |
| 3/18/2026 set up | St. Joseph's Altar | Adele Dalmau | Amy McCormick |
| 3/22/2026 (2:00-4:00pm) | Grandparents Day | Lisa Girouard | Katie Fredrick |
| Ongoing | Car Raffle | Mary Elizabeth Hart | Lauren DiVincenti |
| 3/30/2026 (6:00-7:00pm) | Senior Supper | Andree Talbert | Cherise Knapp |
| Seniors - 5/4/26 & 5/6/26 All Other Students – 5/19/26 & 5/21/26 | Final Exam Survival Days | Chris Gibson | Kori Thomas Fontenot |
| 7/10/2026 | CHS Fabulous Finds (Used Clothing Sale) | Kaylin E Gifford | Sarah Thompson |

The CHS Mothers' Club is a volunteer organization for mothers and guardians of Catholic High School students. Our mission is to enhance the holistic educational experience of students by providing volunteer services. These services support ongoing efforts of the faculty and staff and provide excellence in education while promoting the spiritual, moral, emotional, intellectual, social, and physical development of all according to Catholic tradition and the spirit of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

We provide our members with activities that will foster support for each other and for our school, engage in new friendships and most importantly, enrich the lives of our sons. Our members are committed to providing support to the CHS school community through designated programs and specific needs of the school.

The Mothers' Club is a wonderful organization that has presented me and many other moms with the opportunity to volunteer at Catholic while also establishing lasting and lifelong friendships. I highly encourage all moms to consider participating and taking advantage of the many activities the Mothers' Club hosts throughout the school year. Getting involved will enhance yours and your son's experiences during his years at Catholic High. I promise you will come to value the time you donate and cherish the memories you create while serving in the CHS Mothers' Club. I look forward to you joining us this year. Geaux Bears!

Sincerely,

Becky Maher

CHS Mothers' Club President 2025-26

Mom of:

James Maher – Class of 2024

Matthew Maher – Class of 2026