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SEPTEMBER 2025

**SPECIAL SCHEDULES in SEPTEMBER:**

**Monday, September 1:** Labor Day holiday. No school for students.

**Tuesday, September 2:** Faculty & Staff Professional Development. No school for students.

**Thursday, September 4:** Test Prep Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 9:** Guest Speaker Special Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Thursday, September 18:** Student Mentoring Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 24:** Test Prep Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 30:** Liturgy Schedule

[CHS Calendar](#)

**MY CHS: (Mrs. Lisa Harvey):** Over the summer, several upgrades were made to the myCHS platform in order to improve information provided to students and parents. All transactions and balances are now live and can be viewed in real time. If your son purchases breakfast, his balance will automatically change to reflect those charges immediately. Online deposits are also reflected in real time. However, any deposit or purchase that is physically made at the Bruin Shop on campus will take 24 hours to process and be reflected on the myCHS balance.

Parents and students can access their myCHS account through the following link <https://mychs.catholichigh.org> or by selecting the myCHS button under “Quicklinks” on the CHS website. Once on the student accounts

page, you will see a box that shows your son’s name and his account number. You will also see his current balance, and a box that says “View Transactions.” To see the activity on your son’s account, click “View Transactions”. Transactions for the previous 30 days will be shown below. To see older transactions, select “View more” at the bottom. To view details about your son’s food expenditures, click on “Cafeteria Purchase” on the desired date. This will show your son’s exact purchases and the prices. You can also see myCHS deposits.

Other important information about myCHS:

- Parents and students are expected to keep a positive myCHS balance at all times. Disciplinary consequences will occur for students who consistently go negative on their account.
- Students can check their balance through the myCHS link on the website or at the registers in the Student Center. It is their responsibility to check their balance before purchasing items.
- As always, parents are encouraged to set up automatic reload once your son’s account goes below a minimum balance by having a valid payment method tied to your myCHS account. This can be done through your myCHS account.
- Pay attention to low balance email reminders.
- See the Student Handbook for information about charges applied for negative balances or failed payments.

Due to price increases by vendors that supply the Turning Point cafeteria, there have been

some price increases on items such as Core Power, coffee items, and Powerade. Plate lunch and sandwich prices have remained the same. The weekly lunch menu with pricing is available at [this link](#). The menu and prices are always available on the CHS website by selecting “Quicklinks” and then “Lunch Menu.”

We strongly suggest that you carefully monitor your son’s daily purchases and guide him by providing him with a budget. During these first weeks of school, the amounts of what some students are spending have been staggering. They need your guidance about spending limits and keeping a positive balance.

If you need assistance with myCHS, please email [mychs@catholichigh.org](mailto:mychs@catholichigh.org) with any technical myCHS questions. Inquiries regarding specific purchases can be directed to the Bruin Shop, but please do not call the Bruin Shop to ask for your son’s balance. That information is readily available for both students and parents through the myCHS link on the website.

#### **CARPOOL AND GYM ROOF PROGRESS:**

Thanks once more for everyone’s cooperation with our new carpool directions, and especially for being courteous to our neighbors. We are aware that some students continue to be dropped off or picked up in the neighborhood, so I ask again that you do not do that. Carpool is running smoothly and traffic is cleared on most days by 3:10 p.m. so there is no need to use the neighborhood. It is less safe, and students know they could receive consequences for it. Don’t put your son in that position, please.

The work on the gym roof is nearing completion, and we hope to be able to resume use of the gym near the end of September. The carpool changes we made because of the roof work have worked well, so rather than return to using the front of school on Hearthstone, we will continue to use the Claycut lot and the Union Circle as dropoff and pickup locations.

**BRUIN SHOP:** Due to construction, the Bruin Shop is closed to in-person shopping. You may shop online and follow the pickup instructions emailed to you from Mrs. Stacy.

We will let you know when in-person shopping resumes and appreciate your patience.

Homecoming Pop Up Shop! Weather permitting, The Bruin Shop will have a “Pop Up Shop” at Memorial Stadium before the Homecoming Game on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Stop by and pick up some CHS gear before the game! Go Bears!

#### **COUNSELORS CORNER (from the Counseling Center):**

The Counseling Center has a number of initiatives designed to foster student well-being and provide support to our parents. Those include:

Cards with Counselors “CWC”: We invite all students to join us in games every Wednesday at all lunch periods outside the Brother’s Residence beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Small groups: We offer small groups that vary in topics like social skills, managing anxiety and stress, as well as executive functioning skills.

What’s Bruin: Presentations to inform parents of current mental health needs. In person and Zoom option to attend; registration is sent through email!

College Coffee Chats: Our college counselors, Mrs. Jennifer Thibodeaux and Mrs. Sherry Brouillette offer college info sessions in early spring.

Support Services: If you find your student is struggling academically or socially/emotionally please reach out to your grade level counselor – we have an abundance of resources!

Follow [@chsbr\\_counselingcenter](#) on Instagram to stay in the know!

**COURSE FEES:** The fee for Advanced Placement courses is \$95.00. All course fees are billed with your regular tuition payment or are billed on October 15.

The fee for dual enrollment English is \$300 per semester. Fall semester tuition will be billed on October 15, and spring semester tuition will be billed on March 15.

**SENIOR EXAMS AND EXEMPTIONS:** Only seniors may be exempt from final exams, so it is important for seniors to begin the school year with an end goal in mind, including exemption from final exams. The exemption policy for seniors is as follows: for full-year

courses, a senior who has a first semester A, and a third and fourth quarter A, is exempt from the final exam. In addition, seniors can be exempt from their semester senior religion course exam in either semester. Students must have an A for the first quarter and an A going into the final exam of the given semester religion course.

Out of fairness to students, a student who qualifies to be exempt from an exam should know by the beginning of “dead days” that he is exempt from the exam. Mid-term exams are December 16-19. December 15 is classified as a “dead day,” which means that no assessments are due and no tests, quizzes, or homework are to be given. Seniors in first semester senior religion classes should know no later than Friday, December 12, if they are exempt from the exam.

#### **THE CHS MOTHERS’ CLUB UPDATE:**

The 2025-2026 school year is underway, and the CHS Mothers’ Club activities have already begun! We would like to thank our chairs and co-chairs who have coordinated several successful events thus far:

- CHS Faculty and Staff Back-to-School Luncheon – Rebecca Valluzzo and Lauren Walker
- CHS Back-To-School Afternoon – Amy Daughdrill and Brooke Carter

Also, a special thank you to all the moms who assisted with these activities, whether it was through volunteering their time or donating items toward the events. We could not have done it without you!

If you have not done so already, please sign up today to be a CHS Mothers’ Club member. A reminder that you must re-register your membership every school year. We have several activities to assist with in the coming months – CHS Information Nights, Faculty & Staff Appreciation Luncheons, Student Appreciation Celebrations, Senior Retreat Return Reception, Open House, Auction, and more. The CHS Mothers’ Club is a wonderful way to stay involved at Catholic High School. [Click here to JOIN](#)

If you would like to learn more about the CHS Mothers’ Club and “life” as a Catholic High School student, the Mothers’ Club will be

hosting a brunch – Moms & Mimosas, for all mothers or guardians of students enrolled at Catholic High. You do not have to be a member of the CHS Mothers’ Club to attend. The event will take place on Sunday, September 7 from 11:00am – 1:00 pm at the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. While enjoying brunch, you can mingle with school personnel and “seasoned” moms to learn more about navigating the years ahead. [Click here to register for Moms & Mimosas](#)

Our exclusive **Fig and Dove CHS logo embroidered wreath sashes** are back! Pre-order yours today! [Click here to order Fig and Dove Wreath sash](#)

If you have any questions or would like to receive more information, please reach out to the CHS Mothers’ Club President Rebecca Maher at [maher1209@yahoo.com](mailto:maher1209@yahoo.com). Thank you and Geaux Bears!

**MEN’S CLUB:** Thank you to all who helped make the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Stag Barbecue such a success! Over 800 steak dinners were served, and a wonderful crowd in the Brother Donnan Berry, SC Student Center enjoyed a fantastic meal and the camaraderie of many CHS friends and alumni.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Men’s Club \$13K Raffle drawing will take place on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> during Homecoming Bingo. Tickets are \$100 and only 500 tickets will be sold. There are multiple prizes available, with a grand prize of \$10,000! Purchase tickets using the QR code on the Men’s Club Newsletter, the button on the Men’s Club page of the CHS website or [HERE](#).

Thank you for your support of this and all of our events, without which we would not be able to give back to the school in so many ways.



Save the date for the Catholic High School Men's Club Fall Social! Our Fall Social will be on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Rally Cap Brewing Co. (11212 Pennywood Avenue, Baton Rouge, La 70809).

This evening of fellowship is open to CHS fathers, father figures, alumni, Men's Club members, and all male supporters (21 and older) of Catholic High. Come enjoy great company in a relaxed atmosphere as we kick off the fall session. Tickets will be \$10. Look for more information in the October Newsletter or the CHS Website.

### **THE HEARTH – STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER: (Sherie Leblanc, Director)**

Please see the attached flyer for updates on The Hearth Student Success Center.

**STUDENT CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES:** It is important to remember that school attendance is a priority, and students should only check out in the event of illness or for appointments that absolutely cannot be scheduled after school hours. Parents should make every effort to schedule appointments that do not take students out during the school day. Click this [link](#) for a summary of attendance procedures.

On those rare occasions when a student does need to check out, he should bring a note the morning of the appointment to the attendance and discipline office. Parents may also complete the [Attendance Form](#), but the student is still responsible for getting a dismissal slip from the attendance and discipline office. The administrative assistant for attendance will give the student a note to leave class at the designated time and report to the attendance and discipline office to scan his ID. Parents arriving at school to pick up their son can pull up in front of school in the Hearthstone Circle and call the main office at

383-0397, and we will send your son out, so you do not need to leave your car. If an unforeseen and necessary circumstance occurs and a student must check out and he did not know about it, parents must call the school in advance. This situation should only occur in the rarest of circumstances. Please do not just show up at school to check a student out. We do not call into classrooms to have a student report to the office, so a member of our office staff must leave their desk and go get the student. This takes time away from our office staff, but it also means that parents must wait longer for their son to check out.

It is also important to remember that not all absences are excused, and consequences may be given to a student in those circumstances. Please consult the Student Handbook for further details. Thank you for your help in this important matter.

**STUDENTS ON CAMPUS:** The [2025-2026 Student Handbook](#) addresses when students may and may not leave campus: "From the time he arrives until the end of his last scheduled class period, a student must remain on campus. The Assistant Principal for Discipline is the only person who can give a student permission to leave campus or to enter a restricted area." Students having 8th period unassigned may leave school following their 7th period class and return later to participate in extracurricular activities. However, students are not allowed to linger in the parking lots. Students with 1st period unassigned are allowed to arrive to school in time for 2nd period. Special schedule days should be noted so that unassigned 1st period students are not late for school.

Students may not walk in the neighborhood to meet a ride unless they are going to SJA for pickup. We demand all rides use the carpool lines because they are the safest point of drop-off and pick-up for your son. In addition, once a student leaves the CHS campus, Catholic High School is no longer responsible for a student's safety.

**STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL:** Because of extracurricular activities or carpool arrangements, some students are not picked up until after 6 p.m. Students who stay on campus after school occasionally walk to area

merchants between the end of school and the start of practice or pickup time. Because their academic day has ended, students are free to do so. The school is unable to provide any sort of supervision of a student once he leaves the campus. If you are uncomfortable with your son leaving campus after school, please discuss this matter with him.

Snacks are available for purchase in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center every day after school until approximately 3:15 p.m., and The Hearth is open until 4 p.m. Please encourage your son to make use of these resources rather than leave campus.

Due to the gym roof repairs, the mall is temporarily closed after school. Adult supervision on campus between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. is limited. After 4 p.m., we ask all students to wait in the centennial courtyard until their ride arrives and not outside in front of the school or outside in the Claycut circle. For those students participating in extracurricular activities, a coach or moderator should always supervise students during pick-up. After the gym roof is completed, we will reopen the mall where students can wait for their rides.

#### **PARENTS OF JUNIORS: IMMUNIZATION**

**REMINDER:** The State Department of Health and Hospitals states that all students 16 years of age and in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade are required by state law to show proof of having received a second dose of the MCV4 (Meningococcal) vaccine or provide documentation from a physician stating that your son is exempt. You will receive an email from my assistant, Mrs. Tammy Feduccia if we don't have proof vaccination or documentation of his exemption. Email proof of vaccination or exemption documentation to [tfeduccia@catholichigh.org](mailto:tfeduccia@catholichigh.org). Please note that a photographed or printed copy from MyChart does not fulfill the state requirement.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Should your home address, cell phone, or email address change, please email this information along with your son's name to our registrar, Stephanie Potter, at [spotter@catholichigh.org](mailto:spotter@catholichigh.org) so we can update our database.

**ACT PREPARATION CLASS:** Our next ACT Preparation Classes will be offered on

Saturday, October 11. A flyer is included with this newsletter with more details about this course, which has been quite beneficial for many of our students. Please email Mrs. Christy Kessler at [ckessler@catholichigh.org](mailto:ckessler@catholichigh.org) if you have any questions about the course.

#### **WHERE A BEAR FINDS HIS HOME**

#### **UPCOMING ADMISSIONS EVENTS:**

#### **(Collin Ford, Director of Admissions)**

We invite all families interested in considering Catholic High School for their middle school son to take advantage of the numerous opportunities to learn more about CHS and the holistic educational experience we provide. If you know of a family considering CHS, please invite them to participate in any or all these admissions events.

#### **Admissions Criteria**

Typically, the students offered admission to CHS for the 2025-2026 School Year:

- had a good discipline record
- had academic grades of As, Bs, and/or Cs
- had a good attendance record

#### **Day Tours September – November 2025:**

Day Tours provide families with the opportunity to see what a typical day at Catholic High School looks like. In addition to a general tour and overview, parents and their sons are encouraged to ask questions about any aspect of CHS while on the tour.

Day Tours are intended for small groups, so **registration for a Day Tour is limited.** Families interested in attending a Day Tour can click [here](#) to make a reservation. A Day Tour lasts about an hour and a half.

**Information Afternoon –September 22, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.** This event, hosted in the Brother Donnan Berry, SC Student Center, is designed to give prospective parents and students an overview of Catholic High School and what our community has to offer. This event will feature several presentations on the distinguishing aspects of Catholic High School's mission and school culture. There will also be an opportunity for prospective parents and students to ask questions in a small group setting. This event is especially beneficial if you are considering applying to

attend CHS in the 2026-2027 school year.  
Please use this [link](#) to register.

**NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY:** Catholic High School, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation doing business as Catholic High School. Catholic High School admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on any national, ethnic, or religious basis in administration of the school's education policies, financial-assistance programs, athletics, or any other school-administered activities.

**ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNUAL NOTICE:** As required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, see the Public Notification for the 2025-2026 School Year included with this newsletter.

# THE HEARTH

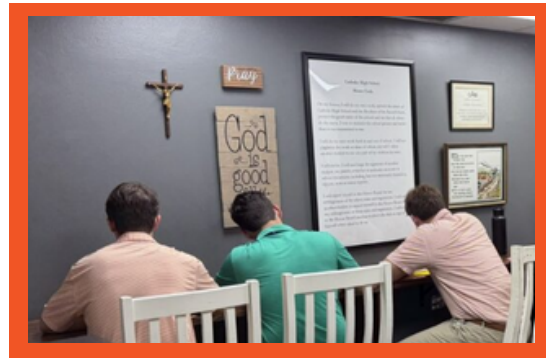
## STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

OUR NEWLY ESTABLISHED STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER, KNOWN AS THE HEARTH, IS A DYNAMIC HUB DESIGNED TO CREATE A HOLISTIC EXPERIENCE FOR EVERY STUDENT AT CHS. THIS STUDENT-FOCUSED SPACE OFFERS A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT WHERE LEARNERS CAN MAKE UP MISSED TESTS IN A QUIET, SUPERVISED SETTING, RECEIVE PERSONALIZED PEER TUTORING, AND ATTEND SPECIALIZED MATH LAB SESSIONS TAILORED TO REINFORCE KEY CONCEPTS. BEYOND SUBJECT-SPECIFIC SUPPORT, THE CENTER PROVIDES TARGETED RESOURCES TO HELP STUDENTS STRENGTHEN EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING SKILLS SUCH AS ORGANIZATION, TIME MANAGEMENT, SELF-REFLECTION, PERSEVERANCE, ATTENTION TO DETAIL, TASK INITIATION AND SELF-CONTROL. STAFFED BY DEDICATED EDUCATORS AND TRAINED PEER MENTORS, THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER FOSTERS A CULTURE OF COLLABORATION, RESILIENCE, AND GROWTH—ENSURING THAT EVERY STUDENT HAS THE TOOLS AND GUIDANCE THEY NEED TO THRIVE ACROSS ALL DISCIPLINES.

### MATH LAB



### TESTING CENTER



### FUN AND SOCIAL



### STUDY HALL



### PEER TUTORING



SEE OUR [WEBSITE](#) FOR INFORMATION, THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE, AND RESOURCES

# ACT PREPARATION CLASS

## Fall 2025

Where: Catholic High School Science Building Room 171

When: Saturday, Sept 27 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM  
or Saturday, Oct 11 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Cost: \$95 (covers book and all materials)

Students should Bring: Bag Lunch, Water bottle, Calculator, and pencils

**Registration is online at [mychs.cathlichigh.org](http://mychs.cathlichigh.org)**

Fall ACT National test dates are September 6, October 18 and December 13. The ACT is changing! The scoring, timing, and format of the test is new beginning in September 2025. This course will introduce these changes and plan strategies to maximize each student's score.

This class will present:

- Ways to reduce test anxiety.
- Procedures for being mentally, psychologically and physically prepared for the test.
- Helpful hints for testing day.
- Content summary and examples of frequent questions from the ACT.
- Scoring information for the ACT.
- Supplementary materials to guide study and final preparation for the ACT.

Presenter: Mrs. Christy Kessler ([ckessler@catholichigh.org](mailto:ckessler@catholichigh.org)) Bring a bag lunch!

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**Registration is online at [mychs.cathlichigh.org](http://mychs.cathlichigh.org) or  
detach this form and return to the Main Office by Wednesday, before the  
class date**

### Paper REGISTRATION FORM - ACT PREPARATION CLASS

Student Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one:  Saturday, Sept 27  
 Saturday, Oct 11

Parent Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks (\$95.00) payable to *Catholic High School*.



40TH ANNUAL

# \$13,000 RAFFLE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM DURING HOMECOMING BINGO

\*SEPARATE BINGO PURCHASE REQUIRED TO ATTEND DRAWING.

BR. DONNAN BERRY, S.C. STUDENT CENTER

## \$100 PER TICKET

### ONLY 500 AVAILABLE!

1 TICKET DRAWN WINS \$100

7 TICKETS DRAWN WIN \$200

1 TICKET DRAWN WINS \$500

1 TICKET DRAWN WINS \$1,000

GRAND PRIZE

# \$10,000

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE:



OR AT [CATHOLICHIGH.ORG/13000RAFFLE](https://CATHOLICHIGH.ORG/13000RAFFLE)

**\*\*WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT.**



PUBLIC NOTIFICATION  
2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR  
ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABILITY

June 24, 2025

Distribute: Principals, Students, Staff, parents and Organizations  
Re: Notification of Asbestos Inspection and Management Plan Availability  
To: Whom it May Concern

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all schools conduct detailed inspections to identify all asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) that may be present in the school environment. AHERA requires the inspection results and the associated Management Plan be submitted to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). A copy of the Management Plan must be maintained at the administrative office for review by the public.

Catholic High School maintains a proactive asbestos awareness program. The architect responsible for the construction of the school has provided a letter stating that to the best of his knowledge, no asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) was used at this school.

This letter of notification is an annual requirement to the public. If there are questions, Please contact the Designated Person, Don Hood, Facilities Director at 225-383-0397 for more information or assistance.