



SPECIAL SCHEDULES in OCTOBER:

Thursday, October 2: Standardized Test Prep Schedule. Regular Dismissal.

Wednesday, October 8: Standardized Test Prep Schedule. Regular Dismissal.

Sunday, October 12- Monday, October 13: Senior Retreat at sites off campus.

Monday, October 13: Fall Break, No School

Tuesday, October 14: Standardized Testing for Grades 8,9 and 10. No School for Grades 11 and 12.

Wednesday, October 15: ACT for Seniors, PSAT for Juniors. No School for Grades 8,9 and 10.

Tuesday, October 28 (moved): Faculty Meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

[CHS Calendar](#)

SENIOR RETREAT: Our seniors will be making their annual overnight retreat from Sunday morning, October 12, until Monday evening, October 13. Seniors and their retreat teams will be at 4 different retreat sites focusing on their relationships with themselves, family, friends, and God. Please keep our seniors in your prayers along with the faculty, parents, alumni, and friends who comprise the retreat teams.

STANDARDIZED TESTING DAYS AND SCHEDULES: Our fall standardized testing days are Tuesday, October 14 and Wednesday, October 15.

We view standardized testing as one more opportunity to partner with you in your son's education. These tests are very important for your son and very important for our school as they provide valuable information about your son's academic progress.

Each of your son's teachers receives the results of his tests and uses these scores to determine what skills he needs to be prepared for college. In addition, this information is used to better individualize instruction during our standardized test prep sessions in the spring. Please encourage him to take these tests seriously. Results of these tests will be given to you later in the school year through your son.

During testing days, regular classes are not held, and students are dismissed once testing has concluded in their classroom. Testing details and schedules follow below. Breakfast will be available in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center beginning at 7:00 a.m.

8th, 9th, and 10th Grades: On Tuesday, October 14, all students in grades 8 and 9 will take the PSAT 8/9, and all 10th graders will take the Pre-ACT.

8th, 9th, and 10th grade students do not attend school on Monday, October 13 and Wednesday, October 15.

11th Grade Students: On Wednesday, October 15, all students in 11th grade will take the PSAT/NMSQT, which is used to qualify for National Merit Awards.

11th grade students do not attend school on Monday, October 13, and Tuesday, October 14.

12th Grade Students: On Wednesday, October 15, students in 12th grade (who have opted in) will take the ACT.

12th grade students are returning from retreat on October 13, and do not attend school on Tuesday, October 14.

Emails to students with information specific to their particular test will be sent in the next few days by Mrs. Lizzi Canady, testing coordinator. Please refer to that email for detailed information on testing procedures and locations for your son. Please contact Mrs. Canady if you have any questions.

All Grades: All Students in grades 8-11 will be off on Monday, October 13 for Fall Break. Regular classes are not held during the above testing days (October 14 and 15).

Tuesday, Oct. 14 Testing Schedule

7:55: Students move to classrooms
7:58: Warning bell
8:00: Prayer, Pledge, testing begins.

Most students testing on the standard schedule will conclude testing at 11:00 a.m.

Most students testing with accommodations will conclude testing by noon.

Wednesday, Oct. 15 Testing Schedule

7:55: Students move to classrooms
7:58: Warning bell
8:00: Prayer, Pledge, testing begins.

Most students testing on the standard schedule will conclude testing at 11:30 a.m.

Most students testing with accommodations will conclude testing by 1:00 p.m.

Please note: Students must be in classrooms and seated by 8 a.m. or they will be considered tardy. It is critically important that

students are on time so that testing can begin promptly. Traffic at this time of day is heavier than normal, so please plan for additional travel time.

There will be no carpool on testing days. For parents who will pick up their students, please park in a parking spot in the Westmoreland Lot and wait for students to be dismissed.

The testing conclusion times are estimates as each room might be on a slightly different schedule. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms as soon as testing concludes.

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 if you have any questions about the course

BRUIN SHOP: Gym roof replacement is complete and the Bruin Shop is now open for in person shopping! Thank you to everyone for your patience during this process. We are back to regular in person shopping, M-F 7:30 am – 3:00 pm. We are closed from 1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. for lunch. Come by and see us!!

The Bruin Shop will close at 1:00 pm on October 3 to prepare for the **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. You can start shopping at 4:00 p.m. Stop by and pick up some CHS gear before the game! Go Bears!

CHS OFFICE HOURS: All CHS offices will be closed on Monday, October 13 for Fall Holiday and will close after student early dismissal (1:27 p.m.) on Tuesday, October 28 for a Faculty Meeting.

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION: Congratulations to seniors Benjamin Jewett, Keegan Johnson, Henry Mensman, Liam Price, John Stafford, Shawn Tate, and Jonathan

Thompson for being named as national Merit Semifinalists. These young men took the PSAT/NMSQT last October and performed exceptionally well. Semifinalists are eligible to compete for a variety of scholarships from colleges and universities as well as from corporations that subsidize the National Merit Program.

Ten students are recognized as National Merit Commended Students: Will Bruton, Rylan Carruth, Noah Haefner, Christian Hargrove, Cole Matherne, Lucas Miller, Luke Schulze, Trey Simoneaux, Steven Stogner, and Eli Vincent.

An additional 37 students received national recognition for maintaining a 3.5 GPA and scoring in the top 10% at Catholic High School on the PSAT.

COUNSELORS CORNER (from the Counseling Center): The Counseling Center is hosting a variety of events in the coming weeks! In recognition of ADHD Awareness Month, please join our 10th grade counselor, Mrs. Caroline Batsche, on October 7 at 8:30am for a virtual *What's Bruin?* Topics include supporting your student(s) with ADHD, homework help and tips for improving executive functioning skills. A registration link will be emailed to all parents.

In November we will celebrate World Kindness Day. We encourage students to be kind to themselves and others every day, and we will host fun activities throughout the week of November 10 leading up to World Kindness Day on November 13! Stay tuned for more details!

Throughout the school year students participate in a **suicide prevention** presentation. Students learn potential warning signs, ways to help and resources available to them. All student IDs have the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Our department asks that you please monitor your child's screentime and online activity; reach out to your grade-level counselor if you are seeking more resources.

THE CHS MOTHERS' CLUB: It's not too late! Come be part of this amazing community of moms—we'd be thrilled to have you! [Click here to JOIN.](#)

The first CHS Information Afternoon was a resounding success, and we were pleased to assist the Admissions Office in welcoming prospective families. We extend our sincere gratitude to chair Michelle Trahan, co-chair Susan LeBlanc, and the many volunteers who coordinated refreshments, provided hospitality, and supported families throughout the event.

The recent Moms & Mimosas gathering was equally well received. We thank our panelists—Lisa Harvey, Jaime Olinde, Jennifer DeCuir, and Adele Dalmiau—as well as our moderator, Blythe Lamonica, for facilitating a thoughtful discussion on a variety of topics. The exchange of perspectives from both faculty and parents was especially valuable, and we are grateful for the strong participation from our CHS community.

This month marks the beginning of our Faculty/Staff Luncheons and Student Appreciation Celebrations, important opportunities to recognize the contributions and achievements of our faculty and students.

Please also mark your calendars for Monday, December 8, when the CHS Mothers' Club will host its annual Christmas Market. Guests are invited to enjoy food, beverages, and fellowship while shopping local vendors, artists, and boutiques. Additional details, including ticket information, will be shared soon.

Details of the annual Mothers' Club Car Raffle will be coming soon!

MEN'S CLUB: Thanks to all of our wonderful supporters who helped make the 40th Annual \$13K Raffle a success. Your help will allow us to continue to give back to the school in so many ways. Our Fall Social will be on Wednesday, October 15 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 and are available for purchase on the homepage of the CHS Website.

FLU VACCINES: Healthvac will provide our students the opportunity to receive their flu vaccine this season. Vaccines will be given during the lunch periods on **Wednesday, October 22**. The vaccine costs \$30 and is offered as an injection only. A questionnaire/consent form is attached to this newsletter. If you are interested in your son receiving the vaccine, please complete and sign the consent form. All students, including those 18 and older, must bring their signed consent forms with them. Payments can be made via cash or checks made out to Healthvac. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Feduccia at tfeduccia@catholichigh.org.

HOMECOMING DANCE: Our homecoming dance will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, in the CHS gym from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Information about the event, including dress code, expectations, pick up and drop off were sent by email from Activities Director Jessica Shelton. Note that party buses and limousines are prohibited for transportation to and from homecoming.

Please encourage your son to make decisions consistent with the Catholic High School behavior policy, in particular if he is participating in the homecoming dance or attending private gatherings after the dance.

OPEN HOUSE: Catholic High School's 39th Annual Open House is on Thursday, November 13, 2025. Young men in 6th – 8th grades and their parents are invited to tour the campus, meet members of the CHS community, and experience firsthand what makes CHS so special. We would love your help inviting prospective families and joining us to help tell our story. See the attached flyer for information about Open House and how to sign up to help.

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

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) Bring a bag lunch!

**Registration is online at 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*.

Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Screening Questionnaire for Injectable Influenza Vaccination

For adult patients as well as parents of children to be vaccinated: The following questions will help us determine if there is any reason we should not give you, or your child an injectable influenza vaccination today or in the near future. If you answer "yes" to any question, it does not necessarily mean you would not be vaccinated. It only means additional questions must be asked. If a question is not clear, please call Healthvacs at 225-270-2925.

1. Is the person to be vaccinated sick today or had fever in the last 48 hours? Yes No

2. Does the person to be vaccinated have asthma, heart, lung, kidney, liver disease, diabetes, neurologic or neuromuscular disease or a blood disorder? Yes No
If yes please list.

3. Is the person to be vaccinated allergic to eggs or ever had a serious reaction to an influenza vaccine in the past? Yes No

4. Has the person to be vaccinated ever had Guillain-Barre' Syndrome? Yes No

Consent for vaccination: _____ **Date:** _____

For Office Use:

Form reviewed by: _____ **Date:** _____

Vaccine Admin.: Fluvirin MDV/Fluvirin PFS/Afluria MDV

Influenza Injection Lot# & Exp. Date: _____ **Site:** LD / RD



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OPEN HOUSE

Please invite any 6th through 8th grade students and their parents to join us for our 39th annual Open House. Information and registration is available on our website: [ADMISSIONS - Catholic High School](#).

We would love to have parents of current CHS students help us on **November 13th!** We welcome you for any time you can spend helping us tell the Catholic High story.

As a parent representative, you will greet and guide guests along the route and share your and your son's experience. The link below includes a list of the displays in each area along with designated times; feel free to sign up according to the activities in which your son is or about which he is passionate, or the activities related to your personal interests or professional expertise.

[CHS Open House Parent Representative Sign-up](#)

Thank you for supporting CHS in this way! If you need additional information, please contact me.



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