



SPECIAL SCHEDULES in NOVEMBER:

Tuesday, November 4: Liturgy Schedule.
Regular Dismissal.

Wednesday, November 5: Mentoring
Schedule. Regular Dismissal.

Friday, November 7: Faculty and Staff
Retreat. No school for students.

Thursday, November 13: Open House.
Special Schedule with 8th period dismissal at
12:39 p.m. to allow time to prepare our
campus for Open House. Students are
encouraged to stay and help with set-up.

Friday, November 14: Offices closed. No
School for Students, Faculty and Staff.

Tuesday, November 18: Pep Rally Schedule.
Regular Dismissal

Wednesday, November 19: Faculty Meeting
Schedule. Dismiss at 1:27 pm.

**Monday, November 24 – Friday, November
28:** Thanksgiving Holidays.

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[CHS Calendar](#)

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.

SEMESTER EXAMS: Semester exams are
right around the corner. Please take some
time to encourage your son to begin his
preparation for exams.

Monday, December 15, is considered a “dead
day” prior to exams. Nothing can be due after
class on Friday, December 12. This means
that students will not have homework or
assignments given on Friday, December 12,
that is due on Monday, December 15. It also
means that students will not have any tests or
quizzes on Monday, December 15.

Our first semester exam schedule is as
follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 16	3 rd and 4 th periods
Wednesday, Dec. 17	5 th and 7 th periods
Thursday, Dec. 18	1 st and 2 nd periods
Friday, Dec. 19	6 th and 8 th periods

Your son is not required to be on campus if he
is not scheduled to take an exam during a
particular period (ex: he has lunch during 5th
period). The daily time schedule for exams is
as follows:

7:55 & 7:58	Warning tones
8:00	First exam begins
9:35	First exam ends

10:00 & 10:03 Warning tones for second exam
10:05 Second exam begins
11:35 Second exam ends

Please check the exam schedule carefully so that you can assist your son in preparing for the proper exam on the correct day. Breakfast will be available in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center before school. Snack items will be available between exams.

Semester exams are important for your son because they can significantly affect his first semester grades. Please review with your son the grading policy as stated beginning on Page 41 of the [2025-2026 Student Handbook](#). It is important for students to begin preparing now for exams by developing a schedule for study and time management. Please consult with individual teachers if you have specific questions about exam preparation.

SOPHOMORE INTERVIEWS ON JANUARY 5:

In conjunction with our Student Mentoring program, faculty mentors are expected to conduct interviews with their sophomore mentees and their parents in the spring of their sophomore year. The morning of January 5 between 7:15 a.m. -9:15 a.m. is an ideal time for those interviews. Parents with sophomores may be contacted by your son's faculty mentor to arrange a time for the interview. If it will fit in with your schedule, I encourage you to participate in the interview on January 5. We anticipate that the interview will last between 30-45 minutes. At least one parent, and the sophomore, should attend. The remainder of the day is set aside for faculty professional development. Note: only sophomores and parents who have pre-arranged with the student's mentor should come to campus on January 5 for an interview.

If January 5 does not work with your schedule, your son's faculty mentor will be contacting you to find a time to meet during the second semester.

Catholic High School is in its fifth year of the Student Mentoring Program, and I hope all of you know that your son meets monthly with his mentoring group and his faculty mentor. The goal of the interview is to receive informed feedback from sophomores and their parents

half-way through their CHS experience. The meeting will take the form of an interview that focuses on the four components of a Catholic High School education that serve as the foundation of our mission and ministry: religious values, personal attention, friendly discipline, and academic excellence.

Thank you in advance for participating in this sophomore interview. It is our hope that the interview will improve our level of effectiveness with our students and parents during your time at CHS, especially as our sophomores begin to look to the last half of their high school career.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ON

JANUARY 5: The 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. time on Jan. 5 is also available for parents who would like to schedule a conference with a teacher to discuss your son's first semester. Given our time commitment to sophomore interviews, time for general parent-teacher conferences will be limited, but if you believe you need to meet with a teacher please contact him or her to request a meeting time on that date. You are of course welcome to request a parent-teacher conference at any time when you believe circumstances indicate it is necessary.

GRADUATION AND JUNIOR CLASS RING

INFORMATION: Junior class ring and Senior graduation supply orders should be placed by December 19th to ensure delivery for our spring events. See the emails from Ms. Ducote for details

MOTHERS' CLUB: It's not too late to join the CHS Mother's Club—we'd love to have you join us! [CLICK HERE TO JOIN CHS MOTHER'S CLUB](#)

A heartfelt thank-you to our wonderful volunteers: Mercedes Dooley & Marga Tabor for chairing the Faculty & Staff Luncheon, Kim Faulk & Lindsay Jeansonne for coordinating the Senior Retreat Reception, and Jenny Vargas & Danielle Mensman for organizing the Student Appreciation Day. Your time and dedication make such a difference in our CHS community!

Mark your calendar for exciting upcoming events! The CHS Mother's Club Christmas Market will be held on Monday, December 8—

join us for food, beverages, and shopping with local vendors and artists. Click here to purchase tickets. [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS.](#)

Looking ahead, the Mother-Son Breakfast is set for Sunday, February 1 (details and ticket link coming soon—Mothers' Club members receive presale access), and the Gumbo Jam/Mothers' Club Auction will be on Saturday, February 28. Stay tuned for more information on our Car Raffle!

MEN'S CLUB:

We enjoyed a very busy month in October, with a successful \$13K Raffle, a hamburger supper featuring 12 clubs and a fun social at Rally Cap Brewing Company. We will help with the Alumni Clay Shoot this month by cooking jambalaya for the event. If you would like to volunteer to help with cooking or serving, please contact Men's Club President Darrel Lewis at chsmensclub@gmail.com. It is never too late to join the Men's Club - [Click Here To Join!](#)

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Counseling Center: The Counseling Center has been a busy place as we've closed out the 1st quarter of the school year! Our 10th grade counselor, Mrs. Caroline Batsche, held a virtual What's Bruin on October 7th which delivered helpful information on supporting your student with ADHD, managing homework, and tips for improving executive functioning skills. Over 130 parents attended from all grade levels!

Also, as part of our department's mental health/wellness programming, close to 400 8th—10th grade students have received a Suicide Prevention/Mental Wellness Lesson through our Test Prep program this school year. This activity helps give pertinent tips on looking out for warning signs in themselves or their loved ones in need.

In November we will celebrate World Kindness Day. We encourage students to be kind to themselves and others daily, 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!

As we approach the holidays, midterm exams will be a big piece to close out the semester. Please see this [Exam Prep Tip Sheet](#) for details on ways to guide your boys to do their best. As always, connect with your grade level counselor if you need specific support for your son on this or any other topic.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS: There are no classes from Monday, November 24, through Friday, November 28. School offices are also closed Thanksgiving Week. Please do not request holiday time before the end of school on Friday, November 21, or beyond Sunday, November 30.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS – ASSISTING YOUR SONS WITH DECISION

MAKING: As the holiday season approaches, opportunities for your sons to attend non-CHS activities will likely increase. Please help your sons make good decisions especially when they attend events where chaperones may not have the same expectations as Catholic High School, or provide the same level of supervision. Please allow your son to attend only those events where you are reasonably sure they are properly chaperoned and where alcohol and other substances will not be present.

If you are not comfortable with an event, or have any doubt, do not let your son attend. If he does attend, please counsel your son about making good decisions.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING: On behalf of the entire CHS faculty and staff, we wish all our families in the CHS community a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. May we all take time this Thanksgiving to praise God for all of the good things in our lives and for all of the ways that our lives are blessed. Please know of our gratitude for sharing the gift of your sons with all of us at Catholic High. We ask for your prayers as we continue to form our students within the mission and tradition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.