



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEW STUDENT RETREAT & COMPUTER ROLLOUT

Dear Students and Parents,

All students new to Catholic High are required to attend our New Student Retreat on Thursday, July 30, and our Computer Rollout on Friday, July 31. Each day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:45 p.m. The purpose of these two days is to orient our new students to several essential components of a Catholic High School education, especially with respect to the spiritual formation we provide to our students. Students will attend a series of classes and activities designed to help them transition smoothly into our school culture and expectations. Lunch will be provided to students each day.

On July 30, incoming students will attend a retreat coordinated by our Campus Ministry Team and our Student Ministers. The retreat will focus on topics essential to our school's religious mission such as our Catholic identity, the Spirit of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, and the importance of respect for the dignity of each individual. The retreat is designed to help our newest students to begin building the brotherhood in faith that will sustain them through their Catholic High experience and beyond.

On July 31, students will receive instruction related to 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.

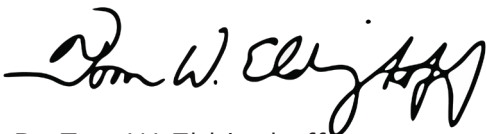
Student attendance on July 30 and 31 is mandatory. To cover the costs associated with these two days (including lunch), your FACTS account will reflect an incidental charge of \$40 in August.

Immediately prior to the New Student Retreat on Thursday, July 30, incoming students and their parents are also invited to the Bear Claws for Breakfast social that morning from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. in the Br. Donnan Berry, SC Student Center. After the social, students will be dismissed to begin their retreat, and parents are invited to remain in the Student Center for a presentation about all aspects of technology at CHS, as well as issues concerning student health and well-being, including social media, substance use, and pornography.

Although not mandatory for parents, we highly encourage all parents to attend this presentation, which will last approximately an hour. This parent presentation is vital for your son's health and well-being, and parents who attend will not be required to attend one of the mandatory "Guilty at an Age" programs held later in the fall.

We look forward to seeing students July 30 and 31, and we hope parents and students can make it to the Bear Claws for Breakfast social. If you have any questions about Computer Rollout, the New Student Retreat, Bear Claws for Breakfast, or the parent presentation, please contact Tammy Feduccia at tfeduccia@catholichigh.org.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tom W. Eldringhoff
Principal