



SPECIAL SCHEDULES in FEBRUARY:

Monday, February 2: Province Day of Reflection for Faculty & Staff; No School for Students.

Tuesday, February 3: Faculty & Staff Meeting Schedule; Dismiss at 1:27 p.m.

Thursday, February 5: Standardized Test Prep Schedule. Regular Dismissal.

Wednesday, February 11: Standardized Test Prep Schedule. Regular Dismissal.

Monday, February 16 – Friday, February 20: Mardi Gras Holiday. No School

Tuesday, February 24: Liturgy Schedule. Regular Dismissal.

Thursday, February 26: Standardized Test Prep Schedule. Regular Dismissal.

Saturday, February 28: Mother's Club Auction, Gumbo Jam & Men's Club Cornhole Tournament.

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[**CHS Calendar**](#)

BIMAS-MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING:

Beginning in mid-February, the Counseling Center will conduct a mental health screening of all students. Please see the letter included with this newsletter for details about the program.

2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

This newsletter includes the 2026-2027 school calendar indicating important dates for the school year. Please make note of the dates of student orientation, the first day of classes, and holidays so that you can plan your son's schedule accordingly. We ask that parents not

extend vacations or schedule appointments during school days. Daily attendance at CHS is critical to the academic success of your son. Please see page 22 of the

[2025-2026 Student Handbook](#) for our policies on absences.

TUITION AND REGISTRATION AND LAPTOP ORDERS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

(From Lisa Harvey): On February 3rd, all parents were emailed with information about tuition and re-registration for the 2026-2027 school year, including information about the 2026-2027 Laptop Program and Tuition Assistance Information. Any current family who would like to order a new ASUS laptop for their son for 2026-2027 must complete the information by February 28th.

A copy of the Tuition and Fees Schedule is included with this newsletter, along with a flyer about the Laptop Program and information about Tuition Assistance.

See this link to order a new laptop for 2026-2027:

<https://mychs.catholichigh.org/technology/home/laptopselection>

TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

(From Lisa Harvey): In keeping with the educational tradition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, no student is refused admission or asked to leave Catholic High School solely because of his family's inability to pay tuition. Tuition assistance is available through various avenues for students whose families are unable to pay the full cost of tuition. See the attached document for information about various opportunities for tuition assistance.

Please see the attachment in this newsletter for more information about tuition assistance programs available for 2026-2027.

Applications for tuition assistance from Catholic High School for the 2025-2026 school

year must be submitted by Friday, April 17, 2026. Note that applications must be submitted by all persons who are requesting tuition assistance, both those applying for the first time and those who received tuition assistance during the 2025-2026 school year and are re-applying for tuition assistance for the coming school year. Applications for assistance are to be submitted online through FACTS. A link to the FACTS web page can be found in the "Tuition Information" section of the Parents section of the CHS web page or by clicking the link below. You will need to create a FACTS account and log-in and then complete the application online. Any parent who does not have access to a computer or who needs help completing the online application can get assistance by contacting Finance Director, Stuart Sonnier, by email at ssonnier@catholichigh.org.



2025 TUITION STATEMENTS: If you need a 2025 tuition statement for tax purposes, you may download it through FACTS by logging into your account, clicking on "View Details" then "View Payment Summary." Feel free to reach out to the Finance Office at 225-381-9114 or jwilliams@catholichigh.org with any questions or to have the document sent to you directly.

PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE: You and your son are invited to represent CHS at the mental health and suicide awareness event "Planting Seeds of Hope" sponsored by the Rain Will Bring Flowers organization on February 24, at 6 p.m. at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center on LSU's campus. As you may recall from previous newsletters, we are incentivizing attendance by counting attendance toward students' service hours requirement, making February 25 a no assessment day, and providing students who attend with a gift card for a Raising Cane's box. I hope you will consider attending with your son. Please complete the [RSVP form](#) if you plan to attend. I will email the form to students as well and forward our expected attendee numbers to the organizers.

CATHOLIC HIGH STRATEGIC PLANNING: Catholic High School began work on a strategic plan in May of 2025. Once complete the plan will guide our growth over the next 5-7 years. To date, we have engaged our faculty in several sessions seeking their input about the future of CHS.

We will be conducting sessions with a cross-section of students during the school day on March 5. That evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center we will hold a session for parents, alumni, community members, and friends who would like to provide their perspective on the goals and objectives that should be included in our plan. We will send an email out to our community inviting their participation and asking them to RSVP for the evening of March 5. Please be on the lookout for the email.

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE: In response to a call from Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and in consultation with the Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools Office and Bishop Duca, Catholic High School, St. Joseph's Academy and several Diocese of Baton Rouge high schools will participate in a Holy Hour for Peace. Archbishop Coakley called for Catholics to observe the holy hour in response to recent social turmoil, noting:

The recent killing of two people by immigration enforcement officers in Minneapolis and that of a detained man in Texas, are just a few of the tragic examples of the violence that represent failures in our society to respect the dignity of every human life. We mourn this loss of life and deplore the indifference and injustice it represents. The current climate of fear and polarization, which thrives when human dignity is disregarded, does not meet the standard set by Christ in the Gospel.

As a step toward healing, I invite my brother bishops and priests across the United States to offer a [Holy Hour for Peace](#) in the days ahead. Let us pray for reconciliation where there is division, for justice where there are violations of fundamental rights, and for consolation for

all who feel overwhelmed by fear or loss. I encourage Catholics everywhere to participate, whether in parishes, chapels, or before the Lord present in the quiet of their hearts for healing in our nation and communities.

May this Holy Hour be a moment of renewal for our hearts and for our nation. Entrusting our fears and hopes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us ask the Lord to make us instruments of his peace and witnesses to the inherent dignity of every person.

If you would like to read the full statement about the Archbishop's call, you may read it on the USCCB website: [Holy Hour for Peace](#).

On Feb. 13, Catholic High students will join in the Holy Hour in the gym during their religion class. Please offer your prayerful support as your schedule allows.

SUMMER AT CHS PROGRAM: Information including dates, times, and fees about our 2025 Summer at CHS courses is on our [website](#) and registration is open! Courses include:

Strength and Speed: Required for current CHS JV and varsity athletes, and incoming 8th and 9th grade athletes.

Academics and Enrichment: ACT Preparation*, Algebra I Preparation, Fun Science*, Lego Camp*, Pre AP Preparation, Service Week, Strategies for Success in High School*, 3D Modeling \$ 3D printing*, Jiu, Jitsu*, Introduction to Aviation*, Learn to Code to Solve Engineering Problems*, Robot Muscle to your Inventive Ideas*

*Courses open to girls

SENIOR SESSIONS: During the standardized test prep sessions in the second semester, the majority of seniors attend presentations or activities focused on completing their time at CHS and preparing for the transition to college. See the list below for the content of the Senior Sessions.

- January 28: The legal, mental health, and ethical issues surrounding sexual consent.

Guest speakers included representatives from the East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney's Office, Baton Rouge Police Department, and a psychiatric nurse practitioner from LSU.

- February 5: College culture, peer pressure, and other important decisions after high school. An attorney will address the effects of destructive behaviors and potential long-term legal consequences, including alcohol and drug use, as well as the culture within fraternities that can contribute to destructive behaviors. CHS coaches and teachers will reinforce the importance of making good decisions. Additional issues related to the non-academic side of college culture will be explored.
- February 11: Transitioning to college, the differences between high school and college, coping with newfound freedom and associated stress, managing the college workload, and other general tips for college. CHS faculty members and mental health professionals will present a variety of ideas to students on these issues.
- February 26: Seniors will complete some important administrative tasks such as taking a Senior Exit Survey and voting for various awards for classmates.
- March 4: Information on graduation procedures, finish strong comments from administrators, and 2026 Class picture. Seniors should make every effort to be present for this session, so they are part of the class photo. There will be no retakes.

PSAT AND ACT PREP CLASSES:

PSAT PREPARATION CLASSES: Dates are available for the PSAT/NMSQT Preparation Course for members of the Class of 2027. This program provides extra practice and instruction for the standardized test that students take in the fall of the junior year. The cost of the PSAT/NMSQT course is \$215. A flyer is included in this newsletter with more details about this course, including dates, times, and make-up sessions. Any current sophomore (including SJA students or students from other schools) may take this course. Registration is available online at mychs.catholichigh.org. Please email Mrs.

Kessler at ckessler@catholichigh.org if you have questions about this course.

ACT PREP CLASSES: ACT Preparation Classes will be offered in the spring of 2026 to all students. All grade levels are welcome but the course is best for those who will be taking the ACT in the spring of 2026. National ACT dates for spring are Feb 14 and April 11. Juniors will also have a school ACT date on March 17. Registration is online at myCHS.catholichigh.org. A flyer is included in this newsletter with more details. Please email Mrs. Kessler at ckessler@catholichigh.org if you have questions about this course.

MOTHER'S CLUB: Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 28, 2026**, for a full day of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition, including the **Mother's Club Auction, Gumbo Jam**, and the **Men's Club Cornhole Tournament**. Additional event details, including schedules and links, will be shared soon through school communications and social media.

We are currently accepting donations for the Mother's Club Auction (see attached flyer). If you are interested in contributing an item, please complete the donation form using the link below. Your generosity plays a vital role in the success of this event. [Donation Form - Mothers' Club Auction](#) All proceeds from the auction allow the Mothers' Club to continue supporting the school through our annual gift and the Catholic High School Mothers' Club Endowed Scholarship.

This year's **Car Raffle** includes an important update: ticket purchasers no longer need to designate a student to receive credit. The **live drawing** for the winner will take place on **Monday, April 13, 2026**. Tickets may be purchased online at [Car Raffle](#). Please share the link with your family and friends!

We extend our sincere thanks to Nicole DeMoss and Stephanie Locklar for their leadership and hard work in coordinating the **Mother-Son Breakfast**. Their time and dedication make this event a meaningful and memorable experience for our school community.

Thank you for your continued support of our Mothers' Club and our school community.

CHS MEN'S CLUB: The Catholic High School Men's Club is committed to supporting our students, strengthening family connections, and serving the mission of Catholic High School. We are grateful for the continued involvement of CHS fathers, father figures, alumni, and supporters who give generously of their time and presence throughout the year.

Through events that celebrate student achievement and foster meaningful fellowship, the Men's Club is proud to play a role in building a strong and connected Catholic High community.

February 11 – Men's Club Hamburger Supper: Please mark your calendars for the next CHS Men's Club Hamburger Supper on **Wednesday, February 11th**. This event will recognize the following clubs: Baseball, BBN, Beach Volleyball, FCA, Golf, Grizzly Hospitality, Lacrosse, NHS, Soccer, Tennis, Wrestling, Ultimate, and Quiz Bowl. We look forward to honoring these students and celebrating their commitment and accomplishments alongside CHS families.

February 28 – Inaugural Father-Son Cornhole Tournament: The CHS Men's Club is also excited to announce our **Inaugural Father-Son Cornhole Tournament**, scheduled for **Saturday, February 28th**. This new event is designed to bring fathers and sons together for a day of friendly competition, fellowship, and fun while strengthening the bonds that make our CHS community special.

The tournament will feature organized gameplay in a relaxed, family-friendly environment. Register today by clicking the "Register for Cornhole here!" button at Catholichigh.org/mensclub. Limited spots available.

We encourage CHS families to join us in supporting these upcoming events and continuing to build traditions that reflect the values and spirit of Catholic High School.

ADVANCEMENT: Make plans to join us and bring your appetite! Gumbo Jam returns on Saturday, February 28th, in association with

the Mother's Club Auction and Men's Club Cornhole Tournament for an afternoon of food, fun and Bruin spirit. We are currently excited to host 11 Gumbo Cookoff teams, and there is still time to sign up a team to join the competition.

A \$20 entry includes a wristband that allows you to: Taste all the delicious gumbo, enjoy live music by the Drew Danzy Band, receive 3 voting tickets to help select the "People's Choice – Bruin Nation Award" and participate in the Mother's Club Auction.

Event Schedule:

3:00 PM	Gates open to public/Auction begins
4:15 PM	Gumbo tasting starts/ People's Choice voting begins
5:00 PM	Drew Danzy Band starts
5:30 PM	People's Choice voting ends
6:00 PM	Gumbo winner announced/ Auction ends
7:30- 8:00 PM	Band continues

Purchase your entry here: [Gumbo Jam 2026](#)

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. If you or your business are interested in sponsoring Gumbo Jam, please contact **Bart Saia, Director of Alumni Relations** at bsaia@catholichigh.org

COUNSELING CORNER: As National School Counseling Week approaches on February 2–6, the CHS Counseling Center would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our parents for your continued partnership. We value the opportunity to work closely with your sons and deeply appreciate the trust you place in us as we support their growth, well-being, and development.

As students begin to explore dating during their time at Catholic High, this month's focus is on healthy relationships. Healthy teen relationships are built on mutual respect, open communication, trust, and balance. During adolescence, students are developing

their identities and values, so relationships should feel supportive rather than stressful. Key elements include listening without judgment, respecting personal boundaries, encouraging individual growth, and maintaining healthy connections with friends, family, academics, and activities. While disagreements are a natural part of any relationship, they should be handled calmly and honestly, without pressure, guilt, or manipulation. When relationships promote independence, confidence, and emotional safety, they can become a positive and healthy part of students' lives.

Cards with Counselors has resumed on Wednesdays during the lunch periods. In addition, the college counseling team will host virtual **College Coffee Chats** for parents, as well as the **GPA Game** for freshmen, during the month of February.

Mrs. Batsche will be hosting a parent webinar on February 25th titled: "Demands, Distractions and Dysfunction." Details about registration and how to view the webinar will be emailed soon.

THE HEARTH: Please see the flyer included with this newsletter for the events sponsored by The Hearth in February.

GRANDPARENTS DAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 22: Grandparents of current CHS students are invited to join us for the 2026 Grandparents Day celebration on Sunday, March 22, from 2-4 p.m. starting in the CHS Gymnasium.

Whether grandson(s) can attend or not, grandparents of current CHS students are invited to join in the afternoon's celebration. The presentation will begin promptly at 2 p.m. in the CHS Gymnasium and will conclude at 3 p.m. Immediately following the prayer service and performance, students and their grandparents are welcome to tour campus and to take part in a CHS Mothers' Club welcome reception in the Br. Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. The CHS Photography Club will be on hand taking pictures in the Student Center. Proper dress for students is school attire. Invitations, along with a campus map including general and handicapped parking information will be mailed to grandparents in

February for addresses that have been submitted. There is no need for grandparents to RSVP for this event. Contact Jamie Segar '90 in the CHS Advancement Office for more details at jsegar@catholichigh.org.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: The school office will be closed Monday 2/16 thru Wednesday 2/18. We will be open Thursday 2/19 and Friday 2/20 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Bruin Shop will be CLOSED all week.



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TUITION & FEES

FOR CURRENT STUDENTS 2026-2027

Tuition: \$ 14,241
Paid via your **FACTS Tuition Management** account

Re-registration Fee : \$ 500
Includes re-registration for 2027-2028. Paid in 2026-27 as part of your regular **FACTS** payment

CHS FINANCE OFFICE:
(225) 381-9114

FACTS TUITION:
(866) 441-4637

Laptop Option: Current families have the option to purchase a new laptop for their son

Total Cost of Laptop \$ 1,250

Laptop Deposit: \$ 100
Paid via your **myCHS** account when you complete laptop order form

** See the Catholic High School Laptop Program flyer for details and specifications*

MONTHLY PAYMENT

*A family who chooses the monthly tuition plan would pay each month (June 2026 - May 2027). This amount **includes** tuition and re-registration for the 2027-2028 school year.*

\$ 1,228.41 per month

In addition, for a family who chooses to purchase a new laptop for their son through monthly installments, the cost of the laptop, less the \$100 deposit, will be divided into 12 equal payments at 0% interest.

\$95. 83 per month

For complete details about the Laptop Program and the link to order a new laptop, see the Catholic High School Laptop Program flyer



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL LAPTOP PROGRAM

2026-2027 Catholic High School Laptop Program

Note: Current students are not required to purchase a new laptop

Current CHS Students

All parents of current students have the option to purchase a new laptop for their son's use during the remainder of his time at Catholic High School. Laptops must be purchased through CHS via VeraPro to take advantage of bulk pricing and discounts on required educational software. Each laptop includes an extended warranty and Accidental Damage Protection (ADP).

- **Laptop Specifications:**

ASUS ExpertBook B3 Flip

- Model: B3402FVA
- Processor: Intel Core i5-120U
- Memory: 16GB RAM
- Storage: 512GB SSD
- Operating System: Windows 11
- Warranty: 4-Year Extended Warranty with ADP
- Price: \$1,250

Payment and Registration Process

Link to purchase a new laptop for 2026-2027:

<https://mychs.catholichigh.org/technology/home/laptopselection>

- A **\$100 deposit** is due at the time of the order.
- Payment options:
 - Monthly
 - The remaining balance will be distributed over monthly payments through FACTS from June 2026 to May 2027 (12 months with 0% interest).
 - Annually – Pay the amount for the selected laptop in full (less \$100 deposit) in June 2026.
 - Semi-annually - Pay ½ the remaining amount in July 2026 and December 2026.
 - Laptops will be distributed at the beginning of the school year.
 - If a student withdraws from CHS, any outstanding balance owed on the laptop must be paid in full. The laptop becomes the property of the family upon withdrawal.

Student Laptop Usage Policy

As is standard practice at CHS, students will not have administrative rights on their laptops. This ensures:

- The security of CHS's technology infrastructure.
 - Preservation of academic integrity in classrooms.
 - Proper functioning of monitoring software.
 - Test security in classrooms and standardized testing environments.
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Additional Information

- **Repairs and Support:**
Repairs for ASUS laptops will be handled by the CHS Help Desk only. A loaner laptop will be provided during repair periods. CHS will submit warranty and ADP claims. Costs not covered by warranty and/or ADP will be billed directly to parents before repairs will occur.
 - **Software Maintenance:**
The CHS Technology Department will maintain and push all necessary software updates and downloads. Any software needed by a student will be available through CHS. No unauthorized software may be added to student computers.
 - **Summer Usage:**
Students will retain their laptops during the summer.
 - **Ownership:**
Laptops will become the property of the student upon the student's graduation or withdrawal from CHS. Should a student withdraw before final payment is made on the laptop during a student's first year at CHS, the parent is responsible for paying the balance owed in order to complete ownership of the laptop.
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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

IN KEEPING WITH THE EDUCATIONAL TRADITION of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, no student is refused admission or asked to leave Catholic High School solely because of his family's inability to pay tuition.

Parents are asked and expected to honor their financial obligation to Catholic High School through the timely payment of tuition and fees. Tuition assistance is based on financial need only. 100% assistance is not considered. Tuition scholarships for athletics are never considered.

When a student's tuition account becomes two months in arrears, the student may be subject to suspension from classes. No student may take semester examinations until all financial obligations to the school have been satisfactorily addressed as defined by the Catholic High School president.

Tuition Assistance Opportunities at Catholic High School

1. LA GATOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Qualifications for participation in the program for 2026-2027 have not yet been released and are dependent on funding from the Louisiana Legislature. CHS will communicate this information as it is made known.

Students who participated in the LA GATOR program for the previous school year (2025-2026) should qualify in 2026-2027.

LA GATOR Online Resources:

Link to additional information: [LA GATOR Families](#) or search online at LA GATOR Scholarship Program.

The [LA GATOR Scholarship Program page](https://doe.louisiana.gov/topic-pages/louisiana-school-choice/la-gator) (<https://doe.louisiana.gov/topic-pages/louisiana-school-choice/la-gator>) serves as the central hub for information about Louisiana's new school choice initiative. The site will be regularly updated with important program details and resources.



2. ACE Scholarships:

The Louisiana Tuition Donation Credit Program allows qualified Louisiana children to receive scholarships to participating K-12 private schools, allowing parents to choose the school that will best prepare their children for college, careers, and for life.

ACE is open to students who attended a public school in 2025-2026 or who were on the ACE program or Louisiana Scholarship Program at a private school in 2025-2026.

Participation is based on income (250% or below of current Federal Poverty Guidelines) and number of persons in the household.

ACE Scholarships Louisiana is a School Tuition Organization and offers scholarships to eligible children on a first come, first served basis for as long as funds are available. Average award is approximately \$4,500 per student per school year.

Additional information and applications for new and renewal applicants will be available beginning **February 2, 2026**, on the ACE website at www.acescholarships.org, then choose "Become A Scholar." You must have a current FACTS account to apply. Deadline to apply is April 15, 2026.

3. Arete Scholarships:

Arete Scholars exists to help economically disadvantaged children reach their highest potential through an educational opportunity. Through private contributions from corporate and philanthropic partners, Arete awards need-based K-12 scholarships and empowers parents to place their children in schools that best suit their unique gifts and learning needs.

Arete currently operates in Louisiana under the Tuition Donation Rebate Program. Scholarship eligibility is based on the income guidelines for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRL).

Arete is open to students who attended a public school in 2025-2026 or who were on the ACE program or Louisiana Scholarship Program at a private school in 2025-2026.

Participation is based on income and number of persons in the household. Awards average between \$4,500 - \$4,900 per student per school year. Applications open in February 2026 and the deadline is May 31, 2026. Applications are not considered complete until all required documentation has been submitted with their application. A complete list of required documents can be found HERE. www.aretescholars.org.



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

4. Aspiring Scholars Scholarships

The Aspiring Scholars Program offers families the option for their children to experience the high-quality academic and spiritual opportunities provided by Louisiana Catholic schools. Aspiring Scholars works to help build access to a high-quality educational experience in a nurturing, faith-based environment. Our participating schools encourage the maturity of the whole person, with emphasis on academic preparation in accordance with Christ's teachings.

Families seeking to apply for an Aspiring Scholars tuition scholarship must meet three criteria:

1. Residency: Family must reside in the State of Louisiana
2. Prior School Year: Students must meet one of the following prior school year requirements:
 - Participated in the LA GATOR program in the previous year;
 - Participated in the Tuition Donation Credit Program in the previous year (through Aspiring Scholars or through Ace, Arete, Son of A Saint);
 - Attended a public school in Louisiana on October 1st and February 1st
3. Income: Have a family income that does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty guidelines, as established by the federal government.

[Aspiring Scholars - New Orleans, LA](#) or <https://www.aspiringscholarsla.org/>

5. Tuition Assistance through Catholic High School

Tuition assistance is available for students whose families are unable to pay the full cost of tuition. Families must apply through FACTS and submit all requested supporting documentation. 100% assistance is not considered, regardless of income or family situation.

Applications for tuition assistance for the 2026-2027 school year are due on Friday, April 17, 2026. Available tuition assistance funds through Catholic High School are limited by budgetary constraints. Applications submitted after the deadline may not be considered, depending on funds already distributed. Applications are to be completed and submitted online through your activated FACTS account for the 2026-2027 school year. Select FACTS Grant & Aid to complete and submit the application.

All families who apply for tuition assistance from Catholic High School must also apply for the LA GATOR Program, ACE and Arete, depending on qualifications for these programs.

For more information concerning tuition assistance at Catholic High School, please contact CHS Finance Director, Stuart Sonnier, at ssonnier@catholichigh.org or CHS President, Lisa Harvey, at lharvey@catholichigh.org.

Catholic High School

2026-2027 School Calendar

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Updated 1/21/2026

Legend: Circles indicate holidays for students and faculty

Squares indicate holidays for students; professional development for faculty and staff

- Standardized Testing
- Standardized Test Prep Days
- Senior sessions in Spring
- Student Mentoring Schedule
- Liturgy

- Faculty Meetings
- Exams

Special Dates:

- Aug. 25 Honor Board
- Oct. 23-24 Homecoming game and dance
- Nov. 12 Open House
- NA Christmas Concert at CHS
- TBA Challenge Day

October 13 - Standardized testing for grades 8-10, 11th and 12th off
 October 14 - ACT for 12th, PSAT for 11th, 8-10th off
 March 15 - Standardized testing for 8-10, Junior Retreat, 12th Career Day
 March 16 - ACT for 11th, Sophomore retreat, Senior Olympics for 12th, 8-9 off

ACT PREPARATION CLASS

Spring 2026

Where: Catholic High School Science Building Room 171
When: Sunday, March 8 from 1 PM – 5 PM
or Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM
Cost: \$95 (covers book and all materials)

Registration is online at mychs.catholichigh.org

The Spring school day test is March 17. Spring ACT National test dates is April 11. The ACT has changed. 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)

**Registration is online at mychs.catholichigh.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: March 8
 March 28

Parent Name (please print) _____

Parent Email (please print) _____

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

PSAT WORKSHOP 2026

As part of our continuing effort to prepare students to succeed on standardized tests, Catholic High will offer a special preparation program for the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). It is through this test that students compete for the honor of being recognized as National Merit Semifinalist or a National Merit Commended Student. This test is also the vehicle through which qualified students earn the opportunity to compete for National Merit Scholarships.

Mrs. Christy Kessler will be the workshop presenter. The workshop will include six sessions:

PSAT Workshop 2026			
Workshop # 1	Saturday, March 21 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, March 29 1 pm to 4 pm
Workshop # 2	Saturday, April 25 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, April 26 1 pm to 4 pm
Workshop # 3	Saturday, May 9 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, May 10 1 pm to 4 pm
MAKEUP SESSIONS	Workshop #1 Makeup Wednesday, June 17 1 pm to 4 pm	Workshop #2 Makeup Saturday, June 20 9 am to noon	Workshop #3 Makeup Sunday, June 21 1 pm to 4 pm
Workshop # 4	Saturday, August 22 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, August 23 1 pm to 4 pm
Workshop # 5	Saturday, September 19 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, September 20 1 pm to 4 pm
Workshop # 6 MOCK EXAM	Saturday, October 3 9 am to noon	or	Sunday, October 4 1 pm to 4 pm

All sessions will be held in Room 171 at CHS. The \$215 course fee includes all course materials.

Any current sophomore may take this course. Registration is available online at mychs.catholichigh.org or you may bring the form below to the Main Office with the course fee of \$215 by Friday, March 13.

For more information, please email Mrs. Kessler at ckessler@catholichigh.org.

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PSAT WORKSHOP 2026

Registration is available online at mychs.catholichigh.org for CHS families. For non CHS students, please detach and return this portion to the Main Office with a check for \$215 made payable to "Catholic High School".

Please register: _____ (student name)

Student Email: _____ (please print)

Parent Name: _____ (please print)

Parent Email Address: _____ (please print)



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

A Brothers of the Sacred Heart School Since 1894

January 5, 2026

Dear Parents,

During the second semester, the Counseling Center will once again oversee all students taking an electronic risk assessment survey called the BIMAS-2. This year will be the fifth year we have administered the assessment which identifies strengths and concerning behavior, social and academic functioning, emotional affect, and cognitive/attention abilities. The goal of giving this survey is to better know our students and then identify their behavioral health needs so that our counselors can more thoroughly address a student's individual concerns. The BIMAS-2 was created by a team of psychologists, is research based, and serves over 500,000 students across the country. To encourage the most honest answers from our students, the results of this assessment will be confidential, with only our school counselors having access to the results. The administration, including the principal, will not be notified of the results, except in the case of an emergency. Likewise, parents will be notified only if their son's results indicate a high risk of concerning behavior. This assessment takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and will be administered by first period teachers according to the following schedule:

February 9	8 th & 12 th grades
March 2	11 th grade
March 9	10 th grade
March 30	9 th grade

In their document, *Partners in Mission*, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart state that the school environment "is best described by the term 'sanctuary,' a place where students sense the compassion which motivates those who care for them, where they feel safe to become the best person God created them to be, and where they are known, valued, and treasured." These efforts will help us know our students more fully so that Catholic High can continue to provide an environment that comes closer to becoming the sanctuary that we strive to be every day. Thank you for entrusting your son to us and for partnering with us as together we guide the students of Catholic High School through these formative years.

Please feel free to contact your son's counselor if you have questions concerning the BIMAS-2. If for any reason you do not want your son to participate in this survey, please email me directly at teldringhoff@catholichigh.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tom W. Eldringhoff
Principal

FEBRUARY HEARTH HAPPENINGS



POST CARDS

To each of the other 49 states
and to military members



PUZZLES



MATH LAB

All lunch periods
After School Mon, Wed, Thurs

PEER TUTORING

Before School
Last 20 minutes of each lunch period
After School

BOARD GAMES & CHESS CLUBS

- February 6 - Chess Meeting 3:00-4:00 PM
- February 13 - Board Games Meeting 3:00-4:00 PM
- February 27 - Chess Meeting 3:00-4:00 PM
- February 27 - Board Games Meeting 3:00-4:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.catholichigh.org/student-success-center>

COLORING



BIDDING FOR BEARS

CHS MOTHERS' CLUB

2026 AUCTION

SUPPORT THE AUCTION! DONATIONS NEEDED!

EXPERIENCES SERVICES
GIFT CARDS SPONSOR

Auction:
FEBRUARY 28
3PM-7PM

How to Donate!

FILL OUT DONATION FORM ON THE AUCTION WEBSITE:

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EMAIL AUCTION COMMITTEE AT
CATHOLICHIGHAUCTION@GMAIL.COM

SOMEONE WILL REACH OUT TO YOU FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR DONATION.

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GAMES

FOOD & BEVERAGE

ART

Online Bidding:

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FEBRUARY 22 @ 8AM
ENDS:
FEBRUARY 28 @ 7PM

