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MAY 2026

**MAY SPECIAL SCHEDULES:**

**Friday, May 15** – Liturgy Schedule. Closing of School liturgy Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Monday, May 18**-Graduation. E-Learning Day

**Tuesday, May 19 – Friday, May 22** – Exam Schedule, Upperclassmen Exams

To view the full calendar, please click below.

**[CHS Calendar](#)**

**THANK YOU AND FAREWELL, SENIOR PARENTS:**

Congratulations to parents and students of the class of 2026. We celebrated our last mass with the seniors and the entire student body on April 29, and the liturgy had a wonderful spirit. It was good to see so many senior parents joining us for this last school mass with their sons. May 18 will be here before you know it, and we all look forward to celebrating with you at our Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises. We are all grateful to the Class of 2026 for the gifts they have brought to our school community. We will continue to keep this group of students in our prayers as they become CHS alumni and take the next steps in their future. We will miss them, but they (and their parents!) are always welcome back!

**FRONT OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:**

June 2026	7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
July 2026	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday
	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Friday
July 2 & 3	Closed

**BRUIN SHOP SUMMER HOURS:**

Closed for summer. Online order pickup only 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday

**PROCEDURES FOR SENIOR LAPTOP RETURN AND CLOSING OF STUDENT DEBIT**

**ACCOUNTS:** Mrs. Katie May, Director of Technology, and Mr. Drew Losavio, Help Desk Director, sent an email to seniors and their parents with directions for returning or purchasing the student’s laptop. Please see that email, and direct any questions to Mrs. May [kmay@catholichigh.org](mailto:kmay@catholichigh.org), or Mr. Losavio, [dlosavio@catholichigh.org](mailto:dlosavio@catholichigh.org).

**PLUSPORTALS CLOSURES:** Grades in Plus Portals will not be visible for seniors and their parents during senior exams. Once grades are finalized on May 8 PlusPortals will open. Likewise for underclassmen, grades in PlusPortals will not be visible during their exams and will open when underclassmen grades are finalized on or about May 27.

**RECONCILING TUITION AND myCHS ACCOUNTS (From Lisa Harvey):**

- Senior Accounts: All money owed on senior myCHS accounts, including cafeteria charges, laptop charges, and Bruin Shop charges, must be paid by 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 13. Students may bring cash, check, or credit card to the Bruin Shop or parents may pay online through the myCHS feature on our website. After 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, all unpaid senior charges will be billed to the parents FACTS account and assessed a \$25 service fee. Please take care of all money owed in a timely manner. In addition, all seniors are encouraged to use any remaining funds on

their myCHS account before their last exam. Because of the time and personnel that it requires to process refunds, any remaining funds under \$40 will not be refunded.

- 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade Accounts: Per the Student Handbook (page 87), tuition for the 2025-2026 school year must be current in order for students to take final exams beginning on Tuesday, May 19. In addition, all myCHS accounts must be current by the last day of exams on May 22. Unpaid balances will be billed to the parents FACTS account and assessed a \$25 service fee.

**SENIOR EXAM SCHEDULE:** The senior exam schedule is listed below. Please note that seniors take final exams by subject, not by class period.

	10:20 - 11:50	12:12 - 1:42
Friday, May 1	English	Math
Monday, May 4	Science	History
Tuesday, May 5	Religion	Elective
Wednesday, May 6	Conflicts	Conflicts

**UNDERCLASSMEN FINAL EXAMS:**

Underclassmen exams will take place Tuesday, May 19, through Friday, May 22.

	8:00 - 9:35	10:05 - 11:35
Tuesday, May 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	8 <sup>th</sup> Period
Wednesday, May 20	4 <sup>th</sup> Period	7 <sup>th</sup> Period
Thursday, May 21	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	6 <sup>th</sup> Period
Friday, May 22	1 <sup>st</sup> Period	5 <sup>th</sup> Period

Teachers will begin the exam on time, so students must arrive to school on time. Keep in mind that traffic in the mornings is very heavy during the

later start time, so allow for additional travel time to arrive to school. 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 Union before school and lunch items will be available between exams.

**SEMESTER FAILURES:** If your son is a senior and he fails any course, a CHS administrator will contact you on Friday, May 8.

If your son is an underclassman and he receives a failing grade, you will be contacted by a CHS administrator or school counselor on Tuesday, May 26.

**PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2027:** The Class of 2027 Presentation Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 6 in the Catholic High Gym. Each member of the Class of 2027 will be presented with a class pin and ring if purchased. Dress is coat and tie. Additional information was emailed to families; if you have any questions concerning this event, please contact our Events Coordinator, Tracy Ducote at [tducote@catholichigh.org](mailto:tducote@catholichigh.org).

**8TH GRADE PROMOTION MASS AND CEREMONY:**

The 8th grade class will celebrate their promotion on Friday, May 22, at 2:00 p.m. in the Catholic High gym. Refreshments will follow the ceremony in the Student Center. Details will be emailed to parents by Events Coordinator, Tracy Ducote, [tducote@catholichigh.org](mailto:tducote@catholichigh.org). Please contact her with any questions.

**FINANCIAL LITERACY CREDIT UPDATE:**

Beginning with the class of 2028 Louisiana high school graduates are required to have a credit in Financial Literacy in order to be eligible to receive a TOPS award. CHS students will meet that requirement by passing a Financial Literacy Proficiency test. The material on the test is covered in the sophomore Civics 2 curriculum, and students will take the test near the end of their sophomore year. After a student has passed the test, the credit will appear on his transcript.

On Friday, April 14, CHS administered the Louisiana Catholic Schools Financial Literacy Proficiency Test. We were pleased with the results

as more than 80% of the sophomore class demonstrated proficiency on this assessment. Students we identify as needing additional help with the tested material may be enrolled in our Personal Family Finance class to better prepare them to earn this credit through the proficiency test.

### **FREE PHYSICAL EVENTS FOR 2026-2027 CHS**

**STUDENT ATHLETES:** Below are two free physical events for all CHS student athletes. Anyone who wishes to participate in athletics at CHS must have a current LHSAA Physical.

- CHS Free physical day Thursday, May 7, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Located in the Catholic High School Brother Donnan Berry, SC Student Center.
- BROCC Foundation Free physical day Saturday, May 9, 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. Located at Surgical Specialty Center, 8080 Bluebonnet Blvd. \* If students are going to BROCC they will need to use this link to sign up: [BROCC Sports Physicals](#)

Any questions can be sent to Brandon Fresina, Director of Sports Medicine at [bfresina@catholichigh.org](mailto:bfresina@catholichigh.org)

**PSAT PREP CLASSES:** It is not too late to joining the PSAT Workshop. This course is 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](http://mychs.catholichigh.org). Please email Mrs. Kessler at [ckessler@catholichigh.org](mailto:ckessler@catholichigh.org) if you have questions about this course.

### **SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY AND SUMMER**

**REMEDICATION:** CHS is once again offering students the opportunity to either overcome a semester failure in a subject or improve a GPA due to poor semester grades. Please see the attached flyer for dates and further information. Students who must remediate a semester failure will be

contacted by an administrator or counselor on or near the end of the semester.

**CURRENT 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AND 2026-2027 NEW STUDENT RETREAT:** Returning CHS students who were in the 8th grade for the 2025-2026 school year are required to attend the New Student Retreat on Thursday, July 30th, but do not have to attend Computer Rollout on July 31st. Please mark your calendars now as this is a mandatory event.

**MOTHER'S CLUB NEWS:** Congratulations to our car raffle winner, **Blythe Lamonica!** We are extremely grateful to all who supported the car raffle. We could not have done it without you! Thank you!

Mark your calendars for our annual **Fab Finds** (gently-used clothing) sale which will take place on **Saturday, July 11**. Clothing donations may be dropped off at the Bruin Shop. Please see the attached flyer for additional details.

**Registration for the 2026–2027 school year is now open!** Click the link to join: [2026-2027 CHS Mothers' Club Registration - Catholic High School](#) .

You'll notice a few new features this year, including two membership options:

- **Active Membership** – Dues-paying members who have a student enrolled at CHS for the 2026–2027 school year. Active members will have access to a variety of volunteer opportunities.
- **Supporter Membership** – Dues-paying members who do not currently have a student enrolled at CHS but wish to continue supporting the mission of the CHS Mothers' Club. These members will receive communications throughout the year about events and social opportunities.

After registering and submitting payment, please watch for an automated confirmation email. This email will include the **volunteer sign-up link**, allowing you to indicate your preferences. For questions, please email [moclub@catholichigh.org](mailto:moclub@catholichigh.org).

Show your CHS spirit with a **Fig & Dove wreath sash!** The first order deadline is July 7, and the final deadline is September 21. All orders must be picked up from CHS, and you will be notified when your order is ready. Go to [CHS Fig & Dove Wreath Sash - Mothers' Club](#) and scroll down to purchase.

Thank you to our recent volunteers:

- **Student Appreciation Snacks:** Jenny Vargas & Danielle Mensman
- **Car Raffle:** Mary Elizabeth Hart & Lauren DiVincenti
- **Exam Survival Kits:** Kori Thomas Fontenot & Shantell Butler

We also extend a special thank you and congratulations to our current president and **CHS Mother Seton Award** recipient, Becky Maher!

**ADVANCEMENT PARENT ANNUAL GIVING EVENT:** As the school year ends, the Advancement Team is incredibly grateful for the support shown by our parents during this year's Annual Appeal. For those who have not been able to make a gift yet, there is still time. Please make a gift online at <https://www.catholichigh.org/giving/theannualappeal>. Just a reminder that all gifts to the Annual Appeal from parents go to support the current students. Your son and his peers will directly benefit from your gift.

**MEN'S CLUB:** Save the date - The 91st Annual Men's Club Stag Barbecue will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. This event is one of the primary fundraising AND friend-raising events of the Men's Club. Once again, it will be held in the Brother Donnan Berry SC Student Center! Mark your calendars now and be on the lookout next month for information on purchasing tickets online. Members of the Class of 2026 received a complimentary ticket to the Stag Barbecue in their graduation supplies. We hope to see them in August!

**COUNSELING CORNER:** A productive summer doesn't mean filling every minute with activities – it means doing a few things that actually move you forward while still giving you time to recharge. For high school students, the best summers usually mix growth, exploration, and some fun.

Start with real-world experience. A part-time job, internship, or even consistent babysitting or yard work builds responsibility, time management, and communication skills. Colleges and future employers care more about commitment than the specific job.

Make space for academic growth, but keep it practical. This could mean taking a summer class, working ahead in a challenging subject, or prepping for exams like the ACT or SAT. Even 20–30 minutes a few times a week can make a noticeable difference.

Do something that shows initiative or passion. This is where students stand out. Examples:

- Start a small business (tutoring, car washing, reselling items)
- Launch a simple project (blog, podcast, art portfolio)
- Volunteer consistently with a cause you care about. Speaking of that, volunteering is most valuable when it's ongoing, not one-off. Pick something meaningful – helping at a food bank, working with younger students, or assisting at a local organization – and stick with it. Don't ignore life skills. Summer is a great time to learn things school doesn't teach:

- Budgeting and managing money
- Cooking a few solid meals
- Basic car maintenance or home skills

Also build in physical and mental wellness. Regular exercise, getting outside, and limiting screen time go a long way in keeping energy and mood up. Finally, leave room for rest and connection. Spending time with friends, family, or even just unplugging matters more than people admit – and helps prevent burnout before the school year starts again.

**SUMMER AT CHS PROGRAM:** Registration is OPEN! Information including dates, times, and fees about our 2026 Summer at CHS courses are available on our [website](#). Courses include:

**Strength and Speed:** Required for current CHS JV and varsity athletes and incoming 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade athletes.

**Academics and Enrichment:** 3D Animation\*, ACT Preparation\*, Advanced Placement Preparation, Algebra I Preparation, Becoming a BEAR, College Application Boot Camp\*, English I Preparation, Fun Science\*, Lego Camp\*, New Member Band Camp\*, CHS/SJA Percussion Camp\*, Public Speaking\*, Robotics\*, Service Week, Study Skills\*

\*courses open to girls

# CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM

### 2026

The CHS Summer Credit Recovery Program is designed to support students' academic growth by offering remediation in course work from the most recent school year. The program supports students' GPAs and reinforces academic skills necessary for future success.

#### Important Dates:

- Summer Credit Recovery Registration – Tuesday, May 26, 8:00 AM through Wednesday, May 27, 3:00 PM (registration and payment online only).
- Summer Credit Recovery Schedules – Friday, May 29.
- Student Orientation – Tuesday, June 2, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Student Center.
- Classes - Wednesday, June 3 - Friday, June 26, 8:00 AM to 2:45 PM, Science Building.

Summer Credit Recovery Classes are 90 minutes per class for 18 days (June 3-June 26). No credit will be awarded to a student who does not attend the required number of seat minutes.

#### Summer Class Schedule Day:

1<sup>st</sup> period - 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> period - 9:35 AM to 11:05 AM

Lunch - 11:05 AM to 11:40 AM

3<sup>rd</sup> period - 11:40 AM to 1:10 PM

4<sup>th</sup> period - 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM

Tuition for each class is \$300; A summer credit recovery class remediates 1 semester of a course. A student can remediate up to 4 semesters. Students may only remediate courses that they took in the most recent school year.

#### Summer Remediation is an opportunity for students to:

1. Master skills and content that they need to succeed in future classes. Courses build on content and skills for prior courses. Mastering these skills and reviewing that content in the Summer can help a student succeed in the next school year.
2. Prevent a Summer Slide. "Summer slide" is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year. Continuing academic work during the summer can help students retain the gains they made during the school year.
3. Improve their GPA. TOPS utilizes a "repeat/delete" system meaning that a semester grade is deleted, and the summer grade is used instead. This same system is used for the Louisiana Transcript System and NCAA. The CHS GPA includes all the courses a student has taken. The semester grade and the summer school grade are averaged together.



# Fab Finds

*Sale*



# NEEDS DONATIONS

Items can be DROPPED OFF at the BRUIN SHOP  
during shop hours, now till end of school

**CLEAN OUT  
THOSE CLOSETS!**

what can be donated:

- Polo style collared shirts
- Dress pants & shirts
  - Suits
  - Belts & Ties
- CHS logoed hoodies
- CHS logoed sweatshirts

