



WELCOME TO THE 132ND YEAR OF OPERATION OF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL!

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We are privileged to partner with the families of our students in carrying out the educational tradition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

THE MISSION OF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: The mission of Catholic High School is to teach Gospel values in an environment of academic excellence according to Catholic tradition and the spirit of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

The foundation of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart began in 1818, when Father Andre Coindre, the founder of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, wrote the *Prospectus Pieux Secours – A Sanctuary for Boys*, to request support for his new vision of educating the young men of his time. In this document he states: “They must be surrounded with every possible help in order to form them to good habits....” This same vision continues today because of our commitment to *dynamic fidelity* to the charism. Our faithfulness to Fr. Coindre and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart is constant, while new circumstances require

different responses. Whatever changes may happen, our commitment to helping each student become the young man that God has created him to be will not change.

Our faculty and staff are committed to providing our students with an educational environment that allows them to know the unconditional love of God while doing our best to provide an outstanding experience for your son this school year.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS: As parents, you are the primary educators of your son, so we see partnering with you as an essential part of the mission of Catholic High School. In an effort to help keep parents connected with Catholic High, we have various opportunities throughout the school year for parents to participate in the life of the school community.

Please check the [school calendar](#) on our website for all events and take advantage of the opportunities we offer so that you can be a part of your son’s school

activities. Several opportunities follow immediately below.

1. Bear Claws for Breakfast. The first opportunity is for the parents of students new to Catholic High and is associated with New Student Retreat. We invite you to enjoy a complimentary breakfast with your son from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m., Thursday, July 30, in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center before the New Student Retreat begins. Please park in the Westmoreland parking lot if you plan to join us for breakfast and the parent presentation that will follow.

2. Parent Technology and *Guilty at an Age* Presentation. Immediately following Bear Claws for Breakfast, a presentation for parents of new students will be made in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. Although not mandatory for parents, we highly encourage parents to attend this presentation, which will last approximately an hour.

In addition to covering all aspects of technology at CHS, the parent meeting will also focus on issues concerning student health and well-being, including social media, substance use, and pornography. Parents of students who attend this meeting will not be required to attend one of the mandatory “Guilty at an Age” programs held later in the fall (more on that below).

If you are not attending the breakfast or the parent meeting, please drop your son off in either the Claycut lot (next to the track), or the Claycut horseshoe drive (see drop-off and pick up directions later in this newsletter). Please do not drop students off at the main school entrance on Hearthstone Drive.

3. Back-To-School Afternoon. On Sunday, August 16, from 3:45 – 6:30 p.m., parents are invited to meet their

son’s first semester teachers. This afternoon is intended for parents only. We ask that you report directly to the gym for announcements and a presentation containing significant information for the 2026-2027 school year. This is an important presentation, and we ask that you be seated in the gym no later than 3:40 p.m. so we can begin promptly at 3:45 p.m. Following the presentation in the gym, our schedule will include 7-minute classes with 5-minute transit times. The brief class sessions provide you with an excellent opportunity to meet your son’s teachers and to preview the academic and behavioral expectations in each of his classes.

Please note: Parents whose sons take classes at SJA for the 2026-2027 school year will not meet with SJA teachers during this program. Parents in this situation should feel free to spend this class period in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center or other areas around campus.

In this mailing is a blank student schedule which you should ask your son to complete for your use on August 16. Please be sure to use the schedule issued to your son at Orientation as it will be the most current.

Because of the large number of parents attending Back-To-School Afternoon, I suggest you plan to arrive no later than 3:30 p.m. Parking will be available in the Westmoreland Parking Lot. Security will be provided. Please do not park along the streets in the neighborhood.

The CHS Mothers’ Club invites you to have refreshments in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center during your son’s lunch period.

4. *Guilty at an Age* Parent Workshops: In the *Prospectus of 1818*, Father Andre’

Coindre wrote, “Guilty at an age when boys tend to be reckless rather than wicked, impetuous rather than incorrigible, hope for their transformation must never be lost.” Now more than ever, young men are faced with many different societal pressures, their brains are wired to be “reckless” and “impetuous,” and they can easily fall victim to those pressures.

The Guilty at an Age workshop is mandatory for all new parents of 8th and 9th grade students and will discuss a broad range of topics from substance abuse to social media and other addictive behaviors. Presenters will not only educate but also provide strategies for parents to help children navigate the world around them. Attendance is mandatory for at least one parent of all new 8th and 9th grade students.

The available dates for this mandatory meeting are July 30 (immediately following Bear Claws for Breakfast), and the evenings of September 24, and October 14 at 6 p.m. in the Brother Donnan Berry Student Center. One parent must attend one of these sessions. Please mark your calendar now for these other available dates if you are unable to attend the session on July 30. More information about this program will be communicated later.

5. Parent-Teacher Conferences and Sophomore Interview. On January 4, 2027, students will not attend school. For the past few years we have set aside two hours from 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. to hold sophomore interviews. If your son is a sophomore, his mentor teacher may contact you to set up an interview with your son and at least one parent on this morning. This is not the only time the interview can take place, but it is a convenient one. The purpose of the interview is to allow you and your son to share your experience of Catholic High

School about midway through his time here.

The 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. time slot on January 4 is also available for parent-teacher conferences if you or some of your son’s teachers, believe it is necessary. If you would like to discuss your son’s first semester grades with teachers or meet his second semester teachers, please contact them closer to this date and schedule a conference. The remainder of the day is set aside for faculty professional development.

INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY LIMITS

AT HOME: Catholic High School uses the company Securly to provide supervision and limits for student laptop use. Securly offers a feature called “Home” that will provides parent the ability to monitor your son’s school computer use at home. Instructions for downloading and setting up the app are included with this newsletter. I encourage everyone to try it out so we have one more tool to help our young men avoid some of the pitfalls that come with screen use.

BATON ROUGE FAMILY FAVORITES:

Catholic High School has made it to the voting round in the Baton Rouge Parents Magazine annual Family Favorites contest. We have been nominated in three categories: favorite football team, favorite high school, and (yours truly) favorite principal. Voting opened on July 15 and will last through August 15. You can vote daily at the following link for any or all categories: [2026 Family Favorites - Baton Rouge Parents](#).

Our community showed up last spring when we were nominated in The Advocate’s Best of Baton Rouge voting and you helped us be selected as Best High School. That honor allowed us to get the word out to the larger community about CHS. I hope you will take some

time to vote so we have another avenue for making Baton Rouge aware of the good things happening at Catholic High.

NEW STUDENT RETREAT AND

COMPUTER ROLLOUT: Students new to CHS for the 2026-2027 school year must attend the New Student Retreat on Thursday, July 30 and Computer Rollout, on Friday, July 31. The retreat will focus on school culture issues such as the Charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, personal religious faith, respect for the dignity of each individual, and brotherhood. Our hope is that by starting with this focus, our newest Bears will transition smoothly into our school community. Computer Rollout on Friday will focus on 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 twelfth year of integrating technology into daily instruction, and this integration is now a standard part of academic excellence at CHS. Workshop sessions will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. each day. Student attendance at these sessions is mandatory. Lunch will be provided.

A \$40 fee will be charged to your July FACTS account to cover the costs, including lunch, associated with the retreat and rollout. If previous plans prevent your son from attending, students will make up the sessions on August 6 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If your son must attend the make-up session on August 6, please email Tammy Feduccia at tfeduccia@catholichigh.org.

Dress for Retreat and Rollout. For the New Student Retreat on July 30th students will be indoors and outdoors, so dress is casual: shorts, tennis shoes, t-shirts (no inappropriate language, pictures, etc.). Dress for Computer Rollout on July 31 is regular Catholic High School attire (dress pants, dress

shoes, socks and collared shirt). Hair and shaving guidelines will not be enforced until orientation on Aug. 5.

Please note: Returning CHS students that were in the **8th grade for the 2025-2026 school year** are required to attend the New Student Retreat on July 30, but do not have to attend Computer Rollout on July 31.

MAKEUP WELCOME MEETING: The makeup for the Mandatory Welcome Meeting will be held on July 30th at 3:00 p.m. in the Br. Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. This meeting is for those who missed the initial meeting in April and those that registered after the original registration deadline.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP DIRECTIONS:

For safety reasons, we ask that you not drop off or pick up any student in the Student Center or Westmoreland Parking Lots (unless you are accompanying your son to Bear Claws for Breakfast on July 30). School proctors are instructed not to allow drop off in these areas. Students may be dropped off in the horseshoe driveway on Claycut or the Claycut lot next to the track. In the afternoon they should only be picked up from either of those locations.

Carpool Directions: In order to minimize congestion and improve traffic flow during drop-off and pick-up, we ask that you please follow the instructions below for your son's pick-up location. A map illustrating the directions below is included with this newsletter.

Dropping off and picking up in the Horseshoe drive on Claycut: Drivers must come from the west via Kenmore or Arlington (the school will be on your left) and turn left at the second entrance to the circle. Drop off or pick up your son, and then turn right onto Claycut toward Kenmore or Arlington. Left turns from

that circle are not allowed during drop-off or pick-up times. Signs are provided to assist with instructions.

Dropping off and picking up in the Claycut lot: Turn right into the Claycut lot via the second entrance and circle counter-clockwise around the outside of the lot. Pull as far forward as you can and drop off or pick up your son. Exit the lot by the first exit, and turn left toward Acadian. Again, signage is provided to assist with proper drop-off and pick-up protocol.

Please be aware of our neighbors' driveways and do not block them when you are waiting to drop-off, pick-up, or when you are in traffic as you head home.

On regular school days, parents are encouraged to pick up students between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. This alleviates long carpool lines and traffic in the neighborhood surrounding school. Faculty members are on duty and students are welcome to be in the Mall, The Hearth, and courtyard areas.

Important: We also ask that parents not drop off or pick up students in the surrounding neighborhood streets or arrange for pickup in the neighborhood. Not only is this dangerous, but it is a tremendous inconvenience to our neighbors. Students who carpool with SJA students are allowed to be dropped off or picked up in either school's carpool.

STUDENT SCHEDULES: Student schedules will be available through PlusPortals at the end of July. All students will receive an email from Christy Kessler, academic assistant principal, notifying them when schedules are available. As stated in the email, some schedules may be changed to

balance class sizes. Students will receive their final schedules during Orientation.

According to the *Student Handbook*, "Schedule changes during the school year typically are made to adjust the level of a student's placement in a particular course." Please do not request schedule changes in order to change an elective course, change an unassigned period, or change teachers. Such requests are not considered.

2026-2027 RETREAT DATES: Please mark your calendar now for the following required attendance events for CHS students:

New Student & 9th Grade Retreat:

Thursday, July 30 (all day)

Senior Retreat: Sunday, October 11 and Monday, October 12

Junior Retreat: Monday, March 15 (all day).

Sophomore Retreat: Tuesday, March 16 (all day).

Please do not schedule any activity that conflicts with these retreats.

STUDENT HANDBOOK: The *2026-2027 Student Handbook* will be available soon online through the Catholic High website (www.catholichigh.org). At Student Orientation, your son will receive the Parent/Student Consent Form. After you and your son have read the handbook, each of you must sign the form and return it to school. The deadline for your son to return this signed form to his **1st period teacher** is Friday, August 14. This form also includes acknowledgement of the Honor Code and the TOPS Information Release. As noted on the Parent/Student Consent Form, "Failure to respond in a timely manner could result in the student's suspension from school until the completed document is submitted."

It is essential that you and your son read the handbook very carefully. It is an excellent reference for most questions you may have about school policies and procedures. Also, the regulations and provisions outlined in the handbook are a material condition of the contractual agreement between you and Catholic High School.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE and

INSTRUCTION: Catholic High is actively engaged in discussions and professional development with respect to the place of AI in our curriculum. The following is from the 2026-2027 CHS Student Handbook and provides a summary of our perspective:

Artificial intelligence (AI) offers both opportunities and risks with respect to education. Consistent with the charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Catholic High School recognizes the need to provide students with instruction about the nature of artificial intelligence, the ethical issues surrounding its creation and use, and how to use AI effectively. Preparing students to engage AI with wisdom and virtue is itself an act of the personal attention and pastoral care our charism requires. Father Coindre accompanied his young men into the realities they would face. The world's circumstances have changed drastically, and addressing emergent technology is necessary.

Recent research has not yet reached a clear consensus about the best uses of AI in education. On one hand, it may serve as a helpful tool for student learning and creativity, but it can easily replace the effort students must put forth in order to learn. Catholic High has developed a robust AI policy, informed by Catholic teaching, professional consultation with CHS teachers, Catholic educators focused on best use of AI, and student feedback. The policy is available through the school's website and addresses the wide variety of issues AI presents. Given the rapidly developing AI environment, we

recognize that the policy will necessarily be adjusted regularly as circumstances demand.

SCHOOL CALENDAR: Catholic High School's updated 2026-2027 school calendar is enclosed in order to help you plan your son's school year. This calendar also contains the special schedules throughout the school year. As always, please consult the calendar, as well as the calendar on our website, for the most up to date information as you plan appointments, trips, or vacations.

We consider your son's attendance at school to be critical in allowing him to be academically successful. Please do not use special schedule days for appointments that can be made outside the school day. Whether the special schedule is for mass, mentoring, test prep or something else, the activity is still an essential part of our educational program, and your son's attendance is important.

CELL PHONE POLICY: Students are not allowed to be on their phones on campus before school, or at any time during the school day. Students' phones should be off and stored in a booksack upon arrival at school. If students have a locker, they may store the phone in their locker. At no time should a phone be in a student's pocket.

Students may turn on their phones and use them outside of buildings once the school day has ended. Consequences for not following our phone policy include CHS holding the phone for 48 hours, 5 days of detention, and the phone being searched at the discretion of the Assistant Principal for Discipline.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE: Orientation for all students will take place on Wednesday, August 5, and Thursday,

August 6. Your son must be present for orientation at his assigned time. Students with an unexcused absence from orientation should expect to receive consequences. Contact Tracy Ducote at tducote@catholichigh.org with any questions.

Students must be checked in and seated in the wrestling room in the Jume Center by the arrival time listed below:

2026-2027 Orientation Schedule

Wednesday, August 5		
Grade	Arrival Time	Alpha Listing
8th	8:00 a.m.	A-H
	8:30 a.m.	I-Z
9th	9:00 a.m.	A-B
	9:30 a.m.	C-F
	10:00 a.m.	G-K
	10:30 a.m.	L-P
	11:00 a.m.	Q-S
	11:30 a.m.	T-Z
11th	12:30 p.m.	A-C
	1:00 p.m.	D-H
	1:30 p.m.	I-Mi
	2:00 p.m.	Mo-R
	2:30 p.m.	S-Z
Thursday, August 6		
Grade	Arrival Time	Alpha Listing
12th	8:00 a.m.	A-Ca
	8:30 a.m.	Ce-Gi
	9:00 a.m.	Go-La
	9:30 a.m.	Le-Pa
	10:00 a.m.	Pe-Si
	10:30 a.m.	Sm-Z
10th	11:30 a.m.	A-B
	12:00 a.m.	C-E
	12:30 p.m.	F-Hi
	1:00 p.m.	Ho-L
	1:30 p.m.	M-P
	2:00 p.m.	Q-So
	2:30 p.m.	St-Z

If you are bringing your son to Catholic High for his orientation, we welcome you to come into the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center and relax while orientation is in process, but please allow your son to complete orientation himself, unaccompanied by you. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. The process typically lasts about 45 minutes.

The Bruin Shop: For those wanting to do a little CHS shopping, the Bruin Shop will host a pop-up store in the Br. Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center on Wednesday, Aug. 5 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ORIENTATION INFORMATION:

School Pictures: All students are required to wear a coat and tie on the day of their orientation and to be properly groomed. School pictures will be taken at that time. If your son does not have a coat, he may come with a dress shirt and tie, and we will provide a coat for the picture. Please note we do not have every size.

Romaguera Photography will be taking pictures of each student during orientation for his ID and the yearbook. If you want to purchase pictures, please follow the directions in the email that will be sent from Romaguera at the end of July. All orders and payments will be submitted online.

Note: Seniors will take school pictures at orientation for school use in addition to the formal portraits (tuxedo/cap and gown) taken by Brad Messina Photography. Details about these portraits were included in the April letter sent to junior parents. Appointments are available now and may be scheduled by

visiting
<http://www.bradmessinaphoto.com/seniors.html>. The deadline for formal portraits is October 30.

Hair and Grooming Requirements: It is particularly important that your son meets CHS grooming requirements when he arrives for orientation. A conservative approach to the school's dressing and grooming standards is a positive way to start the year. If your son's hairstyle does not meet CHS grooming requirements, he will not be allowed to complete orientation; in effect, he will be suspended from school until he has an acceptable haircut and/or clean shaven. Students will not be allowed to cut their own hair on campus during orientation.

For your convenience, a barber will be on campus during orientation to correct hairstyles as deemed necessary by the assistant principal for discipline. Should students choose to use this service, there will be a \$20 fee applied to the orientation fee bill. Catholic High does not receive any compensation for this service. It is essential that parents and students understand that haircuts given by the on-campus barber are done in an expedited manner and are not customizable. The service of the on-campus barber is not designed to be a personal stylist for your son, and Catholic High is not responsible if you or your son do not like the haircut. To avoid this issue, please ensure that your son has the appropriate haircut before he arrives for orientation.

A student whose hair is only slightly outside of the guidelines and utilizes the barber on campus will not receive disciplinary consequences. However, a student who arrives on campus in serious need of a haircut, well outside of our expectations, will be directed to our

on-campus barber and may receive disciplinary consequences. Your son must also be clean-shaven, and his sideburns must be of appropriate length. Even the slightest hint of a mustache or peach-fuzz will need shaving. We ask that parents of 8th graders and freshmen take a particularly close look before their son leaves home. Our policy is that 8th graders and freshmen who need to shave, but would be shaving for the first time, may be allowed to proceed with orientation if their facial hair would not show up in the school picture. We make that allowance so their first shave can be supervised at home. Those students will need to be clean shaven for the first day of class.

Should a student choose to leave campus and stop the orientation process to correct a grooming issue, he may receive consequences.

Any student who has altered his natural hair color will not be allowed to attend classes at CHS until it is corrected.

Past experience indicates that complying with our haircut guidelines is the most challenging part of orientation. It is not the intent of Catholic High School to start a new school year in a negative manner by having to send a student to get his hair cut and interrupt orientation. This often leads to frustration on the part of parents, students, and the school. Therefore, in order to avoid this frustration, **I strongly encourage parents and students to make sure that your son's hair meets our guidelines as stated in the *Student Handbook*:**

The purpose of the CHS dress and grooming policy is to embody the importance the Brothers of the Sacred Heart place on an orderly and disciplined environment. CHS recognizes that there

are different types of hair, and that no single set of descriptions will perfectly capture the school's expectations about haircuts, but the following guidelines will keep a student in compliance with the school's expectations. These guidelines allow for some individual preferences regarding haircuts, while ensuring that hair is neat in appearance and not a distraction.

- A student's hair may be of only moderate length, height, and thickness in the front, back, top and sides. A common guideline for length is not more than 3-4 inches on the top and not more than 1-2 inches on the sides.
- Students are expected to comb, brush, style or otherwise groom their hair before they arrive on campus. Students who come to school without having done so should expect consequences.
- Students with straighter hair should keep their hair at a length so that it is naturally off of their ears, collar, and eyebrows. Students with wavy or curly hair should keep their hair to a moderate length so that it does not get too high or extend out too far on the sides. Any transition from shorter to longer hair should be gradual.
- Completely shaven heads, mohawks or faux mohawks, shaving or carving lines into the natural hairline or eyebrows, braided, dyed, bleached, or tinted hair and the like are not acceptable.
- Students are not allowed to use rubber bands, hair ties, clips, etc.
- Each student is to be clean-shaven each day. Sideburns may not extend lower than the middle of the ear and must be neatly groomed.
- Earrings are not allowed at any time during the school day or at any CHS event.

NOTE: The assistant principal for discipline handles all matters of dress and grooming.

If your son's hair does not meet these requirements, he will not be allowed to continue orientation without first complying with the standard. My advice is to get a shorter than typical haircut in order to be within our expectations. If you have any questions about whether a hairstyle is acceptable at CHS, please contact the assistant principal for discipline, Doug Logsdon, for an appointment. Please call or email him (dlogsdon@catholichigh.org) in advance of your visit so he can be available.

Bruin Yearbook: During orientation, orders can be placed for the 2026-2027 *Bruin*, our school yearbook. The cost of the book is \$52, payable at orientation. Seniors will have their yearbook mailed to them.

Student ID/Food Service Debit

Card: Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, Catholic High School is transitioning from the use of myCHS to our new third-party platform called i2 Payments and Accounts. As of July 20, 2026, myCHS will no longer be available, but all accounts previously issued through myCHS will automatically transition to i2 Accounts. Your existing myCHS/i2 Account username and password will remain the same but you must go in to activate your i2 Account.

Students will continue to use their school issued ID as their debit card for all purchases through i2 and many of the features that were available through myCHS are also available with i2 Payments, with some notable changes.

Please see the attachment at the end of this newsletter for further details about managing and tracking i2 Accounts. This information is very important so please go through it carefully and review it with

your son so that he is aware of the changes.

A student must keep a positive balance on his i2 debit card at all times. Beginning this school year any school purchase that exceeds the student's available account balance will be declined, including those in the cafeteria. Students will not be allowed to go negative or take food not paid for.

For your information, student lunch purchases typically average \$5 per person per day; however, your son is also able to purchase breakfast or snacks. Prices are available on the CHS website by clicking Quicklinks, then Lunch Menu.

During orientation, each student will receive an ID card that will serve as his student debit card and contain the chip that will allow him access through the electronic gates. Students must have their ID at all times so that they will have access around campus. In addition, part of our dress and grooming policy is that all students are required to wear their student ID on a school-issued lanyard that is the designated color for their grade level. The ID must be worn once a student arrives on campus and throughout regular school hours. Please see the *Student Handbook* for further details.

The ID/debit card must be used for all purchases in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center, the Bruin Shop, Library, Activities Office, and Help Desk. The debit card is not transferable. If a student forgets, loses, or misplaces his ID/lanyard on any school day, he must go to the Activities Office and purchase a replacement. Because of the chip in the ID card, the cost for a replacement ID and lanyard is \$8.50.

Important note: Students must have their physical ID card in order to check

out purchases in the cafeteria – no exceptions. Cashiers in the cafeteria will no longer use a student's ID number only to check out their purchases. Students without their ID will be asked to put their lunch tray aside and go get their ID to check out.

For security reasons, purchasing a replacement card will automatically deactivate the previously issued ID card, so students cannot have more than one active card at a time. Students can reactivate an ID card previously purchased during the school year by logging into their i2 Account.

As part of orientation expenses, each student is required to have an initial balance of \$50 on his debit account. If your son has a credit balance on his account at the end of the school year, it will remain in his account for the following year. If you know your son will make use of the CHS food service, I recommend you consider posting at least \$100 on his account to start the school year.

Students can check the balance of their debit accounts at the scanner located in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center or the Bruin Shop. Parents and students can also check the balance online through the Catholic High website under Students>i2 Payments and Accounts.

Parking for 2026-2027: Only those students who pay parking fees will be allowed to park in either the Claycut, Student Center, or Westmoreland Parking Lots. Security is provided in these lots to ensure the safety of our students and their vehicles. The CHS Board of Directors has set the parking fee for the 2026-2027 school year at \$350 and only students with driver's licenses may register to park. Seniors, juniors, and sophomores have already

been sent emails to register for parking. Please see the neighborhood parking agreement attached or email Mrs. Melanie Smith at Mesmith@catholichigh.org to get a copy.

Please note that students are not allowed to park in the neighborhood or at local businesses without express written permission from the homeowner or the business owner. Any student who chooses to do so must complete the Neighborhood Parking Permission Form included in this newsletter. If you have questions about student parking, please contact Doug Logsdon, assistant principal for discipline, at dlogsdon@catholichigh.org.

Orientation Fees: Towards the end of July, all parents will be emailed a fee bill with a total for anticipated orientation costs based on your son's grade level and class schedule. In addition to the fees for classes, parents will need to make choices concerning other purchases such as a parking pass, yearbook, athletic pass, etc. Parents will also need to add funds to your son's i2 Account for purchases in the cafeteria and Bruin Shop through the fee bill. An orientation item list is included with this newsletter.

Note: Many students attended CHS programs over the summer and used their school debit account to purchase food items in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. Therefore, parents may see a negative balance on their son's i2 account. This balance must be paid when paying orientation fees so that the student's account is up to date.

Orientation fees are payable through your i2 Account, e-check or credit card and. This fee bill must be paid by August 1st. Payments are no longer accepted at the Bruin Shop and no payments will be accepted on Orientation Day. The fee bill must be paid in order for your son to

attend Orientation and/or begin classes. If you need special arrangements for your fee bill, please contact Britney Piner in the Finance Office at bpiner@catholichigh.org.

FIRST DAY FOR 8TH AND 9TH GRADERS: Friday, August 7, will be a special day of school designed exclusively for our 8th and 9th graders. All other students do not report to school. This special day is designed to acquaint our new Bears with CHS in an atmosphere that is less hectic than a day with the full student body in attendance. We will begin with a liturgy for all 8th and 9th graders at 7:30 a.m., then run a full schedule of shortened classes. Lunch will be served. Students must have their Student ID/debit cards (received at orientation) for this first day of school. Regular dress and grooming rules apply on this day. Dismissal will be at 2:47 p.m.

FRESHMAN SOCIAL: Immediately following the conclusion of the 8th and 9th grade first day, 8th and 9th graders are invited to attend the Freshman Social at SJA from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. CHS faculty will walk our students to SJA after school, and walk them back to the Claycut lot for pickup at 4 p.m. Please be on time for pick up and follow the instructions for Claycut lot pickup found earlier in this newsletter.

OFFICE HOURS: Our office hours on school days are 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES: Included with this newsletter is a document outlining procedures for checking your son out of school. Please review it and follow those procedures.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE NUMBERS: It is very important that we have the most current contact information. Should your phone

numbers or email addresses change or if you move, please email this information along with your son's name to Caitlin Hester, Registrar, at CaHester@catholichigh.org as soon as possible.

DAILY TONE SCHEDULE:

Warning Tones	7:25 & 7:28
1 st Period	7:30 – 8:20
2 nd Period	8:25 – 9:15
Announcements	9:20 – 9:22
3 rd Period	9:22 – 10:12
4 th Period	10:17 – 11:07
5 th Period	11:12 – 12:02
6 th Period	12:07 – 12:57
7 th Period	1:02 – 1:52
8 th Period	1:57 – 2:47

CHS ATHLETICS: Students interested in participating in the CHS inter-scholastic or intramural athletic programs should listen to the school's daily announcements for information. If you have any questions about interscholastic athletics at CHS, please contact Matt Shelton, Athletic Director, at mshelton@catholichigh.org. Questions about intramural athletics should be directed to Shelley Reinecke, sreinecke@catholichigh.org or Chris Wynne, cwynne@catholichigh.org. intramurals moderators.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS:

Catholic High utilizes a text messaging system to communicate with students, parents, and faculty when situations require that timely information needs to be disseminated.

I will send a text message to all parents from the system on August 5 at 8 a.m. The sending number should show as 79041. Please respond "Yes" to 79041 so that you will added to the text message system. You should receive a subscription confirmation. If for some

reason you don't opt in when you receive the message, you can always text "Yes" to 79041 to sign up.

The text message system will only display a short message. If the message is longer, you will be able to click a link to read the entire message.

We will continue to utilize a voice message system when circumstances require a lengthier message. As always, email will continue to be used for general information.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (From Lisa Harvey, president of CHS):

Catholic High School expects all parents to honor their financial obligations in a timely manner. Tuition accounts through FACTS must be kept up-to-date. As stated in the Student Handbook: *"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 CHS president."* Any parent who experiences financial difficulties must proactively contact Britney Piner, Tuition Specialist, in the CHS Finance Office at bpiner@catholichigh.org.

CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL DAY:

In case of a general emergency in which school may be called off, CHS will follow the action taken by the East Baton Rouge Parish public high schools (in most cases). Students and parents should use radio or TV news reports concerning whether or not schools will be open. The information will also be sent through the CHS text messaging system, by email, or through voicemail, and will be posted on the Catholic High website and social media accounts as soon as circumstances allow.

STANDARDIZED TESTING: Our standardized testing schedule will include both fall and spring standardized tests. In addition, we are continuing with standardized test preparation days specifically devoted to working with students to improve their performance on standardized tests. This year we have five special-schedule days in the fall prior to October testing and five special-schedule days in the spring prior to testing in March. The standardized test prep days are:

<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>2nd Semester</u>
September 9	February 3
September 17	February 16
September 23	February 24
October 1	March 4
October 7	March 10

Please make note of our testing schedule so that you can plan accordingly for these important dates. Students should not check out early during test prep days.

Fall:

Monday, October 12: No school for students in grades 8, 9, 10, and 11. Seniors are on their mandatory retreat on this day.

Tuesday, October 13: Students in grades 8 and 9 will take the PSAT 8/9, and 10th graders will take the Pre ACT 10. No school for juniors and seniors.

Wednesday, October 14: Seniors will take the ACT, and Juniors will take the PSAT. No school for grades 8, 9, and 10.

More detailed information about fall testing will be communicated as the dates approach.

Spring:

Monday, March 15: 8th, 9th grade students will take the PreACT 8/9. 10th grade will take the PSAT 10. Juniors will attend their mandatory retreat, and there are no classes for

seniors. Seniors will report to school for Career Day.

Tuesday, March 16: Juniors will take an official ACT test that will be reported to the college/university of their choice, and this test will serve as their required junior ACT test. (Please see the Student Handbook for details). The cost of the ACT test will be included on juniors' fee bills during Orientation. Sophomores will attend their annual retreat, Seniors will participate in the Senior Olympics and students in grades 8-9 will not have school.

MEN'S CLUB AND MOTHERS' CLUB:

At the end of this newsletter are documents from our Men's and Mothers' Clubs. Please review them and consider joining these outstanding groups who support our school!

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Stag Barbeque: The 90th Annual Stag Barbeque, the signature event of the CHS Men's Club, will be held in the Brother Donnan Berry SC Student Center on Saturday, August 29th, from 6:00-9:30 p.m. Dinner will be served until 8:30 p.m. with takeouts available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. from the Student Center parking lot at the kitchen entrance. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. For ticket information, contact Jeffrey Hotard (Jhotard@catholichigh.org) or Men's Club President Scott Roussel (chsmensclub@gmail.com). Tickets can also be purchased online using the following link [Mens Club Stag BBQ Tickets](#). Please note that this event is not open to current students.

ALUMNI NEWS:

Grizzly Great Induction Ceremony

On Saturday, August 1, Catholic High School will induct the newest members into our Grizzly Greats Hall of Fame. This year's inductees are Mr. Trey Hendry '90, Mr. Michael Hendry '03, Mr.

Jason Decuir '93, and Dr. Jason Determan '01. This event will be held in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center beginning with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., followed by the induction ceremony. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased online at [Grizzly Greats - Catholic High School](#). Gentlemen are asked to wear a sport coat, but ties are not required.

THANK YOU: We are looking forward to the 2026-2027 school year and forming our students within the mission and charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Please be assured of our dedication to the young men entrusted to our care and to our partnership with you.

We do not take for granted the confidence and trust you have placed in us and we are grateful for the sacrifices you make to choose CHS for your sons.

Ametur Cor Jesu. Loved be the heart of Jesus!

SCHEDULE FOR: _____

Use schedule from orientation.
Only classes for Semester 1 (S1) meet today.
Classes at SJA do not meet today.

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room</u>
Assembly (Gym) 3:45 - 4:30				
(A) 1st	4:35 - 4:42	_____	_____	_____
(B) 2nd	4:47 - 4:54	_____	_____	_____
(C) 3rd	4:59 – 5:06	_____	_____	_____
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(H) 8th	5:59 - 6:06	_____	_____	_____



Hello Parents,

Catholic High is using Securly to keep students safe on their school-issued devices. As part of our commitment to your child's safety, we're giving all of our school's parents access to the free **Securly Home app**.

Download the Securly Home app on or after **August 7**

Get started:

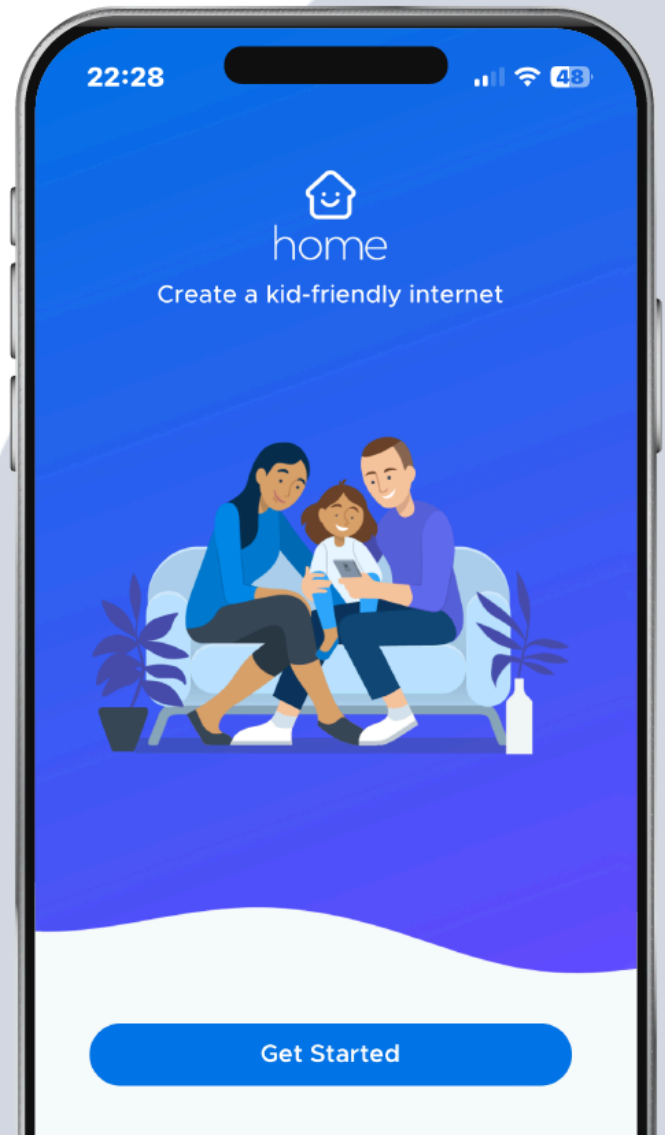
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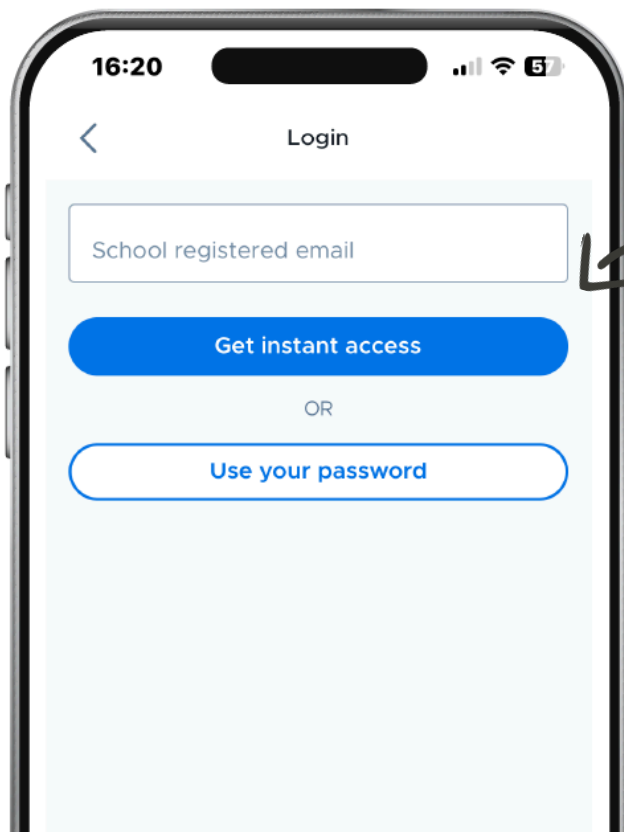
Download the **Securly Home App**

View your child's real-time activity feed, right from the palm of your hand.



With the **Securly Home app**, you'll have a real-time view of your child's activity on their school device. You'll also get weekly emails from Securly with a snapshot report of that week's activity.





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Open the app and tap the **Login** button

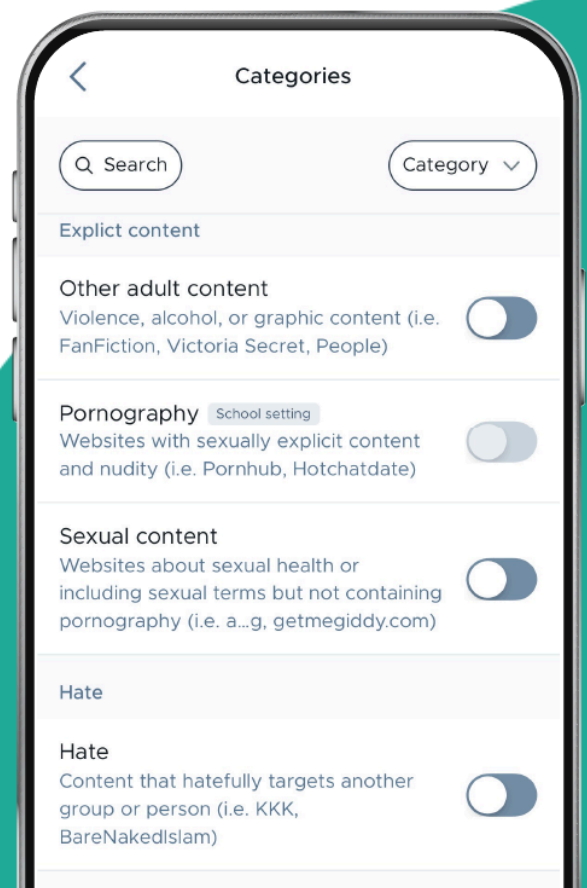
Enter the email address you have registered with your child's school and tap the **"Get instant access"** button.

Check your email from your phone, click on the link, and that's it! Your account is ready to go.

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Your home, **your rules.**

Create your own rules for when your child's school device comes home.



Get to know your Securly Home app

Navigate and explore different insights into your child's online activity

Stories

See the quick highlights of what your child has been up to online, updated every 24 hours.

Activity feed

Get a real-time view of your child's online activity.

Rules

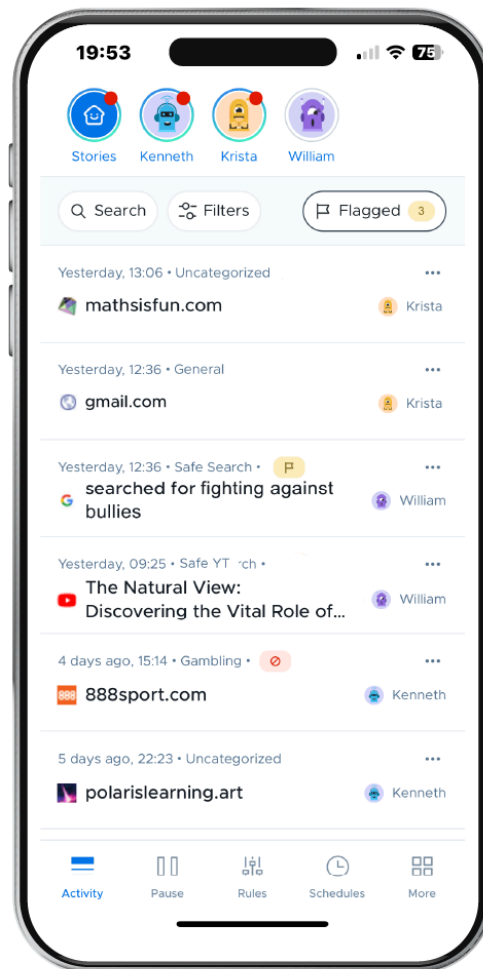
Block specific categories such as social media and gaming on your child's school device when it is at home.

Flagged activities

The Securly Home app will notify you of any flagged activities pointing to self-harm or bullying related to your child.

Offline schedules

Set offline schedules for your child's internet like dinner and bedtime and Securly Home does the rest.



Pause internet

Pause internet access on your child's school device when it is at home with the touch of a button.

If you want to learn more about Securly's online safety solutions, please visit www.securly.com/home-parent.
For any additional questions, email homesupport@securly.com



CHS Carpool Map

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Legend: Circles indicate holidays for students and faculty

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

Standardized Testing	Faculty Meetings
Standardized Test Prep Days	Exams
Senior sessions in Spring	
Student Mentoring Schedule	
Liturgy	

Special Dates:

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

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

Catholic High i2 Payments & Accounts

Catholic High School has transitioned from myCHS to i2 Payments & Accounts, our new third-party platform for managing cafeteria accounts and online incidental payments. Your existing myCHS/i2 Account username and password will remain the same. Please visit i2account.com to activate your account, add funds, and configure your account preferences. All users must activate their i2 Account, even if you previously had a myCHS account. i2 Accounts will be active beginning on July 20, 2026. After this date the myCHS portal will no longer be active.

The new platform provides one convenient location to:

- Manage cafeteria account balances
- Make online incidental payments
- Set up Automatic Reloads
- Receive Low Balance Notifications
- View account activity and payment history

Catholic High i2 Account Procedures

Students are required to maintain a positive balance in their Catholic High i2 Account. The i2 Account is a prepaid account and does not permit overdrafts. Purchases that exceed the available account balance will be declined.

All students and faculty must check their i2 Account balance before going through the cafeteria line. Account balances and transactions may be viewed through the i2 Payments & Accounts portal on the Catholic High School website under Students > i2 Payments & Accounts. Students may also check their balance using the scanner located in the Br. Donnan Berry Student Center.

Deposits and Account Funding

Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, Catholic High School will no longer accept cash/check/credit card deposits for i2 Accounts in the Bruin Shop. All deposits must be made online through the i2 Payments & Accounts portal.

- ACH Deposits – ACH/electronic check deposits may take up to 6 business days to clear. To help ensure uninterrupted purchases, the first \$50 of each ACH deposit is available immediately.
- Returned ACH Payments – A \$25 fee will be charged to your Catholic High i2 Account for each ACH deposit that is returned or does not clear.
- Credit Card Deposits – Credit card deposits are typically available the same day.
- Returned/disputed Credit Card Deposits – A \$25 fee will be charged to your Catholic High i2 Account for each credit card deposit that is returned or is disputed.

Parents and guardians may also set up Automatic Reloads and Low Balance Notifications through the i2 Payments & Accounts portal. Parents can also opt in to receive text messages in addition to email.

As a default, auto reload is set at \$20, but parents can set that amount higher if desired. Parents will also be notified if a credit/debit card deposit is declined or if the credit card is no longer valid.

For assistance with i2 Account balances, deposits, transactions, or payment questions, please contact i2 Support at support@i2account.com.

Important Change: Please no longer contact the Bruin Shop with any account or purchase inquiries.

New Cafeteria Procedures

Cafeteria menu prices are available on the Catholic High School website under Quick Links > Lunch Menu.

The average cafeteria transaction is approximately \$5.00. Some students may spend less if they only purchase snacks or drinks, while others may spend more. Parents and students are encouraged to monitor account balances closely.

Catholic High expects students to develop sound financial habits by always maintaining a positive balance in their i2 Account and budgeting for their daily purchases. Negative balances are not possible and not allowed.

All students and faculty must check their i2 Account balance before going through the cafeteria line. Balances can be checked online through the i2 Account link or at the scanner in the Student Center. Because the i2 Account is prepaid, students may only purchase food up to their available account balance. If a student's selected items exceed the available balance, the transaction will be declined, and the student will be asked to adjust his selection before completing the purchase.

Please note that only wrapped or enclosed food items may be returned. If a student has a 0 balance at checkout, he will have to leave his tray at the counter. Under no circumstances will a student with a 0 balance be allowed to purchase food. In order to avoid a potentially embarrassing situation for either the student or the cashier, please make sure sufficient funds are available to purchase food.

Catholic High is committed to ensuring that every student is able to eat during the school day. If a student's account does not have sufficient funds to purchase a cafeteria meal, a boxed meal provided through Child Nutrition Services will be made available at the register.

Important note: Students must have their physical ID card in order to check out purchases in the cafeteria – no exceptions. Cashiers in the cafeteria will no longer use a student's ID number only to check out their purchases.

Students without their ID will be asked to put their lunch tray aside and go get their ID to check out.

Orientation Fees for 2026-2027

Towards the end of July, all parents will be emailed a fee bill with a total for anticipated orientation costs based on your son's grade level and class schedule. In addition to the fees for classes, parents will need to make choices concerning other purchases such as a parking pass, yearbook, athletic pass, etc. Parents will also need to add funds to their son's i2 Account for purchases in the cafeteria and Bruin Shop through the fee bill.

Note: Many students attended CHS programs over the summer and used their school debit account to purchase food items in the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. Therefore, parents may see a negative balance on their son's previous myCHS (now i2) account. This balance must be paid when paying orientation fees so that the student's account is up to date.

Orientation fees are payable through your i2 Account, e-check or credit card and. This fee bill must be paid by August 1st. Payments are no longer accepted at the Bruin Shop and no payments will be accepted on Orientation Day.

Note that students with an unpaid Fee Bill for orientation fees will not be allowed to attend Student Orientation or classes on the first day of school. If special payment arrangements are needed for the Orientation Fee Bill, please contact Brittney Piner at bpiner@catholichigh.org prior to your son's assigned time to attend orientation.

Catholic High School

Neighborhood Parking Permission Form

Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

Student Vehicle License Plate Number: _____

Student Vehicle Make: _____

Student Vehicle Model: _____

Student Vehicle Color: _____

Homeowner Name: _____

Homeowner Address: _____

Homeowner Phone Number: _____

To the homeowner/business owner:

CHS strongly discourages students to park in the neighborhood surrounding CHS. There is ample parking available for students who would like to drive to school. This letter, however, serves as your written permission for the above-named student to park on or in front of your property. Please make sure the student understands the boundaries of where they can park and they can do so in a way that does not obstruct traffic or cause unsafe conditions for other drivers. By signing below, you understand the CHS policy, and you have given the above-named student permission to park on or in front of your property. You also acknowledge that CHS is not responsible for any damage caused by the above-named student or occupants of his vehicle.

Homeowner Signature: _____

Date: _____



**Catholic High School
Orientation Item List 2026-2027**

Payment of Fees: Parents, you will receive a fee bill in July to pay for the required items listed below based on your son's schedule. **We will NOT accept cash, check or credit cards at Orientation. All fee bills must be paid prior to orientation.**

PE uniforms and locks can be purchased starting the first of school in the Bruin Shop.

Please contact Mrs. Malissa Stacy, Bruin Shop manager, at mstacy@catholichigh.org if you have questions regarding items on this list or the *Bruin Shop sales process*. Contact Mr. Matt Shelton at MShelton@CatholicHigh.org with questions about Athletic Passes.

The following fees will be charged to your son's myCHS account prior to Orientation, when applicable.

ORIENTATION FEES:	I.D./Cafeteria Debit Card [REQUIRED] Minimum Amount	50.00
	CPR fee [REQUIRED FOR 9 th GRADE]	57.00
	ACT fee [REQUIRED FOR 11 th GRADE]	41.00
	MATH Excel fee [Academic and Foundation Level Math]	16.50
	English License Fee [All Grades]	21.00
	Freshman & New Student Retreat and New Student Rollout Fee	41.00
	Freshman Retreat Fee (Students that attended CHS for 8 th grade)	20.00
Religion III	Digital License Fee	21.00
Art I	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	59.00
Art II	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	59.00
Art III/IV and AP	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	58.00
Media Arts	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	35.00
Fine Arts Survey	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	29.00
Sculpture	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	35.00
Drawing and Painting	Supply Package [Materials issued in class]	49.00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES*

English II H	Fahrenheit 451	14.00
English IV H	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight	17.00
Religion I	Revelation and the Old Testament	39.00
Religion II	The Seven Sacraments	39.00

Religion II	You: Life, Love, & the Theology of the Body	29.00
Religion IV DoJ	Living Justice and Peace	39.00
Religion IV BOSH	(Class provided materials)	N/A
Religion IV RSH	Mr. G	18.00
	World Religions: A Voyage of Discovery	25.00
Religion LFA	Philosophy of Religion	58.00

The following are available for purchase		
Yearbook	[OPTIONAL]	52.00
Athletic Pass	[OPTIONAL]	65.00
Parking fee	[OPTIONAL]	350.00

***Prices are based on information available at the time of printing.**



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CHS Checkout Procedures

To preserve an orderly classroom environment, we do not page into the classrooms when it is time for students to check out. They are responsible for coming to the Attendance and Discipline Office for the check-out slip as soon as possible, preferably before school.

For scheduled appointments:

- 1) Complete the Absence Form online by scanning the QR Code below for all checkouts and absences.
- 2) Or a student can bring a note signed by a parent to the Attendance and Discipline Office by 7:25 a.m. The note must include a) the student's name, b) date, c) time to be dismissed from class, and d) reason for checking out.
- 3) The Attendance and Discipline Office issues a checkout slip, showing the date and time the student will check out.
- 4) At the time noted on the checkout slip, the student brings the checkout slip to the Attendance and Discipline Office and scans his ID to check out. If the student is checking out during a class period, he should inform the teacher at the beginning of the period that he's checking out.

For illness during the school day:

- 1) Students should request permission from their teacher to go to the Attendance and Discipline Office.
- 2) The Attendance and Discipline Office will assess the student and contact a parent/guardian for permission to check-out if necessary.

For students who do not drive themselves to school, parents can pick them up in front of the Main Office on Hearthstone Drive. They should call 225-383-0397 when they arrive, and we will send the student out. We understand there might be a time when a student must check out at a moment's notice; however, we ask our families to please limit these times to when it is absolutely necessary. Please note that not all absences or checkouts are excused and can lead to disciplinary consequences. Please consult the Student Handbook for more details about our attendance policy.

We appreciate your continued support of Catholic High School.



Please scan this QR Code complete the Absence Form.



2026-2027

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Follow us on Instagram [@chsmothersclub](#) & Facebook [CHS Mothers' Club](#)

A few important reminders:

- **JOIN TODAY**– click this [LINK](#), scan the QR code or visit the school website to join the CHS Mothers' Club. (To register, click on the “parents” tab, then scroll down to the Mothers' Club tab where you'll find a link to register.)



SCAN to JOIN



- **Order your Catholic High Fig & Dove wreath sash now!** - click this [LINK](#)
 - 1st deadline to order - July 7, 2026
 - 2nd deadline to order - September 21, 2026
 - All orders will be picked up from the CHS Advancement Office. An email will be sent when ready for pickup.
- **SAVE THE DATES!**
 - **September 13, 2026** - *Moms and Mimosas*. All moms or guardians of currently enrolled CHS students are invited to meet other CHS moms in a relaxed environment, while learning from faculty, staff and veteran moms about all things Catholic High. Click this [LINK](#) to register.
 - **January 31, 2027** – *Mother-Son Breakfast*. This event is one of the favorites and sells out every year. Early access tickets are available to members only, so don't forget to join the Mothers' Club today!
 - **February 27, 2027** – *Catholic High Mothers' Club Auction*. We will be part of the Gumbo Jam event. So, come eat the best gumbos and bid on amazing items and experiences. If you have a product, item or experience you would like to donate, you can contact our auction chair, Jen Parfait: 225-328-0535
- As a registered member of the CHS Mothers' Club, you will be notified of events and volunteer opportunities! There are countless ways to share your talents while getting to know other mothers and investing in your son's future. There is a volunteer opportunity that fits everyone's schedule.

But wait there's more...

Thursday, 11/12/26	CHS OPEN HOUSE <i>Help set-up/decorate campus, provide a "welcome committee" for and serve refreshments to parents and prospective students who are visiting the school to learn more about CHS.</i>	Annette Drodgy	Angela Diffendal
Setup: Sunday, 11/29/26 Take down: Sunday, 1/3/27 (1-3pm)	CHRISTMAS DECORATING <i>Decorates the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center and other buildings on the CHS campus for the Christmas holidays.</i>	Aimee Dawes	Melanie Ford
Monday, 12/7/26 (6pm-9pm)	MOTHERS' CLUB CHRISTMAS MARKET <i>A night out with all moms for some last-minute Christmas shopping, appetizers and cocktails, and chances to win door prizes.</i>	Executive Committee	Executive Committee
Sunday, 1/31/27 (10am-12:00pm)	MOTHER-SON BREAKFAST <i>This is a breakfast dedicated to CHS mothers and their sons. A motivating guest speaker and senior student presentation of flowers to their moms make this a memorable Mothers' Club event!</i>	Nicole DeMoss	Sarah Thompson
Saturday, 2/27/27	AUCTION <i>Works closely with the Alumni Association on a night filled with flavorful food and friendship among CHS alumni, parents, and friends.</i>	Jen Parfait	Sarah Thompson
Thursday, 3/18/2027	ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR <i>Sets up the St. Joseph's Altar in the Student Center.</i>	Adele Dalmau	n/a
Sunday, 3/21/27 (2:00-4:00pm)	GRANDPARENTS DAY <i>This committee provides a warm welcome and refreshments to grandparents visiting CHS.</i>	Jaclyn Landry	Katie Fredrick
Ongoing	RAFFLE <i>Be on the lookout for details regarding our exciting new raffle for the 26-27 school year!</i>	Lauren DiVincenti	Teal Gray
Monday, 4/12/27 (6:00-7:00pm)	SENIOR SUPPER <i>Provides a celebratory supper in conjunction with the CHS Men's Club and Alumni Office for CHS seniors and their parents.</i>	Andree Talbert	Cherise Knapp
Saturday, 7/10/27 (10am-2pm)	CHS FABULOUS FINDS (used clothing sale) <i>Oversees setting up times and dates for collection, collecting and going through the items and making sure they are appropriate for resale.</i>	Sarah Thompson	Kaylin Gifford
FACULTY & STAFF EVENTS			
Tuesday, 8/4/26 (11am-1pm)	BACK TO SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF LUNCHEON <i>Provides and serves a Welcome Back lunch to the CHS faculty and staff. Volunteers provide Amazon gift cards for faculty and staff.</i>	Rebecca Valluzzo	Lauren Walker
Tuesday, 10/27/26 Wednesday, 1/13/27 Wednesday, 4/21/27 (11am-1pm)	FACULTY & STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEONS <i>Held each quarter to show appreciation for CHS faculty and staff. Volunteers will provide and serve refreshments.</i>	Marga Tabor	Bonnie Schwing

STUDENT EVENTS			
Thursday, 10/15/26 Thursday, 2/4/27 Wednesday, 4/7/27 (10:30-1:00pm)	STUDENT APPRECIATION CELEBRATION <i>Held three times a year, we celebrate our students by providing a variety of sweet treats.</i>	Jenny Vargas	Bonnie Schwing Natalie Romero
Tuesday, 12/15/26 Thursday, 12/17/26	EXAM SURVIVAL DAYS (MID-TERMS) <i>Provides and/or serves treats to students during mid-term and final exams.</i>	Kori Thomas Fontenot	Shantell Butler
Seniors: TBD All Other Students: Thursday, 5/20/26 Monday, 5/24/26	EXAM SURVIVAL DAYS (FINALS) <i>Provides and/or serves treats to students during mid-term and final exams.</i>	Kori Thomas Fontenot	Shantell Butler

The CHS Mothers' Club is a volunteer organization for mothers and guardians of Catholic High School students. Our mission is to enhance the holistic educational experience of students by providing volunteer services. These services support ongoing efforts of the faculty and staff and provide excellence in education while promoting the spiritual, moral, emotional, intellectual, social, and physical development of all according to Catholic tradition and the spirit of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

We provide our members with activities that will foster support for each other and for our school, engage in new friendships and most importantly, enrich the lives of our sons. Our members are committed to providing support to the CHS school community through designated programs and specific needs of the school.

The Mothers' Club is a wonderful organization that has presented me and many other moms and guardians with the opportunity to volunteer at Catholic while also establishing lasting and lifelong friendships. I highly encourage all moms/guardians to consider participating and taking advantage of the many activities the Mothers' Club hosts throughout the school year. Getting involved will enhance yours and your son's experiences during his years at Catholic High. I promise you will come to value the time you donate and cherish the memories you create while serving in the CHS Mothers' Club. I look forward to you joining us this year. Geaux Bears!

Sincerely,
Emily Dirks
CHS Mothers' Club President 2026-27

Mom of:
 Jack Dirks – Class of 2024
 Lee Dirks – Class of 2025
 Jude Dirks – Class of 2028



CHS Mothers' Club 2026 – 2027 Executive Committee

moclub@catholichigh.org

President	Emily Dirks
Vice-President	Marga Tabor
Secretary	Bridget Denicola
Treasurer	Ann Booth
Communications	Haley Nassif
Past President	Becky Maher
Faculty Moderator	Sherry Brouillette
Faculty Moderator	Muffin Smith

2026-2027 Calendar

Date	Event & Description	Chair	Co-Chair
Saturday, 7/11/2026 (10am-2pm)	CHS FABULOUS FINDS (used clothing sale) <i>Oversees setting up times for collection dates, collecting and going through the items and making sure they are appropriate for resale.</i>	Sarah Thompson	Kaylin Gifford
Sunday, 8/16/26 (3:45-6:30)	BACK TO SCHOOL AFTERNOON <i>Provides and serves refreshments to parents who are visiting CHS to meet their son's teachers and administrators.</i>	Brooke Carter	Heather Landry
Monday, 8/31/26 Monday, 9/28/26 (3:00-8:00pm)	CHS INFORMATION AFTERNOON <i>Provides refreshments to parents and prospective students who are attending presentations for students considering enrollment at CHS.</i>	Sarah Thompson	Brenda Novoa
Sunday, 9/13/26 (11am-1pm)	MOMS & MIMOSAS <i>A "Meet and Greet" for all moms or guardians of CHS students so that both school administrators and "seasoned" moms can share information regarding all things CHS (i.e. the Cafeteria, Bruin Shop, Athletic Passes, Homecoming, etc.). Brunch will be served.</i>	Executive Committee	Executive Committee
Monday, 10/12/26 (5:00-7:00pm)	SENIOR RETREAT RECEPTION <i>Provides food at a reception for CHS Senior Parents as they await the arrival of their sons from their senior retreat.</i>	Amy Daughdrill	Michelle Trahan
Wednesday, 10/28/26	TRUNK OR TREAT (hosted by CHS Student Council) <i>Decorates a trunk of a vehicle and hands out candy to visitors</i>	Ashley Roussel	Courtney Alonzo

2026-2027 Club Officers

Scott Roussel – President

Michael Murphy – Secretary

Michael Martin '80 – Vice President

Jeffrey Hotard '85 – Treasurer/Moderator

EMAIL: chsmensclub@gmail.com

The Catholic High Men's Club has a long tradition of service to the Catholic High School community and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Our purpose is to support the mission and young men of Catholic High School and to promote camaraderie among adult males who are interested in the betterment of the school. These goals are realized through recognition programs, community service, gatherings, and fundraisers. Our membership is comprised of fathers of current and former students, alumni and other friends of the school.

Membership in the CHS Men's Club affords members the opportunity to be more of a presence on campus and to grow roots within the Catholic High community.

91st Annual CHS Stag Barbecue

For over 90 years, the Men's Club has hosted this annual steak dinner event for adult males as a significant fundraiser to support our club activities. This year's barbecue will take place Saturday, August 29th - more information is in the attached flyer and on the Men's Club page of the Parents tab at www.catholichigh.org/parents

Hamburger Suppers for Students

All clubs and sports are honored at 5 suppers throughout the year, recognizing students' participation at CHS. The schedule of suppers and those being recognized is also on the Men's Club page of the website.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner

The Men's Club honors the faculty and staff of CHS by hosting a crawfish boil at the end of the school year.

Partners with other CHS Organizations

The Men's Club participates in other events such as Senior Supper and Habitat for Humanity, and this year is looking forward to several other school campus spiritual, social, wellness and service events. Additionally, the Men's Club is frequently asked to provide food or service to such events as Open House, sporting events, and alumni events. The Men's Club also sponsors BBN and two Golden Bear awards.

\$13,000 Raffle at Bingo Night

The 41st Annual Men's Club Raffle will be held October 8th in conjunction with Homecoming Bingo Night. More details can be found on the Men's Club website.

Scan the QR code here to join today with an affordable \$35 Annual Membership or a \$300 Lifetime Membership. Your membership makes our efforts possible and helps to continue our support of your son during his time at Catholic High School. Memberships also make an excellent Father's Day, Birthday or Christmas Gift for the dad who has everything...or

HONOR a recent CHS Graduate with a Lifetime Membership!





STAG BBQ

FILET | SALAD | BAKED BEANS | ROLL



6:00 - 9:30 P.M.

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BROTHER DONNAN BERRY, S.C.

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