

SPECIAL SCHEDULES in NOVEMBER:

Wednesday, November 4: Mentoring Schedule. Regular Dismissal.

Thursday, November 5: Liturgy Schedule. Regular Dismissal.

Friday, November 6: Faculty and Staff Retreat. No school for students.

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

Friday, November 13: Offices closed. No School for Students, Faculty and Staff.

Wednesday, November 18: Faculty Meeting Schedule. Dismiss at 1:27 pm.

Monday, November 23 – Friday, November 27: Thanksgiving Holidays.

To view the full calendar, please click here:

CHS Calendar

OPEN HOUSE: Catholic High School's 40th Annual Open House is on Thursday, November 12, 2026. Young men in 6th – 8th grades and their parents are invited to tour the campus, meet members of the CHS community, and experience firsthand what makes CHS so special. We would love your help inviting prospective families and joining us to help tell our story. See the attached flyer for information about Open House and how to sign up to help.

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

Monday, December 14, is considered a "dead day" prior to exams. Nothing can be due after class on Friday, December 11. This means that students will not have homework or assignments given on Friday, December 11, that is due on Monday, December 14. It also means that students will not have any tests or quizzes on Monday, December 14.

Our first semester exam schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 15
3rd and 6th periods
Wednesday, Dec.16 7th and 8th periods
Thursday, Dec. 17 2nd and 5th periods
Friday, Dec. 18 1st and 4th periods

Your son is not required to be on campus if he is not scheduled to take an exam during a particular period (ex: he has lunch during 5th

period). The daily time schedule for exams is as follows:

7:55 & 7:58 Warning tones
8:00 First exam begins
9:35 First exam ends
10:00 & 10:03 Warning tones for second exam
10:05 Second exam begins
11:35 Second exam ends

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

Semester exams are important for your son because they can significantly affect his first semester grades. Please review with your son the grading policy as stated beginning on Page 42 of the 2026-2027 Student Handbook. It is important for students to begin preparing now for exams by developing a schedule for study and time management. Please consult with individual teachers if you have specific questions about exam preparation.

In addition, please review the exam absence policy from the Student Handbook:
Since exams are important and the dates are published well ahead of time, permission to reschedule exams is granted only in exceptional circumstances. Prior administrative approval is required. Requests should be directed to the assistant principal for discipline. If a student is absent from an exam without approval or insists on rescheduling for convenience or personal reasons, there is a $100 charge per exam rescheduled, due before grades will be released.

TUITION AND EXAMS [From Lisa Harvey, President]: In order for your son to take his first-semester exams, his tuition must be up to date as of Wednesday, December 9. If his tuition is in arrears as of that morning, a school official will attempt to contact you. School policy does not allow a student to take his exams until any outstanding balance has been paid or until an acceptable financial arrangement for payment has been made. As stated in the CHS Student Handbook on page 90: " No student may take semester examinations until all financial obligations to the school have been satisfactorily addressed as defined by the CHS president." We will always try to work with families who are in financial difficulty, but it is imperative that communication take place before exams begin so that your student is not negatively impacted.

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. If you are having difficulty meeting your tuition payment obligation, please immediately contact me (lharvey@catholichigh.org) or Mrs. Britney Piner, Tuition Manager, (bpiner@catholichigh.org) to make special arrangements.

SOPHOMORE INTERVIEWS ON JANUARY 4:
In conjunction with our Student Mentoring program, faculty mentors are expected to conduct interviews with their sophomore mentees and their parents in the spring of their sophomore year. The morning of January 4 between 7:15 a.m. -9:15 a.m. is an ideal time for those interviews. Parents with sophomores may be contacted by your son's faculty mentor to arrange a time for the interview. If it fits in with your schedule, I encourage you to participate in the interview on January 4. We anticipate that the interview will last between 30-45 minutes. At least one parent, and the sophomore, should attend. The remainder of the day is set aside for faculty professional development. Note: only sophomores and parents who have pre-arranged with the student's mentor should come to campus on January 4 for an interview.

If January 4 does not work with your schedule, your son's faculty mentor will be contacting you to find a time to meet during the second semester.

Catholic High School's Student Mentoring Program began in 2021, and I hope all of you know that your son meets monthly with his mentoring group and his faculty mentor. The goal of the interview is to receive informed feedback from sophomores and their parents half-way through their CHS experience. The meeting will take the form of an interview that focuses on the four components of a Catholic High School education that serve as the foundation of our mission and ministry: religious values, personal attention, friendly discipline, and academic excellence.

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

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ON JANUARY 4: The 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. time on Jan. 4 is also available for parents who would like to schedule a conference with a teacher to discuss your son's first semester. Given our time commitment to sophomore interviews, time for general parent-teacher conferences will be limited, but if you believe you need to meet with a teacher please contact him or her to request a meeting time on that date. You are of course welcome to request a parent-teacher conference at any time when you believe circumstances indicate it is necessary.

GRADUATION AND JUNIOR CLASS RING INFORMATION: Josten's will be on campus Thursday, November 19th during all lunch periods for Junior class ring and Senior graduation supply orders. See the emails from Ms. Ducote for details

PARKING PERMIT REQUESTS: Currently the Westmoreland, Student Center, and Claycut parking lots are full and registration is closed. Please do not pay for a parking tag or place money on your son's i2account to purchase a parking tag. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list, please email Mrs. Melanie Smith at mesmith@catholichigh.org. We will contact those on the waiting list if a spot becomes available.

MEN'S CLUB: We would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket for our $13,000 raffle. For the second year in a row, the winning ticket was sold the night of the drawing at Bingo. We are grateful for your support of Men's Club through this raffle which allows us to serve the young men and the mission of Catholic High School in countless ways throughout the year. Looking ahead to next semester we are excited to have a Men's Club day with Catholic High Baseball and our Father-Son Cornhole Tournament at the end of February held in connection with Catholic High's Gumbo Jam! For more information and to get involved please join the Men's Club Group Me by scanning the QR code below or by using the following link: Men's Club - Catholic High School

MOTHERS' CLUB: October Highlights & Thank-Yous: October was a busy and exciting month for the Mothers' Club! Our seniors returned from retreat to a warm reception hosted by some fabulous moms. Our first Student Appreciation Day was a big hit with Rice Krispies treats enjoyed during lunch. We also treated our faculty and staff to a special lunch and helped make Trunk or Treat extra sweet with delicious treats for the CHS Community! A big THANK YOU to the moms who made these events possible. We are so grateful for your time, generosity, and support!

- **Senior Retreat Reception:** Amy Daughdrill and Michelle Trahan

- **Student Appreciation Day:** Jenny Vargas, Bonnie Schwing, and Natalie Romero
- **Faculty & Staff Appreciation:** Marga Tabor and Bonnie Schwing
- **Trunk or Treat:** Ashley Roussel and Courtney Alonzo

Coming Up: Christmas Market — December 9! Get a headstart on your holiday shopping at the CHS Mothers' Club Christmas Market! Join us on Wednesday, December 9, to shop a variety of vendors and find something special for everyone on your list. CHS Mothers' Club Christmas Market - Catholic High School

Save the Dates!

- **December 9, 2026:** Mothers' Club Christmas Market
- **January 31, 2027:** Mother-Son Breakfast
- **February 27, 2027:** Mothers' Club Auction

Coming Soon: Tuition Raffle! Stay tuned for details about our Tuition Raffle, featuring the opportunity to win tuition for the 2027–2028 school year!

Membership Is Open — Join Today! We invite all CHS moms to join the Mothers' Club for the 2026–2027 school year! 2026-2027 CHS Mothers' Club Registration - Catholic High School Not sure if you've already joined? Check the membership list on our Mothers' Club webpage. Mothers' Club - Catholic High School. Be sure to follow us on Instagram (@chsmothersclub) and Facebook (CHS Mothers' Club) for the latest news and updates! Thank you for being part of the CHS Mothers' Club and helping make our school community so special. Geaux Bears!

COUNSELORS CORNER: On November 11, we will celebrate **World Kindness Day** in the Student Center! This special day encourages us to spread kindness, promote empathy and compassion, and build unity across cultural, political, religious, and national differences. Through small acts of kindness, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and help create a more welcoming and inclusive school community. We encourage our students to remember that kindness matters every day!

Suicide Prevention & Mental Wellness
As part of our commitment to student well-being, nearly 400 students in grades 8–10 completed a Suicide Prevention & Mental Wellness lesson through our Test Prep program this fall. These lessons help students recognize warning signs of emotional distress in themselves and others and provide guidance on how to seek support when needed.

Make the Most of Thanksgiving Break!
Thanksgiving break is a great time to recharge, spend time with family and friends, and make safe, responsible choices. With mid-term exams approaching, use the break to balance rest and relaxation with reviewing material, catching up on assignments, and setting goals for the weeks ahead. Healthy study habits, good time management, and taking breaks can help reduce stress and make exam preparation more manageable. Need help preparing for mid-terms or managing stress? Encourage your son to reach out to his grade-level counselor for study tips, stress-management strategies, and support. Take time to reset, refocus, and return ready to finish the first semester strong!

BIMAS-MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING REMINDER: As stated in the October Principal Newsletter, the Counseling Center has begun a mental health screening of all students. Please see the letter included with this newsletter for details about the program and the dates for grades 8-12.

HEARTH HAPPENINGS: Please see the flyers at the end of this newsletter for the November events hosted in The Hearth.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS: There are no classes from Monday, November 23, through Friday, November 27. School offices are also closed Thanksgiving Week. Please do not request holiday time before the end of school

on Friday, November 20, or beyond Sunday, November 29.

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

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

OFFICE HOURS: The Main Office will be CLOSED on Nov. 6, Nov. 13, and Nov. 23-Nov. 27.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING: On behalf of the entire CHS faculty and staff, we wish everyone in our CHS family a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. I hope you take time this Thanksgiving to praise God for all of the good things in our lives and for all of the ways that our lives are blessed. We are thankful that you have shared the gift of your sons with all of us at Catholic High. We ask for your prayers as we continue to form our students within the mission and charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

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A Brothers of the Sacred Heart School Since 1894

October 1, 2026

Dear Parents,

Before the end of the 1st 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 sixth 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:

October 26	12th grade
November 2	8th and 11th grades
November 9	10th grade
November 16	9th 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

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THE HEARTH STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Gratitude & Service

Lead. Serve. Grow.

BUILT FOR OTHERS

Visit The Hearth - https://www.catholichigh.org/student-success-center



FOCUS

STRONG CHARACTER HELPS US:

- ✓ Practice Gratitude
- ✓ Serve Others Selflessly
- ✓ Lead With Compassion
- ✓ Strengthen Relationships

Recognize Our Blessings

Our Greatest Impact

Comes when we use our gifts, talents, and strengths to serve others.

Use Your Gifts To Make A Difference

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."

Mark 10:45

POPCORN & A MOVIE

Join us on **November 5** as we watch Big Hero 6! Through the character of Baymax, students will see powerful examples of compassion, service, and using their talents and abilities to help others thrive. ★★★★★

NOVEMBER 5



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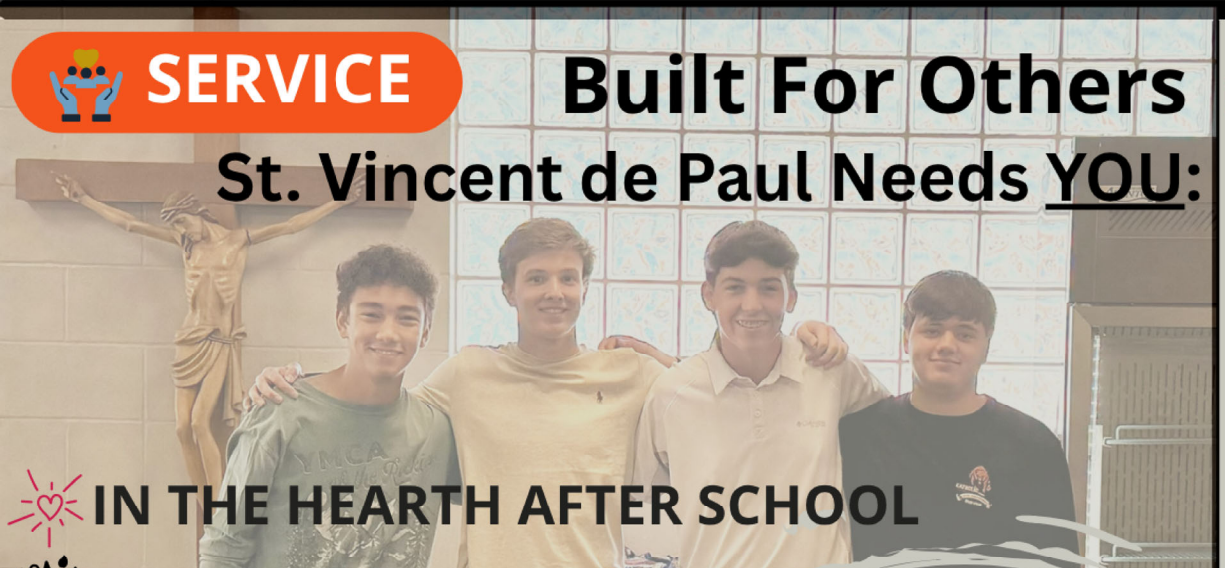
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SERVICE

Built For Others

St. Vincent de Paul Needs YOU:



- IN THE HEARTH AFTER SCHOOL
- ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED
- EARN 1 SERVICE HOUR
- COLOR A PLACEMAT
- 8TH-10TH GRADERS

Create Thanksgiving-themed placemats for St. Vincent de Paul's Thanksgiving Dinner to bring joy & encouragement to community members during the holiday season.

ACTS OF IMPACT

How do your actions make a positive impact on someone else's life?

GRIT & SELF-DISCIPLINE

Commitment Beyond Convenience

- GOAL: Follow through on responsibilities.
- GOAL: Keep promises even when motivation fades.
- GOAL: Choose service over comfort

Small consistent actions create a big impact.

BEAR

- **B** Be Engaged
- **E** Exhibit Respect
- **A** Act Responsibly
- **R** Rise To Your Potential

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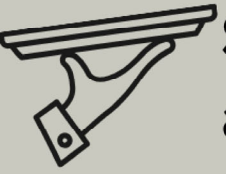
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MENTAL HEALTH

Gratitude Builds Resilience



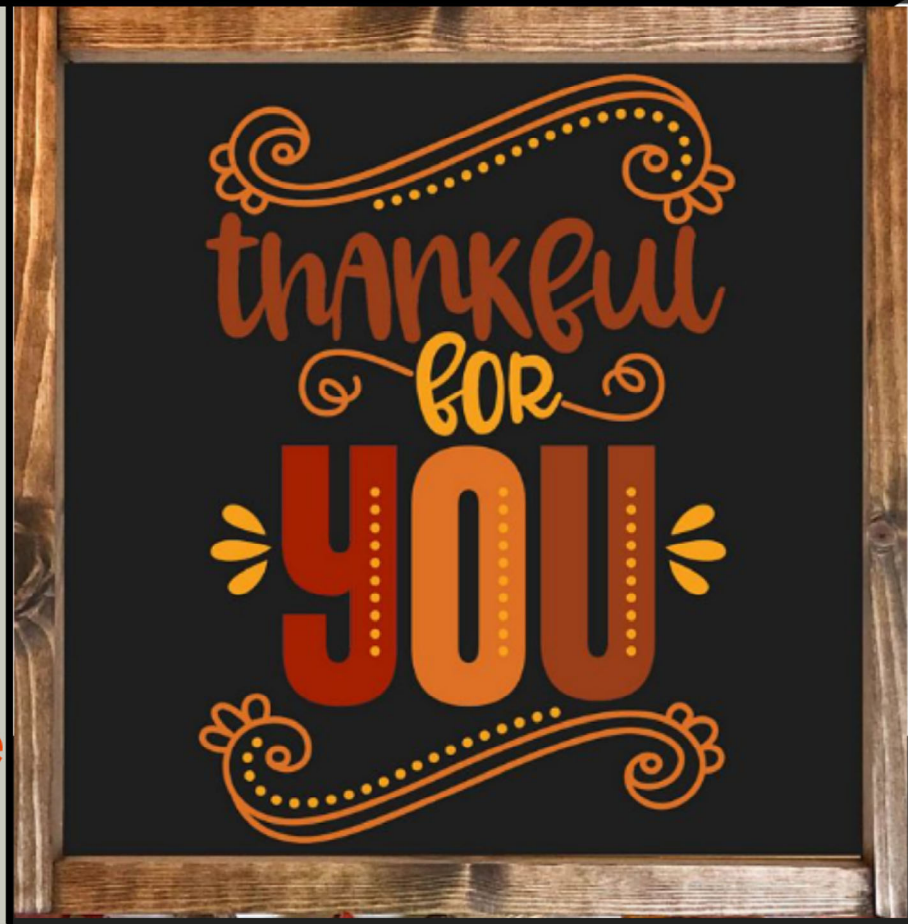
Practicing gratitude improves perspective during difficult times.



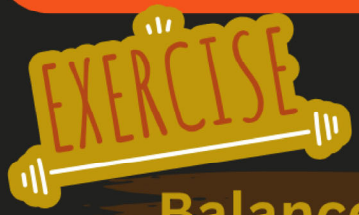
Serving Others creates meaning and purpose.



Reflecting on blessings can reduce stress and increase positivity.



HEALTHY LIVING











Balance During A Busy Season