

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

From the Office of the Principal

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February 1, 2012

SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Monday, February 6 – No school for students. Faculty and staff professional development.

Wednesday, February 8 - Faculty meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

Friday, February 10 – Schoolwide liturgy at 9:47 a.m. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Monday, February 20 – Friday, February 24 – Mardi Gras holiday. No school for students.

Wednesday, February 29 - Faculty meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS FOR MARDI GRAS WEEK:

Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, through Wednesday, February 22. Office hours are 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, and Friday, February 24.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY: Grandparents and great-grandparents of all CHS students are invited to the Grandparents' Day celebration on Friday, March 9, 2012, at 2 p.m. Because of the size of the student body, students will remain in their classes during the Grandparents' Day assembly (except those involved in the program). However, immediately following the assembly, students will be dismissed from class to join their grandparents and/or great-grandparents for an optional tour of the school and a reception in the Union hosted by the CHS Mothers' Club.

Parents, please be sure to check Edline for a listing of grandparents and great-grandparents. If your son's "grands" are not listed, please contact Angie Allen at aallen@catholichigh.org by Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Invitations will be mailed on Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

PSAT PREPARATION CLASSES: We have set the dates for the PSAT/NMSQT Preparation Course for members of the Class of 2014. These six workshops will be offered on the following dates: March 10, March 31, April 28, August 11, September 8, and October 6. The cost

of the PSAT/NMSQT course is \$185. A flier is included in this newsletter with more details about this course including times.

Please email Dr. Greg Brandao at greg@eriservices.com if you have questions about this course.

COLLEGE INFORMATION SEMINAR FOR

JUNIORS AND THEIR PARENTS: On Thursday, February 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Academy Activity Center, there will be a seminar for juniors and their parents concerning college planning. Catholic High School and St. Joseph's Academy are combining their programs again this year for one big event. In an effort to be sensitive to time restraints while considering the amount of information to be dispersed, there may be more than one session in which you are interested during a particular time slot. In these circumstances, it is helpful to have more than one family member in attendance. Also, during this month, the CHS college counselors will be visiting junior classes to discuss college planning.

COLLEGE VISITS: Juniors and seniors are encouraged to plan college visits during the weeks of Mardi Gras and/or Easter vacations.

RE-REGISTRATION PROCEDURE [From Gene

Tullier]: The timely completion of the re-registration process is critical to our effective planning for the 2012-2013 school year. The re-registration process allows us to accurately plan the number of sections of each course needed, hire the appropriate number of qualified teachers for these courses, order and acquire adequate instructional materials, build a school master schedule and individually schedule students in a manner that accommodates as many of their needs and requests as possible. Each of these things must be done accurately and in sequence in order for us to have an organized start of the school year in August. Because of the intricacies of planning for the coming school year, I ask for your cooperation in completing the re-registration process accurately and in a timely manner.

As has always been the case, we do not ever want a student to leave CHS solely because of the financial need of his family. If your family's current financial circumstances make it impossible for you to pay the full re-registration fee by the scheduled due date, but you still want your son to continue at CHS, please get in touch with me or Finance Director, Mr. Stephen Norton, as soon as possible to explore possible financial arrangements. Either of us can be reached by phone through the school's main phone line, (225) 383-0397 or by e-mail at gtullier@catholichigh.org or snorton@catholichigh.org. However, because having accurate enrollment projections as we begin planning for next year is so critical, the following procedure will be followed in all cases unless a specific financial arrangement has been made with me in advance:

On February 6, 2012, a statement will be sent to any parent whose account is in arrears or whose son's re-registration form has not been submitted.

On March 6, 2012, I will send a personal letter to any parent who has not paid re-registration or has not submitted a re-registration form. This will be formal notification that the student's 2012-2013 enrollment status is in jeopardy.

On April 6, 2012, I will return the student's course selection form to any parent whose re-registration payment or forms are still not received. A letter accompanying the returned course selection form will explain that the student has been dropped from enrollment in CHS for 2012-2013 for failure to complete the re-registration process.

I am informing you of these procedures now so that you can plan more effectively.

Re-registration payments will be due in full for each student attending Catholic High, including those students who are receiving any form of financial assistance. Remember that for those selecting the 11 month tuition payment plan, no tuition payment is due during January in order to facilitate the payment of the re-registration fee.

SUMMER AT CHS ACTIVITIES PROGRAM:

Available on-line in March will be a brochure containing complete information (including dates, times, and fees) about our 2012 Summer at CHS Courses. The following information is provided to give you advance notice so that you can start thinking about your summer plans.

Athletics: will include basketball, baseball, fun Friday, golf*, football, soccer*, wrestling, and strength and speed. All courses will be offered to boys of varying ages and the ones with asterisks will be open to girls as well.

Academics: will include 7 habits of a highly successful teen*, ACT preparation*, preparation for Algebra I, preparation for geometry*, preparation for English I - grammar, preparation for English I – literature, how to succeed in high school*, public speaking* and study skills* courses. All courses will be offered to boys of varying ages and the ones with asterisks will be open to girls as well.

Arts: will include 2D classical animation*, 3D animation*, digital photograph*, movie making*, computer game development using Scratch*, introduction to culinary arts*, CHS/SJA Percussion Camp*, new member marching camp*, middle school band camp*, middle school percussion camp* and middle school jazz camp* courses. All courses will be offered to boys and girls of varying ages.

NEW THIS YEAR

Adults: will include building strong Catholic families*, evolution of rock*, digital photography and videography* and yogalates*. All courses will be offered to adults.

MEN'S CLUB RAFFLE: The 28th annual \$13,000 Raffle will take place on Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in the CHS Union. This "popular and fun-filled event" is sponsored annually by the CHS Men's Club with all proceeds going directly to Catholic High School. Only 500 tickets are sold, so we are giving our parents first chance to buy a ticket. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact Jared Cavalier or Jeff Hotard, Men's Club Moderators, at 383-0397 by Friday, March 2, 2012.

PSAT/NMSQT PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

Dr. Greg Brandao will be the workshop presenter. The workshop will include six sessions:

- Saturday, March 10 from 9 a.m. until noon
- Saturday, March 31 from 9 a.m. until noon
- Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. until noon
- Saturday, August 11 from 9 a.m. until noon
- Saturday, September 8 from 9 a.m. until noon
- Saturday, October 6 from 9 a.m. until noon

All sessions will be held in Room 271 of the Brother Gordian Science Center. Opportunities for individualized instruction will be available during the summer. The \$185 course fee includes a test prep book, binder and all course materials.

Any current sophomore may take this course. Complete the registration form below and return with the course fee of \$185 by Monday, March 5, in order to reserve a place in the course. For more information, please email Dr. Brandao at greg@eriservices.com.

PSAT/NMSQT PREPARATION PROGRAM

Please detach and return this portion to Main Office by Monday, March 5.

Checks should be made payable to Catholic High School.

Please register _____ for the PSAT/NMSQT Preparation Program.

Student's email address: _____

Parent's email address: _____

**As of January 24, 2012, 58.7% of families have responded
to the PAGE 27 appeal, “For Our Boys.”**

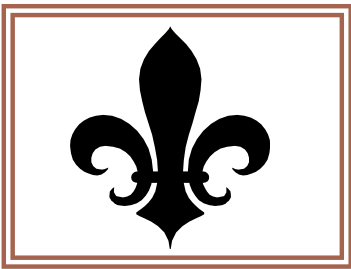
**The following families are graciously acknowledged for their gifts to PAGE 27
between December 15, 2011 and January 24, 2012.**

Leah and Jody Anderman	Christina and Drew Gaudet	Leah and Brian Olinde '81
Ana Elizabeth and Brett Angelloz	Michelle and Jim Guitreau '83	Stephanie Robert
Anonymous (2)	Kimberly and Glen Harvey	Monica and Michael Roppolo
Shanna and David Arrighi '73	Robyn and Wayne Heap	Jeanne and Shaan Rube
Sharon and George Balhoff	Jackie and Guy Holdridge	Nicole and Michael Sanders
Connie Bannister	Teri and Pete Huff	Olga and Slava Sereda
Allison and Jeff Barbin '88	Ashley and Mark Hunt	Jane and Steve Sherman
Kellie and Bob Barton	Jill and Mark Jordan	Katherine and Cale Smith
Rita and Gerard Becnel	Kimberley and Elwood Keim	Shannon and William Stout
Linda and Dayne Bonvillain	Alecia and Greg Kleinpeter	Jeanne and Norman Sutton '76
Janet and Donald Brignac	Stephanie and Charles Kurzweg	Francelle and Kirk Theriot
Dave Campagna	Kim and David Landry	Trish and Mike Treloar
Maria and Alan Cayer	Marie-Josée and Guy Macarios	Laurie and Richard Venable
Elif and Edward Chiasson	Jaimie and Ryan Majoria	Teri and Bill Watson
Katherine and Jeff Crosby	Beverly and John Maloney	Sharon and William Wilkins
Michelle and Bob DeMeulenaere	Laura and Larry Manthei	Cathleen and Mark Williams
Tiffany and Brian Dykes	Sandy and Dave McNamara	
Ann and Michael Francioni	Tressler and Donald Netters	

100% participation is a prime goal of PAGE 27.

Gifts of any amount are valued and may be made through June 30, 2012.

Please contact Kate Brady if you have any questions (kbrady@catholichigh.org or 389.0978).



CHS MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS

"Bears Strong, Live Strong"

February 2012

Mother/Son Breakfast

The 26th Annual Mother/Son Breakfast was held on Sunday, January 29th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Over 1000 guests enjoyed the tradition of spending precious time together over breakfast. A special thanks to Brother Barry Landry, SC, for his wonderful speech and time spent with our young men of CHS. This special morning would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication from our Chairman, **Suzie Adler**; Assistant Chairman, **Charla Sartain** and their fabulous Committee Chairs and members.

It was truly a remarkable morning!

Auction News

We are in full force gearing up for the 2012 Catholic High Auction, presented by the Mothers' Club.

Louisiana State Museum

March 24, 2012

Emcee: Kent Gonsoulin, Cajun Comedian

Auctioneer: Murray Conque, Cajun Comedian and Auctioneer

Band: The Buddy Boudreaux Jazz Band

Car Raffle: Choice of a 2012 Toyota Camry or a 3yr/36,000mile lease on a Lexus RX generously provided by Price LeBlanc Toyota Lexus. Please return your tickets if you have not already done so. ALL tickets, sold or unsold, must be turned into the CHS office.

Champagne Raffle: Raffle item is a Wayne Madere original design blue sapphire and diamond pendant necklace generously donated by Jules Madere Creative Jewelers. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Grandparent's Day or the night of the Auction. Only 300 tickets will be sold.

Look for your invitation in the mail in mid February or check the CHS website then for online registration. ALL are invited. Join us in supporting CHS .

Standing Committees

Our Standing Committees continue monthly duties that are so important. Thanks to **Merrill LaPlante** who coordinated chaperones for the school dance on January 6th.