



**OCTOBER SPECIAL SCHEDULES:**

**Tuesday, October 4:** Student Mentoring Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Friday, October 7:** Standardized Test Prep Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**Sunday, October 9** – Senior Retreat begins.

**Monday, October 10:** Senior Retreat. (No school for 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades)

**Tuesday, October 11:** Standardized testing for all students in grades 8, 9 and 10. No school for students in grade 11 and grade 12. See details below.

**Wednesday, October 12:** Standardized testing – PSAT All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and select 10<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. No school for remaining 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. See details below.

**Tuesday, October 25:** Faculty meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[\*\*CHS Calendar\*\*](#)

**CHS ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP CHANGES:** On September 30, CHS publicized leadership changes for the 2023-2024 school year.

President Gene Tullier announced that he is retiring at the conclusion of this school year, effective June 30, 2023. The Catholic High School Board of Directors is responsible for selecting the president and principal of the school and announces the following: Lisa Harvey will assume the role of president beginning July 1, 2023 and Dr. Tom Eldringhoff will

take over as principal. Jared Cavalier will serve as academic assistant principal, Christy Kessler will continue in her role as assistant principal for instruction, and Doug Logsdon'02 will serve as Dean of Students, where he will be responsible for implementing the school's behavior policy.

Please see the attached press release for more information or go to our website at: <https://www.catholichigh.org/> under School News and Events.

**PARENTS OF JUNIORS: IMMUNIZATION REMINDER:**

The State Department of Health and Hospitals states that all students 16 years of age and in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade are required by state law to show proof of having received a second dose of the MCV4 (Meningococcal) vaccine. If your son has already received this vaccine, please send an updated record as soon as possible. If he has not received the vaccine, please schedule an appointment and send the updated record as soon as he had the vaccine.

Until the 2019-2020 school year, the meningococcal booster was a recommended vaccine. Therefore, your son may have already received it; you can check with his doctor. If he has received the vaccine, a copy of the record can be faxed to CHS at (225) 383-0381; scanned and emailed to [vmelancon@catholichigh.org](mailto:vmelancon@catholichigh.org), or dropped off by your son to the main office. We will also accept records faxed directly from your son's doctor's office. Please note that a photographed or printed copy from MyChart does not fulfill the state requirement.

If you have any questions, please email Vicki Melancon at [vmelancon@catholichigh.org](mailto:vmelancon@catholichigh.org).

## STANDARDIZED TESTING SCHEDULE:

**8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> Grades:** On October 11, all students in grades 8 through 10 will take the pre-ACT test.

8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>, grade students do not attend school on October 10 and 12, with the exception of those students participating in the PSAT. Regular classes are not held during testing days.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:** On October 12, all students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade will take the PSAT/NMSQT which is used to determine National Merit and National Achievement Semifinalists. A select group of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who qualify will also take the PSAT.

11<sup>th</sup> grade students do not attend school on October 10 and 11. Regular classes are not held during testing days.

**All Grades:** Regular classes are not held during the above testing days (October 10-12). See the testing schedule for details and dismissal times.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:** On October 18, students in 12<sup>th</sup> grade (who have not opted out) will take the ACT during the school day. Students will report to school at the normal time on this day and will resume classes after the ACT concludes.

12<sup>th</sup> grade students who are not taking the ACT will report to school and follow a normal schedule on October 18.

**All Grades:** Regular classes will be held on October 18 for those students not signed up to take the ACT test. See the testing schedule for details. Arrival and dismissal will be at the normal times.

**Testing Reminders:** Standardized tests are very important for your son and very important for our school as they provide valuable information about your son's academic progress, so please encourage your son to take these tests seriously. Each of your son's teachers receives the results of his tests and uses these scores to determine what skills he needs in order to be prepared for college. In addition, this information is used to better individualize instruction during our standardized test prep sessions in the spring.

We view standardized testing as one more opportunity to partner with you in your son's education. Results of these tests will be given to you later in the school year through your son.

Emails have been sent to 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> graders with information specific to pre-ACT and PSAT testing. Please refer to that email for detailed information on

testing procedures and locations for your son. Seniors who are taking the ACT at school will receive emails with details about the ACT in the next few days. Please contact Mrs. Lizzi Canady, testing coordinator, if you have any questions.

During testing days, breakfast will be available in the Student Center Union beginning at 7:00 a.m. Sandwiches and other grab-n-go items will be available during the breaks and after testing concludes.

### Daily Standardized Testing Schedule

#### Standard Schedule

#### Pre-ACT- Tuesday, October 11

8:00-8:30	Administrative Tasks
8:30-9:00	English Section
9:00-9:40	Math Section
9:40-9:55	Break
10:00-10:30	Reading Section
10:30-11:00	Science Section

#### PSAT- Wednesday, October 12

8:00-8:30	Administrative Tasks
8:30-9:30	Reading Test
9:30-9:35	Break
9:35-10:10	Writing and Language Test
10:10-10:35	Math Test (No Calculator)
10:35-10:40	Break
10:40-11:25	Math Test (Calculator Optional)

#### Accommodations Schedule

#### Pre-ACT- Tuesday, October 11

8:00-8:30	Administrative Tasks
8:30-9:15	English Section
9:15-10:15	Math Section
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:15	Reading Section
11:15-12:00	Science Section

#### PSAT- Wednesday, October 12

8:00-8:30	Administrative Tasks
8:30-9:15	Reading Test, Part 1
9:15-9:20	Break
9:20-10:05	Reading Test, Part 2
10:05-10:10	Break
10:10-11:03	Writing and Language Test
11:03-11:08	Break
11:08-11:46	Math Test (No Calculator)
11:46-11:51	Break
11:51-12:25	Math Test (Calculator Optional)
12:25-12:30	Break
12:30-1:04	Math Test (Calculator Optional)

## ACT- Tuesday, October 18

Administrative Tasks  
English Section  
Math Section  
Break  
Reading Section  
Break  
Science Section

**Please note:** Students must be in classrooms and seated by 8 a.m. on October 11 and 12 or they will be considered tardy. It is critically important that students are on time so that testing can begin on time. Please keep in mind that traffic at this time of day is heavier than normal. Please allow additional time when commuting to school.

**FIRST QUARTER GRADES:** Final first quarter report cards will be in the E-Locker section of PlusPortals by October 18. Please consult page 43 and 44 of the [2022-2023 Student Handbook](#) for an explanation of grading policies and the importance of first quarter grades.

If you have not activated your PlusPortals account, please do so with the information previously sent to you via email. If you cannot locate that activation information, or if you are otherwise unable to login to PlusPortals, please contact Stephanie Potter at [spotter@catholichigh.org](mailto:spotter@catholichigh.org) for assistance.

**NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS:** Congratulations to Bennett Castro, Ryan Cedel, William Creech, Everett deBlieux, Peyton LeBlanc, Edward Mayeux, Andre Miller, Kyle Oubre, Joseph Peak, Sidney Scheumack, and Nicholas Schroeder, who have been named National Merit Semifinalists. These young men took the PSAT/NMSQT last October and performed exceptionally well. As semifinalists, they are eligible to compete for a variety of scholarships from colleges and universities as well as from corporations that subsidize the National Merit Program.

We would also like to congratulate Augustus Pourciau, Luke Romaine, and Charles Tramonte for achieving National Merit Commended Student status.

We are extremely proud of these fourteen young men, and we are grateful to their parents and the faculty members who have so positively influenced their academic achievement.

**FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS:** Healthvac will provide our students the opportunity to receive their flu vaccine this season. Vaccines will be given on Wednesday, October 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The vaccine is \$30 and is offered as an injection only. A questionnaire form and vaccine information sheet are attached to this newsletter. If

you are interested in your son receiving the vaccine, please complete and sign the consent form. All students, including those 18 and older, must bring their signed consent forms with them. Cash or check is accepted. Checks should be made out to Healthvac.

**UPCOMING ADMISSIONS EVENTS:** We invite all families interested in considering Catholic High School for their middle school son to take advantage of the numerous opportunities to learn more about CHS and the exceptional educational experience we provide. If you know of a family considering CHS, please invite them to participate in any, or all, of these admissions events.

### **September - November 2022 - Fall Day Tours by**

**Appointment:** Day Tours provide families with the opportunity to visit during a typical day at Catholic High School. In addition to a general tour and overview, parents and their sons are encouraged to ask questions about any aspect of CHS while on the tour.

Families interested in attending a Day Tour must schedule their visit in advance. The tours will last about an hour and a half. Day Tours are intended for small groups, so **registration for a Day Tour is limited.**

### **Admissions Criteria**

Typically, the students offered admission to CHS for the 2022-2023 school year:

- had a good discipline record
- had academic grades of As, Bs, and/or Cs
- had a good attendance record

**We highly encourage anyone considering CHS to attend our CHS Information Afternoon and our Open House.** These events give families a clear and comprehensive view of our mission in educating young men.

To arrange a Day Tour, please make a reservation [here](#) or contact the admissions office (225) 383-0397.

### **Information Afternoon – October 3 | 4:30 p.m.**

This event is designed to give prospective parents and students an overview of Catholic High School and what our community has to offer. This event will feature presentations and small group discussions with faculty and current students. It is by reservation only. Please use this [link](#) to register.

### **Open House, November 10, 2022**

Join us for Catholic High School's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House on Thursday, November 10, 2022. Young men in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades and their parents are invited

to tour the campus, meet CHS faculty and students, and experience firsthand what makes CHS so special. Reservations are not required.

Please see the [admissions timeline](#) for details.

**MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS:** The Mothers' Club Auction will be held in conjunction with the Alumni Taste Fair on January 15, 2023. A new addition to the Auction this year will be **Class Baskets!** If you'd like to donate an item for your son's class basket, please deliver it to the front office of the school or to Margie Alexander at 864 Hearthstone Drive. Please indicate the grade level of the basket your item is for – the themes are:

8th Grade: LSU Basket (Examples: LSU tickets, LSU gear, LSU cooler, LSU tent, LSU games, etc.)

9th Grade: Saints Basket (Examples: Saints tickets, Saints gear, Saints cooler, Saints tent)

10th Grade: Night Out (Examples: Restaurant gift cards, Hotel stays, Movie gift cards, etc.)

11th Grade: All Things Food (Examples: Cooking supplies, Cookbooks, Restaurant gift cards, etc.)

12th Grade: Outdoors (Examples: Hunting gear, Fishing gear, Water sports, Outdoor games, etc.)

If you have any questions, please email Lauren Coco at [laurencoco@yahoo.com](mailto:laurencoco@yahoo.com).

**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN:** It is the policy of CHS to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to control pests (animals, plants or microorganisms) which pose significant problems to people, property and the environment. These pesticides may also pose problems to people. In compliance with Section 3389 of Act 237, CHS maintains a registry of students who are hypersensitive to pesticides. If your son has this sort of sensitivity, please send a written verification by a licensed physician and your written statement regarding his condition so we may attend to his needs. A copy of our IPM plan is on file with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and is available in our Main Office.

## **Catholic High School Announces President Gene Tullier's Plans to Retire; Principal Lisa Harvey Named Successor**

*Academic Assistant Principal Dr. Tom Eldringhoff to Transition to Principal with Assistant Principal for Discipline Jared Cavalier Taking Over Academic Assistant Principal Duties and Coach Douglas Logsdon '02 Stepping into Dean of Students Role*

**BATON ROUGE, LA – SEPTEMBER 30, 2022** – On Friday, CHS announced several changes to the school leadership team upon President Gene Tullier sharing his intentions to retire as chief executive officer at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Principal Lisa Harvey called the timing of the announcement poignant as September 30 signifies a special day for the CHS community: Foundation Day.

“On Foundation Day, as a Brothers of the Sacred Heart School, we reflect on our efforts to evangelize young people through education – a mission established by our founder, Father André Coindre on this day more than 200 years ago,” Harvey said. “I cannot think of a better steward of Father Coindre’s charism, than Mr. Tullier. He has courageously led the members of our school community with an open and compassionate heart for the past 17 years, and we feel incredibly blessed to have had him bring us to this pivotal moment in our school’s history. Under Mr. Tullier’s leadership, CHS has advanced in profound ways. He has led us through much needed facilities expansions, increased opportunities for enrollment for all students, and raised salaries for faculty and staff so that we can attract and retain superior educators. The impact of his work as President will continue to be felt long after his retirement.”

Harvey will take over as CHS President when Tullier officially retires next year. In her new role, she will be responsible for guiding the CHS Board of Directors as they oversee the school’s policies and affairs. She will continue to work closely with school administrators to preserve Catholic High School’s rich tradition of excellence in education.

Harvey, an experienced teacher and school administrator, has been principal since 2011. As the school’s first female leader, she has helped CHS achieve National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence status two of the six times it has been recognized. Prior to becoming principal, Harvey served as assistant principal overseeing both instructional and academic aspects of the school. She was a classroom teacher for 17 years and has had three sons graduate from CHS.

Dr. Tom Eldringhoff will assume duties as the school’s key educational leader when he transitions into the role of principal for the 2023-2024 school year. He will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the school while also overseeing activities, as well as the performance of school personnel. Dr. Eldringhoff is in his 32<sup>nd</sup> year of education with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart and has served on the CHS administration since 2007. In addition, he is a religion teacher and served as the CHS Campus Minister for 11 years. “I am humbled and excited to begin this new role and look forward to continuing the standard of excellence in education that CHS is known for throughout the state,” Eldringhoff said.

Jared Cavalier will take over as academic assistant principal and Christy Kessler will continue in her role as assistant principal for instruction. CHS Alumnus Douglas Logsdon '02 will step into the role of Dean of Students where he will be responsible for implementing the school’s behavior policy.

Harvey said she looks forward to sustaining her relationship with the school’s new leadership team to continue advancing the mission of the school.

“We will continue to foster the well-established sanctuary Gene Tullier helped us create – one that centers around the core values of the charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart through the religious commitment, personal dedication, and professional competence of the many men and women, past and present, who have devoted themselves to the education of the young men in our care.”

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Screening Questionnaire for Injectable Influenza Vaccination

**For adult patients as well as parents of children to be vaccinated:** The following questions will help us determine if there is any reason we should not give you, or your child an injectable influenza vaccination today or in the near future. If you answer "yes" to any question, it does not necessarily mean you would not be vaccinated. It only means additional questions must be asked. If a question is not clear, please call Healthvacs at 225-270-2925.

1. Is the person to be vaccinated sick today or had fever in the last 48 hours?      Yes      No

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2. Does the person to be vaccinated have asthma, heart, lung, kidney, liver disease, diabetes, neurologic or neuromuscular disease or a blood disorder?      Yes      No  
If yes please list.

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3. Is the person to be vaccinated allergic to eggs or ever had a serious reaction to an influenza vaccine in the past?      Yes      No

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4. Has the person to be vaccinated ever had Guillain-Barre' Syndrome?      Yes      No

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**Consent for vaccination:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use:**

Form reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Admin.: Fluvirin MDV/Fluvirin PFS/Afluria MDV

Influenza Injection Lot# & Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Site:** LD / RD

# Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant): *What you need to know*

Many Vaccine Information Statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See [www.immunize.org/vis](http://www.immunize.org/vis)

Hojas de información sobre vacunas están disponibles en español y en muchos otros idiomas. Visite [www.immunize.org/vis](http://www.immunize.org/vis)

## 1 Why get vaccinated?

**Influenza vaccine** can prevent **influenza (flu)**.

**Flu** is a contagious disease that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May. Anyone can get the flu, but it is more dangerous for some people. Infants and young children, people 65 years of age and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions or a weakened immune system are at greatest risk of flu complications.

Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections and ear infections are examples of flu-related complications. If you have a medical condition, such as heart disease, cancer or diabetes, flu can make it worse.

Flu can cause fever and chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache, and runny or stuffy nose. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

Each year **thousands of people in the United States die from flu**, and many more are hospitalized. Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related visits to the doctor each year.

## 2 Influenza vaccine

CDC recommends everyone 6 months of age and older get vaccinated every flu season. **Children 6 months through 8 years of age** may need 2 doses during a single flu season. **Everyone else** needs only 1 dose each flu season.

It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination.

There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against three or four viruses that are likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season. Even when the vaccine doesn't exactly match these viruses, it may still provide some protection.

Influenza vaccine **does not cause flu**.

Influenza vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines.

## 3 Talk with your health care provider

Tell your vaccine provider if the person getting the vaccine:

- Has had an **allergic reaction after a previous dose of influenza vaccine**, or has any **severe, life-threatening allergies**.
- Has ever had **Guillain-Barré Syndrome** (also called GBS).

In some cases, your health care provider may decide to postpone influenza vaccination to a future visit.

People with minor illnesses, such as a cold, may be vaccinated. People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting influenza vaccine.

Your health care provider can give you more information.



## 4 Risks of a vaccine reaction

- Soreness, redness, and swelling where shot is given, fever, muscle aches, and headache can happen after influenza vaccine.
- There may be a very small increased risk of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) after inactivated influenza vaccine (the flu shot).

Young children who get the flu shot along with pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13), and/or DTaP vaccine at the same time might be slightly more likely to have a seizure caused by fever. Tell your health care provider if a child who is getting flu vaccine has ever had a seizure.

People sometimes faint after medical procedures, including vaccination. Tell your provider if you feel dizzy or have vision changes or ringing in the ears.

As with any medicine, there is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a severe allergic reaction, other serious injury, or death.

## 5 What if there is a serious problem?

An allergic reaction could occur after the vaccinated person leaves the clinic. If you see signs of a severe allergic reaction (hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, or weakness), call **9-1-1** and get the person to the nearest hospital.

For other signs that concern you, call your health care provider.

Adverse reactions should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Your health care provider will usually file this report, or you can do it yourself. Visit the VAERS website at [www.vaers.hhs.gov](http://www.vaers.hhs.gov) or call **1-800-822-7967**. *VAERS is only for reporting reactions, and VAERS staff do not give medical advice.*

## 6 The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) is a federal program that was created to compensate people who may have been injured by certain vaccines. Visit the VICP website at [www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation](http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation) or call **1-800-338-2382** to learn about the program and about filing a claim. There is a time limit to file a claim for compensation.

## 7 How can I learn more?

- Ask your healthcare provider.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
  - Call **1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO)** or
  - Visit CDC's [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

Vaccine Information Statement (Interim)  
**Inactivated Influenza  
Vaccine**



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