

WELCOME TO THE 127th YEAR OF OPERATION OF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 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. May we all join in prayer to ask God's blessings on our school year and hopefully return soon to a normal life that requires fewer COVID-19 restrictions.

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.

We are dedicated to continuing the mission and charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. In 1818, 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 even though times and circumstances have certainly changed. What will not change is our commitment to helping each student become the young man that God has created him to be.

Our faculty and staff are dedicated 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.

COVID-19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: On Wednesday, July 14, I emailed the 2021-2022 CHS School Opening Plan to all parents. That document contains our policies and procedures regarding COVID-19 and how we intend to operate as we begin the school year. This document can be also be found on the CHS website at https://catholichigh.org/school-opening-plan-for-the-2021-2022-school-year/

It is critically important that parents understand that all information in that document is subject to change and dependent on circumstances within the school environment, the local community, CDC guidelines, the Louisiana Department of Education, and state mandates.

From the CHS School Opening Plan:

"Consistent with CDC guidelines and the Louisiana State Department of Education, CHS strongly encourages that masks be worn by all individuals who are not fully vaccinated, but CHS will not require proof of vaccination status. While masks are not required (although strongly recommended) for unvaccinated faculty and students, should the percentage of positive COVID cases increase among the CHS population, CHS reserves the right to amend its position, including possible proof of vaccination status for students and faculty to attend school without a mask. It is up to the discretion of the president of Catholic High School, in consultation with the principal and administration, concerning what circumstances would necessitate such a change."

Since my July 14 communication, the number of cases of COVID-19 in Louisiana, in particular the Delta variant, have increased dramatically. This alarming trend was referred to as the "pandemic of the unvaccinated" during the governor's news conference on July 15. I am truly concerned that if this increase in cases continues, governmental regulations concerning mandatory masks for unvaccinated persons may impact our current school opening procedures. Even if masks for unvaccinated persons remains voluntary (although we strongly suggest that unvaccinated individuals wear a mask), there is no doubt that our students will be impacted by the spread of COVID among our population, and the number of unvaccinated students who either contract COVID or who will be forced to quarantine could be significant.

For all of these reasons, and because it protects our school community and the health of everyone they encounter, I strongly encourage students to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. If as a family you are not open to vaccinating your son, then I strongly suggest your son wears a mask to school each day.

For the protection of our students, faculty, and staff, in the early days of this school year, visitors to campus will be limited. All visitors must check in at the main office and may be required to show proof of vaccination in order to conduct business or visit areas around campus without a mask. I will communicate any changes to this policy as needed.

PARENT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL EVENTS: 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, even with continuing COVID restrictions. Please check the school calendar for all events and take advantage of the opportunities we offer so that you can be a part of your son's school activities.

1. The first opportunity is <u>Back To School Afternoon</u> on August 15, from 4:00 – 6:06 p.m. This afternoon is intended for parents only. Due to COVID concerns, we will not have the typical general assembly that begins in the gym. Instead, parents will report to their son's first period classroom at 4:00 and the teacher will broadcast an opening presentation from the president and the principal that will include important information about the school year. Following the presentation, our schedule will include 7-minute classes with 5-minute transit times. The brief class sessions provide you 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 2021-2022 will not meet with SJA teachers during this program. Parents in this situation should feel free to spend this class period in the Student Center or other areas around campus.

In this packet is a blank student schedule which you should ask your son to complete for your use on August 15. <u>Please be sure to use the schedule issued to your son at orientation as it will be the most current</u>.

Because of the large number of parents attending Back to School Afternoon, I suggest you plan to arrive no

later than 3:45 p.m. Parking will be available in the parking lot on Claycut and in the Westmoreland Parking Lot. Security will be provided. Please do not park along the streets in the neighborhood.

The Mothers' Club invites you to have refreshments in the Student Center Union during your son's lunch period.

<u>COVID Precautions</u>: We strongly suggest that any parent who is not vaccinated should wear a mask during Back to School Afternoon because of the large number of people who typically attend.

2. <u>On January 3, 2022</u>, students will not attend school. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled that day from 7:15-9:15 a.m. to give parents the opportunity to discuss their son's first semester grades with teachers or meet their son's second semester teachers. The remainder of the day is set aside for faculty professional development.

3. 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, and their brains are wired to be "reckless" and "impetuous," and they can easily fall victim to those pressures.

Continuing a program that was formerly known as "Parent to Parent," Catholic High School is once again hosting a presentation for all parents of 8th and 9th grade students to discuss a broad range of topics from substance abuse, to social media and other addictive behaviors. Guest speakers will not only educate but will provide strategies for parents to help children navigate the world around them. Attendance is mandatory for at least one parent of all 8th and 9th grade students. The available dates for this mandatory meeting are September 15th, October 13th and November 17th. Please mark your calendar now. More information about this program will be communicated at a later date.

STUDENT SCHEDULES: Student schedules will be available through PlusPortals at the end of July. All students will receive an email from Dr. Tom Eldringhoff, academic assistant principal, notifying them that 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 changes of a schedule in order to change an elective course, change an unassigned period or change teachers. Such requests are not considered.

2020 - 2021 RETREAT DATES: Please mark your calendar now for the following required attendance events for CHS students:

Senior Retreat: Sunday, October 10 and Monday, October 11

Junior Retreat: Monday, March 28 (all day). Sophomore Retreat: Tuesday, March 29 (all day). Freshman Retreat: Friday, November 12 (all day). 8th Grade Retreat: TBD.

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

STUDENT HANDBOOK: The 2021-2022 Student Handbook will only be available online through the Catholic High website (www.catholichigh.org) later this summer. 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 first period teacher is Wednesday, August 18. 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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR: Catholic High School's updated 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 when planning appointments, trips, or vacations. We consider your son's attendance at school to be critical in allowing him to be academically successful.

COMPUTER ROLLOUT FOR NEW INCOMING

STUDENTS: Part of your son's obligation as a Catholic High student is to attend the mandatory rollout session that will take place on Tuesday, August 3 during which we will distribute computers to new students and begin instruction about how to use and care for them. Rollout will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

From 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., we will host a meeting for both parents and students in the gym. We strongly urge at least one parent to attend this informative meeting that will cover all aspects of technology at CHS. For those parents who are not vaccinated, we strongly suggest that you wear a mask to this presentation.

Lunch will be served to students. A \$20 fee will be charged to your August FACTS account to cover the costs, including lunch, associated with rollout.

If previous plans prevent your son from attending, there is a make-up session on Tuesday, August 10 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If your son must attend the makeup session on August 10, please email Jenny Bruno at jbruno@catholichigh.org. Note that there is no parent meeting as part of this make-up session.

Note: Students who were in the 8th grade at CHS last school year (2020-2021) do not attend the rollout on August 3rd since they attended the full rollout last summer. These students will attend the laptop distribution session with 10th grade students on Wednesday, August 4. See schedule below.

LAPTOP DISTRIBUTION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS:

<u>10th Grade Students and Last School Year's 8th Grade</u> <u>Students</u>: All sophomores and students who were in the CHS 8th grade class last year will receive a new laptop for their use this school year. Distribution of the new laptops will take place on Wednesday, August 4 according to the student's last name. The time slot also allows for student training and setup of the new laptop. Students must be on time for the beginning of each session.

Session Time	Alpha Listing
8:00 - 9:30	A - E
10:00 - 11:30	F - L
1:00 - 2:30	M-Z

<u>11th and 12th Grade Students</u>: Laptop return for juniors and seniors will take place during Student Orientation in Room 133. Laptops will not be distributed prior to orientation. See orientation schedule below.

SUMMER READING 2021: Each student has been assigned to a book club group and has an assigned book to read as part of Catholic High's Summer Reading program. Students and parents received emails on May 17th with details. Please contact English Department

Chair, Ms. Tracy Ducote, <u>tducote@catholichigh.org</u>, if you have any questions.

In addition to the CHS Book Club selection, students enrolled in an Honors or AP level English course for the 2021-2022 school year may have Summer Reading assignments for that course. See the list below.

ENGLISH II Honors

Choose ONE:

- Alas, Babylon by Pat Franks
- Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes

ENGLISH III Honors

• Exit West by Mohsin Hamid

AP LANGUAGE

Two selections were assigned at a May meeting with the instructor, Dr. Charley Silvio, <u>csilvio@catholichigh.org</u>.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE: Orientation for all students will take place on Monday, August 9, and Tuesday, August 10. Your son must be present for orientation at his assigned time. Corrective measures will result from unexcused orientation absences. Contact Tracy Ducote at tducote@catholichigh.org with questions. Students must be checked in and seated in the wrestling room by the arrival time listed below:

Monday, August 9				
Grade	Alpha Listing			
8th	8:00 a.m.	A-Z		
9th	8:30 a.m.	A-C		
	9:00 a.m.	D-G		
	9:30 a.m.	H-L		
10:00 a.m. M-R		M-R		
	S-Z			
11th	11:30 a.m.	A-C		
	12:00 p.m.	D-G		
	12:30 p.m.	H-L		
1:00 p.m. M-R				
	1:30 p.m.	S-Z		
Tuesday, August 10				
Grade	Arrival Time	Alpha Listing		
12th	8:30 a.m.	A-C		
	9:00 a.m.	D-G		
9:30 a.m. H-L				

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	10:00 a.m.	M-R
	10:30 a.m.	S-Z
10th	11:30 a.m.	A-C
	12:00 p.m.	D-G
	12:30 p.m.	H-L
	1:00 p.m.	M-R
	1:30 p.m.	S-Z

If you are bringing your son to Catholic High for his orientation, we welcome you to come into the Union in the Student Center and relax while orientation is in process, but please allow your son to complete orientation himself, unaccompanied by you. The process typically lasts from one hour to 90 minutes. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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 because 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 and clicking on "Booknow." The deadline for formal portraits is October 31st.

Hair and Grooming Requirements: It is particularly important that your son meets CHS grooming requirements starting at 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. Students will not be allowed to cut their own hair on campus during orientation.

For 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 \$15 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 hair cut 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 oncampus 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 who would be shaving for the first time, and whose facial hair would not show up in the school picture, may be allowed to proceed with orientation so that 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 disciplinary 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 haircut 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 3-4 inches on the top and 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.
- 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.

NOTE: The assistant principal for discipline decides 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, Mr. Jared Cavalier, for an appointment. Please call him in advance of your visit so he can be available.

2021 *Bruin* **Yearbook:** During orientation, orders can be placed for the 2020-2021 *Bruin*, our school

yearbook. The cost of the book is \$48, payable at orientation. Seniors will have their yearbook mailed to them.

Student ID/Food Service Debit Card: 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 CHS Student Union (our cafeteria), Bookstore, Library, Activities Office, and Help Desk. The debit card is not transferrable. 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 \$8.00. For security reasons, purchasing a replacement card will automatically de-activate the previously issued ID card, so students cannot have more than one active card at a time. Students can re-activate an ID card previously purchased during the school year by logging into their myCHS account.

As part of orientation expenses, each student is required to have an initial balance of \$35 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.

Debit Card Procedures:

- A student must keep a positive balance on his CHS debit card at all times. Balances can be managed on the school website under myCHS or through the CHS Bookstore on campus.
- Parents will receive an automatic email when a student's balance falls below \$20.
- If a student's debit account becomes negative, his parents' FACTS account will automatically be charged <u>the total of three amounts</u>:

(a) the amount the account is negative(b) a penalty of \$25

(c) a \$25 credit to be added to the student's debit account to bring it to a positive balance.

- Any additional funds added after an account becomes negative will be credited only to a student's debit account.
- No student is allowed to use another student's debit card.

For your information, student lunch purchases typically average \$5 per person per day. Students can check the balance of their debit accounts at the scanner located in the Union or in the Bruin Shop. Parents can also check the balance online through the Catholic High website under myCHS. Student debit accounts are managed through the myCHS link on the CHS website. Payments may be made online utilizing a credit or debit card (processing fees apply) or through E-checks (includes a smaller processing fee than credit or debit cards).

Note: The myCHS account system underwent significance maintenance over the summer. Any parent who previously had a myCHS account with stored credit, debit, or E-check information will have to re-enter that information the first time the account is accessed this school year. The account information will then be stored for subsequent use. Thank you for your patience.

In addition to online payments, cash, checks, and credit cards are acceptable forms of payment at The Bruin Shop on campus between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (Closed daily for lunch). Payments made at The Bruin Shop are not immediately available and may take up to 24 hours to process. In accordance with school policy, payments are not taken over the phone and cash back on checks or debit cards is not permitted.

Parking for 2021-2022: Only those students who pay parking fees will be allowed to park in either the Claycut Drive lot, the new Student Center Lot, or the Westmoreland Parking Lot. 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 2021-2022 school year at \$325, and only students with driver's licenses may register to park. Seniors, juniors, and sophomores have already been sent emails to register for parking. The last day to register so that the fee can be paid during orientation is August 4th. A separate email with instructions about how to register for the remaining spots after orientation will be sent at a later date. 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 Jared Cavalier, assistant principal for discipline at <u>jcavalier@catholichig.org</u>.

Payment for Orientation Fees: During the week prior to orientation, each parent will receive an email with estimated orientation fees based on their son's schedule. Some fees will be charged to your son's account automatically. See the orientation price list for details. Parents may deposit sufficient funds for orientation, including an initial deposit for lunch, through myCHS. When the student checks out at orientation, his myCHS account will be debited for the orientation expenses. In addition, students may pay for all orientation expenses at checkout with a check, Visa, Mastercard, or American Express.

<u>Note</u>: Many students attended CHS programs over the summer and used their school debit account to purchase food items in the Union. Therefore, parents may see a negative balance on their son's myCHS account. This balance must be paid during orientation to bring the student's account up to date.

FIRST DAY FOR 8TH AND 9TH GRADERS:

Wednesday, August 11, will be a special day of school designed exclusively for our 8th and 9th graders. All other students do not to report to school. This special day is designed to acquaint them 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. The day will conclude with "Bear Camp" and students will be dismissed at approximately 2:47 p.m.

<u>OFFICE HOURS</u>: Our office hours on school days are 7 a.m. until 4 p.m.

DAILY TONE SCHEDULE:

Note: The daily schedule has returned to the prepandemic schedule with five minutes between classes.

Warning Tones	7:25 & 7:27
1st Period	7:30 - 8:20
2nd Period	8:25 - 9:15
Announcements	9:20 - 9:22
3rd Period	9:22 - 10:12
4th Period	10:17 - 11:07
5th Period	11:12 - 12:02
6th Period	12:07 - 12:57
7th Period	1:02 - 1:52
8th Period	1:57 - 2:47

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND / OR PHONE NUMBERS:

Should your home or business phone numbers change or if you move, please email this information along with your son's name to Stephanie Potter at <u>spotter@catholichigh.org</u> as soon as possible so that this information is available to appropriate school officials.

<u>CHS ATHLETIC</u>S: Students interested in participating in the CHS interscholastic 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 Mr. Ben DiPalma, athletic director, at

bdipalma@catholichigh.org. Questions about intramural athletics should be directed to Ms. Cathy Robichaux, intramural director, at crobixhaux@catholichigh.org.

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. 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.

CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL DAY: In case of a general emergency in which school may be called off due to dangerous weather or other circumstances, 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 or through voice mail and will be posted on the Catholic High website and social media accounts as soon as possible given the circumstances.

CARPOOL: For safety reasons, we ask that you not drop off or pick up any student in the Claycut Drive parking lot, the new Student Center Lot, or the Westmoreland Parking Lot. School proctors are instructed to not allow drop off in this area. In the morning, students may be dropped off in front of the main entrance on Hearthstone or in the horseshoe drive on Claycut. In the afternoon, we ask that you wait until at least 3 p.m. to pick up your son.

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 extremely 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. **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 preparation days are:

1 st Semester	2 nd Semester
August 30	January 21
September 9	January 27
September 15	February 10
September 24	February 22
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:

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

<u>Tuesday, October 12</u>: Students in grades 8, 9, and 10 will take the pre-ACT. No school for juniors. <u>Wednesday, October 13</u>: Juniors will take the PSAT. No school for grades 8, 9, and 10.

More detailed information about fall testing will be communicated as the date approaches.

Spring:

<u>Monday, March 28</u>: 9th grade students take the Explore test, and 10th grade students will take the retired ACT test provided by the Cambridge Educational Program. <u>Tuesday, March 29</u>: 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 bill during Orientation.

MEN'S CLUB STAG BARBECUE: The 86th Annual CHS Men's Club Stag Barbecue will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 6-10 p.m. in CHS Gym. Take-outs are available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. For ticket information, contact Jeffrey Hotard (<u>ihotard@catholichigh.org</u>). Please note that this event is <u>not</u> open to current students.

INFORMATION FOR 2021 WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP:

Is your current junior or senior interested in the 2021

Thanksgiving trip to Washington, D.C.? Watch for an informational email coming soon with trip details and registration information. Please email questions to trip coordinators **Vicki Melancon**

(<u>vmelancom@catholichigh.org</u>) and **Drew Losavio** (<u>dlosavio@catholichigh.org</u>).

THANK YOU: We are looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year and forming our students within the mission and charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Our dedication to the young men entrusted to our care will be front and center in every decision and action we take.

Because of the cooperation of our students and parents last school year, along with the tremendous efforts of our faculty and staff, CHS was able to operate as normally as possible during the COVID pandemic. I anticipate that same cooperation will allow us to continue to operate safely and normally this year in spite of the continuing health crisis in our world. I ask for your understanding should changes be necessary and I will continue to communicate any changes in procedures and policies if they should occur.

We thank you for your confidence and trust as we begin this school year in such uncertain times. We are grateful for the sacrifices you make to choose CHS for your sons and we look forward to partnering with you throughout his high school education. Ametur Cor Jesu. Loved be the heart of Jesus.

Catholic High School Orientation Item List 2021-2022

Payment of Fees: Parents are asked to make a deposit to your son's account using your myCHS login prior to him attending orientation. All charges during orientation will be charged to his account. All class fees will be charged to his myCHS account prior to orientation.

Students <u>will not</u> be permitted to re-enter the checkout area once checkout is complete. For exchanges, returns, or to get assistance with other issues regarding orientation, **students** should come to the The Bruin Shop beginning Wednesday, August 11th. <u>At this time The Bruin Shop is open for students only.</u>

Please contact Mrs. Pinney Johnson, <u>pjohnson@catholichigh.org</u> if you have any questions regarding the orientation process, including the prepayment of fees.

ORIENTATION FEES:	The following class fees have been charged prior to orientation and will	
	appear on your son's myCHS account.	
	CPR Fee [REQUIRED FOR 9TH GRADE]	\$55.00
	ACT Fee [REQUIRED FOR 11TH GRADE]	\$59.00
	MATH Stats Medic Review Course Fee [AP Statistics]	\$29.00
	MATH Excel Fee [Academic and Foundation Level Math]	\$16.50
	ENGLISH Membean License	\$18.00
	ENGLISH - No Red Ink Fee	\$15.00
	Art I	\$45.00
	Art II	\$45.00
	Art III/IV and AP Art	\$35.00
	Drawing and Painting	\$35.00
	Fine Arts Survey	\$20.00
	Media Arts	\$32.50
	Sculpture	\$10.00
	Religion III: Digital Book Fee	\$17.00
ORIENTATION FEES:	The following will be charged at orientation.	
	Lock [school issued only]	\$8.00
	Yearbook [Optional]	\$48.00
	Parking Fee - Grades 11 and 12 only [Optional]	\$325.00
	Student Athletic Pass [Optional] For questions regarding passes, contact Ben	
	DiPalma at bdipalma@catholichigh.org.	\$60.00
BOOKS: *		
English IIH	Fahrenheit 451	\$12.00
English IV H	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight	\$11.00
	College Caeser	\$15.00
AP Latin	College Vergil	\$15.00
Spanish I	Avancemos: Cuaderno Level I	\$16.00
Spanish III H	la chica de los zapatos verdes	\$12.00
Spanish IV H	Carnaval en Canarias	\$14.00
Religion 8	This is Our Church	\$30.00
Religion I	Revelation and the Old Testament	\$32.00
	Sacraments and God's Grace	\$32.00
Religion II	You: Life, Love, & the Theology of the Body	\$20.00
Religion IV LFA	Faith and Film: Theological Themes at the Cinema	\$20.00
Religion IV DoJ	Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching: Living as a Disciple of Christ	\$32.00
Religion IV Ell	The Human Quest for God	\$20.00

Religion IV PoR	Philosophy for Dummies	\$15.00
Religion IV POR	Zen and the Art of Motorcyle Maintenance	\$14.00
Religion IV RSH	Mr. G	\$12.00
PE UNIFORMS:	FRESHMAN DO NOT NEED PE UNIFORMS	
	Youth Sizes Med - L	\$25.00
Athletic Shorts	Adult SM - XL	\$25.00
	Adult Sizes 2X - 3X	\$28.00
	Youth Sizes Med - XL	\$18.00
PE Shirts - Cotton	Adult SM - XL	\$18.00
	Adult Sizes 2X - 4X	\$20.00
	Youth Sizes Med - XL	\$20.00
PE Shirts - Dri Fit	Adult SM - XL	\$20.00
	Adult Sizes XXL	\$22.00
OPTIONAL ITEMS:	The following items are available for purchase at orientation and are optional.	
	Youth sizes L - XL	\$40.00
Sweatshirts - Hooded	Adult sizes SM - XL	\$40.00
	Adult Sizes 2X - 4X	\$45.00
	Youth sizes L - XL	\$35.00
Sweatshirts - Crew	Adult sizes SM - XL	\$35.00
	Adult Sizes 2X - 4X	\$40.00
	Drawstring with front pocket	\$25.00
Gym Bags	Large Nike Duffel	\$38.50
Gym Dags	Everest Large duffel (orange)	\$35.00
	Tokyodachi Mascot Drawstring	\$25.00

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

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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:_____

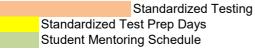
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2021-2022 School Calendar

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Important Dates 2021Aug. 5 & 6Faculty & Staff Prof. DevelopmentAug. 9 & 10Student OrientationAug. 111st day of school for 8th & 9th gradesAug. 121st day of school for all studentsSept. 6Labor Day holidaySept. 7Prof. Dev. (no school for students)Oct. 81st quarter endsOct. 10-11Senior RetreatNov. 8Faculty & Staff Day of ExperienceNov. 22-26Thanksgiving holidaysDec 14-Dec. 171st semester examinationsDec. 171st semester endsDec 20-Jan. 1Christmas holidays	Important Dates 2022Jan. 3Faculty & Staff DevelopmentJan. 42nd semester classes beginJan. 42nd semester classes beginJan. 17Martin Luther King, Jr. holidayFeb. 28-Mar. 4Mardi Gras holidaysMar. 113rd Quarter EndsMar. 21Faculty & Staff RetreatMar. 28Junior Retreat/9th & 10th grade testingMar. 29Sophomore Retreat/11th grade testingMar. 29Sophomore Retreat/11th grade testingMay 6 - 11Senior final examinationsMay 21GraduationMay 23 - 262nd semester examinationsMay 272nd semester endsMay 27Record Day

Legend: Circles indicate holidays for students and faculty

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



Liturgy Faculty Meetings Special Schedule Exams Dates:

8.27.21 Honor Board Assembly

9.1.21 Big Read Group Meetings

10.11.21 Senior Retreat - No school for 8th-11th Grades

11.11.21 Open House Special Schedule

12.12.21 Christmas Concert at CHS

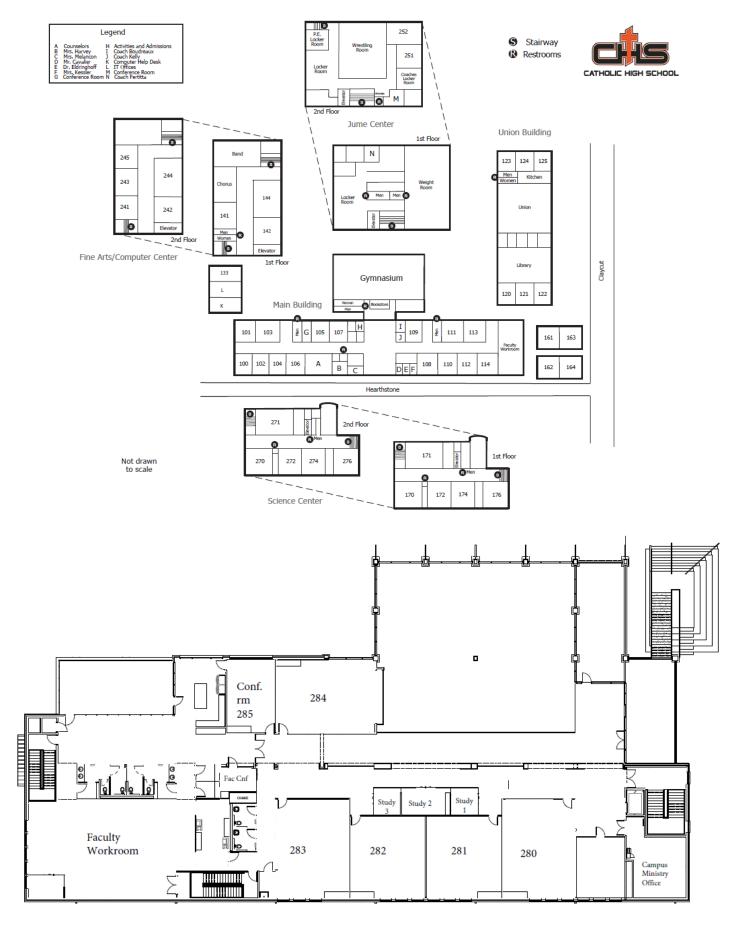
3.25.22 Challenge Day Schedule

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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>	Teacher	<u>Room</u>
Presentation Report to 1 st p	4:00 - 4:35 eriod classroom			
(A) 1st	4:35 - 4:42			
(B) 2nd	4:47 - 4:54			
(C) 3rd	4:59 - 5:06			
(D) 4th	5:11 - 5:18			
(E) 5th	5:23 - 5:30			
(F) 6th	5:35 - 5:42			
(G) 7th	5:47 - 5:54			
(H) 8th	5:59 - 6:06			



Brother Donnan Berry, C.C. Student Center 2nd floor

ACT PREPARATION CLASS

Where: Catholic High School Library

When: Saturday, August 28 from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. OR Saturday, September 4 from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.
Cost: \$95 (covers book and all materials)

It has been proven that test anxiety, knowledge of test format and content, and knowledge of proper test-taking skills and strategies can impact a student's score on a standardized test such as the ACT. Did you ever wonder why your test scores were not as high as you expected? Learn to do your best on the ACT.

This class will present:

- Ways to reduce test anxiety.
- Procedures for being mentally, psychologically and physically prepared for the test.
- Helpful hints for testing day.
- Content summary for the ACT.
- Examples of problems that frequently appear on the ACT.
- Strategies that will improve scores on any standardized test.
- Specific strategies for the items on the ACT.
- Scoring information for the ACT.
- Supplementary materials to guide study and final preparation for the ACT.

Presenter: Mrs. Christy Kessler (ckessler@catholichigh.org) Bring a bag lunch!

Registration is online at <u>mychs.cathlichigh.org</u> or detach this form and return to Mrs. Hodges in the Main Office by Wednesday, August 25.

REGISTRATION FORM - ACT PREPARATION CLASS

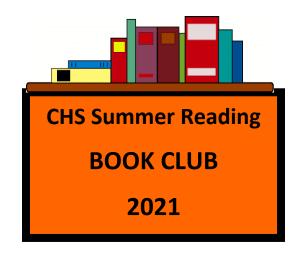
_____ Saturday, August 28 from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. OR

_____ Saturday, September 4 from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Parent Email address (please print)

Parent Name (please print)_____

Please make checks (\$95.00) payable to *Catholic High School*.



Dear Students and Parents,

This year, CHS is replacing our Big Read with a book club approach. After selecting preferences from a list of over 50 titles, students will be assigned one of their choices to read over the summer. Upon our return to school in August, students will participate in discussions, offering an opportunity for engagement with their selected book, with peers, and with a faculty facilitator.

As always, the mission of the CHS Summer Reading Program is:

- to encourage a love of reading by providing selections that not only have literary merit but are engaging and relatable as well.
- to foster the critical thinking and writing skills our students need to be successful.
- to teach students to engage in constructive dialogue that is respectful, honest, and mature.

Below are the steps of this year's process.

1. Browse the list and choose your top three preferred book choices.

*Parents, our list includes books that vary in genre, content, and reading level in order to accommodate all of our students. Please research options with your son and help him select a book that is developmentally appropriate.

- o <u>Title and Author List</u>
- o Categorized List
- 2. Indicate your preferred books by April 30th.
 - o Student Book Preference Form
 - If you do not submit a preference form, you will be placed in a group that has space.

- 3. You will receive an email on <u>May 17th</u> with your assigned book.
- 4. Read and engage with your book over the summer and return in August ready to discuss with your book club group.

In addition to the CHS Book Club selection, students enrolled in an Honors or AP level English course for the 2021-2022 school year may have Summer Reading assignments for that course. See the list at the bottom of this email. Students will complete class assignments and participate in discussions which will assess a student's engagement with the course-specific summer reading.

We look forward to getting to know our students as readers and we encourage each parent, as the young man's first and most influential teacher, to be involved in their son's book selection(s), read with him this summer, and engage him in meaningful conversation.

Sincerely,

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Tracy Ducote, Ed. S. English Department Chairperson

English Department Summer Reading - The following courses have additional summer reading assignments.

ENGLISH II Honors

Choose ONE:

- Alas, Babylon by Pat Frank
- Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes

ENGLISH III Honors

Read Exit West by Mohsin Hamid

AP LANGUAGE

Two selections will be assigned at a May meeting with the instructor, Dr. Charley Silvio, csilvio@catholichigh.org.



Join us as we enjoy steadfast traditions and the making of memories!

CHS Mothers' Club 2021 – 2022 Executive Committee

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The CHS Mothers' Club is a volunteer organization for mothers of Catholic High School students. Our mission is to enhance the holistic educational experience of students by providing volunteer services which support ongoing efforts of faculty and staff to provide excellence in education while promoting the spiritual, moral, emotional, intellectual, social and physical development 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 new friendships and most importantly, enrich the lives of our sons. Our members are committed to provide support to the CHS school community through designated programs and specific needs of the school.

A few important reminders:

- <u>As a registered member of the CHS Mothers' Club, you are assured that you will be notified of events and opportunities!</u> There are countless ways to share your talents while getting to know other mothers. You are invited to join as few or as many planning committees as your schedule allows.
- Join today via this <u>link</u> or visit the school website to join CHS Mothers' Club. (To register, click on the "parents" tab, then scroll down to the Mothers' Club tab where you'll find links to a digital registration page and a printable form, along with other helpful information.
- Mark your calendar for Thursday, August 26! Join us for the CHS Mothers' Club *Mom's Night Out*. Meet other CHS moms in a relaxed environment, learn how to get involved during a brief "Committee Meet and Greet," and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails in the new Student Center.

As the mother of a senior, I am extremely grateful for the friendships that have resulted from my membership in the CHS Mothers' Club. When my son graduates in May 2022, he and I will both have great memories and lifelong friendships gained through our participation in Catholic High School activities. Please join us in a year that promises the return of traditions and the making of memories!

Appreciatively,

Michelle Bohan, CHS Mothers' Club President





WELCOME BACK-PARENTS!

NEW PARENT WELCOME PARTY

The CHS Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations would like to officially welcome our new families to CHS! Make plans to join us for a New Parent Welcome Party on Tuesday, August 10th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Student Center. Stop by to meet our faculty, and mix and mingle with other new parents to learn more about the Catholic High School experience.

The mission of CHS 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. It's because of the investments of our dedicated parents, alumni, and friends that we are able to fulfill this incredible charge. As we begin another school year, we prayerfully ask every family to continue the tradition of giving by contributing to the CHS annual fund - The Fund for Catholic High School. Every dollar of support has a direct impact on student experiences like spiritual retreats, access to 21st-century learning tools, curriculum enhancements, and outstanding extracurricular programs. We need

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THE 2021-2022 PARENT APPEAL IS UNDERWAY!

your support as we continue to foster a Sanctuary for the young men in our care. Our goal is to have 75% parent participation by the end of the first quarter (October 8th).

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