



# NEWSLETTER

*From the Office of the Principal*

**SPECIAL SCHEDULES:** ([May Calendar](#))

**Wednesday, May 9:** Faculty Meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

**Friday, May 18:** Schoolwide liturgy at 9:47 a.m.  
Closing of school liturgy. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

**THANK YOU AND FAREWELL, SENIOR PARENTS:**

Congratulations to parents and students of the class of 2018 for an outstanding school year. We are all grateful to the class of 2018 for being such a blessing for our entire school community. We will all continue to keep this group of students in our prayers as they go on to become the young men that God has created them to be.

**PROCEDURES FOR SENIOR LAPTOP RETURN AND**

**CLOSING OF STUDENT DEBIT ACCOUNTS:** Jay Butcher, Director of Technology, sent an email to all seniors with information about the procedures for laptop return. Please refer to that email for details.

Once seniors have completed exams, they must return their laptops to 864 Hearthstone Drive. This is the house next to the Science Building, directly across from the circle drive in front of the main entrance. Seniors can return their laptops at any time during exams but absolutely no later than May 10. Help Desk workers will exam the laptops and assess any damage and/or determine if money is owed for items not returned, such as the charger. Laptop charges will be charged to the student's debit account.

All money owed on senior debit accounts, including cafeteria charges and laptop charges, must be paid by 7:30 a.m. Monday, May 15. Students may bring cash, check, or credit card to the bookstore or parents may pay online through the MyCHS feature on our website. After 7:30 a.m. on Monday, May 15, all unpaid senior charges will be billed to the parents

FACTS account and assessed a \$20 service fee. Please take care of all money owed in a timely manner.

**TUITION [From Gerald Tullier]:** As noted in the April newsletter, all tuition due for the current school year must be paid before a student will be allowed to take final exams in May. If your son's tuition is past due, please pay the amount due, or work out a special tuition payment plan with me right away. Students whose tuition balances are not current or whose parents have not worked out a special tuition payment plan may not be allowed to continue attending classes.

**SEMESTER FAILURES:** If your son is a senior and he fails any course, a CHS administrator will contact you on Friday, May 11. If your son is an underclassman and he receives a failing grade, you will be contacted by a CHS administrator or school counselor by Friday, May 25.

**SUMMER SCHOOL:** Catholic High will once again conduct summer school for the remediation of failed credits. Students who fail a course at CHS must attend our summer school. Students may also attend summer school to re-take a course in which they earned a D for either semester. The intent is to reinforce skills that students lack, as well as to give students the opportunity to raise their letter grade. More information will be available as the school year comes to a close.

**UNDERCLASSMAN EXAM SCHEDULE:** The underclassman exam schedule is listed below. Teachers must submit underclassmen grades by Friday, May 25.

Monday, May 21	7th and 8th periods
Tuesday, May 22	3rd and 6th periods
Wednesday, May 23	2nd and 5th periods
Thursday, May 24	1st and 4th periods

If your son is not scheduled to take an exam during a particular period (ex: he has lunch during 5<sup>th</sup> period), he does not have to attend school during that time.

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

Teachers will begin the exam on time so it is very important that students arrive to school on time. Keep in mind that traffic in the mornings is very heavy during the later start time so allow for additional travel time to arrive to school. 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 Union before school and lunch items will be available between exams.

**MOTHER SETON AWARD:** Congratulations to Jodie Johnson who was selected as the 2017 - 2018 recipient of the Mother Seton Award for Catholic High. Jodie served as the Mothers' Club president this school year and provided tremendous support and dedication to Catholic High. Jodie and other diocesan award recipients were recognized at a special gathering in April.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Please have your son check at the Bookstore if he has lost items during the school year. Items remaining unclaimed by noon on Thursday, May 24 will be donated to a local charity

**BOOKSTORE CLOSURE:** The bookstore will close at noon on Thursday, May 24, and will remain closed for most of the summer. There will be special shopping days in June so watch your emails for details. Thanks to everyone for supporting the school by visiting the bookstore this year.

**RING MASS AND PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2019:** The Class of 2019 Presentation and Ring Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 10, at 6 p.m. in the Catholic High gym. Each member of the Class of 2019 will be introduced and senior rings or ring boxes will be presented. Dress for students is coat and tie.

Additional information was mailed out on April 20; however, if you have any questions concerning this event, please contact our event coordinator, Janet Vidrine (ext. 130) or email [jvidrine@catholichigh.org](mailto:jvidrine@catholichigh.org).

### **8TH GRADE PROMOTION MASS AND CEREMONY:**

The 8th grade class will celebrate their promotion with a liturgy on Thursday, May 24, at 2 p.m. in the Catholic High gym. Family and friends of our 8th grade students are invited to attend. Refreshments will follow the ceremony in the Union.

**END – OF – YEAR PARTIES:** During the spring, parents often choose to host parties before or after school events. Only those events named on the official school calendar are school functions. Private parties are not chaperoned by school personnel. If you are concerned about any such function, I encourage you to call the host to express those concerns and/or to ask any questions.

**SUMMER AT CHS ACTIVITIES PROGRAM:** A brochure containing complete information (including dates, times, and fees) about our Summer at CHS Activities Program is on our website. Please consider taking advantage of the opportunities available through our Summer Program.

### **VERY IMPORTANT – LAPTOP RETURN**

**INFORMATION:** All current students must turn in their laptop to Help Desk personnel for maintenance at the conclusion of exams. All computers will be reimaged to include new programs needed for next school year.

Students must turn in their computer to Help Desk personnel at the conclusion of exams. May 25 is the final date for turn in. This year laptops are to be dropped off at 864 Hearthstone Drive. This is the house next to the Science Building, directly across from the circle drive in front of the main entrance. When walking out of the main lobby of the school, 864 is to the left of the Science Building.

Once the laptop has been reimaged, the Help Desk will send your son an email informing him that the computer is ready for pick-up. Pick-up will also take place at 864 Hearthstone Drive. Students are responsible for returning the laptop in the condition that it was issued.

To return your laptop, please follow the procedures listed below:

1. Make copies of any data that you want to save. Once it has been turned into the Help Desk, the computer will be reimaged so all information not backed-up will be lost at that time.

2. Inspect your laptop before you turn it in.
3. Bring your laptop to a Help Desk worker at 864 Hearthstone after your last exam. Students are to keep the computer bag and power cord.

Your laptop will be inspected for any damage or missing items. Once it is inspected, you will receive an email from the Help Desk notifying you if repairs are necessary. Any damage to the computer (including cracked screens, cracked cases, etc.) will be repaired. Students are responsible for all damages and/or missing items.

If any missing items or damage to the computer are covered under the warranty, the Help Desk will complete the repairs and claim it on the warranty. For items not covered under warranty, your Catholic High debit account will be charged for the repairs. If sufficient funds are not in your debit account for the amount of the computer charge, you will receive a phone call and/or email from Mrs. Pinney Johnson in the Bookstore notifying you of the balance. As with all debit charges, parents can see an itemized list of charges using the Student Accounts tab on the Catholic High website. If you purchased the additional laptop insurance offered at the beginning of the school year, repair charges must be paid by the parents and parents can then make a claim on the insurance.

All money owed on student debit accounts for grades 8-11, including cafeteria charges and laptop charges, must be paid by 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 25. The bookstore will be open on Friday morning until 8:30 only so that students or parents can bring cash, check, or a credit card to pay off accounts. Parents may also pay online through the MyCHS feature on our website. Online payments will be accepted until noon on Friday, May 25. After that time, all unpaid student charges will be billed to the parents FACTS account and assessed a \$20 service fee. Please take care of all money owed in a timely manner.

Thank you for your help with this important process. If you have any questions, please contact Jay Butcher, Director of Technology, through the school phone: 383-0397 or by email: [jbutcher@catholichigh.org](mailto:jbutcher@catholichigh.org).

**CHS MEN'S CLUB – \$13,000 Raffle Tickets Now On Sale!** Hey, do you feel lucky? Men's Club \$13,000 raffle tickets are on sale now. Only 500 tickets will be sold. The grand prize is \$10,000, with several other

cash prizes throughout the evening. The drawing is Friday, May 11, in the CHS Student Union. The evening will include live music, food and fun (*you don't have to be present to win, but you are going to want to be*). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and drawing begins at 7 p.m. Your raffle ticket is your ticket for admittance. This is an adult only event. [PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#).

# Starting the Conversation

During the summer, many students will have extra free time. If parents are not diligent this can become a time for drug, especially alcohol, experimentation. So now is the time to begin – or continue – that ongoing conversation about drinking and other drug use.

Communication is essential in any loving relationship and it is important for parents to remember that communication involves listening as well as talking. Our children believe that they have important things to say, and it builds their self-esteem and confidence when parents truly listen to them. **The most important thing to remember when talking to our children about difficult subjects like alcohol and other drugs is that it is not a one-time five-minute “talk.”** It is an ongoing dialogue, because as our children grow up they will need more and more information and support.

In our fast-paced society it sometimes seems there are not enough hours in the day and it is hard to find time to have meaningful conversations with our children. Yet the better you communicate, the more at ease you and your child will feel when discussing drugs and other sensitive issues. Here are some tips for that conversation:

- **Be absolutely clear that you do not want your child using drugs.** Talk often about the dangers and results of abuse, including drugs or alcohol, and make sure your child understands that it is never, ever okay to use these substances anywhere, at any time. Set your rules and continually discuss and reinforce the importance of staying alcohol and drug-free.
- **Be a better listener.** Encourage your child to ask questions and then paraphrase what is said to show that you are listening. Involve them in family decisions and show your willingness to listen to what he has to say. This will make your child feel more comfortable about opening up to you when they have important issues on their mind.
- **Give honest answers.** If you do not know the answers offer to find it out - but don't make up what you do not know. If they want to know if you used drugs, let them know what's important: That you **do not** want them to use drugs.
- **Use TV reports, anti-drug commercials, or school discussions** as a natural way to introduce the subject. Look for other teachable moments that will open the door for that important conversation.
- **Don't react in a way that will cut off further discussion.** Children often make statements to challenge or shock their parents, and your calm reaction can turn the conversation into a discussion about drug use and if the effect is worth the risk.
- **Role-play with your child.** Acknowledge how tough it is to be a child/teen these days. Practice with them ways to refuse drugs in a variety of situations and what to do if help is needed.