



NEWSLETTER

From the Office of the Principal

OCTOBER SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Friday, October 5: Test Prep Schedule. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Sunday, October 7: Senior retreat begins.

Monday, October 8 – Wednesday, October 10: Standardized testing. See details below.

Thursday, October 18: Schoolwide Liturgy. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Tuesday, October 23: Faculty meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[**CHS Calendar**](#)

STANDARDIZED TESTING SCHEDULE:

Grades 8, 9, and 10: On Monday, October 8 and Tuesday, October 9, grades 8 through 10 will take the ACT Aspire Test. Students must attend school both days for testing.

9th and 10th grade students who applied to take the PSAT will also test on Wednesday, October 10. 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students not taking the PSAT do not attend school on Wednesday, October 10.

Grade 11: The PSAT will be administered on October 10 to all 11th grade students. 11th grade students do not attend classes on Monday, October 8 and Tuesday, October 9.

All Grades: Regular classes are not held during testing days. See the testing schedule for details and dismissal times.

The Aspire tests are computer-based tests and are part of the ACT family of tests. 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students will take reading and science on Monday, October 8 and English and math on Tuesday, October 9. The PSAT on Wednesday, October 10 will be administered on paper, not electronically.

These tests are very important for your son and very important for our school as they provide valuable information about your son’s academic progress. 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. Please encourage him to take these tests seriously. Results of these tests will be given to you later in the school year through your son. Please contact Ms. Shelley Vance, testing coordinator, if you have any questions.

During testing days, breakfast will be available in the 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

Monday, October 8, 2018 - Aspire

7:55 & 7:58 a.m.	Warning Tone
8:00 a.m. (Tardy Bell)	Prayer and Pledge
8:15 – 9:20	Reading test (65 minute limit)
9:20 – 9:50	Break
9:50 – 10:50	Science test (60 minute limit)
10:55	Dismissal

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 - Aspire

7:55 & 7:58 a.m.	Warning Tone
8:00 a.m. (Tardy Bell)	Prayer and Pledge
8:15 – 9:00	English test (45 minute limit)
9:00 – 9:30	Break
9:30 – 10:45	Math test (75 minute limit)
10:50	Dismissal

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 - PSAT

7:55 & 7:58 a.m.	Warning Tone
8:00 a.m. (Tardy Bell)	Prayer and Pledge
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 (Calculator Optional)
11:25	Dismissal

Please note: Students must be in classrooms and seated by 8:00 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 12. Please consult page 43 and 44 of the [2018-2019 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 for assistance.

HOMECOMING 2018: The Homecoming Dance is Saturday, October 27, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Catholic High gym. Nancy Herin, Activities Director, will send information for the dance in early October to parents and students via Plus Portals. Tickets and t-shirts will be purchased through myCHS. You may also order your picture packages and corsages through myCHS.

As parents and students begin to make plans for this event, please know that if you are dropping off and picking up your son and his date, you must use the Westmoreland parking lot. All students who drive and park for the dance must also use the Westmoreland parking lot.

PARKING: Parking in the senior lot, in the Claycut Drive Horseshoe, and on Hearthstone Drive is reserved for faculty, coat check volunteers, and student council members. No one may park on the streets surrounding our campus.

CHS Drivers: All CHS students driving to the dance must park in the Westmoreland parking lot. The first three rows of parking spaces will not be available so that it can be used for pick-up at the conclusion of the dance. There is no parking in the lot on Claycut, and no one may park on the streets surrounding our campus. Drivers will be dismissed to Westmoreland at 10:30 p.m. in order to leave before the carpool line starts picking-up students. Students must use the Government Street exit, not Cole Street, to exit the Westmoreland lot.

Before the Dance - Carpool Drop-Off: All parents dropping-off CHS students must use the Westmoreland parking lot for drop-off. Please enter on Cole Drive and follow the normal carpool lanes as indicated. Parents may not drop off students in the neighborhood to walk to CHS for the dance.

After the Dance – Carpool Pick-Up: At 10:45 p.m. all students who carpooled to the dance will go out to Westmoreland for pick-up. We will run two pick-up lines to help move the lines along faster. See the map provided. Please be patient and cautious while driving through the carpool line and exiting to Government Street. Cole Drive will be one-way only during dance pick-up. Our students' safety is our primary concern. We will not allow students to walk into the neighborhood to be picked up. This is incredibly dangerous due to the volume of traffic. Faculty chaperones will be in Westmoreland directing cars into the carpool lanes. Please follow their directions.

NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS: Congratulations to Hunter Antie, Kyle Becnel, Hunter Doiron, Sean Kennedy, Caleb Sanders, and Philip Tullier for achieving National Merit Commended Student status.

[Homecoming
Info](#)

NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS: Congratulations to Edward Alumbaugh, Eli Barbin, Everett Bonner, Isaak Dawson, Allen Duggar, Jack Fuselier, Reece Lantz, Jacob Limbocker, Carson Mack, Joseph Mengis, and Nicholas Robert 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 are extremely proud of these 11 young men, and we are grateful to their parents and the faculty members who have so positively influenced their academic achievement.

For full story and details, please click here:

[National Merit](#)

SENIOR RETREAT: Seniors will make their mandatory closed retreat on Sunday, October 7, and Monday, October 8. The retreat begins with a Sunday liturgy for seniors and their families in our gym at 9:30 a.m. Casual attire is appropriate for this liturgy. After the liturgy, seniors will travel to six retreat sites and return to CHS Monday between 6:45 and 8:00 p.m. Please remember these young men and their adult leaders in your prayers.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION: If a student must take prescription medication while at school, that medication must be registered with and administered by the Counseling Center staff. Please contact Mrs. Laney in the school Counseling Center to receive the proper forms for taking medication at school. Possession of unregistered prescription medication by students on a school campus is a violation of the law. Any student found to be in possession of unregistered prescription medication is subject to the charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone. If a student passes prescription medication to another student he is subject to the charge of distribution of drugs to a student in a drug-free zone.

If school officials determine that students are involved in any type of drug activity involving prescription medications or other illegal drugs, we may have a legal obligation to report our findings to local authorities. Students are aware of our drug policies but I ask that you also discuss the seriousness of this matter with your son.

CHS TASTE FAIR & AUCTION: The CHS Taste Fair & Auction will be held Sunday, November 11, 2018, from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. The event, sponsored by the CHS Alumni Association and the Catholic High School Mothers' Club, will take place in the CHS Gym. Come enjoy a great lineup of restaurants/beverage vendors and also enjoy bidding on various exciting items in the auction. Tickets are \$50 per person in advance and \$55 per person at the door. Individuals 65 years of age and older can purchase a discounted ticket for \$45 in advance or at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at the link below or from members of the CHS Alumni Association Board of Directors and the CHS Mothers' Club. A limited number of tickets are available.

Plan to join us for this unique event that showcases the talents of the Baton Rouge food industry and local merchants.

[Taste
Fair/Auction](#)

Alumni Tailgate: The Alumni tailgate will be held on Friday, October 26 at Memorial Stadium. It will feature the Grizzly Greats presentation, along with the band, Bruinettes, and cheer reunion. The Men's club will be cooking and all CHS alumni get a free ticket to the game. To register click the Alumni link below.

For a complete list of Alumni events, click here:

[Alumni](#)

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS: Healthvac will provide our students the opportunity to receive their flu vaccine this season. Vaccines will be given on Thursday, November 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The vaccine is \$25 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.

[Flu Vaccine](#)

UPCOMING ADMISSIONS EVENTS:

Information Night, October 14, 2018 | 7 p.m. – This evening 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.

Open House, November 8, 2018 | 4:30 p.m. – Young men in grades 6-8 and their parents are invited to tour the campus, meet faculty and students, and experience firsthand what makes CHS so special.

Please see the admissions timeline for details:

[Admissions Info](#)

SJA OPEN HOUSE: St. Joseph's Academy invites 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents to their Open House 2018. Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 18, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Meet their students, faculty, staff, alumnae and parents, and enjoy tours of their beautiful campus throughout the evening. Application information will be available for 8th grade girls. For more information, contact the Admissions Team of Meredith Smith and Kristian Vukojevic at admissions@sjabr.org or 388-2243. To learn more about SJA, visit their website at www.sjabr.org.

2018-2019 PARENTS APPEAL UPDATE: Thank you to the CHS parents who have already participated in the 2018-2019 Parents Appeal for *The Fund for Catholic High School*. Because of your support, we are off to a good start with 11% of our goal in the first month of the school year.

For those parents who have not yet participated, we prayerfully ask that you make your gift or pledge today at the link below. Every gift counts no matter the size. Consider making a gift in honor of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart as they celebrated Foundation Day on Sunday, September 30.

We are extremely grateful for your support. Together, we are DEFINING THE DIFFERENCE for every student, every year.

[Pledges](#)

[Appeal Updates](#)

GET INVOLVED AT CATHOLIC HIGH: There are numerous opportunities for parents to be a part of our school community by attending the various events that take place each month. Please check the calendar on the Catholic High website to see a full listing of events and activities, including school masses. We welcome your attendance and participation. I also encourage parents to join The Mothers' Club and/or Men's Club. These organizations provide valuable services for our school and give parents many opportunities to be a part of the life of our school.

[Parent Info](#)

MEN'S CLUB [from Richard Beaugh]: The CHS Men's Club has a long tradition of service to the Catholic High School community. Our purpose is to support the mission and young men of CHS and promote camaraderie among adult males who are interested in the betterment of the school. If you are not already a member, please consider joining the Men's Club and supporting Catholic High School. For more information on how to join, visit the Men's Club page on the [Catholic High](#) website or at the links below.

[Men's Club](#)

[Men's Club Registration](#)

MOTHERS' CLUB [from Stephanie Riegel]: Please continue to help us make the 2018-2019 Mothers' Club Car Raffle a success. Sign up for site sales at parish churches and local retailers on the link below. 8th, 9th and 10th grade students can earn service hours for assisting with car raffle sales. Also, all boys who turn in their sold tickets by Friday Oct. 26 will be eligible for a \$300 Amazon Gift Card.

Our monthly CHS Core Prayer Group will be held from 9-10:30 a.m., Sat. Oct. 27, at 7635 Willow Grove Blvd. For more information contact: Sarah Fontenot at (225) 933-8035 or J.C. Dardis at (225) 362-4477.

[Car Raffle Site Sales](#)

[Mothers' Club Registration](#)

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.

QUICK HELP INFORMATION GUIDE: Attached to this month's newsletter is a handy information guide with answers to the most frequently asked questions about daily life at Catholic High. Feel free to print it out and post it somewhere as a quick reference guide about our policies and procedures. Once printed front and back on a single sheet of paper, it can be folded into a tri-fold brochure for easy referral.

From the Principal:

Messages: We have no system of getting messages to individual students, so please do not call the school to leave messages for your son. Only emergency messages from parents will be delivered.

If you must contact your son (ex., transportation home has changed), we will call him to the Main Office at the end of the school day over the P.A. system. However, we cannot guarantee that your son will report to our office.

Forgotten items: If your son has forgotten his lunch, book report, project, homework, books, sports uniform, etc., please do not bring it to school. Students, faculty and staff may not accept such items. The best way for your son to learn responsibility for himself (ex., remembering to bring needed items to school) is for him to take ownership of such details.

Appointments with school personnel: We are very willing to meet with you personally to discuss your son's progress in his growth and development at CHS. Please feel free to contact any of us to schedule an appointment. However, please do not simply "drop in" to see a teacher, a guidance counselor or an administrator. Your advance contact allows us to set up an appointment for you with the appropriate person and to ensure that your conference is held in a private setting.

Questions about grades: Questions concerning your son's report card should be directed to the academic assistant principal. Questions about grades in individual classes should be directed to your son's teacher(s).

Tuition: Please direct all tuition questions to our finance director. For financial assistance, direct your calls to the president of CHS.



**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.**

QUICK INFORMATION GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS 2018-2019

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



Procedures You Need to Know

From the Assistant Principal for Discipline:

Absences: Any time your son will be absent, please call school to notify us of that absence. On the morning your son returns to school, send a written excuse which he must bring to the Assistant Principals' Office. If your son is absent for a few days due to illness, please ask him to check Moodle for assignments. He can also contact his teachers or a friend from each class for missed notes or other important information. If your son is absent for an extended illness, call his school counselor to arrange more extensive plans due to the illness.

Early Dismissals: Requests for leaving school early should be infrequent and should never occur on a Friday afternoon or on the last day of school before a break. Written requests, including email, should be sent to the Assistant Principals' Office by the student before school that day. The student must check out in the Assistant Principals' Office before leaving campus. **Parents should never just show up to school to check a student out without prior notification,** unless in case of emergency.

Illness: If your son becomes ill during the school day, he should report to the Assistant Principals' Office. A school official will contact a parent at that time. Do not send your son to school if he is running a fever or experiencing intestinal issues.

Tardiness: A student who is late for first period class is tardy for school. He must report to the Assistant Principals' Office before going to his first period class. Tardiness is included in attendance reporting.

Locker difficulties: If a student experiences any type of difficulty with his locker (ex., he forgot his lock combination, his locker handle has broken), he should come to the Assistant Principals' Office to receive the combination number or to report the malfunction.

From the Counseling Center:

Medications: In order for a student to take medication during the school day, a parent or guardian must bring the medication to the Counseling Center Office and complete the parent/guardian form for medication administration, indicating the dosage schedule and giving permission to dispense the medication. For prescriptions, the medication must be in the original bottle with the student's name labeled clearly on the bottle.

For short-term medication, such as Tylenol or cold remedies, the parent or guardian must bring the medication to the Counseling Center and complete the parent/guardian form for medication administration and instructions for dosage. Most students take medication during their lunch period, but other accommodations can be made if necessary. Please remember, at no time may a student carry medication on his person, in his book bag, or keep it in his locker. The only exception is for students with severe allergies who must carry an EpiPen for emergencies.

Special Accommodations: Catholic High School works to provide what we consider to be reasonable accommodations for students with special needs. To communicate such needs to school personnel, please contact your son's school counselor. The counselor may request a copy of your son's evaluation or documentation from the person or agency that diagnosed the special need. Once the counselor has received the documentation, the student will be placed on a special-needs list. This is a confidential list distributed to teachers to alert them to students who have special needs. If you do not wish to have your son's name on the list, please contact his counselor. Otherwise, we will assume that you want his teachers to be aware of the learning difference or special need.

Serious emotional or physical difficulties: Serious problems, either physical or emotional, that may affect your son's performance in school should be communicated to this office. With your permission, your son's counselor will inform teachers on a need-to-know basis.

From the Bookstore:

Hours: The Bookstore is open from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m., and from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. during the school year, and from 9 a.m. until noon on the first two Saturdays in December for the Christmas season.

Sales: CHS merchandise for sale include PE uniforms, sweatshirts, caps, t-shirts, collared shirts, novelty items, and other CHS gear. Supplies such as pens, pencils, notebooks, loose-leaf paper and an supplies, are also available. Required reading novels for English classes are available at the beginning of each semester.

Football tickets: During the fall, pre-game football tickets are sold at the Bookstore. Please check each week for ticket availability.

Lost and Found: Items lost on campus are turned in to the Bookstore. If your son tells you he has lost something at school, ask him to check the Lost and Found. Every reasonable effort is made to return items to their owner before unclaimed items are donated to charity.

Debit card deposits: Deposits to student debit card accounts can be made immediately through myCHS or at the Bookstore. For deposits made at the Bookstore on campus, there is a 24-hour waiting period before money is available for use. Negative balances are assessed a penalty fee.

Website: Visit the Bookstore link on the CHS website at www.catholichigh.org. Click on Shop CHS at the top of the page.

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