



NEWSLETTER

From the Office of the Principal

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November 1, 2018

NOVEMBER SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Thursday, November 1: School-wide liturgy at 9:47 a.m. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Monday, November 5: Faculty & Staff Day of Experience. No school for students.

Thursday, November 8: Open House. Special schedule with 8th period dismissal at 12:39 p.m. to allow time to prepare our campus for Open House. Students are encouraged to stay and help with set-up.

Friday, November 9: 8th grade and freshman retreat from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. No school for 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Office hours will be 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 28: Faculty Meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[CHS Calendar](#)

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS: No classes from Monday, November 19, through Friday, November 23. Please do not request holiday time before the end of school on Friday, November 16, or beyond Sunday, November 25. Office hours will be 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Monday, November 19, and Tuesday, November 20. Offices will be closed Wednesday, November 21, through Friday, November 23.

ADDITION TO STUDENT HANDBOOK: The administration of CHS has revised and expanded the school's policies and procedures regarding harassment, hazing, and bullying. Please see the attachment for the text of the revised policy. This policy is now a part of the Student Handbook and is therefore part of the contract between the school, student, and parents. I encourage

you to carefully read the policy and discuss it with your son.

RECRUITMENT, ADMISSIONS, AND OPEN HOUSE: On October 14, we conducted CHS Information Night to discuss Catholic High with prospective students and their parents. We had a great crowd present to hear more about the mission of Catholic High. The most important part of our student recruitment process is Open House on Thursday, November 8, from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Please encourage families with sons in 6th, 7th, or 8th grades to attend this event. Open House allows prospective students and their parents to see our facilities, meet our faculty and staff members, learn more about our academic development and faith formation programs, and meet our current students. If you have any questions about our admissions process, please contact Sherie LeBlanc, admissions director at sleblanc@catholichigh.org.

[Admissions](#)

DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASSES FOR 2019-2020:

Catholic High School will offer Dual Enrollment courses next year in American History (11th grade), English (12th grade), and Religion (12th grade). There will be an informational meeting for interested students and their parents on **Tuesday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the CHS Library.** Details about the courses and the process for admission will be reviewed. Please see the email you received on October 22nd for more information and complete the interest form at the link below. If you have questions about the CHS Dual Enrollment program, please contact Assistant Principal for Instruction, Mrs. Christy Kessler, ckessler@catholichigh.org.

[Dual Enrollment Interest Form](#)

8TH GRADE AND FRESHMAN RETREAT: All of our 8th graders and freshmen will participate in their retreat on Friday, November 9, the day after Open House. There is no school for students in grades 10, 11, and 12. Details about the retreat, including times, dress for the day, and lunch, will be distributed through students' religion classes. Please pray for our 8th graders and freshmen as they experience this important aspect of their spiritual formation.

GRADUATION MATERIALS: In late October, seniors should have received information packets about graduation supplies from Jostens. Please examine the information carefully with your son. Representatives from Jostens will be in the main lobby on Tuesday, November 13th, from 5 to 7 p.m. to answer questions and to take orders for 2019 graduation supplies.

RELIGION CURRICULUM: Continuing a program initiated by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, and in keeping with recommendations from the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Catholic High includes within its 8th through 12th grade religion curriculum information concerning sexual abuse and harassment. The 8th and 9th grade curriculum contains age-appropriate material and is designed to make students aware of these issues. The 10th grade curriculum contains a more comprehensive study of sexual education using the textbook Theology of the Body for Teens by Jason Evert. If you would like more information about the program, please contact Jared Cavalier, academic assistant principal at jcavalier@catholichigh.org.

ASBESTOS UPDATE: CHS has an updated management plan for removal, repair, or encapsulation of asbestos material found in any area of our facility. Our plan will be completed in a timely manner and will be evaluated and kept current with ongoing operations, maintenance programs, response actions, periodic surveillance, re-inspections, and training. A copy of our plan is available for reading in our Main Office during office hours.

ACT PREPARATION CLASS: ACT preparation classes will be offered on Sunday, January 20 and Sunday, January 27. If interested, your son may choose one of these two dates to attend the class. Please click the link below to get more details about this course which has been quite beneficial for many of our students. Please e-mail Mrs. Christy Kessler at ckessler@catholichigh.org if you have any questions about the course.

[ACT Prep Class](#)

CHS BOOKSTORE LAUNCHES ONLINE GALLERY: The CHS Bookstore has launched an online gallery featuring in-store items to keep you up to date with all of the great merchandise available. Simply [click here](#), browse through the categories, make your list and visit the CHS Bookstore to make your purchase! Browse Online – Shop In-Store! So, what are you waiting for?

[Bookstore](#)

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 and participate in bidding on interesting and exciting items.

[Taste Fair/Auction](#)

For a complete list of Alumni events and news, click here:

[Alumni](#)

CHS MEN'S CLUB – BBQ PIT FUNDRAISER RAFFLE: The CHS Men's Club has a long tradition of service to the Catholic High School community. Help us raise funds to build our own barbecue pit. Tickets are only \$10, and the drawing is Feb. 7, 2019. For more information and to purchase your ticket, click on the link below. 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 at the link below.

[BBQ Pit Raffle](#)

[Men's Club Registration](#)

MOTHERS' CLUB [from Stephanie Riegel]: Thanks so much to everyone who has sold and turned in car raffle tickets. We really appreciate your help! However, we're still selling and still have a way to go. Remember, 8th, 9th and 10th grade students can sign up online for opportunities to sell tickets at parish churches and retail outlets, where they can earn service hours. Also, we need students in all grades to please turn in their books of sold tickets to the bin outside the front office as soon as possible. Our next incentive drawing will be **November 20**. All boys who have turned in sold tickets by then will be eligible for a **\$200 Amazon gift card!**

Also, the Lip Sync Battle with the Bears is back in 2019! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 30. We have a must-see line up of hilarious and potentially talented teams who promise to entertain, plus great food and drinks. It's a night you won't want to miss. Look for more information from the Mothers' Club soon.

[Car Raffle Site Sales](#)

[Mothers' Club Registration](#)

2018-2019 PARENTS APPEAL UPDATE: As we quickly approach the end of the fall semester, we encourage you to participate and support this year's Parents Appeal for The Fund for Catholic High School. Giving to the Parents Appeal currently stands at 16% as of October 24, significantly down from 30% this time last year. If you have yet to participate by making your pledge or one-time gift to this year's 2018-2019 Parents Appeal, please make your tax-deductible donation on behalf of your CHS student(s) today. No matter the size, every gift counts towards providing a positive CHS experience for our 1,137 students. A big thank you to those who have already made a gift or pledge to *The Fund*. Parents who have donated as of October 24 may view their names in the updated Honor Roll class list of parent donors by clicking on the **HONOR ROLL** button below. Make your gift or pledge now, by clicking on the **DONATE** button to be counted in the next Principal's Newsletter Honor Roll update. Please help us keep CHS strong. Together, we are DEFINING THE DIFFERENCE for every student, every year!

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[Honor Roll](#)

THANKSGIVING: On behalf of the entire CHS faculty and staff, we wish all of our families in the CHS community a

happy and blessed Thanksgiving. While every family experiences its share of challenges and difficulties, we must remember to give thanks to a faithful God who never abandons us, but is with us in every blessing and every struggle. Know of our gratitude to each of you for the blessing of your son and for entrusting your son to us during his time in high school. I hope that you will also continue to remember in your prayers the dedicated faculty and staff who minister to your sons each day in the tradition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Happy Thanksgiving!

Harassment

Every person has a right to his or her own dignity and individuality. Thus, any student who harasses, bullies or demeans another person, in any manner or by whatever means, subjects himself to appropriate corrective actions which may include probation, suspension or dismissal. CHS is aware of the growing prevalence of the use of electronic communication for harassment and bullying, and considers such behavior, commonly referred to as cyber-bullying, to be a clear violation of the dignity to which each person is entitled.

This prohibition against acts of harassment applies to all students, regular and temporary, part-time or full-time employees, volunteers, itinerant instructors, and consultants. It also applies equally to clergy, religious and laypersons.

Physical Harassment: Physical harassment includes unwarranted physical touching, contact, assault, deliberate impeding or blocking movements, or any intimidating interference with normal school or work movements.

Sexual Harassment: Sexual harassment can include sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or any other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. This behavior includes unsolicited written or verbal statements, vulgar or obscene photographs, drawings, jokes or comments, gestures, or physical contact of a sexual nature.

Verbal Harassment: Verbal harassment can include derogatory remarks, jokes or slurs, and belligerent or threatening words spoken to another.

Written or Electronic Communication Harassment: This includes communication of any threat of, or act of sexual, verbal, or physical harassment.

Hazing: Hazing is the intentional, knowing or reckless act by a person when 1) the person knew or should have known that the act endangers the physical health or safety of the other person or causes severe emotional distress; and 2) the act was associated with being initiated into, affiliating with, participating in or membership in any CHS or SJA student organization. Hazing includes physical activity or other activity that subjects a person to an unreasonable risk of harm, adversely affects the physical health or safety of the individual, or causes severe emotional distress, including, but limited to, the consumption of foods or substances. Hazing is contrary to the charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, is a criminal act under Louisiana law, and is forbidden at CHS.

All allegations of hazing will be investigated by administrators. If there is sufficient information to determine that hazing has occurred, CHS will report the hazing to law enforcement as required by Louisiana law. Any student determined to have engaged in hazing shall be given consequences at CHS which may include suspensions or dismissal.

Bullying: Bullying behavior is the repeated harassment and targeting of another person or group of persons with the intent to cause emotional, physical, or psychological harm.

Reporting: Any student, faculty, or staff member who believes that any portion of this policy is being violated should report the same immediately to a member of the administration.