



NEWSLETTER

From the Office of the Principal

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January 1, 2019

SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Tuesday, January 1 – Monday, January 7: Christmas Holidays. No school. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 8.

January 16, January 24, and January 30: Special schedule for standardized test preparation/presentations for 8th and 12th grade students. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Friday, January 18: Schoolwide liturgy at 9:47 a.m. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Monday, January 21: A holiday to celebrate the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. No school. Offices are closed.

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[CHS Calendar](#)

SEMESTER REPORT CARDS: Semester report cards are available and are in the E-Locker section of PlusPortals. Please consult page 43 of the [Student Handbook](#) for an explanation of grading policies.

[Student Handbook](#)

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: Please mark your calendar now to attend parent-teacher conferences on Monday, January 7 from 7:15- 9:15 a.m. Teachers will be available during this time to discuss your son's first semester grades or other concerns. There is no school for students on January 7. The remainder of the day is designated as professional development for teachers.

You do not need to make an appointment for teacher conferences on January 7 but waiting may be necessary if other parents are in line. So that as many parents can speak with teachers as possible, please limit your conferences to 5-7 minutes per teacher.

Please see the attached list of rooms where teachers will be located during parent-teacher conferences.

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](#)

PSAT PREPARATION CLASSES: We have set the dates for the PSAT/NMSQT Preparation Course for members of the Class of 2020. These six workshops will be offered on the following dates: March 16 or 24, April 27 or 28, May 5 or 11, August 17 or 18, September 14 or 15, and October 5 or 6. The cost of the PSAT/NMSQT course is \$195. A flier is included in this newsletter with more details about this course, including times.

Please email Mrs. Kessler at ckessler@catholichigh.org if you have questions about this course.

[PSAT Prep Class](#)

CLASS OF 2020 RING ORDERS: Juniors were given packets before the holiday break from Balfour concerning class ring options and prices.

Representatives from Balfour will be on campus to take orders and answer questions on Thursday, January 17, in the courtyard during all lunch periods and in the main lobby from 5-7 p.m. A deposit of \$100 is required when ordering a class ring.

Please see the email sent to juniors and their parents with additional details. Contact Events Coordinator Tracy Ducote at tducote@catholichigh.org if you have any questions or need a packet.

RE-REGISTRATION PROCEDURE AND FEE [From Gene Tullier]:

The timely completion of the re-registration process is critical to our effective planning for the 2019-2020 school year.

The re-registration process allows us to accurately plan the number of sections of each course needed, hire the appropriate number of qualified teachers for these courses, order and acquire adequate instructional materials, build a school master schedule and individually schedule students in a manner that accommodates as many of their needs and requests as possible. Each of these things must be done accurately and in sequence in order for us to have an organized start of the school year in August.

Because of the intricacies of planning for the coming school year, I ask for your cooperation in completing the re-registration process accurately and in a timely manner.

The Catholic High School Board of Directors has set the re-registration fee for 2019-2020 at \$450 which is the same as last year. If you are enrolled in the 12 month or the semi-annual tuition payment plan, payment of this fee is already included in your scheduled tuition payments for the current year. This means that there is no fee required when you register for 2019-2020. However, if you pay tuition in a single annual payment and did not already pay the re-registration fee for 2019-2020, this fee is due by January 31, 2019.

Re-registration for all students takes place online. All families will receive an email during the week of January 21 to notify you that re-registration is open, along with instructions. The re-registration form must be completed by January 31, 2019.

8th GRADE PROMOTION FEE: Parents of current 8th grade students only will be charged an 8th grade promotion fee of \$50. This fee will be added to the scheduled February tuition payment through FACTS for current 8th grade students.

PLANS FOR FEBRUARY 19 AND FEBRUARY 20 : February 19 and 20 are mandatory days of school for all students. We will not be following our regular school schedule because of the various activities planned for each grade level. Specific schedules, including dismissal times, will be included in the February Principal's Newsletter. Activities for each grade level include:

Seniors: On February 19 and 20, the senior class will be divided into two groups. Depending on the day, seniors will either travel to New Orleans to the WWII Museum or participate in Job Shadowing Day. Seniors will be receiving information about both events.

WWII Museum Trip: Students and faculty chaperones will travel by charter bus to the museum and enjoy a full day that includes the 4D film "Beyond All Boundaries," a guided tour of the museum and lunch. The cost of the trip is \$60. This fee includes the cost of the charter bus, admission into the museum, and lunch. **The Finance Office will charge each senior family's FACTS account \$60 in March.** This is a great opportunity for our students to experience this incredible museum that connects the classroom with the real world. This is a mandatory day of school for all seniors. Attire for the day is regular school dress, including student ID.

Job Shadowing for Seniors: On either Tuesday, February 19 or Wednesday, February 20, 2019, all seniors will participate in Job Shadowing Day. Each senior will spend six hours at work with a professional of his choice. The professional should be a college graduate and cannot be the student's parents. Afterwards, each senior will complete a reflection exercise that will be turned in to his English teacher.

Seniors will receive information and additional details at school during the week of January 8, 2019.

Job Shadowing Day is a mandatory event for all seniors. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Robichaux in the Counseling Center at crobichaux@catholichigh.org or (225) 383-0397 ext. 113.

8th and 9th Grade Students: On February 19, all 8th and 9th grade students will take the Explore test, which is the same test that students took as their placement test before being accepted as a student at CHS. The results of this test will be used to determine progress on the college readiness skills assessed through Explore. Students will be dismissed following testing.

On February 20, there are no classes for 8th and 9th grade students.

10th Grade Students: On February 19, all 10th grade students will take a retired version of the ACT test. This test is part of our Cambridge Educational program, and the scores are not reported to colleges. Instead, these scores allow us to compare actual ACT scores to the predicted score given by the Aspire tests. They also give us a baseline of ACT preparedness to help us utilize the Cambridge Educational program to raise individual student ACT scores. Students will be dismissed following testing.

On February 20, all 10th grade students will be on their mandatory retreat.

11th Grade Students: On February 19, all 11th grade students will be on their mandatory retreat. On February 20, all 11th grade students will take the official ACT test on our campus. This test can serve as one of the two suggested ACT tests to be taken in the spring of the junior year. Students paid for this test during orientation in August. Students will be dismissed following testing.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: January 28 – February 3 is designated nationwide as “Catholic Schools Week.” The theme this year is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” In honor of Catholic Schools Week, many activities take place both nationally and locally. On January 28, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will host a dinner honoring its distinguished graduates from all Catholic schools in the Diocese. Catholic High will recognize Perry Key '78 as our distinguished graduate on this occasion. We are proud to celebrate Perry's contributions to Catholic High and the local community. Please take some time this month to remember in your prayers Catholic High and all Catholic schools across the country who work so hard to educate the young people entrusted to our care.

GRANDPARENTS DAY 2019: Grandparents of CHS students are invited to the 2019 Grandparents' Day celebration on Sunday, March 17, from 2-4 p.m. in the

CHS Gym. All students whose grandparents are attending are invited to join in the celebration, and all grandparents of current CHS students are invited to attend regardless of whether their grandson(s) can attend.

Immediately following the assembly, students and their grandparents are welcome to tour campus. The CHS Photography Club will be on hand to take pictures in the Courtyard and a reception will be hosted by the CHS Mothers' Club to follow in the Union. Dress for students is school attire.

Parents, please refer to School Announcements in your *Plus Portals* account to review a listing of grandparents and their mailing information. If your son's grandparents are not listed, please send their names and mailing addresses by Friday, February 8, 2019, to Aimee Turner (aturner@catholichigh.org). Please include your son's name with the information. Invitations will be mailed on February 15, 2019.

2018-2019 PARENTS APPEAL UPDATE [From Jamie Segar '90, Director of Advancement]: Philanthropic support to the Fund for CHS from parents has always been a very important part of the spirit of giving at Catholic High School. Please consider making your online gift or pledge today to the 2018-2019 Parents Appeal and support what is “Defining the Difference at CHS.” *Every gift counts no matter the size.*

We wish to thank those who have already made a gift or pledge to *The Fund*. To view a current listing of Parents who have contributed, please click on the **HONOR ROLL** button below.



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[Honor Roll](#)

CHS MOTHERS' CLUB: The CHS Mother Son Breakfast is Sunday, February 10 at the Crowne Plaza. Invitations will be sent online during the first week of January with a link to the online registration. This special event fills up quickly so be prepared to sign up as soon as registration opens. Details and instructions will be included with the link. Membership in the Mothers' Club is not necessary to attend the breakfast.

In addition, this year the drawing for the Mothers' Club Car Raffle will take place at the breakfast so please get your car raffle tickets in during these final few weeks. We appreciate everyone who has already turned in tickets and urge you to please continue to help the

Mothers' Club help CHS. All funds raised go directly to the school, contributing to both its operating budget and the Capital Campaign. Thank you.

CHS MEN'S CLUB \$13,000 RAFFLE: Tickets for the 35th Annual CHS Men's Club \$13,000 Raffle are now on sale. Take a chance at winning the grand prize of \$10,000, along with other cash prizes. Only 500 tickets will be sold, so buy your ticket today. The drawing will be held Friday, April 5, 2019.



2018-2019 PARENT - TEACHER VISITATION

Directions: You will find your son's teachers located in the rooms listed below. A map of the school is on the back of this sheet to help you. Please refer to your son's report card for names of teachers you want to visit.

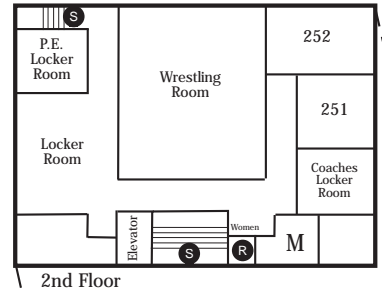
Before entering for your visit, please wait outside the room until the previous parent is finished talking with the teacher. Please do not take more than five minutes of any one teacher's time so that all parents will have the opportunity to visit with the teacher.

FACULTY	ROOM	FACULTY	ROOM
Arceneaux, Mitch	J. P. Kelly's Office	LeBlanc, Sherie	Activities Office
Bass, Brad	Gym	Lo, Kaia	Band Room
Bellamy, Austin	103	Logsdon, Doug	124
Billings, Michael	Wrestling Room	Losavio, Drew	Help Desk
Bonine, Christine	105	Losavio, Scott	Campus Ministry Office
Boudreaux, Pete	Pete Boudreaux's Office	Manning, Scott	125
Breight, Edward	Gym	Maxson, Claudia	Library
Butcher, Jay	Help Desk	Messenger, Taylor	113
Bynum, Diane	171	Messina, Brad	100
Caffarel, Vic	171	Messina, Mark	Band Room
Canizaro, Kari	Couns. Ctr. (Robichaux)	Metz, Adriane	Library
Carruth, Ryan	112	O'Banion, Casey	132
Cascio, Mark	252	Olinde, Jaime	104
Cavalier, Jared	Lobby	Otterstetter, Margo	164
Chapoy, Judy	Couns. Ctr. (Redden)	Pasquier, Kristen	271
Chustz, Tim	163	Patout, Nancy	Counseling Ctr.(Conf.)
Conroy, Fiona	270	Patout, Peggy	101
Costela, Susana	120	Porch, Gerren	Library
Cupit, Leanna	174	Potts, Katie	Chorus Room
Davis, Chris	141	Prochaska, Tommy	Wrestling Room
Davis, Sanders	111	Quebodeaux, Jarrod	131
Deck, Robin	133	Ramos-Grasa, Margarita	121
Devillier, Bill	271	Rawls, Bella	Brother Ray's Office
DiPalma, Ben	Library	Relle, Ben	144
Ducote, Tracy	245	Riecke, Jewell	170
Dukes, Jason	274	Robinson, Jill	106
Dulaney, Patrick	Couns. Ctr. (Brouillette)	Romero, Pegeen	Couns. Ctr. (Reinecke)
Dupuy, Chad	109	Rumfol, Claudia	242
Eldringhoff, Tom	Lobby	Schoonmaker, Sheri	170
Fertitta, Gabe	Asst. Prin. (Eldringhoff)	Smith, Ashley	272
Fuller, Hudson	Gym	Smith, Margaret	244
Galliano, Steve	Chorus Room	Soileau, Janell	176
Guidance	Lobby	Stephenson, Willie	276
Harrison, Deuce	162	Summerville, Lisa	102
Hart, Erin	243	Thornton, Edith	244
Hayes, Jami	110	Waller, Tim	Library (Hammatt's Office)
Held, Eric	Coaches' Office	Wascom, Marianne	161
Herin, Nancy	Activities Office	Weiner, Dale	Gym
Holden, Lyn	122	Widdick, Ian	241
Hopkins, George	107	Williams, Melanie	172
Jezeck, Shawn	142	Williams, Suzanne	108
Jumonville, Charles	Couns. Ctr. (Thibodeaux)	Williamson, Caleb	Library (Howell's Office)
Kessler, Christy	Lobby	Wynne, Chris	251
King, Bro. Clifford	Asst Prin. (Kessler)		

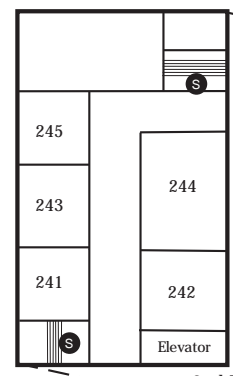
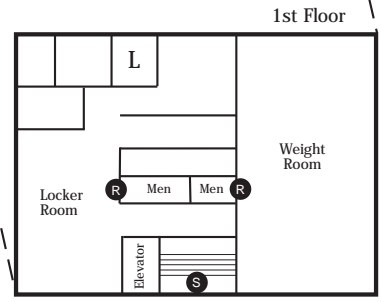
Legend	
A	Counselors
B	Mrs. Harvey
C	Mrs. Melancon
D	Mrs. Kessler
E	Mr. Eldringhoff
F	Mr. Cavalier
G	Br. Ray Hebert
H	Activities and Admissions
I	Coach Boudreaux
J	Coach Kelly
K	Computer Help Desk
L	Coach Fertitta
M	Conference Room



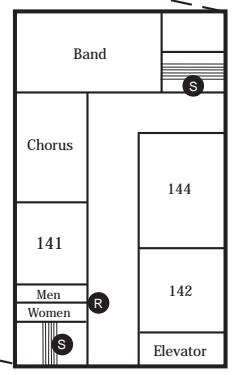
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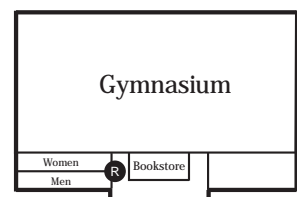
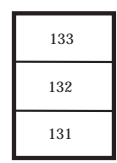
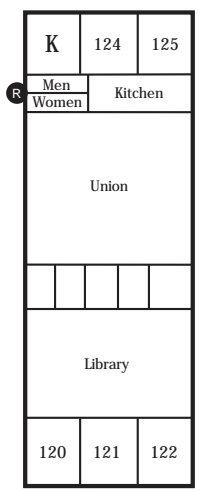
Jume Center



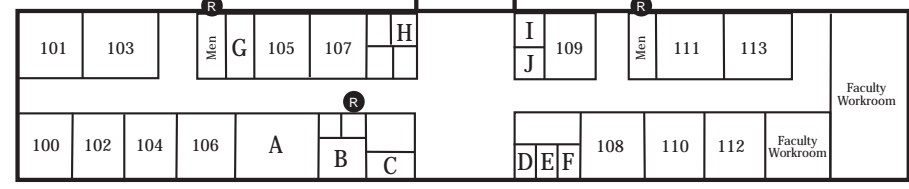
Fine Arts/Computer Center



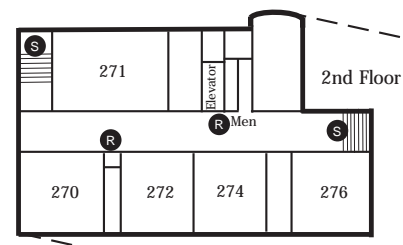
Union Building



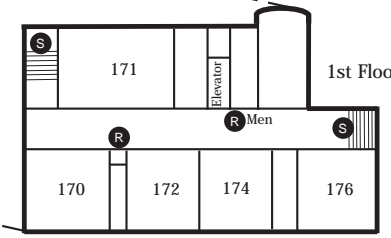
Main Building



Hearthstone



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Science Center

Claycut

CHS PSAT/NMSQT PREPARATION PROGRAM

As part of our continuing effort to prepare students to succeed on standardized tests, Catholic High will offer a special preparation program for the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (**PSAT/NMSQT**). It is through this test that students compete for the honor of being recognized as **National Merit Semifinalist** or a National Merit Commended Student. This test is also the vehicle through which qualified students earn the opportunity to compete for National Merit Scholarships.

Mrs. Christy Kessler will be the workshop presenter. The workshop will include six sessions:

PSAT Workshop 2019			
Workshop # 1	Saturday, March 16 9am to noon	or	Sunday, March 24 1pm to 4pm
Workshop # 2	Saturday, April 27 9am to noon	or	Sunday, April 28 1pm to 4pm
Workshop # 3	Sunday, May 5 1 pm to 4pm	or	Saturday, May 11 9am to noon
MAKEUP SESSIONS	Workshop #1 Makeup Tuesday, July 23 9am to noon	Workshop #2 Makeup Wednesday, July 24 9am to noon	Workshop #3 Thursday, July 25 9am to noon
Workshop # 4	Saturday, August 17 9am to noon	or	Sunday, August 18 1pm to 4pm
Workshop # 5	Saturday, Sept 14 9am to noon	or	Sunday, September 15 1pm to 4pm
Workshop # 6 MOCK EXAM	Saturday, October 5 9am to 12:30	or	Sunday, October 6 1pm to 4:30

All sessions will be held in Room 108 at CHS. The \$195 course fee includes all course materials.

Any current sophomore may take this course. Complete the registration form below and return it to the Main Office with the course fee of \$195 by Friday, March 1, in order to reserve a place in the course. For more information, please email Mrs. Kessler at ckessler@catholichigh.org.

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PSAT/NMSQT PREPARATION PROGRAM

Registration is available online at mychs.catholichigh.org or you can detach and return this portion to the Main Office by Friday, March 1 with a check made payable to Catholic High School.

Please register _____ for the PSAT/NMSQT Preparation Program.

Student Email Address: _____ (please print)

Parent Name: _____ (please print)

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