



NEWSLETTER

From the Office of the Principal

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February 1, 2019

SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Wednesday, February 6 and Friday, February 15:

Standardized test preparation/presentations for 12th grade students. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Tuesday, February 19 – Junior Retreat. Testing for 8th, 9th and 10th grades. Senior job shadowing day or field trip.

Wednesday, February 20: Sophomore retreat. Junior ACT test. Senior job shadowing day or field trip. No school for 8th and 9th grades.

Tuesday, February 26 – Schoolwide liturgy at 9:47 a.m. Regular dismissal.

[CHS Calendar](#)

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](#)

COLLEGE PLANNING SEMINAR FOR JUNIORS AND THEIR PARENTS: On Monday, February 11, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in SJA's new Academy Student Center, there will be a seminar for juniors and their parents

concerning college planning. Catholic High School and St. Joseph's Academy are again combining their programs this year for one big event, and it is extremely important that juniors and their parents attend. Please mark your calendars!

GOLDEN BEAR DONORS: A Golden Bear is the highest honor a student can receive for his work in academics and extracurriculars. These awards are made possible through donations by generous sponsors. A few of these awards are available for sponsorship. If you are interested in sponsoring a Golden Bear in your name or in memory of a loved one, please contact Tracy Ducote, Events Coordinator at tducote@catholichigh.org.

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.

FEBRUARY 19 and 20 DETAILS: February 19 and 20 are special days for all students. Retreats, field trip and testing details for each grade level are below. Breakfast will be available in the Union before school and snacks will be available after testing.

8th and 9th Grade Students: On February 19th, 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. Students will receive an email the week of February 11th from Mrs. Vance with details concerning testing, including where to report and dismissal times.

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

10th Grade Students: On February 19th, all 10th grade students will take a retired version of the ACT test. This test is part of our Mastery Prep Testing program, and the scores are not reported to colleges. Instead, these scores allow us to compare ACT scores to the predicted score given by the ASPIRE tests. They also give us a baseline of ACT preparedness to help us utilize our test prep program to raise individual student ACT scores. Students will be dismissed following testing. Students will receive an email the week of February 11th from Mrs. Vance with details concerning testing, including where to report and dismissal times.

On February 20, all 10th grade students will be on their mandatory retreat. Detailed information about the retreat will be distributed through religion classes.

11th Grade Students: On February 19th, all 11th grade students will be on their mandatory retreat. Detailed information about the retreat will be distributed through religion classes.

On February 20th, 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. Students will receive an email the week of February 11th from Mrs. Vance with details concerning testing, including where to report and dismissal times.

Seniors: On February 19th and 20th, 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 have already received information about both events. For the 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.

The buses will depart Catholic High School at 7:00 a.m. **It is imperative that all seniors be at school by 6:45 so that the buses can load for a 7:00 a.m. departure.** Arrival back at Catholic High will be at approximately 3:00 p.m. Lunch is provided. Seniors must wear standard school attire, including their student ID.

SUMMER AT CHS PROGRAM: A brochure containing complete information (including dates, times, and fees) about our 2019 Summer at CHS Courses is available on the link below or on our website. Registration will be available online beginning February 18th. Courses include:

Athletics: Basketball, Baseball, Golf, Football, Soccer, Wrestling, Lacrosse

Strength and Speed: Required for current CHS JV and varsity athletes, incoming 8th and 9th grade athletes. Middle School Conditioning course also available.

Academics: ACT Preparation*, Preparation for Algebra I, Preparation for English I, Creative Writing*, Public Speaking*, Keyboarding*, Study Skills*, Fun Science*, Robotics*, College Application Boot Camp*, 3D Animation*, Computer Game Development Using Scratch*, CHS/SJA Percussion Camp*, New Member Marching Camp*, Adventure Camp*, CHS Writing Boot Camp

*courses open to girls



CHS MEN'S CLUB: There are two great events being hosted by the Men's Club during the second semester. Please consider joining us and supporting the Men's Club.

Guy's Night Out: Calling all Bear Dads – Could you use a night out? Join us for the CHS Men's Club Guys' Night Out on Thurs., Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. in the CHS Union. Our guest speaker for the evening is Dan Borne', "The Voice of the Tigers." Come out and enjoy some good

food and great fellowship. This is a free event. Please RSVP at chsmensclub@gmail.com.

\$13,000 Raffle Party: Also, are you feeling lucky? If so, help support the Men's Club and the mission of CHS, by purchasing a raffle ticket for its annual \$13,000 Raffle. **Only 500 tickets will be sold.** The drawing will take place on April 5. The final ticket drawn wins the grand prize of \$10,000, with lots of other winners throughout the evening. To purchase your ticket, click the link below.

[Raffle Tickets](#)

CHS MOTHERS' CLUB: Thanks to everyone who supported the CHS Mothers' Club Car Raffle. Your help is greatly appreciated! Our winner will be drawn at the Mother-Son Brunch on Sunday, February 10, at the Crowne Plaza. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Also, save the date for the second Lip Sync Battle of the Bears. It will be on Saturday, March 30, in the CHS Gym. Tickets are available at the link below. If you'd like to be a sponsor or want more information about how to support this event, please call Janine Borne at 225-241-6116.

[Lip Sync Battle
Tickets](#)

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 | | | |
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| 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)

Parent Email Address: _____ (please print)