

MARCH SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Monday, March 4 – Friday, March 8: Mardi Gras holiday. No school for students.

Tuesday, March 19 – Schoolwide liturgy at 9:47 a.m. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Friday, March 22 – Special schedule for Challenge Day pep rally. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Monday, March 25: Faculty and staff retreat. No school for students.

Friday, March 29: Special Schedule for schoolwide assembly.

CHS Calendar

END OF THE THIRD QUARTER: The third quarter of our school year will end on Friday, March 15. Your son's third-quarter grades will be based on a combination of daily work, projects, tests and quizzes given during the quarter. Report cards will be in the E-Locker section of PlusPortals by Friday, March 22.

SENIOR SUPPER: This year's Senior Supper, cosponsored by the Catholic High Men's Club, Mothers' Club, and Alumni Association will be on Wednesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. To ensure that all seniors can attend, the following day, Thursday, March 28, is a "no assessment day" which means that there are no tests, quizzes, or assignments due for seniors. The program will consist of several brief addresses to our graduating seniors and their families. We will return cumulative school records and distribute graduation invitations and caps and gowns at the end of the evening. Attire for the evening is school dress for seniors and comparable clothing for parents.

Because of limited seating, attendance at this event is restricted to seniors and their parents. Please make every effort to be present for this special event and sit as a family. Please park in the Westmoreland lot and do not park on the streets surrounding campus. If you cannot be with us that evening, please encourage your son to attend.

ADOLESCENT DECISION - MAKING AND PARENTAL

INFLUENCE: Catholic High strives each day to help our students make good decisions. We uphold consistent discipline by holding students accountable when we are made aware of their mistakes.

All too often, we find that parents hinder our efforts by allowing their sons to attend functions or events without proper adult supervision or by allowing them to attend functions where it is very difficult for our students to make good decisions. It is especially distressing when parents actually provide alcohol for their son's activities or try to coordinate an event where they believe they are doing the right thing by taking car keys or having sleepovers. Catholic High School's expectations are unchangeable and this permissiveness puts students in situations that are confusing. A consistent message from school and home ultimately gives students the courage to make good decisions.

With the Mardi Gras break upon us and as the Easter break gets closer and dances and other spring-time opportunities occur, please monitor your son's activities. Suggestions to help your son make good decisions include:

 Insist on adult chaperones that will not place your son in a situation where alcohol, drugs, and other substances are made available to them. One would think that common sense would prevent more parents from engaging in such behavior, but it happens all too often.

- Monitor your son's cellphone and computer. Nine times out of ten, everything you need to know about your son's activity is on his cell phone and/or computer.
- Give your son a reason to say no to irresponsible behavior. Get in front of it. Have clear and specific rules at home with clear consequences. Father Andre Coindre, the founder of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart stated: "It is better to prevent transgressions than to correct them."

Catholic High will do its part by continuing to have high standards and expectations and by holding students accountable. We are not changing. While Catholic High is not trying to tell parents how to raise their sons, we do need parents to commit to their partnership with CHS by having those same expectations at home. It is my hope and prayer that every one of our students has a successful conclusion to the school year. Please help us help your son in that endeavor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.: Is your current sophomore or junior interested in the 2019 Thanksgiving trip to Washington, D.C.? There will be a parent information meeting on Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Academy Student Center at SJA. Trip details and registration information will be shared. Please email questions to trip coordinators Drew Losavio (dlosavio@catholichigh.org) or Vicki Melancon at (vmelancon@catholichigh.org). This is a great trip and I encourage you to consider this opportunity for your son to see our nation's capital.

2019 - 2020 TUITION AND RE-REGISTRATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A copy of this schedule is enclosed with this newsletter.

DEADLINE FOR REQUESTS FOR TUITION

ASSISTANCE [From Gerald Tullier]: Applications for tuition assistance for the 2019-2020 school year must be submitted by Monday, April 29, 2019. Note that applications must be submitted by all persons who are requesting tuition assistance, both those applying for the first time and those who received tuition assistance during the 2018-2019 school year and are re-applying for tuition assistance for the coming school year.

Applications for assistance are to be submitted on-line through FACTS. A link to the FACTS web page can be found in the "Tuition Assistance" section of the CHS web page or in the link below. You will need to create a FACTS account and log-in, and then complete the application online.

In keeping with the educational tradition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, no student is refused admission or asked to leave Catholic High School solely because of his family's inability to pay tuition. Tuition assistance is available for students whose families are unable to pay the full cost of tuition.

Any parent who does not have access to a computer or who needs help completing the online application can get assistance by contacting Mrs. Pinney Johnson by phone at (225) 383-0397 ext. #104, or by e-mail at pjohnson@catholichigh.org.



SUMMER AT CHS REGISTERING NOW: Information about our 2019 Summer at CHS Courses is now available at the link below. The registration link and brochure containing complete information (including dates, times, and fees) is available through this link. 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

*Indicates courses that are open to girls



GRANDPARENTS DAY – SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2-4 P.M.
GRANDSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND SIT
WITH THEIR GRANDPARENTS: 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, the CHS Mothers' Club will host a reception in the Union. In addition, students and their grandparents are welcome to tour the campus. The CHS Photography Club will be on hand to take pictures in the Courtyard and Dress for students is school attire. A map including general and handicapped parking information was included in the invitation mailed to all grandparents in February. We encourage all Faculty and Staff to join us for this special day.

CHS Men's Club – \$13,000 Raffle Party: 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 final ticket drawn at the raffle party on Friday, April 5, wins the grand prize of \$10,000, with lots of other winners throughout the evening. To purchase your ticket, click on the link below.

Raffle Tickets

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. Giving to the Parents Appeal currently stands at 27% as of February 25. If you have yet to participate, please consider making your tax-deductible donation to The Fund for Catholic High School on behalf of your CHS student(s) today. Every gift counts no matter the size.

Please help us keep CHS strong. Together we are DEFINING THE DIFFERENCE for every student, every year.

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** link below.

<u>Donate</u>

Honor Roll

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

TUITION AND REGISTRATION 2019-2020

TUITION (2019-2020) \$11,400.00 REGISTRATION (2020-2021) \$450.00

Tuition includes the individual use of a school-issued notebook computer.

TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS (All tuition and registration is interest free, payable in advance on-line through FACTS. By March 2019, parents will be invited to schedule a tuition payment plan through FACTS. The following are payment options:

#1 Annual Payment—due on July 3, 2019

- \$11,850.00 for underclassmen (includes registration fee for 2020-2021)
- \$11,850.00 for seniors (includes graduation and retreat fees)

#2 Semi-Annual Payments—due on July 3, 2019 and December 3, 2019

- \$5,925.00 for returning underclassmen (includes registration fee for 2020-2021)
- \$5,925.00 for seniors (includes graduation and retreat fees)

#3 Monthly Installment Payments through FACTS—see below for details.

Note: All tuition payments will be made on-line through FACTS. There is no FACTS charge for annual payments. However, FACTS will charge a \$45 annual fee for the Monthly Installment Plan and a \$10 annual fee for the Semi-Annual Installment Plan.

| 12 Month Payment—includes registration (for 2020-2021) or | Underclassmen | Graduating Seniors |
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| senior fees | | |
| June 2019 | \$987.50 | \$987.50 |
| July 2019 | \$987.50 | \$987.50 |
| August 2019 | \$987.50 | \$987.50 |
| September 2019 | \$987.50 | \$987.50 |
| October 2019 | \$987.50 | \$987.50 |
| November 2019 | \$987.50 | \$987.50 |
| December 2019 | \$987.50 | \$987.50 |
| January 2020 | \$987.50 | \$987.50 |
| February 2020 | \$987.50 | \$987.50 |
| March 2020 | \$987.50 | \$987.50 |
| April 2020 | \$987.50 | \$987.50 |
| May 2020 | \$987.50 | \$987.50 |

Note: Tuition payments made by credit card will incur an additional service fee of approximately 2.9% collected by and retained by FACTS.