



# NEWSLETTER

*From the Office of the Principal*

**SPECIAL SCHEDULES:** ([May Calendar](#))

**Wednesday, May 8:** Faculty Meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

**Friday, May 17:** Schoolwide liturgy at 9:47 a.m.  
Closing of school liturgy. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

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**THANK YOU AND FAREWELL, SENIOR PARENTS:**

Congratulations to parents and students of the class of 2019. Thank you for an outstanding school year and for all you have contributed to our school community. We are blessed to have shared your time at CHS with you. Our prayers will continue for this special group of students as they move forward in the next phase of their lives.

**PROCEDURES FOR SENIOR LAPTOP RETURN AND**

**CLOSING OF STUDENT DEBIT ACCOUNTS:** Jay Butcher, Director of Technology, sent an email to all seniors with information about the procedures for laptop return. Please refer to that email for details.

Once seniors have completed exams, they must return their laptops to the Help Desk. Seniors can return their laptops at any time during exams but absolutely no later than immediately following their last exam. Help Desk workers will examine the laptops and assess any damage and/or determine if money is owed for items not returned, such as the charger. Laptop charges will be charged to the student's debit account.

All money owed on senior debit accounts, including cafeteria charges and laptop charges, must be paid by 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 8. Students may bring cash, check, or credit card to the bookstore or parents may pay online through the myCHS feature on our website. After 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8, all

unpaid senior charges will be billed to the parents FACTS account and assessed a \$25 service fee. Please take care of all money owed in a timely manner.

**TUITION [From Gerald Tullier]:** As noted in the April newsletter, all tuition due for the current school year must be paid before a student will be allowed to take final exams in May. If your son's tuition is past due, please pay the amount due, or work out a special tuition payment plan with me right away. Students whose tuition balances are not current or whose parents have not worked out a special tuition payment plan may not be allowed to continue attending classes or take final exams.

**SEMESTER FAILURES:** If your son is a senior and he fails any course, a CHS administrator will contact you on Friday, May 10. If your son is an underclassman and he receives a failing grade, you will be contacted by a CHS administrator or school counselor by Friday, May 24.

**SUMMER SCHOOL:** Catholic High will once again conduct summer school for the remediation of failed credits. Students who fail a course at CHS must attend our summer school. Students may also attend CHS summer school to re-take a course in which they earned a D for either semester. The intent is to reinforce skills that students lack, as well as to give students the opportunity to raise their letter grade.

Any student who earned a D or F in the first semester in a core class should have received an email from their school counselor with information about summer school. Included in that communication was information for students who earned a D about the advantages of remediating the course during summer school. If you have any questions, please contact your son's school counselor or Jared Cavalier, academic assistant principal.

**UNDERCLASSMAN EXAM SCHEDULE:** The underclassman exam schedule is listed below. Teachers must submit underclassmen grades by Friday, May 24.

Monday, May 20	1st and 4th periods
Tuesday, May 21	7th and 8th periods
Wednesday, May 22	3rd and 6th periods
Thursday, May 23	2nd and 5th periods

If your son is not scheduled to take an exam during a particular period (ex: he has lunch during 5<sup>th</sup> period), he does not have to attend school during that time. The daily time schedule for exams is as follows:

7:55 & 7:58	Warning tones
8:00	First exam begins
9:35	First exam ends
10:00 & 10:03	Warning tones for second exam
10:05	Second exam begins
11:35	Second exam ends

Teachers will begin the exam on time so it is very important that students arrive to school on time. Keep in mind that traffic in the mornings is very heavy during the later start time so allow for additional travel time. Please check the exam schedule carefully so that you can assist your son in preparing for the proper exam on the correct day. Breakfast will be available in the Union before school and lunch items will be available between exams.

**MOTHER SETON AWARD:** Congratulations to Stephanie Riegel Woolverton who was selected as the 2018 - 2019 recipient of the Mother Seton Award for Catholic High. Stephanie served as the Mothers' Club president this school year and provided tremendous support and dedication to Catholic High. Stephanie and other diocesan award recipients will be recognized at a special gathering on May 7.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Please have your son check at the Bookstore if he has lost items during the school year. Items remaining unclaimed by noon on Thursday, May 23 will be donated to a local charity.

**BOOKSTORE CLOSURE:** The bookstore will close at noon on Thursday, May 23, and will remain closed for most of the summer. There will be special shopping days in June so watch your emails for details. Thanks to everyone for supporting the school by visiting the bookstore this year.

**RING MASS AND PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2020:** The Class of 2020 Presentation and Ring Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at 6

p.m. in the Catholic High gym. Each member of the Class of 2020 will be introduced and senior rings or ring boxes will be presented. Dress for students is coat and tie.

Additional information was mailed out on April 10; however, if you have any questions concerning this event, please contact our Events Coordinator, Tracy Ducote (ext. 130) or email [tducote@catholichigh.org](mailto:tducote@catholichigh.org).

**8TH GRADE PROMOTION MASS AND CEREMONY:** The 8th grade class will celebrate their promotion with a liturgy on Thursday, May 23, at 2 p.m. in the Catholic High gym. Family and friends of our 8th grade students are invited to attend. Refreshments will follow the ceremony in the Union.

**END – OF – YEAR PARTIES:** During the spring, parents often choose to host parties before or after school events. Only those events named on the official school calendar are school functions. Private parties are not chaperoned by school personnel. If you are concerned about any such function, I encourage you to call the host to express those concerns and/or to ask any questions.

**SUMMER AT CHS ACTIVITIES PROGRAM:** A brochure containing complete information (including dates, times, and fees) about our Summer at CHS Activities Program is on our website. Please consider taking advantage of the opportunities available through our Summer Program.

**VERY IMPORTANT – LAPTOP RETURN INFORMATION:** All current students must turn in their laptop for maintenance at the conclusion of exams. All computers will be reimaged to include new programs needed for next school year.

Students must turn in their computer to Help Desk personnel in room 251 of the "Jume" H&PE Center at the conclusion of their last exam. May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the final date for turn in.

The Help Desk will evaluate laptops throughout June. Once the laptop has been evaluated and reimaged, the Help Desk will send your son an email informing him that the computer is ready for pick-up. Pick-up will also take place in Room 251.

Students are responsible for returning the laptop in the condition that it was issued. The laptop will be inspected for any damage or missing items. Any damage to the computer (including cracked screens,

cracked cases, etc.) will be repaired. Students are responsible for all damages and/or missing items.

If any missing items or damage to the computer are covered under the warranty, the Help Desk will complete the repairs and claim it on the warranty. For items not covered under warranty, you will be charged for the repairs. An email invoice with itemized charges will be sent from the Help Desk. If you purchased the additional laptop insurance offered at the beginning of the school year, repair charges must be paid by the parents and parents can then make a claim on the insurance.

Once any necessary repairs have been made and parents receive the email with the indicated charges, payment can be made online through the myCHS feature on our website. The charges must be paid prior to the student picking up his laptop. Students will not be issued their laptop if there are outstanding charges due.

Thank you for your help with this important process. If you have any questions, please contact Jay Butcher, Director of Technology by email: [jbutcher@catholichigh.org](mailto:jbutcher@catholichigh.org).

**2018-2019 PARENTS APPEAL UPDATE [From Jamie Segar '90, Director of Advancement]:** A big THANK YOU to all parents who have participated in this year's 2018-2019 Parents Appeal. Your tax-deductible donation has been a blessing in supporting the operations and offerings CHS has provided its students this school year. With a few weeks left, WE STILL NEED YOU! This year's Parents Appeal is significantly down as compared to this time last year. If you have yet to participate, please make your tax-deductible gift today.

Giving is easy and can be made visiting [catholichigh.org/giving](http://catholichigh.org/giving), PayPal, ApplePay or Venmo to support the Parents Appeal. Every gift counts no matter the size.

Be a part of what's DEFINING THE DIFFERENCE for every student, every year.

To view a current listing of Parents who have contributed this fiscal year, please click on the **HONOR ROLL** button below.

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# Starting the Conversation

During the summer, many students will have extra free time. If parents are not diligent this can become a time for drug, especially alcohol, experimentation. So now is the time to begin – or continue – that ongoing conversation about drinking and other drug use.

Communication is essential in any loving relationship and it is important for parents to remember that communication involves listening as well as talking. Our children believe that they have important things to say, and it builds their self-esteem and confidence when parents truly listen to them. **The most important thing to remember when talking to our children about difficult subjects like alcohol and other drugs is that it is not a one-time five-minute “talk.”** It is an ongoing dialogue, because as our children grow up they will need more and more information and support.

Parental support also includes giving your son reasons to say no when peer pressure threatens otherwise good decision-making. Monitoring your son’s cell phone, including photographs and social media accounts, is a protective factor that can encourage adolescents to think carefully before engaging in risky behavior.

In our fast-paced society it sometimes seems there are not enough hours in the day and it is hard to find time to have meaningful conversations with our children. Yet the better you communicate, the more at ease you and your child will feel when discussing drugs and other sensitive issues. Here are some tips for that conversation:

- **Be absolutely clear that you do not want your child using drugs.** Talk often about the dangers and results of abuse, including drugs or alcohol, and make sure your child understands that it is never, ever okay to use these substances anywhere, at any time. Set your rules and continually discuss and reinforce the importance of staying alcohol and drug-free.
- **Be a better listener.** Encourage your child to ask questions and then paraphrase what is said to show that you are listening. Involve them in family decisions and show your willingness to listen to what he has to say. This will make your child feel more comfortable about opening up to you when they have important issues on their mind.
- **Give honest answers.** If you do not know the answers offer to find it out - but don’t make up what you do not know. If they want to know if you used drugs, let them know what’s important: That you **do not** want them to use drugs.
- **Use TV reports, anti-drug commercials, or school discussions** as a natural way to introduce the subject. Look for other teachable moments that will open the door for that important conversation.
- **Don’t react in a way that will cut off further discussion.** Children often make statements to challenge or shock their parents, and your calm reaction can turn the conversation into a discussion about drug use and if the effect is worth the risk.
- **Role-play with your child.** Acknowledge how tough it is to be a child/teen these days. Practice with them ways to refuse drugs in a variety of situations and what to do if help is needed.