



NEWSLETTER

From the Office of the Principal

OCTOBER SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

Tuesday, October 6: Student Mentoring Schedule.
Dismissal at 2:54 p.m.

Friday, October 9: Standardized Test Prep Schedule.
Dismissal at 2:54 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14: Standardized testing – PSAT
All 11th grade students, and select 10th and 9th grade students. No school for remaining 8th, 9th, 10th, and 12th grade students. See details below.

Friday, October 16: Schoolwide Liturgy. Dismissal at 2:54 p.m.

Monday, October 19: Standardized testing – ACT
Aspire Test for all students in grades 8, 9 and 10. See details below. No school for students in grade 11 and grade 12. See details below.

Tuesday, October 20: Standardized testing – ACT for students in grade 12 and ACT Aspire Test for all students in grades 8, 9 and 10. No school for students in grade 11 and those in grade 12 who do not have to take the ACT. See details below.

To view the full calendar, please click here:

[CHS Calendar](#)

STANDARDIZED TESTING SCHEDULE:

8th, 9th, and 10th Grades: All students in grades 8 through 10 will take the ACT Aspire tests on October 19 and 20. All 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students, must take these tests on the CHS campus during these two days – including students who are 100% virtual. Students must attend both days of testing. Students will take reading and science on Monday, October 19 and English and math on Tuesday, October 20. The number

of students will be small in each classroom, so that physical distancing between students is guaranteed.

8th, 9th, and 10th, grade students do not attend school on October 14, with the exception of those students participating in the PSAT. Regular classes are not held during testing days.

11th Grade Students: On October 14, all students in 11th grade will take the PSAT/NMSQT which is used to determine National Merit and National Achievement Semifinalists. A select group of 9th and 10th grade students who qualify will also take the PSAT. All students must take this test on campus, including virtual students.

11th grade students do not attend school on October 19 and 20. Regular classes are not held during testing days.

12th Grade Students: The majority of seniors will take the ACT at school on October 20. CHS added this testing date in response to the cancellation of the April 2020 ACT date and the shortage of testing sites during the summer.

12th grade students do not attend school on October 14 and October 19.

All Grades: Regular classes are not held during testing days. See the testing schedule for details and dismissal times.

The Aspire tests are computer-based tests and are part of the ACT family of tests. 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students will take reading and science on Monday, October 19 and English and math on Tuesday, October 20. The PSAT on Wednesday, October 14 will be administered on paper, not electronically.

These tests are very important for your son and very important for our school as they provide valuable information about your son's academic progress. Each of your son's teachers receives the results of his tests and uses these scores to determine what skills he needs in order to be prepared for college. In addition, this information is used to better individualize instruction during our standardized test prep sessions in the spring.

We view standardized testing as one more opportunity to partner with you in your son's education. Please encourage him to take these tests seriously. Results of these tests will be given to you later in the school year through your son. Please contact Ms. Shelley Vance, testing coordinator, if you have any questions.

During testing days, breakfast will be available in the Union beginning at 7:00 a.m. Sandwiches and other grab-n-go items will be available during the breaks and after testing concludes.

Daily Standardized Testing Schedule

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – PSAT

7:55 & 7:58 a.m.	Warning Tone
8:00 a.m. (Tardy Bell)	Prayer and Pledge
8:00 – 8:50	Administrative Tasks
8:50 – 9:50	Reading Test
9:50 – 9:55	Break
9:55 – 10:30	Writing and Language Test
10:30 – 10:55	Math Test (No Calculator)
10:55 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 11:45	Math (Calculator Optional)
11:45	Dismissal

Monday, October 19, 2020 – Aspire

7:55 & 7:58 a.m.	Warning Tone
8:00 a.m. (Tardy Bell)	Prayer and Pledge
8:15 – 9:20	Reading test (65 minute limit)
9:20 – 9:50	Break
9:50 – 10:50	Science test (60 minute limit)
10:55	Dismissal

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 – Aspire

7:55 & 7:58 a.m.	Warning Tone
8:00 a.m. (Tardy Bell)	Prayer and Pledge
8:15 – 9:00	English test (45 minute limit)
9:00 – 9:30	Break
9:30 – 10:45	Math test (75 minute limit)
10:50	Dismissal

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 – ACT

7:55 & 7:58 a.m.	Warning Tone
8:00 a.m. (Tardy Bell)	Prayer and Pledge
8:05 – 8:30	Administrative Tasks
8:30 – 9:15	English Section
9:15 – 10:15	Math Section
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:05	Reading Section
11:05 – 11:40	Science Section
11:40 – 11:45	Break
11:45 – 12:25	Writing
12:25	Dismissal

Please note: Students must be in classrooms and seated by 8:00 or they will be considered tardy. It is critically important that students are on time so that testing can begin on time. Please keep in mind that traffic at this time of day is heavier than normal. Please allow additional time when commuting to school.

FIRST QUARTER GRADES: Final first quarter report cards will be in the E-Locker section of PlusPortals by October 21. Please consult page 42 and 43 of the [2020-2021 Student Handbook](#) for an explanation of grading policies and the importance of first quarter grades.

If you have not activated your PlusPortals account, please do so with the information previously sent to you via email. If you cannot locate that activation information, or if you are otherwise unable to login to PlusPortals, please contact Stephanie Potter at spotter@catholichigh.org for assistance.

NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS: Congratulations to Brennan Campesi, Bailey Faulk, Adam Grissom, Noah Hixson, Jacob LeBlanc, Ben Mayeux, and Christian Thompson who have been named National Merit Semifinalists. These young men took the PSAT/NMSQT last October and performed exceptionally well. As semifinalists, they are eligible to compete for a variety of scholarships from colleges and universities as well as from corporations that subsidize the National Merit Program.

We would also like to congratulate Owen Gamble, Peter Kelly, James Lauve, Michael Long, Jacob Nguyen, and Broderick Wong for achieving National Merit Commended Student status.

In addition, Caleb Woods has been named a National African American Recognition Program recipient. Congratulations Caleb!

We are extremely proud of these fourteen young men, and we are grateful to their parents and the faculty members who have so positively influenced their academic achievement.

For full story and details, please click here:

[National Merit](#)

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS: Healthvac will provide our students the opportunity to receive their flu vaccine this season. Vaccines will be given on Wednesday, October 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The vaccine is \$28 and is offered as an injection only. A questionnaire form and vaccine information sheet are attached to this newsletter. If you are interested in your son receiving the vaccine, please complete and sign the consent form. All students, including those 18 and older, must bring their signed consent forms with them. Cash or check is accepted. Checks should be made out to Healthvac.

[Flu Vaccine](#)

UPCOMING ADMISSIONS EVENTS:

Information Night, October 4 2020 | 5 p.m. and Information Afternoon, October 21 | 4:30 p.m.

These events are designed to give prospective parents and students an overview of Catholic High School and what our community has to offer. This event will feature presentations and small group discussions with faculty and current students. It is by reservation only. Please use the link below to register.

Open House, November 12, 2020 | Details coming soon.

Please see the admissions timeline for details:

[Admissions Info](#)

ACADEMIC CONVOCATION: Our postponed Academic Convocation for the 2019-2020 school year has been rescheduled for three smaller ceremonies to allow for capacity guidelines and distancing.

October 28 at 5:00 pm: 9th and 10th grade students
October 28 at 6:30 pm: 11th grade students
October 29 at 6:00 pm: 12th grade students

Details will be sent to students and parents in mid-October. Contact Tracy Ducote, Special Events Coordinator, with any questions.

2020-2021 PARENT APPEAL (From Jamie Segar '90, Director of Advancement): The **2020-2021 Parents Appeal Pledge Drive** is in full swing, and to those who have already made a gift or pledge, we thank you for your generous support! Every gift impacts each student here at CHS. For those who have yet to participate, we ask you to prayerfully consider **"donating The GAP"** if it is within your means. **The GAP** is the difference between tuition and the actual cost of educating each student. For the 2020-2021 school year, **The GAP** is \$2,210. Gifts can be pledged over the course of the academic year, and must be fulfilled by June 30, 2021. If you are unable to donate **The GAP**, please consider supporting at whatever amount that is appropriate for your family. **Every gift matters, regardless of size.**

When you give a gift to **The Fund for Catholic High School**, you help us maintain our exceptional academic programs, continue campus facility enhancements, technology upgrades, and much more. Additionally, your gift will help us in our persistent efforts to ensure safety guidelines are followed to keep our students healthy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please consider making a gift or pledge during this year's pledge drive now ending **October 23**. Upon completion of the pledge drive, CHS volunteers will be personally reaching out to those who have yet to make a tax-deductible contribution. Make your gift today and beat the call! **BEARS NEVER STOP!**

Gifts and pledges can be made online by visiting the link below.

[Make Pledge](#)

[Appeal Flier](#)

MEN'S CLUB [from Jeffrey Hotard '85]: The 85th Annual Stag Barbecue is Saturday, October 17, 2020, and will be a Take-Out Dinner. By clicking the Men's Club link below, you can purchase your tickets for the barbecue and check out our other scheduled events. Please click on the membership link below to join the Men's Club if you haven't become a member yet. Any questions can be directed to CHS Men's Club President Jeffrey Hotard '85 at jhotard@catholichigh.org.

[Men's Club](#)

[Men's Club Registration](#)

MOTHERS' CLUB (From Joanie Montelaro, President):

Who wouldn't want to WIN a new Toyota Tacoma or Camry? Car Raffle ticket sales are now in full swing! An email was sent to every student on September 9th with his individual personalized link to purchase tickets, so please feel free to share with grandparents, extended family and friends. Also, many of our local Catholic churches have graciously allowed us to include a QR code in their October & November bulletins which will allow a quick scan to a link to purchase tickets. Given our limited ability to have site sales this year, we are extremely grateful to the churches who have agreed to support us in this manner.

As we have eased into Phase III and the ability to do more on campus, we are excited to begin offering opportunities for our Mothers' Club members to connect and volunteer. If you have not joined the CHS Mothers' Club yet, it is not too late - click the link below to join. As many of us already know, these high school years will fly by all too quickly. Take advantage of any opportunity you can to support our students' activities, connect with other CHS moms and get involved. Join today and share your time, talent and treasures at any level you are willing and able.

[Mothers' Club
Registration](#)

[Car Raffle](#)

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN: It is the policy of CHS to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to control pests (animals, plants or microorganisms) which pose significant problems to people, property and the environment. These pesticides may also pose problems to people. In compliance with Section 3389 of Act 237, CHS maintains a registry of students who are hypersensitive to pesticides. If your son has this sort of sensitivity, please send a written verification by a licensed physician and your written statement regarding his condition so we may attend to his needs. A copy of our IPM plan is on file with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and is available in our Main Office.

THANK YOU!! Thanks to all of our parents for your support and cooperation with the beginning of this school year, the A/B days, technology, and the list goes on. We have all gone through a lot of changes since we returned to school in August and I am thankful that it has gone so well. Your sons have been amazing with cooperating and following the protocols that we have

in place and I am so proud of them. It is great to have them all back on campus. There will be more changes to come, especially as we move into the new Student Center in mid-October, but I am confident that everything will go well. Thank you parents for the gift of your sons and for your support of Catholic High School.