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*"Our Mission
is to develop responsible
Christian individuals
by providing the finest
in Catholic education."*

P A R E N T N E W S L E T T E R

Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! This is the first of 5 Parent Newsletters you will receive this year, which will attempt to keep you informed of the many activities occurring at CHS. Please keep these newsletters for ready reference. In some cases the dates/times of events listed in this newsletter represent changes since the publication of the annual calendar in June of this year.

CHS WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Catholic High is blessed to have twelve new faces join our staff this year. We welcome to the CHS family: **Mr. David Blanks** - Laptop Maintenance & Repair; **Mrs. Melissa Blanks** - Network Administrator; **Mr. Seth Currie** - Physical Education; **Mr. John Donovan** - English; **Mr. Alex Forte** - Math; **Mrs. Shannon Gottstine** - Religion; **Mr. Julian Jackson** - Social Studies; **Mrs. Melody Lipscomb** - Receptionist; **Mr. Nick Lupton** - Science; **Mrs. Ruth McAuliffe** - Technology; **Ms. Monica Ulrich** - Math & Religion; and **Mrs. Andrea Whitson** - Science

PTA MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

The first PTA Meeting of the year, our annual Back-to-School Night, was held on Wednesday, August 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym. This was your opportunity to hear about upcoming activities, meet each of your child's teachers, and learn first-hand about their courses for this year. Parents also received their password for accessing the PowerSchool parent portal and our Learning Management System, Haiku.

Report cards are distributed, and teachers are available for brief parent-teacher conferences, at the October, January, and March PTA meetings (10/17, 1/9, 3/10). The first meeting with report cards is Wednesday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m. Parents are required to attend the PTA Meeting in order to receive their child's report card. Only the final report card in June is mailed. Any parent who is unable to attend the PTA Meetings should come to the School Office to obtain the report card after the PTA Meeting date. Report cards are not sent home with students.

Your PTA Board members for the current school year are: President-Suzie West, Vice-President-Janet Garrett, Secretary-Jackie Sanborn, Treasurer-Jennifer Johnson. Your PTA Board has been busy planning this year's activities so be sure to sign up at the next meeting.

For information concerning the PTA, contact Coach Matt Adams, CHS PTA Advisor. He can be reached by phone at 436-6400 ext. 113, or by email at madams@pensacolachs.org

CHECK THE CHS WEB SITE

www.pensacolachs.org/calendar

**FOR THE MOST CURRENT SCHOOL CALENDAR
AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION**

CAMPUS MINISTRY

CHARITABLE GIVING

At the beginning of each semester each of our 4 classes, through their Religion classes, are asked to choose a charity to which they will donate money on a weekly basis. At the end of the semester, the organization chosen by each Class receives a check for the total amount collected. The students are asked to use this charitable giving as their form of tithing. If they are given an allowance or if they have a job, they are encouraged to tithe to the Lord. Tithing enables a person to offer him/herself to God by giving of one's time, talent, and treasure. Our students, like their parents, give generously of their time and talent through their commitment to service and also give a part of their money to their class-chosen charity.

CHS RETREAT PROGRAM

Again this year, CHS will be providing the opportunity for our students to participate in the experience of a Day of Recollection/Retreat. This is an opportunity for our teens to come to a better understanding of themselves and to further develop their faith relationship with God. As stated in the Parent/Student Handbook, the Day of Recollection/Retreat is mandatory for all students and is a graduation requirement for Seniors. The dates of this year's Days of Recollection/Retreat are:

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| Freshmen: | Thursday, August 30, 2018 |
| Sophomores: | Thursday, September 13, 2018 |
| Juniors: | Thursday, October 18, 2018 |
| Seniors: | Thursday, November 29-Friday, November 30, 2018 |

The 9th, 10th, and 11th grade girls will be attending their Day of Recollection at St. Anne's Bellview located on Saufley Field Road and the boys will be attending their Day of Recollection at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Gulf Beach Highway. The Senior Retreat will be held at Camp Baldwin in Elberta for the boys and Camp Beckwith in Fairhope for the girls. Paperwork for the Senior Retreat has been mailed home as of Friday, August 31. Contact Mrs. Carter at 436-6400, ext. 623, for more details.

CHS CHAPEL

CHS will celebrate Eucharistic Liturgies in the Ruth Johnson Chadbourne Chapel on any day that there is NOT a school wide Mass. Due to the move to have class Masses for our students, the schedule is not always set according to a regular schedule. However, we will continue with after-School Masses every Tuesday. Parents are welcomed to come to these Masses as well as any school-wide Mass.

If you would like to sponsor the daily Mass so that it may be offered for a given personal intention, please email Fr. Joe Fowler, our full-time chaplain at jfowler@pensacolachs.org. The customary stipend for sponsoring a Mass is \$10 and payment should be made to the School Office.

Fr. Joe Fowler, the chaplain of our school, is available throughout the day to attend to the sacramental needs of our students and families.

Dates for Eucharistic Adoration will soon be posted on our website's calendar but will be calendared soon. Eucharistic Adoration provides our students and staff the opportunity to spend time in the presence of the Lord. It is on these days that we pray in a special way for our students, that, daily, they will be drawn to be strong and loving disciples of the Lord, and to live His Gospel message with conviction and joy. Please check our website to see our dates.

SERVICE

Students have recently received information from their Religion teachers about our Christian service program. Please work closely with your students to identify the ways in which they can serve as Christ did. Students and parents have been asked to read, review, and sign the Christian Service Responsibilities Sheet and then return them to the student's teacher. In addition, all students have been asked to formulate a plan for how they will serve this year. Teachers will be going over these periodically with the students to give them time to reflect on their mission of love. Students are also being asked to not only hand in service contracts to their teachers but to record all contract information on the yellow log page found in every student's Religion notebook.

An important note: Seniors are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours with **one single, traceable non-profit charity**. Some students acquired hours by doing Catholic High sponsored camps, etc. While these hours are definitely recorded on their service record, they still must go out into the community and serve; they cannot cobble together hours from various CHS activities. Students will declare their intent of service to their Religion teachers by Tuesday, September 4, 2018. This will be the only source of their 40 hours. Any other hours are counted toward their service record, but 40 must come from one organization. Additionally, all students must complete 5 hours of CHS hours: participating in a service activity sponsored by CHS such as Make-A-Difference Day, Operation St. Nicholas, or our monthly service projects.

Also, this year, students may not donate items equaling more than 10 hours of service. For instance, Operation St. Nicholas Stockings are equal to two hours of service but students cannot bring in more than 5 (unless they have already met their service hour requirement and would like to go above and beyond). Snacks for retreats no longer count toward service either although we do ask students to still bring a snack to share.

All forms with details about the function of these forms are found under the Campus Ministry link on our webpage. **Students are reminded that any service performed over the summer must be officially recorded with their teacher by the end of the first quarter, Tuesday, October 8, 2018. Any hours submitted for summer work past this date will not be considered valid.**

ATHLETICS

PARENT AND STUDENT SEASON PASSES

The sale of Green & Gold Cards (**parents'** season passes to all home, regular season athletic events this year) as well as Student Activity Cards, (**students'** season passes), is being carried out by A.D., Richard LaBounty. Both Green & Gold Cards and Student Activity Cards are sold for \$50 each. This provides significant savings for any active CHS fan. If interested in purchasing either, please contact Coach LaBounty at 436-6400, ext. 112.

FOOTBALL RESERVED PARKING FOR 2018 SEASON

Thank you so much for your support of the Crusader Reserved Parking Lot. The lot still has a few spots left for the 2018 season. We look forward to seeing you at all the games!

Please contact Coach Adams (madams@pensacolachs.org) if you are interested or know anyone that might be.

LETTERMAN JACKETS AVAILABLE

Coach LaBounty is currently coordinating the ordering of uniform CHS Letterman jackets--available only to CHS students who have already lettered. The Fall order is placed in time for arrival before Christmas. The average cost of these reversible jackets is about \$175. If parents are interested in ordering one for their child, please contact Coach LaBounty immediately. Orders will be finalized the third week of September with payment due upon arrival. Order blanks are available in the School Office.

STUDENT NEWS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING

Students had hair samples collected the week of August 20 as part of the schoolwide substance abuse testing that is conducted at the beginning of the school year, under our Student Substance Abuse Policy.

It is not necessary to let the school administration know of any medications your son/daughter has taken for medical reasons in recent months. If the test results indicate a positive for any controlled substance, the school administration will contact the parents. At that time, a doctor's statement of the medication(s) prescribed will be requested.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As noted in the Parent/Student Handbook, "during a given semester, if a student accumulates 10 or more absences (excused or unexcused) from any classes, he/she is subject to receiving no credit for the course(s) that semester." Absence from class is considered the greatest deterrent to effective academic achievement. Parents and students are asked to work together to ensure student promptness and presence throughout the 7:45-2:50 p.m. school day. Leaving school for any reason other than illness is highly discouraged. Parents are asked to make all appointments after school hours to help minimize student absenteeism. When a student is absent, please call the School Office before 8:00 a.m. to inform us and also send in a note documenting the absence upon the student's return.

HOMECOMING 2018

On Friday, October 12, CHS will celebrate the beginning of Homecoming 2018 with a number of special activities. Plan to be a part!

- ★ **Friday, October 12**—1:50 p.m.: Homecoming Pep Rally, CHS Gym.
- ★ **Friday, October 12**—4:30 p.m.: Tailgate Party, Football Field South End Zone, Cook-out, live band.
- ★ **Friday, October 12**—7:30 p.m.: FB vs. Northview High School

Saturday, October 13 - Homecoming Dance, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 8:30 p.m.-Midnight.

ATTENTION SENIORS AND PARENTS OF SENIORS!!

Seniors must attend all practices and events the week of May 13-18, 2019, in order to participate in Graduation and Baccalaureate. They must attend Baccalaureate in order to participate in Graduation.

EXAM POLICY!

CHS has a policy that pertains to students who miss semester exams in either December (this year **December 14, 17-19**) or in May (this year **May 21-24**). **This policy states:**

Students who miss semester exams for serious family emergencies or serious health reasons are excused and may make them up. Students absenting themselves from exams for any other reason(s) may NOT make up exams and will receive a zero for each.

Please be aware of these dates when planning family trips, etc. As always, we ask you **NOT** to remove your child from school until his/her last exam is completed.

**A "Starry, Starry Knight" Auction
March 23, 2019
Committees are now forming.
Plan to be a part!!**

GUIDANCE NEWS

CHS GUIDANCE NEWS

Welcome back to school! It's that time of year and Ms. Kyte and Dr. Boyle are already actively working with the students. Ms. Kyte will be meeting with the Senior Class regarding their progression towards their college and career options, addressing financial aid deadlines, and individually meeting with each senior regarding their individual goals. Dr. Boyle will be individually meeting with each freshman and making a personal introduction. Ms. Kyte and Dr. Boyle's next step will be to conduct group sessions in September with the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes in an effort to begin test preparation for the coming PSAT and PSAT/NMSQT scheduled for October.

We have welcomed many new students to the Catholic High Community in the first few weeks of school, with an orientation for new students on August 8 and for parents on August 21. We look forward to their contribution to our school, and we wish all of our students a very successful 2018-2019 school year.

Remember to regularly check out the Catholic High School calendar, located on the school website (www.pensacolachs.org) to stay abreast of the multiple workshops and seminars that are offered throughout the year.

2018 COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

Once again, CHS will host our own COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 from 8-10 a.m. in the CHS Cafeteria. Over seventy colleges have been invited to attend. This fair is held to ensure students and parents easy access to abundant, accurate information on college admissions directly from their representatives. CHS juniors and seniors will be spending time gathering information that morning. CHS parents are invited and encouraged to attend a College Fair.

Pensacola State College (PSC) will also be hosting a countywide College Night on Monday, September 10, 2018 at the Lou A. Ross Health and Sports Center/Hartsell Arena (Gym) Bldg. 3 on the Pensacola Campus from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (details available at 484-1554 & <http://www.pensacolas-tate.edu/community/college-fair/>.)

Representatives from scores of colleges throughout the country will be available with information for parents and students.

2018-2019 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS STANDARDIZED TEST DATES

| | <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> |
|--------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| ACT | October 27, 2018 | September 28, 2018 |
| | December 8, 2018 | November 2, 2018 |
| | February 9, 2019 | January 11, 2019 |
| | April 13, 2019 | March 8, 2019 |
| | June 8, 2019 | May 3, 2019 |
| | July 13, 2019 | June 14, 2019 |
| SAT | <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> |
| | October 6, 2018 | September 7, 2018 |
| | November 3, 2018 | October 5, 2018 |
| | December 1, 2018 | November 2, 2018 |
| | March 9, 2019 | February 8, 2019 |
| | May 4, 2019 | April 5, 2019 |
| June 1, 2019 | May 3, 2019 | |

*A late registration fee is applied in addition to the regular registration fee.

New Requirements

Catholic High School's Code for both tests is **101365**. This code is now a requirement in order for a student to register for the ACT and SAT. Students will also be prompted to provide a photo during registration. This information will be included on tickets, test center rosters, and score reports that are sent to students' high schools.

Students are encouraged to register for the ACT (www.act.org) and SAT (www.collegeboard.com) online (students should verify all test dates and deadlines with ACT and / or SAT).

Dates, times, and locations of the ACT and SAT will be given bimonthly in newsletters and posted in the Guidance Department Office.

REMINDER: POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION ADMISSION STANDARDS

It is important to recognize and confirm with each institution of interest (no matter which state the school may be located) the academic, standardized test score, essay, etc. requirements the institution has established for admissions consideration. Each postsecondary educational institution has the opportunity to set their individual minimum admission standards.

For additional information please feel free to check out the Guidance College/Career Counseling link found on Catholic High School's homepage: www.pensacolachs.org.

CHS STANDARDIZED TESTS FOR 2018-2019

Standardized testing is already in full swing as the students are introduced to MAP. MAP stands for "Measure of Academic Progress" and is a standardized achievement test that will be given in both the English and Math classes at the beginning and end of the school year.

Then on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be given the Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test (PSAT). Freshmen and sophomores will take the PSAT and the juniors will be administered the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) /Preliminary SAT (PSAT).

STUDENT NEWS

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The 2018-19 CHS Student Council is off to a great start! Prior to the first day of school, the Student Council labeled 600+ lockers, hosted the New Teacher Luncheon, and co-facilitated sessions at Freshmen Orientation.

Once school began, the SC assisted with New Parent Orientation, organized Club Sign-Up Week for the over 30 clubs available, and prepared to kick-off our 30th annual Magazine Sale. We hope for another successful Magazine Sale this year!

Student Council is once again selling Class Shirts! These shirts are required for students to participate in our annual class competition events: Crazy Crusader Kickball, Conquer the Court Volleyball, and the Ultimate Frisbee Face-Off! They also may be worn with jeans and dress code shoes on Event Days. Shirts will be on sale at the first PTA Meeting and during homeroom. Shirts must be purchased by the end of September.

The mandatory meeting for any freshman interested in running for Student Council will be held on Tuesday, September 4. Campaigns begin September 10 and elections will be held September 14.

The Student Council is looking forward to another great year at Catholic High!

MAGAZINE SALE SUBSIDIZES TUITION

Is there a magazine to which you have been intending to subscribe? Is it time to renew an existing subscription? Have you already begun thinking about a Christmas present for that person who has everything? Catholic High can take care of all of these situations as we kick-off our annual student fundraiser, the MAGAZINE SALE!!!

Beginning at the end of August, you will be able to support the superior educational opportunities at CHS. Simply look through the catalog you will receive on August 29 at the PTA meeting and select those magazines for your family, your office, a gift, whatever!!

Remember—subscribing or renewing your subscription through CHS allows US to share in the proceeds, whereas a direct subscription or renewal through the publisher gives THEM the proceeds and you spend the same amount either way! Also, you can renew a subscription NOW regardless of when it expires!

This year the online store has an even better selection for you to choose from! The Great American online store offers personalized items, as well as a large stock of collegiate items from your favorite school!

You may order magazines or gifts online at www.gafundraisingstore.com. Catholic High's school number is **2510980**. Orders placed online are processed immediately and are generally received within 6-8 weeks. Incentives for students and parents are enclosed in the Magazine Packet and will be sent home with students, as well. If you have any questions please contact Student Council Moderator Mrs. Julie Remke at jremke@pensacolachs.org. Thank you for your support of this year's student fundraiser!

CHARISMA

The Charisma staff is excited to celebrate the 2018 - 2019 school year! Yearbook sales began at the Parent Teacher Meeting on August 29. To reserve your copy of *Charisma 2019* at a discounted price purchase during our official sales week when it kicks off on Sept. 4. If you would like to order online, simply go to <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com> and enter school code "889" or send a check with your student during the first week of September 4 to reserve a copy of *Charisma 2019*.

Yearbooks are only \$80 through the month of September, but the price increases to \$90 on October 1, 2018.

Please note, yearbook prices will increase incrementally throughout the year, so plan ahead to reserve your copy this Fall. In the interest of budgeting, we will not have a large amount of copies for sale to students who do not reserve a book this fall. *Charisma* is always a wonderful way to capture the memories of the school year at Pensacola Catholic High School!

Charisma 2019 Price Breakdowns:

August 11 – September 30 (\$80)

October 1 – December 31 (\$90)

January 1 – February 1 (\$100)

Sales close on February 1, and we therefore cannot guarantee your student a yearbook if they are not ordered before February 1, 2019.

8th GRADE VISITATION DAYS

If you know of an 8th grade student who is interested in learning more about Catholic High School, encourage them attend one of the upcoming 8th Grade Visitation Days. Eighth grade students will be given a great overview of the curriculum and campus life at CHS. The following dates have been scheduled:

Tuesday, September 25
Tuesday, October 2
Tuesday, October 16
Tuesday, October 23
Tuesday, October 30

Eighth Grade students who wish to attend may pre-register either by phone or through the Catholic High School website. To register by phone, please call Coach Matt Adams at 436-6400, ext. 113; to register via the website, go to pensacolachs.org and follow the links.

Our Catholic Elementary Schools and many private elementary schools have already pre-registered their students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. We look forward to welcoming our Future Crusaders!

BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

CHS is continuing our Bullying Prevention Curriculum this year, teaching it to all four grade levels through the student's Religion class. Students will learn many aspects of bullying and its prevention, including: the definitions of bullying, the various types of bullying, the characteristics of the bully and victim, gender differences in bullying, appropriate intervention strategies when bullying is witnessed, and the importance of tolerance and respect.

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS & ATHLETIC/SCHOOL PHYSICALS

Florida School Districts and the governing authority of each school require students to have on file – #1. School-Entry Health Exam and #2. Florida Immunization Certificate.

Those students attending CHS for the first time from out of state, including students from Alabama, must contact the Department of Health for the State of Florida for **immunization requirements** specific to the State of Florida. You are not required to have an appointment to have your own state immunization certificate transferred to a Florida certificate (there is a 5-day turnaround to get it done). You will need one for any immunizations due. Contact for the Escambia Health Department Immunization Appointment Desk is 850-595-6554.

Physicals - If your child will either be **trying out, practicing or participating in a Fall, Winter or Spring CHS sport**, they must have a physical completed on the FHSAA form. A physical on the FHSAA EL2 Form will suffice for both their required school entry physical **and** their sport participation physical. However, a school entry form from a physician will not suffice for the FHSAA physical. The FHSAA form will fulfill the school requirement, and will be good for 1 year of athletic participation. It is not required to have your school physical done on the EL2, but may make it easier for you in the long run. You can obtain this form at www.FHSAA.org under the "For Students & Parents" tab or on the CHS website under "Athletics/Athletic Eligibility". Take this with you to your Dr.'s office as most offices do not have this form on hand

If your student has no need for a sports physical and you live in the state of FL you would only need a copy of a FL physical done anytime during the child was registered in a FL school. However, exams outside of Florida are acceptable as long as the documented exam was completed within 1 year of the first day the student began attending a Florida school.

Questions? Contact Ms. Roxanne Bonifay, at 436-6400 ext. 122.

STUDENT MORNING DROP OFF AND AFTERNOON PICK-UP INFORMATION

To ensure the safety of our students we ask that you carefully follow the published process for drop-off and pick-up. We especially request that you **DO NOT TURN LEFT** into the GYM CIRCLE in the morning or use it in the afternoon! If you are headed west on Scott Street to drop off, please proceed to the westernmost entrance to the West Parking Lot.

In the afternoon parents waiting to pick up should find a parking space in the Football Parking Lot, the West Lot, or the Back Lot. Please **DO NOT FORM LINES** in any parking lot, and please do **NOT** park in the perpendicular spaces in front of the school.

Any student who is not picked up by 3:15 p.m. and is not in a meeting or practice is required to go to the Library or the picnic tables. Parents can pick up their student at these locations by using the West Parking Lot.

SCRAP BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPES NEEDED

Do you have business size envelopes that were misprinted or outdated? If so, CHS would be happy to take them off your hands. Our stock of donated misprint envelopes has been depleted and we would put them to good use instead of sending them to the trash pile.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

POWERSCHOOL AND HAIKU

Again this year, Catholic High School, along with the other eight schools in our Diocesan school system, is continuing the use of PowerSchool, a student information system, for electronic grade and attendance reporting. It allows parents the wonderful benefit of accessing information on their child's grades and attendance at any time, 24/7, through the parent portal of PowerSchool. Parents will simply need Internet access in order to keep in touch with their child's achievement at any time!

An orientation to the use of PowerSchool for parents is available on the CHS website. Parent username/password information was distributed at the August 29 PTA Meeting. If you missed the PTA Meeting, the access information will be sent home with your child, so that you can use PowerSchool to help you work with us for the benefit of your child!

CHS is also continuing the use of the online resource named PowerSchool Learning (or its former name, *Haiku*) that will help in communicating information on homework and assignments to students and parents. Information about and your access to PowerSchool Learning was distributed at the August 29 PTA Meeting or sent home with your child, but do note that if you have created an account in the past, you need only login with your existing information. If you have forgotten your password, you simply click "forgot password."

HERFF JONES

Class Rings for Juniors

A Herff Jones representative will meet with Juniors during Homeroom on Tuesday, September 18. Information will be sent home with your son/daughter giving you the option to purchase class rings. A Herff Jones representative will be taking ring orders at all three lunches on the following Wednesday, September 26. A down payment of \$60 (non-gold) or \$100 (gold) will be due at the time the order is placed.

Graduation Announcements for Seniors

A Herff Jones representative will meet with Seniors during homeroom on Wednesday, January 23. Information will be sent home with your son/daughter giving you the option to purchase graduation announcements. A Herff Jones representative will be taking graduation announcement orders at all three lunches on the following Wednesday, January 30. A down payment of \$80 will be due at the time your order is placed. Orders for less than \$80 should be paid in full when placing your order.

Laptop 1:1 Program Continues for the Class of 2022

In early August the CHS Class of 2022, joined the upperclassmen in learning in a fully 1:1 laptop environment. Each student was issued a Apple MacBook Pro, which their parent/guardian is purchasing through a lease-to-own program. They, together with all CHS students, will experience the daily integration of technology into the learning process in a way that will enable them to truly become 21st Century learners. The Class of 2022 is the 11th class to have received Apple laptops since the 1:1 laptop program began in the Fall of 2008.

CHS WEBSITE

The CHS website contains information about Catholic High including the official school calendar. The calendar lists a variety of activities scheduled at CHS. To access the calendar, visit the CHS website at www.pensacolachs.org. From the CHS homepage, select "calendar" from the Quick Links section. Once the calendar appears, you may customize your view by selecting "customize calendar". The CHS calendar may be customized by categories such as "Today's Events", "Athletic Events", "Club Meetings" or "Parent Meetings". You can even link the CHS Calendar to your personal calendar by following the simple instructions provided. If you haven't visited the CHS website, please do so. It is a great way to stay informed about what's happening Catholic High!

BRENT LIBRARY AND MEDIA CENTER NEWS

The before/after school library hours have begun. They are 7:00 a.m.-7:40 a.m. and 2:50 p.m.- 4:00 pm. Please note that, on occasion, the library may be forced to close unexpectedly. We will do our best to inform students of any changes as soon as they happen. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

The library will be closed after school on the following days:

September

Friday, Sept. 14
Monday, Sept. 17
Monday, Sept. 24

October

Friday, Oct. 19
Monday, Oct. 22

UPCOMING EVENTS



CATHOLIC HIGH CELEBRATES ITS 24th MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY OCTOBER 27, 2018

It was 24 years ago that Catholic High celebrated its first **Make a Difference Day**—before any of our current students were even born! This year more than 400 students and 100 Crusader parents will head in 24 different directions in the Pensacola community continuing our tradition of making a difference. Projects will be completed by a host of energetic and motivated volunteers with the only disagreement historically being voiced by the project chairs—all insistent theirs is the **best project** and their workers the **hardest working!** That's a great problem to have!

Since our first MADD in 1995 we have orchestrated between 21 and 29 projects consistently each year and are enthusiastic and appreciative to have the opportunity to participate in this rewarding day of service again this year. It is our hope that every Catholic High family will choose to be involved in Make a Difference Day this year. **Students** will have the opportunity to sign up in their Religion classes the week of October 1. **Parents** will have the opportunity to sign up at the August 29 PTA Meeting to work on a MADD project. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with MADD in any way, please contact Ms. Jane Moseley at jmoseley@pensacolachs.org or 436-6400 Ext. 115. A **huge** thank you to the parents who have already agreed to chair our 24 projects and to our overall MADD chairs, Rhonda Iserman, Angie Campion, and Jane Moseley.

This year's MADD projects include: constructing and repairing fencing at the Leaning Post Ranch for those with special needs; orchestrating miscellaneous projects at our four local Catholic elementary schools; landscaping St. Michael's, St. John's, and St. Joseph's Historic Cemeteries in anticipation of All Saints Day; building picnic tables for local non-profits; coordinating a variety of projects at the Alpha Center; orchestrating interactive activities for the residents of Rosewood Manor Nursing Home; collecting "wish list" items for Ronald McDonald House at Sam's along with preparing a meal at the RMH; building and restoring oyster beds with Project Greenshores; building sand fences and categorizing fish on Deadman's Island; bathing dogs at the Humane Society's Doggie Bathe In; setting up and manning Fall Festivals at our two Partners-in-Education--Oakcrest Elementary and Global Learning Academy; working on a Habitat for Humanity House; painting eight gazebos at the Sacred Heart Miracle Camp; and completing gardening projects at the Pensacola Community Garden. It is an honor to have our efforts benefit so many individuals and agencies in Northwest Florida.

Aside from the extreme physical and visual accomplishments as a result of Make a Difference Day, Catholic High students learn that accomplishments from service in tandem with teamwork will not only be far-reaching, but long-lasting. It is truly rewarding to see our students, parents, alumni, and staff working side-by-side in a unified effort to make a difference.

We invite YOU and your family to be a part of our 24th Make a Difference Day celebration on **Saturday, October 27!** **Parents** are reminded to sign up at the PTA Meeting on August 29 to be a part of this GREAT event!

A "STARRY, STARRY KNIGHT" AUCTION



Our 2019 Auction is in the process of recruiting volunteers to help produce our twenty-ninth annual "**Starry, Starry Knight**" Auction. The Auction will be held at Catholic High School on Saturday, March 23, 2019. This parent-sponsored event has raised over \$1,900,000 for the school during its first twenty-nine years!

If you are interested in volunteering to work on this very worthwhile and fun event by serving on a committee, please contact Mrs. Lynn Ruble-436-6400 x 123.

Over the past twenty-eight years the Auction has made possible many tremendous additions to our curriculum, facilities, and programs. We look forward to another very enjoyable and beneficial Auction this year! Once again, in order to be successful, this activity will need the involvement and support of **every CHS family**. Please plan to be a part!

**SCIENCE DEPARTMENT WINS
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY GRANT**

Congratulations to the Catholic High Science Department for winning an American Chemical Society grant! Our Chemistry and Environmental Science classes will enjoy \$1500 worth of new equipment that will expand hands-on learning of molecular geometry, alternate energy, and other major concepts that are challenging to visualize. The equipment being purchased will be available to CHS students for years to come! Thank you to Dr. Leo Ter Haar, a CHS alum, for giving CHS the lead information to apply for the grant and thanks to Mrs. Dana Lupton, CHS Science Teacher, for writing the grant application!!

HURRICANE PROCEDURES

During this hurricane season, please remember the CHS Procedures for communicating about openings/closings:

1. **School Closings**-we follow the announcements for Escambia County public schools.
2. **Re-Opening** - listen specifically for information for re-opening of the Catholic schools of Pensacola and/or Catholic High which will be announced on **WEAR-TV Channel 3** or **Radio Station WCOA, AM 1370.**

**Please call the School Office
(436-6400 ext 2)
by 9:00 a.m. to report your
student's absence.**

GRANDPARENTS' MASS

Friday, September 7, Catholic High will celebrate its annual **Grandparents' Mass**. We invite all CHS grandparents of current and past students to join us for this very special occasion. *Catholic High asks that our parents share details of this event with your student's grandparent(s) and encourage them to attend.*

- No reservations are necessary! Details include:
- 9:30 a.m. Meet in the CHS Gym where they will be joined by their grandchild(ren)
 - 10:00 a.m. Grandparents' Mass in the CHS Gym
 - Following the Mass there will be a short program and reception in the back of the Gym for grandparents *and* their grandchildren!

Grandparents are our heritage and essential members of our families and the Catholic High community. We are proud to honor our grandparents at this special Mass.

STUDENT LUNCH OPTIONS

SLA Management out of Winter Park, Florida, will again this year be our food service provider for lunches in the CHS cafeteria. SLA services over 75 schools throughout Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, North and South Carolina and is now expanding into the North-eastern section of our country!

Students will have a choice of either a salad, a wrap, a grilled sandwich or a meal and a beverage of the student's choice for \$5.25. SLA no longer offers soda with lunch. Beverages offered are sweet tea, lemonade, fruit punch all on ice in a 16 oz. cup with seconds offered.

In addition, there are 4 microwaves available for student use for those who wish to bring their lunch from home as well as snack and beverage machines.

CHS publishes the monthly menu on our website. Parents are reminded that purchasing via an online account is an option.

**SEVERAL WAYS TO UPDATE YOUR
EMAIL ADDRESS AND/OR CELL PHONE NUMBER!!**

CHS uses electronic communication as one of the ways to inform parents of school events and activities. Therefore, it is mandatory that we have an updated e-mail address and cell phone numbers for all parents.

If you have a new e-mail address or cell phone number or haven't given us one yet you can:

- 1.) Go to CHS web site (www.pensacolachs.org) and click on "update your info" on the quick link.
- 2.) Parents and friends of CHS can send an email to lrule@pensacolachs.org. Please include the information below.
- 3.) Return this form to the Front Office.

Student's Name _____ Grade ____ Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent's Email Address
Mom's _____ Dad's _____

Parent's Cell Phone Number
Mom's _____ Dad's _____

PARENTS INVITED TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

You are invited to attend a CHS assembly on Friday, September 14, that will be provided for our students, teachers, and parents from 10-11 a.m. on the topic of **Human Trafficking**. It will be presented by a speaker who will be coming from **The Covering House**. The Covering House is a residential facility in St. Louis, MO whose mission is to assist the victims of human trafficking and to help them to recover.

Knowing about the issue of human trafficking and being pro-actively aware of its presence in our city, state, and nation is the first step toward preventing it and protecting our children. Please come and learn of the magnitude of this problem and of how we can work to stop it!

Friday, September 14, 10 a.m. in the CHS Gym. We hope to see you there!

HOLY HOMES PARENT GROUP

Are you hoping you can build an even more peaceful atmosphere in your home...an atmosphere in which the love, warmth, and care you want to permeate your family and family relationships is powerfully present?

Do you want to have more confidence and direction in bringing faith in the Lord and His unconditional love into your own personal life and into your family?

Consider attending a discussion gathering that will be led by our Chaplain, Fr. Joe Fowler, that we are calling **CHS Holy Homes**. Our first meeting will be held on the evening of Wednesday, 9/5, at 6:30 p.m. in the CHS Library. This will be a discussion group led by Fr. Joe that will consist of parents who choose to come together to share their ideas, hopes, and desire to believe more strongly and to foster strong bonds of faith and love in their family.

Fr. Joe will offer this opportunity on two different dates as we begin so that parents who have a conflict with one date can, hopefully, come on the other. The second opportunity to attend this gathering will be on Thursday, 9/20, also at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. If you attend one, it would be a repeat to attend the other, also....though you are certainly welcome to come to both!

Please come together with other parents and Fr. Joe to let the Lord strengthen your awareness of His love and help you to make that love powerfully alive in your family!

CATHOLIC HIGH PRAYER FAMILY

Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents.... Psalm 127:4-5

Do you want to have more direction in bringing faith in the Lord and His unconditional love into your own personal life and into your family?

Consider joining the new **Catholic High Prayer Family**, including parents, alumni, and friends, as we pray for and with one another for the needs of our students, teachers and families. Everyone is welcome!!

Beginning Tuesday, August 28, and on each Tuesday afternoon after that, the **Catholic High Prayer Family** will gather in the CHS Chapel at 2:00 p.m. for an hour of reflection, sharing, and prayer. Our time together will culminate in joining the CHS faculty and students for the 3:00 p.m. Tuesday Mass, celebrated every week by CHS chaplain, Fr. Joe Fowler.

Come each week or whenever your schedule allows for this peaceful prayer experience. Let the Lord strengthen your awareness of His love and help us to make that love powerfully alive throughout the CHS Family!

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