



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

From the Office of the Principal

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NOVEMBER SPECIAL SCHEDULES: ([School Calendar](#))

Thursday, November 10: Open House. Special schedule with 8th period dismissal at 12:39 p.m. to allow time to prepare our campus for Open House.

Friday, November 11: Freshman retreat from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. No school for 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Office hours will be 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 17: School-wide Thanksgiving liturgy at 9:47 a.m. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30: Faculty Meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS: No classes from Monday, November 21, through Friday, November 25. Please do not request holiday time before the end of school on Friday, November 18, or beyond Sunday, November 27. Office hours will be 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Monday, November 21, and Tuesday, November 22. Offices will be closed Wednesday, November 23, through Friday, November 25.

RECRUITMENT, ADMISSIONS AND OPEN HOUSE: On October 23, we conducted “CHS Information Night” to discuss Catholic High with prospective students and their parents. The gym was full of potential families learning more about CHS. The most important part of our student recruitment process is Open House on Thursday, November 10, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please encourage families with sons in 6th, 7th, or 8th grades to attend this event. Open House allows prospective students and their parents to see our facilities, meet our faculty and staff members, learn more about our academic development and faith formation programs, and meet our current students. If you have any questions about our admissions process, please contact Sherie LeBlanc, admissions director.

FRESHMAN RETREAT: All of our freshmen will participate in their retreat on Friday, November 11, the day after Open House. There is no school for students in grades 8, 10, 11, and 12. Details about the retreat, including times, dress for the day, and lunch, will be distributed through students’ religion class. Please pray for our freshmen as they experience this important aspect of their spiritual formation.

LSU TAILGATING AND CATHOLIC HIGH STUDENTS: East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney Hillar Moore contacted me last week to inform me that on LSU game days the area in front of the LSU Union is a major gathering place for students from private schools in Baton Rouge, including Catholic High students, and many of these underage students are drinking and acting irresponsibly. The situation has escalated to such a level that DA Moore is contacting area private high school principals, asking them to inform their communities that LSU Campus Police will begin making arrests if it is suspected that students are drinking or if student behavior is out of control.

As parents, I am asking for your assistance in holding your son accountable to the expectations of the civil law and our student behavior policy. While it is not the intent of Catholic High to tell parents how to supervise their sons, it is reasonable to ask parents to know of their sons’ weekend plans, including LSU tailgating, and not allow them to participate in activities that could lead to irresponsible behavior. Students must represent Catholic High 24-7-52 and abide by our behavioral policies. Violations of our policies will result in consequences at school.

GRADUATION MATERIALS: Seniors should have received information packets for graduation supplies in late October from Jostens. Please examine the information carefully with your son. A Jostens representative will be in the main lobby on Thursday,

November 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. to answer questions and to take orders for 2017 graduation supplies.

RELIGION CURRICULUM: Continuing a program initiated by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, and in keeping with recommendations from the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Catholic High includes within its 8th through 12th grade religion curriculum information concerning sexual abuse and harassment. The 8th and 9th grade curriculum contains age-appropriate material and is designed to make students aware of these issues. The 10th grade curriculum contains a more comprehensive study of sexual education using the textbook Theology of the Body for Teens by Jason Evert. If you would like more information about the program, please contact Jared Cavalier, academic assistant principal.

ASBESTOS UPDATE: CHS has an updated management plan for removal, repair, or encapsulation of asbestos material found in any area of our facility. Our plan will be completed in a timely manner and will be evaluated and kept current with ongoing operations, maintenance programs, response actions, periodic surveillance, re-inspections, and training. A copy of our plan is available for reading in our Main Office during office hours.

TASTE FAIR AND AUCTION: The CHS Taste Fair & Auction will be held Sunday, November 13, 2016, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.. The event, sponsored by the CHS Alumni Association and the Catholic High School Mothers' Club, will take place in the courtyard and gymnasium. Come enjoy a great lineup of restaurants, beverage vendors and also enjoy bidding on items in a silent and live auction. The silent auction will open at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance and \$45 per person at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at www.catholichigh.org by clicking on "[REGISTER ONLINE FOR CHS TASTE FAIR & AUCTION](#)" on the home page or from members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the CHS Mothers' Club. A limited number of tickets are available.

Plan to join us for this unique event that showcases the talents of the Baton Rouge food industry and local merchants. Drawings for door prizes will take place during the event. Winners must be present at the time of the drawing.

Proceeds from the event will support the Catholic High School Alumni Association and Mothers' Club.

GOLF CLASSIC: Registration is now open for the 27th Annual Catholic High Golf Classic hosted by the CHS Alumni Association. The tournament is scheduled for

Monday, November 21, 2016 at The University Club. Go to www.catholichigh.org and click on the [Golf Classic](#) button on the home page to register your team or sign up as a tournament sponsor. Tournament proceeds will assist with funding of the CHS STREAM initiative for improvements to STREAM labs located in the Brother Gordian Udinsky, SC Science Center.

For more information about sponsorship or tournament details, please contact Glen Randow, Director of Alumni Relations, grandow@catholichigh.org.

CHS MEN'S CLUB – CALLING ALL BEAR DADS!

The CHS Men's Club has a long tradition of service to the Catholic High School community. Our purpose is to support the mission and young men of CHS and promote camaraderie among adult males who are interested in the betterment of the school. If you are not already a member, please consider joining the Men's Club and supporting Catholic High School. For more information on how to join, visit the [Men's Club](#) page on the [Catholic High](#) website.

UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB EVENTS: [81st Annual Stag Barbecue](#) – Saturday, January 14, 2017.

THANKSGIVING: I hope that your family has a wonderful and faith-filled Thanksgiving. Because of the flood in August, I know that many in our school community continue to struggle and recover from the devastation. In spite of the hardships, I pray that everyone takes time to thank God for all of our blessings, especially those who have given assistance and help. We are all so fortunate to be a part of a community such as Catholic High where love, support, faith, and service are a part of our daily life together. May these same blessings be a part of your family's holiday. Happy Thanksgiving.