



Thursday, May 25

5th and 6th 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 to arrive to school. 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 Jenny Ridge who was selected as the 2016 - 2017 recipient of the Mother Seton Award for Catholic High. Jenny served as the Mothers' Club president this school year and provided tremendous support and dedication to Catholic High. Jenny and other diocesan award recipients were recognized at a special gathering in April.

**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 25 will be donated to a local charity

**BOOKSTORE CLOSURE:** The bookstore will close at noon on Thursday, May 25, and will remain closed for the summer. It will reopen following student orientation in August. Thanks to everyone for supporting the school by visiting the bookstore this year.

**RING MASS AND PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2018:** The Presentation of the Class of 2018 and Ring Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 11, at 6 p.m. in the Catholic High gym. Each member of the Class of 2018 will be introduced and senior rings will be presented. Dress for students is coat and tie.

More information was mailed out on April 20; however, if you have any questions concerning this event, please contact our event coordinator, Janet Vidrine (ext. 130) or email [jvidrine@catholichigh.org](mailto:jvidrine@catholichigh.org).

### **8TH GRADE PROMOTION MASS AND CEREMONY:**

The 8th grade class will celebrate their promotion with a liturgy on Thursday, May 25, 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 to Help Desk personnel 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 at the conclusion of exams. May 25 is the final date for turn in. This year laptops are to be dropped off at 864 Hearthstone Drive. This is the house next to the Science Building, directly across from the circle drive in front of the main entrance. When walking out of the main lobby of the school, 864 is to the left of the Science Building.

Once the laptop has been 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 at 864 Hearthstone Drive. Students are responsible for returning the laptop in the condition that it was issued.

To return your laptop, please follow the procedures listed below:

1. Make copies of any data that you want to save. Once it has been turned into the Help Desk, the computer will be reimaged so all information will be lost at that time.

2. Inspect your laptop before you turn it in.
3. Bring your laptop to a Help Desk worker at 864 Hearthstone. Students are to keep the computer bag and power cord.

Your laptop will be inspected for any damage or missing items. Once it is inspected, you will receive an email from the Help Desk notifying you if repairs are necessary. 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, your Catholic High debit account will be charged for the repairs. If sufficient funds are not in your debit account for the amount of the computer charge, you will receive a phone call and/or email from Mrs. Pinney Johnson in the Bookstore notifying you of the balance. As with all debit charges, parents can see an itemized list of charges using the Student Accounts tab on the Catholic High website. 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.

All money owed on student debit accounts for grades 8-11, including cafeteria charges and laptop charges, must be paid by 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 26. The bookstore will be open on Friday morning until 8:30 only so that students or parents can bring cash, check, or credit card to pay off accounts. Parents may also pay online through the MyCHS feature on our website. Online payments will be accepted until noon on Friday, May 26. After that time, all unpaid student charges will be billed to the parents FACTS account and assessed a \$20 service fee. Please take care of all money owed in a timely manner.

Thank you for your help with this important process. If you have any questions, please contact Jay Butcher, Director of Technology, through the school phone: 383-0397 or by email: [jbutcher@catholichigh.org](mailto:jbutcher@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. Their 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. **Men's Club \$13,000 raffle tickets now on sale! Purchase your online ticket [here](#). (only 500 will be sold)!**

# 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.

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 drug, including alcohol, abuse and make sure your child understands that it is never, ever okay to use drugs 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.