



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER

From the Office of the Principal

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November 1, 2017

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

Wednesday, November 1: School-wide liturgy at 9:47 a.m. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Sunday, November 5: Senior retreat begins.

Monday, November 6: Faculty & Staff Day of Experience. No school for students.

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

Thursday, November 16: School-wide Thanksgiving liturgy at 9:47 a.m. Dismissal at 2:47 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29: Faculty Meeting. Dismissal at 1:27 p.m.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS: No classes from Monday, November 20, through Friday, November 24. Please do not request holiday time before the end of school on Friday, November 17, or beyond Sunday, November 26. Office hours will be 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Monday, November 20, and Tuesday, November 21. Offices will be closed Wednesday, November 22, through Friday, November 24.

RECRUITMENT, ADMISSIONS, AND OPEN HOUSE:

On October 15, we conducted “CHS Information Night” to discuss Catholic High with prospective students and their parents. We had a great crowd present to hear more about the mission of Catholic High. The most important part of our student recruitment process is Open House on Thursday, November 9, from 4:30 – 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 at sleblanc@catholichigh.org.

SENIOR RETREAT: Seniors will make their mandatory closed retreat on Sunday, November 5, and Monday, November 6. The retreat begins with a Sunday liturgy for seniors and their families in our gym at 9:30 a.m. Casual attire is appropriate for this liturgy. After the liturgy seniors will travel to five retreat sites and return to CHS Monday between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Please remember these young men and their adult leaders in your prayers.

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

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 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. to answer questions and to take orders for 2018 graduation supplies.

CARPOOL CONCERNS: Many parents continue to drop students off in the streets in the surrounding neighborhood, rather than going through the carpool lines on Claycut or Hearthstone drives. This is a dangerous procedure to utilize. In the last month I

have had several adults come into school shaken-up because students are being dropped off or picked up in the middle of the street and walking in front of moving cars. For your child's safety, please do not engage in this dangerous procedure. We will stop students if we see this going on and ask parents to go through the carpool line.

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 at jcavalier@catholichigh.org.

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.

CHS TASTE FAIR & AUCTION: The CHS Taste Fair & Auction will be held Sunday, November 12, 2017, from 5:30 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 CHS Gym. Come enjoy a great lineup of restaurants, beverage vendors and also enjoy bidding on various exciting items in the auction. Tickets are \$50 per person in advance and \$55 per person at the door. Individuals 65 years of age and older can purchase a discounted ticket for \$45 in advance or 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 CHS 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.

THANKSGIVING: On behalf of the entire CHS faculty and staff, we wish all of our families in the CHS community a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. As we all take time to reflect on the abundance of blessings in our lives, know that we are always grateful for the gift of your sons and all of those who support them. May the love of God fill the hearts of us all and allow gratitude to inspire us to serve others. Happy Thanksgiving.