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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and students,

I find myself saying often this school year that Charleston Catholic is a very special place and that there is no place I would rather be. This belief has only been confirmed and strengthened in recent days. The last few weeks have been overwhelming and heartbreaking as we grieve the loss of eleventh grader, Michael Gilmore. Michael's life and his death have had a profound impact on all of us, particularly our high school students. They are struck by a myriad of emotions as they try to understand the loss of their classmate, their teammate, their friend.

What an inspiration it is to me to witness the students loving each other in these difficult times, despite their heavy hearts. Through the halls and inside of classrooms, they are sharing hugs, kind words, and time with their friends and classmates. They are talking and listening as they hold each other up. They are demonstrating, through their actions, what it means to be a community and a family. I am blessed to have these remarkable young people in my life.

We have also experienced an outpouring of love that has enveloped our community. Principals, faculty, and students from the other Catholic high schools across the state have sent cards, flowers, and prayers. Faith leaders and counselors from our city have offered their time and guidance. Parents are responding to requests and needs before they are even verbalized. The support and love for the Charleston Catholic community is wide-reaching, and for that, I thank you.

In the coming weeks and months, I ask that you hold the Charleston Catholic students and faculty and the Gilmore family in your hearts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Colleen M. Hoyer

CONDOLENCES – We express our sympathy to a number of our students and their families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Christoph, Thomas, and Gregory Hart's paternal grandmother; Diane Gillis and Aidan and Alison Paul's grandfather; Cameron and Carter Kiss's paternal grandfather; Ethan Evers' maternal great grandfather, and Zachary White's paternal grandfather. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

THIRD QUARTER REPORT CARDS ARE ENCLOSED– If you see that your children's third quarter grades are not a reflection of their abilities, help them make the fourth quarter stronger. They start fresh with the new quarter, and they have plenty of time to turn things around for the semester! Sometimes, it's just a matter of not turning in assignments on time. Often, it's not spending the time necessary to study for quizzes and tests. Don't accept excuses. Learning takes work. Please encourage your children to put forth the effort necessary to achieve their personal best.

TUITION INFORMATION FOR 2015-16-- including invoices, payment options, and loan information from First Bank of Charleston will be mailed on April 15. **Tuition payment in full is due June 15** (late charge assessed at \$1.00 per day after June 15).

DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE – The Diocese of Wheeling- Charleston will continue its 24 year tradition of offering the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) in efforts to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it but may need some financial assistance to make

that dream a reality. Thanks to Bishop Bransfield's ongoing and genuine commitment to the Catholic schools in our Diocese, funds have once again been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of assistance. Awards are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. Apply on-line at www.factstuitionaid.com and have your 2014 tax information available. Families with children currently enrolled or who are applying to enroll for the 2015-2016 school year should apply ASAP. **The deadline is April 30.** No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless an application is submitted and all required documentation is submitted. There is a \$25 application fee. The diocese will pay \$12.50, and families must pay \$12.50.

TUITION SCHOLARSHIP – Mr. Frank Jennings and his family established a student scholarship fund several years ago providing partial tuition for deserving CCHS students. The Mary M. Jennings Memorial Scholarship pays tribute to Mrs. Jennings and her strong belief in the beauty of CCHS. Eighth graders currently enrolled in CCHS may apply for this scholarship which provides \$1000 per year (renewable each year if student maintains school standards) toward CCHS tuition. Selection of the recipient is based on commitment to Catholic education, financial need, strength of character, and involvement in school activities. To apply, the student should: 1) write name at the top left-hand corner of a piece of paper; 2) list schools attended since kindergarten; 3) describe involvement in school activities; 4) explain how the scholarship will affect applicant's educational plans; 5) tell anything special the applicant would like the scholarship selection committee to know. **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MAY 1.**

SECOND SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Second semester exams will be upon us before we know it. All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. Students who miss semester exams for reasons other than illness (who will be given the opportunity to make up the exams) will receive an F for those examinations. Just a reminder regarding the **seniors- only exam exemption policy**: Seniors may be exempt from second semester exams if: 1) the course is a two-semester course; 2) the teacher chooses to allow exam exemptions; 3) third and fourth quarter grades average to at least a 93; 4) fine arts requirements must have been completed by March 20 and community service requirements by May 8. **Students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP exam AND teacher-developed final exams. Seniors who meet exam exemption requirements for their AP classes may be exempt from teacher- developed final exams. Seniors in non-AP classes who choose to take AP exams will also take teacher-developed final exams unless they meet the exemption standards. Non-seniors who choose to take an AP exam for an AP class in which they are not enrolled must take the final exam for their class.**

Seniors: Tuesday/Wednesday, May 19, 20 (schedule to be announced)		
Sixth grade:	Monday, June 1	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Tuesday, June 2	exams for periods 5 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Wednesday, June 3	exams for periods 3 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
Seventh grade:	Monday, June 1	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Tuesday, June 2	exams for periods 5 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Wednesday, June 3	exams for periods 3 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
Eighth grade:	Monday, June 1	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Tuesday, June 2	exams for periods 5 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Wednesday, June 3	exams for periods 4 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
Grades 9 - 11:	Friday, May 29	exam for period 8 (8 – 9:30 a.m.); 2:45 dismissal
	Monday, June 1	exams for periods 1 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Tuesday, June 2	exams for periods 2 and 6; 11:15 dismissal
	Wednesday, June 3	exams for periods 3 and 4; 11:15 dismissal

TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2015-16 – Please keep this calendar in mind as you plan for next year. Please remember that **exams must be taken on scheduled exam days** and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester will have to make up those days at the end of the semester.

Wednesday/ Thursday, August 12-13 – registration days
 Wednesday, August 19 - 1st day for students
 Monday, September 7 - Labor Day holiday
 Wednesday, November 11 - Veterans' Day holiday
 Wednesday, November 25 - half-day for Thanksgiving
 Thursday/Friday, November 26-27 - Thanksgiving holiday
 Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, December 16 – 18 - exams
 Saturday, December 19 - beginning of Christmas vacation
 Monday, January 4 - classes resume
 Monday, January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
 Monday, February 15 – Presidents' Day holiday
 Friday, March 25 – Good Friday, beginning of Easter Vacation
 Monday, April 4 - classes resume
 Thursday, May 26 – baccalaureate in evening
 Friday, May 27 – graduation and Project Graduation in evening
 Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day holiday
 Wednesday/ Thursday/ Friday – June 1, 2, 3 –exams for 6th-11th graders
 Friday, June 3 – Moving Up Ceremony for 8th graders

TEXTBOOKS FOR 2015-16-- Charleston Catholic's online bookstore is operated by eCampus. In June 2015, eCampus representatives will be at CCHS, cash in hand, to buy back this year's books. Rented books may also be returned at that time. The bookstore will be open for the 2015-16 school year in early July to allow our parents more access to a greater supply of used books for required courses. To reach the CCHS customized bookstore, access the link by going to the Charleston Catholic website and clicking on the Links tab. Options offered for textbooks will be new, used, and rental. Please note that for next year, all English textbooks will be new, in keeping with our adoption cycle. eCampus offers an email tracking system and a proximate location, Kentucky, to ensure quick delivery of books. **Many parents make informal arrangements with other families to purchase used textbooks.** Before buying textbooks, from eCampus or other sources, be sure to check the booklist that will be posted on the eCampus website in early July.

E- DAYS: BE PREPARED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS – While we plan in excess of 180 days for each school year, we have used our allotted extra days for this school year. That means that any school cancellations in the remainder of this school year, for any unforeseen reasons (i.e., water or power outages) will result in the activation of our e-day plan. While we hope not to use our “e-day plan,” we want to alert our school community to the possibility now. **The e-day plan will only be in effect for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year.**

In the event that closing school for the day is necessary during the remainder of the school, the following plan will be activated:

1) By 9 a.m. on days that school is closed, teachers will post instructions for their classes in their moodle for the current week. Students can access this information through any internet connection, e.g., computer, iPhone, iPad, etc.

2) Assignments for each class will be about 30 minutes in length. Teachers will keep in mind what materials students would have available at home. Some assignments may be reading, watching videos, applying a concept, working problems, completing a worksheet, writing an essay, etc. Students without internet access may need to call a friend to get assignments. As is always the case, if students do not

have access to printers at home, they can send them to the CCHS printer on the school website.

3) **In order for a student to count the e-day as a day of attendance in each class, assignments must be submitted within two days of school's reopening.** Because there may be rare cases in which families do not have home internet access, either through a computer, iPhone, or other device, this two-day allowance is being made to allow all students the opportunity to complete assignments and count toward attendance. Students who do not submit assignments within two days of the school's reopening will be marked absent for each class for which an assignment was not completed.

4) **Completion of each class' assignments is required.** Namely, as is the case in a regular instructional day, each e-day assignment counts for a grade in teachers' gradebooks. Failure to complete an assignment will result in a zero for each assignment.

PARENT SEMINAR- COPING WITH TEEN DEPRESSION—Dr. Gary Nelson, an ordained United Methodist minister and a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, will offer a seminar for parents on coping with teen depression on Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in the library. All parents are welcome. You can learn more about Dr. Nelson online at www.survivingteendepression.com.

HOMEWORK CLINIC- The middle school homework clinic is offered by middle school health and PE teacher Josh Shindle in room 302. This structured, teacher-supervised time dedicated to distraction-free homework completion and study meets on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 3-4 p.m. The cost is \$10 per session.

FOLLOW CCHSNEWS—Text “follow cchsnews” to 40404 and you will receive all cchsnews tweets as text messages. It's easy to stay informed!

GOODLUCK TO HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH STUDENTS— as they participate in the National Spanish Exam on Monday and Tuesday, March 30-31.

VIRTUS— Be sure you're ready to help! All parents or other adults who volunteer, coach, drive students, chaperone, etc., are required by the Diocese to complete the diocesan sexual abuse awareness training before being allowed to work with our students. Complete the training online. On the CCHS website, go to the “Links” dropdown menu and choose VIRTUS registration. At the VIRTUS website, go to Options, scroll down and choose online. Allow 1- 1½ hours to complete the program. Print out the certificate of completion and submit it to Mr. Villers. It is still necessary to complete the background check and sexual abuse awareness statement which can be done by clicking on the link at the school website at www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

HOPE 2015 – Preparations are well underway for our 11th summer of HOPE in Clay County, WV. Our group of 50 juniors, seniors, college age alumni, and adult work crew leaders will make significant repairs at the homes of 8-10 low income families and seniors in Clay County during the week of June 14-19, 2015. To date, we have raised \$29,000 of our **\$35,000 goal** needed to purchase building materials to make these homes warmer, safer, and drier. Please consider making a **tax deductible donation, 100% of which will go toward the purchase of construction supplies.** Checks can be made payable to Charleston Catholic and sent to the school office to the attention of Bill Mehle, HOPE Coordinator, or donate online at www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org and search “Donate to HOPE.”

HOPE T-SHIRTS— can be ordered in the school office. This annual fundraiser helps fund the summer home repair project in Clay County. Shirts are available in short or long sleeves in sizes S, M, L, XL, or XXL. The price is \$10 for short sleeves and \$12 for long sleeves. Add \$1 for XXL.

NOTES FROM MS. LINEHAN, CAMPUS MINISTRY COORDINATOR –

- 1.) Senior service hours are due on May 8. Seniors must fulfill the requirement in order to graduate (and for exam exemptions). Seniors, or any student having trouble finding service opportunities, should see Ms. Linehan.
- 2.) The freshmen retreat will be at Camp Virgil Tate on Friday, May 1. If you are able to help drive students from CCHS to Camp Virgil Tate, please email Molly Linehan at m.linehan.cchs@gmail.com.
- 3.) The freshmen day to serve at Trinity's Table (1600 Kanawha Blvd) is Sunday, March 29, from 4:45 until 7 p.m. All students are welcome with a special invitation for freshmen to serve. For more information see your student council representative or Ms. Linehan.
- 4.) Despite cold and icy conditions, the HOPE Spaghetti Dinner was a success! Between ticket sales, the middle school sewing club's quilt raffle, and generous donations, nearly \$1000 was raised for the summer home repair project in Clay County. In addition to serving approximately 70 dinners, patrons had a lovely evening sharing stories and excitement about our commitment to Clay County.

SCIENCE CAMP -- Mrs. Erby and Mrs. Arnold, CCHS science teachers, are offering a science camp for rising 6th and 7th graders this summer. The camp will cover a variety of science topics and is scheduled for August 11-14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost for the camp is \$235.00 which includes materials and a daily snack. Students will need to bring their own lunches. Please contact either Mrs. Erby or Mrs. Arnold at 342-8415 or email tonyaerby@yahoo.com or arnoldad1@yahoo.com for more information.

GOING OUT OF TOWN? – If parents are going to be out of town, please leave contact information with Mrs. Lovejoy in the office. In case of an emergency, we need to be able to let you know.

IMMUNIZATIONS -- The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources requires that all 7th and 12th grade students enrolled in WV public and private schools must have proof of immunizations or they will not be allowed to begin school in August. CCHS must have an updated copy of the immunization records, which include these vaccines, on file in the school office in order to allow your child to begin school in August 2015. **Students entering 7th and 12th grades must have 1 dose of the Tdap vaccine and 1 dose of the meningitis vaccine. If the 12th grade student received a meningitis vaccine before his/her 16th birthday, he/she is required to have a second dose of the vaccine at this time.**

MRS. THOMAS' TIDBITS -

- 1) SAT and ACT testing and registration information and registration is available online at -- www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org (CCHS code: 490-205).
- 2) Class of **2015** (seniors) needed to complete their fine arts requirement by the end of the third quarter (March 20). Community service hours are due by May 8. Both are required in order to be considered for exam exemptions.
- 3) Mrs. Thomas handles college visit requests. Students should get the forms from her and return the completed forms to her at least 2 days before the trip. **Seniors are allowed 2 college visit days; juniors are allowed 2 college visit days. College visits must be made before May 1.**
- 4) To date, 214 college applications have been processed and sent to colleges. Students are receiving notification regarding their acceptance and scholarship offers!
- 5) The health department asks all schools to keep students' immunization records updated. If your child has had recent shots, please send CCHS a copy of new health records. **All rising 7th and 12th graders are required to have updated Tdap and meningococcal vaccines before they enter**

school in August. Once your child has these vaccines, an updated immunization record must be submitted to Mrs. Thomas.

6) Mrs. Vollmer is meeting with juniors individually to begin discussing their college plans. During these sessions, they review test results and student interests and discuss how to look for and choose colleges. Afterwards, students receive lists of colleges that fit their interests so they can begin their college search.

7) CCHS encourages students to take both the ACT and the SAT before the end of their junior year. Doing this allows students to get a baseline score and to prepare for future tests. Both tests are accepted by all colleges and universities for admission. We have found that students perform better on these tests if they are taken before the end of the school year. By the June testing dates, students tend to be tired and not as fresh. So, if possible, consider an earlier test date. Students may also take SAT II subject tests which are best taken at the end of the junior year or upon completion of courses being tested e.g., Biology, World History, U.S. History.

8) Students in 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th grades will take the TERRA NOVA during the week of April 20. Please make sure students are well-rested and eat a good breakfast on testing mornings.

9) Juniors should visit colleges during spring break – pick up literature about schools, talk to admissions personnel, talk to students, look at dorms and classrooms, try the food, meet professors, ask “Does this atmosphere suit me?”

10) **Wednesday, April 29, 7 p.m.** – college info session for parents of current sophomores

11) **Wednesday, May 27, 7 p.m.** - Naviance info session for parents of current juniors

IF YOUR LAST NAME IS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR CHILD’S NAME – please put the child’s full name on all checks issued to CCHS and to any correspondence sent to the school.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

1.) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Order forms for CCHS logo jackets (including a new, heavier weight grey jacket and also a lighter weight black jacket, both in full zip and quarter zip), white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts are available on the CCHS website. For questions, please contact Erika Bailey (304-941-3499) for jackets, Christi Preston (304-550-0239) for green polos, and Marsha Hoyer (304-552-8065) for white polos. Please note that high school students who are members of athletic teams and academic competition teams are permitted to wear a CCHS kelly green polo shirt to school on designated dates – normally home games and other days designated by the principal.

2) **CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS** – Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help. Please be sure you know when you are scheduled to volunteer, and if you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find a substitute. If all else fails, kindly call the school so the cooks know to plan for your absence. If your schedule no longer permits you to volunteer, please contact Sandy Kinney at skinney@suddenlink.net so she can remove you from the schedule.

3) **PVA volunteer forms** are still being accepted. Our entire school community benefits from parent involvement! The Parent Registration Packet is available on the CCHS website.

4) **Athletic family passes** are still available through the PVA. These passes are good for immediate family members only (not cousins, in-laws, ex-in-laws, grandparents, fiancées, etc.) to attend CCHS home games. The passes do not cover away games, tournaments played at home, homecoming games, or any SSAC tournaments. Cost is \$150 for all home middle school games only, \$175 for all home high school games only, and \$200 for all home games (both levels). A \$100 student or senior citizen pass for all home games is also available. Each adult in a family will be issued a pass that must be shown for admission to games. An order form for sports passes is available in the PVA Parent Registration Packet. Please contact Kirsten Smith (304-610-0477) if you have questions about these passes.

ATTENTION: FRESHMAN PARENTS – Our 9th grade class will continue the tradition of hosting the Baccalaureate reception for this year's graduating seniors and their families on Thursday evening, May 21, 2015. This event takes much planning and cooperation from the entire freshman class. We are in need of 9th grade parent volunteers to work in the following areas: decorations, food, homemade desserts, beverages, servers, set-up/clean-up, paper products, and invitations. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Helen Kesari at helkrish@gmail.com or 304-741-4977.

ATTENTION: SOPHOMORE PARENTS – Hosting Project Graduation is the 10th grade parent project. It is an all night lock-in aimed at giving the graduating class a safe and fun place to celebrate with their classmates one last time. This year it is scheduled to be at the Charleston YMCA on Friday, May 22, 2015, from 10:30 p.m. - 4 a.m. We will need volunteers to help with planning and chaperoning this event and are looking for donations to use as prizes. If you can help, please contact Leighann Hamrick at blessedsix97@gmail.com or 304-421-3520. Thank you in advance!

SUPPORT CCHS AS YOU SHOP— Please take advantage of these easy ways to support Charleston Catholic as you do your shopping. Thank you for your generosity to CCHS students!

- 1.) This fall, Kroger replaced the Kroger Cares program with a new fundraising program called **Kroger Community Rewards**. The process is even simpler than before. Instead of using the pre-paid gift cards, now all you have to do is complete a one-time online registration of your **Kroger Plus Shopper's Card**, use the card when you checkout, and Charleston Catholic will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis. To register your card, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use the Charleston Catholic organization number **83696**. Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus Cards are available at the Customer Service desk at any Kroger.
- 2.) When you shop at Amazon.com, the AmazonSmile program will donate 0.5% of your purchases to CCHS when you log in to your Amazon account using the address <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0630688> (or by clicking on the link on the CCHS website) to enroll in the program.

UC FIELD BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SPONSORSHIP -- The high school baseball and softball teams play their home games at UC's fields. **Please consider a Game Day Field Sponsorship**. A \$175 donation covers the cost of the field rental for one game date. Your firm/company's name will be displayed at the field on your game date. Game Day Sponsor Forms are available from Bill Gillispie (athletic director) or on the athletics section on school website for baseball. Click on "Athletics" to download a printable form.

2015 CCHS SHAMROCK GOLF TOURNAMENT— Mark your calendars! The Charleston Catholic Shamrock Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, May 17, at 9 a.m. at Little Creek Golf Course. Prizes will be awarded, and a cookout and raffle will follow golfing. The cost is \$70 per person, \$40 of which is tax deductible. Proceeds will benefit CCHS academic and athletic programs. Entry forms, hole sponsorship forms, and additional information will be available on the CCHS website at www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org in the coming weeks.

THANKS –

- to everyone who supported the HOPE spaghetti dinner through dinner tickets, the sewing club's quilt raffle tickets, and donations. It was an enjoyable evening for all who attended!
- to the PVA hospitality committee for providing a delightful St. Patrick's Day treat for faculty and staff. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.
- to parents who have transported sports, quiz bowl, and speech teams all over the state. We couldn't do it without you.

- to West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Walt Helmick for speaking to high school students in an evening science seminar regarding the changing agricultural trends in West Virginia, especially the farm to table projects that are becoming popular as people try to eat more locally grown fresh food.
- to our winter coaches for their dedication to our student athletes, instilling in them the desire to succeed and teaching them how to do so with grace and class.
- to local counselors and clergy Monsignor Sadie, Gary Nelson, Will Messer, Sky Kershner, Father Leon Alexander, Rabbi Victor Urecki and Kerri Linton who volunteered their time to provide counseling services to our high school students.

CONGRATULATIONS –

- to seventh grader Meredith Aliff and sixth grader Amelia Allen who were selected to perform a duet, *Pie Jesu* by Andrew Lloyd Webber, at the West Virginia Music Educators Association conference earlier this month.
- to the middle school Quiz Bowl Team B composed of Josh Kardos, Sam King, Mike Fox, and Cameron Kiss who qualified for the national competition in Louisville, KY, later this spring. Congratulations also to Sam King who qualified for the individual History Bowl. Both middle school teams worked hard and enjoyed a successful season!
- to the high school varsity Quiz Bowl Team members Chris Austin, Alex Canfield, Sam Levenson, and Christine Wirts on their third place finish at the state history bowl this month. The team qualified for the National History Bowl in Washington DC this April. Additional congratulations to Alex Canfield for his individual qualification in the National History Bee.
- to eighth grader Nikolas Mihailidis for his first place finish in the Math Counts competition.
- to sophomores Andrew Willis and Catherine Herlihy for their selection to the Governor's School for the Arts taking place this summer at West Virginia Wesleyan College.
- to juniors Diane Gillis and Olivia Lee for acceptance into the selective Governor's Honors Academy this July at Fairmont State University.
- to sophomore Kathryn Wantlin on her first place finish in the Maier Latin Cup SAT Latin Subject test. Kathryn competed against other Latin 2 students across the state and will be recognized at an awards ceremony at Marshall in April. Bravo!
- to our CCHS County Mathematics Field Day representatives who competed in excellent fashion– Kathryn Lakin (6), Sean Archer (7), Nikolas Mihailidis (8), Joy Justice (9), Kathryn Wantlin (10), Christoph Hart (10), Leonardo Cicconi (11), Christine Wirts (11), Allie Persily (12), and Ryan Edwards (12). Winners at the County competition included: Nikolas Mihailidis (2nd in 8th grade), Joy Justice (2nd in 9th grade) and high school competitors Leonardo Cicconi (9th place), Ryan Edwards (6th place), Christine Wirts (4th place), Allie Persily (3rd place) and Kathryn Wantlin (1st place). All CCHS students who moved on to regional competition placed there as well: Nikolas Mihailidas (2nd in 8th grade), Joy Justice (2nd in 9th grade), Ryan Edwards (8th in high school), Leonardo Cicconi (4th in high school), Christine Wirts (2nd in high school) and Kathryn Wantlin (1st in high school). Those students who placed at regionals will continue to compete at the State Math Field Day in April. How impressive! Many thanks to math teacher Sarah Griffith for coordinating our students' participation.
- to the high school swim team members and their coaches for their outstanding season and state meet! The girls team finished 4th in the state and the boys placed 9th. Special recognition goes to Morgan Carr and Nathan Runyon for their respective first place finishes in the 100 fly and for being named to the All State Team. The girls' relay teams of Morgan Carr, Sara Carr, Mary Kathryn Kay, Emma Malinoski, and Caroline Moore finished 3rd in the state. Sara Carr placed second in the 50 free and 3rd in the 100 free. Mary Kathryn Kay finished 10th in the 200 IM, Caroline Moore finished 11th in the 100 back and the 200 IM. Emma Malinoski finished 12th in the 500 yard free.
- to the middle school girls' basketball team and their coaches for a successful season, finishing the season with a record of 12-8 and fourth place in Kanawha County.

- to the middle school boys' basketball team and their coaches for their dedication this season. They qualified for the county tournament and finished the season with a record of 9-10.
- to the high school girls' basketball team who capped off their 10-11 season with a second consecutive state tournament appearance! The girls advanced to the semi-finals before losing to eventual state champion Huntington St. Joe. Special congratulations to All State Honorees: Catherine Bandak (1st team), Vida Imani (3rd team), and Payton Mullen (honorable mention and all Kanawha Valley Defensive Team). Second year coach Zach Bogan was honored as Kanawha Valley Coach of the year.
- to the high school boys' basketball team for an impressive season under first year coach Matt Morrison. The boys played with heart, finishing with a 14-9 record and qualifying for their 11th consecutive state tournament. Junior Hayden McCarty earned 3rd team All State honors and sophomore Luke McKown earned honorable mention.
- to the high school cheerleaders and the student body for winning the school spirit award at the girls' state tournament. What a tribute to the positive and supportive nature of our school community!

FAMILY TRIPS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC. -- Please avoid taking students out of school for vacations, family trips, appointments, etc. If students miss school for any reason (including illness), it is their responsibility to find out what they missed. The policies for making up work are included in the Parent-Student Handbook. If your child is ill or will miss school for any reason, please notify the school office by 8:30 a.m.

CALENDAR FOR 2014-15 -- Please use this calendar in your planning. Please remember that exams must be taken on scheduled exam days and students who are absent more than 5 days in a semester will have to make up those days at the end of the semester. Please note that, as is the case each school day, teachers administer tests/quizzes, have assignments due, and teach lessons on the days immediately preceding and following school holidays. Students who take extended holidays run the risk of affecting their grades.

Friday, April 3	Good Friday, NO SCHOOL, Easter Vacation begins
Monday, April 13	classes resume
Monday- Friday, April 20-24	Terra Nova testing grades 6-10
Wednesday, April 29	college info session for parents of current sophomores
Thursday, April 30	FACTS application deadline for currently enrolled students
Friday, May 1	9th grade retreat; Mary Jennings scholarship application deadline
Friday/Saturday, May 1-2	spring play 7:30 p.m., Commons
Monday, May 4	AP tests begin
Saturday, May 16	Prom 9 p.m.-12 a.m.
Sunday, May 17	Shamrock Golf Outing, Little Creek, 9 a.m.
Thursday, May 21	senior retreat, Baccalaureate, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 22	Graduation, 7:30 p.m. and Project Graduation
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day holiday
Wednesday, May 27	Naviance info session for parents of current juniors
Friday, May 29	exams (high school only): regular dismissal
Mon./Tues./Wed., June 1, 2, 3	exams for grades 6-11: 11:15 dismissal
Wednesday, June 3	end of 2nd semester, Moving Up ceremony for 8th grade
Monday, June 15	tuition payment due in full for 2015-16 school year

March-April- May Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Pizza Beef barley soup Jaime Bowman Helen Kesari Cindy Keith	31 Easter Dinner Turkey, Au Gratin potatoes, green bean casserole, roll, strawberry pretzel salad Annette Cable Kirsten Smith Kim Ewing	1 Chicken Alfredo Bow tie pasta Susan Shumate Uma Dave Shreedevi Jogenpally	2 Holy Thursday Cooks' choice Peggy Sadd Paula Durst Erika Bailey	3 Good Friday No School Easter Break 4/3-4/12
13 Pizza Pasta salad Macaroni salad Mary Supcoe Johnna Aguilar Pelagia Milhailidis	14 Meatball subs Kim Javins Shelly McCutcheon Shannon Elliott	15 Mass Day Chicken parm on pasta Garlic sticks Broccoli & cheese Lori Dalporto Anne Williams Kent Boggess	16 Mac & cheese Corndogs Wendy Young Samantha McCarty Bill Flanery	17 Philly cheesesteak Steak fries Feli McKown Molly Erlandson Mary Green
20 Calzones Chicken Caesar salad Pam Council Misty Harris Sheila Rutherford	21 Beef tacos Spanish rice Taco salad Georgette George Terri Moore Julia Hurney	22 Chicken pesto w/ bow tie pasta Spinach salad Greek orzo salad Michael Kawash Tasha Agnew Vicki White	23 Breakfast Ham, eggs, biscuit, hashbrowns, fried apples Noelle Starek Shari Collias Stacy Boggess	24 Grilled chicken sandwiches Potato salad Lisa White Jaime Bowman Chris Williams
27 Pizza Fresh fruit Shawna Meeks Betsy Cimino Natalie Tennant	28 Baked ravioli Breaded cheese sticks w/ marinara Rob Aliff Krista Black Kathy Atassi	29 Chicken tenders Baked potatoes Donna Kelly Leighann Hamrick Tracy Zachwieja	30 Taco Pie Chips & salsa Nachos Cindy Keith Helen Kesari Kim Ewing	1 Cook's Choice Ron Rushworth Melissa Layne Susan Johnson Veazey

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