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INSIDE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students,

The breathtaking autumn weather has appeared, with its profusion of colors in the morning and evening skies and in our beautiful mountains. With this natural change comes the realization that, as hard as it is to believe, the first quarter has ended and the semester will be over before we turn around. And there's so much to do before that happens! In addition to the daily classroom instructional activities, upcoming exams, and extracurricular events and practices that fill our days, other projects are added to the mix this time of year. The Clay County Christmas Party is imminent. HOPE (Housing Outreach Project Express) is already gearing up for its week-long summer renovation project. The generosity of our students and their families is impressive. Through the Clay County project, HOPE, Youth Opportunity Camp involvement, and numerous other service activities, our students are able to put a face on the poor and to recognize the humanity and dignity of needy families. "To those to whom much is given, much is expected."

As we approach November and Thanksgiving, may the upcoming weeks be filled with appreciation for those who nurture us personally, intellectually, and spiritually. In the busy moments, may we take time to reflect upon our families, our blessings, our priorities, our attitudes, and our beliefs. May we give generously of ourselves.

Debra K. Sullivan, Principal

CONDOLENCES – We express our sympathy to a number of our families who have lost loved ones recently. May the souls of the departed rest in peace: teacher Josh Shindle's paternal grandmother and Randy Cox, father of Erin (class of 1999) and Thomas (class of 2002). Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

FIRST QUARTER REPORT CARDS ARE ENCLOSED – Teachers have given students printouts with first quarter grades. Quarter grade point averages are included on the current report card. Keep in mind that the cumulative grade point average is based solely on semester grades. The cumulative ACA reported on the current report card is a student's grade point average as of June 2011. Freshmen and sixth graders do not have cumulative GPAs at this time but will have one at the end of the first semester.

IF YOUR CHILDREN'S GRADES ARE NOT WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE – First, look at the printed grade sheets prepared by the teachers and sent home with your children. Do you see zeroes or points recorded for one-half of the total possible? Zeroes often indicate that an assignment/homework/paper/etc. was not turned in at all or was turned in more than one day late. Work is accepted one day late for 50% credit of the score the student would have earned (e.g., if a paper was worth 100 points and the student earned 80 of those points, turning in the paper one day late turns that grade into a 40.). If work is turned in two days late, the assignment earns 0 points. Help your students be responsible by meeting deadlines.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES -- If you haven't already done so, please call the school office to make your appointment. **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, IS THE BIG DAY!** Feel free to call individual teachers at school and talk to them on the phone if you cannot meet with them during conference days or if you need to talk with them at other times. If you have serious concerns about your child's progress, a 5 or 10 minute conference may be insufficient. In such cases you will need to call the teacher(s) involved and have an additional conversation via phone. If you are pleased with your child's

progress, schedule appointments, too. It's always a good idea to meet the folks who are spending their days educating your children and for them to meet you!

Parent conferences for all grades are scheduled for Thursday, November 3 from 8 a.m. to noon; 1 to 5 p.m.; and 6 to 9 p.m. There will be no school for students on this day.

PLEASE BE ON TIME AND BE CONSIDERATE OF PARENTS WAITING FOR THEIR DESIGNATED APPOINTMENTS.

1) **6th grade parents** will meet with each teacher (Ms. Wallpe, Mrs. Park, Mr. Shindle, and Mr. Webb) for 7 minutes each. Parents are scheduled on the half-hour, e.g., 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, etc. All meetings will take place in the library where the four teachers will set up in separate locations in the room. On the half-hour, four sets of parents having that time period as their appointment will enter the library. Each set of parents will begin with one of the four teachers. After 7 minutes, the parents will rotate to the next teacher, and so on. At the 28-minute mark, those parents must leave the library and four new sets of parents will begin their rotation.

2) **7th and 8th grade parents** will meet with each teacher (Mrs. Pile, Mrs. Erby, Mrs. Zboinski, Mr. Villers, and Mrs. Hayes) for 5 minutes each. Parents are scheduled on the half-hour, e.g., 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, etc. Meetings will take place in the Commons where the five teachers will set up in separate locations in the room. On the half-hour, five sets of parents having that time period as their appointment will enter the Commons. Each set of parents will begin with one of the five teachers. After 5 minutes, the parents will rotate to the next teacher, and so on. At the 25-minute mark, those parents must leave the area and the five new sets of parents will begin their rotation at the half-hour mark.

3) **High school parent-teacher conferences** are scheduled at 10 minute intervals with individual teachers in the teachers' classrooms.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Although we've just finished the first quarter, it's time to look ahead to December's exams. Keep in mind that we administer exams before Christmas, but the semester does not close until January 13. From January 3 through 13, teachers will be covering new material which will be calculated into the second quarter and first semester grade. All classes have exams and exams must be taken at the scheduled times. **If on any day we have a two-hour delay due to weather, we will start that day's exams at 10 a.m. and school will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. If school is cancelled on any exam day due to weather, exams for that day will take place on the *next day the school is open, even if it means pushing exams to January 3.* **IN THE EVENT OF ANY WEATHER-RELATED CHANGES, CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION.** Students should prepare for exams by reviewing past tests and quizzes, using study guides, rereading notes and homework/class assignments, reworking math problems, and so on. First semester report cards will be mailed no later than Monday, January 23, 2012.**

<u>Sixth grade:</u>	Wednesday, 12/14	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/15	exams for periods 5 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/16	exams for periods 3 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
<u>Seventh grade:</u>	Wednesday, 12/14	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/15	exams for periods 5 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/16	exams for periods 4 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
<u>Eighth grade:</u>	Wednesday, 12/14	exams for periods 1 and 2; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/15	exams for periods 5 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/16	exams for periods 3 and 8; 11:15 dismissal
<u>High school:</u>	Tuesday, December 13	exam for period 8; 2:45 dismissal
	Wednesday, 12/14	exams for periods 2 and 4; 11:15 dismissal
	Thursday, 12/15	exams for periods 6 and 7; 11:15 dismissal
	Friday, 12/16	exams for periods 1 and 3; 11:15 dismissal

SCIENCE TUTORS -- Peer tutoring is available to students for help in their science classes. Students wishing tutoring need to tell their science teacher, who will make arrangements.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED -- Miss Shepler is looking for a volunteer willing to lead her high school P.E. classes in occasional classes of yoga, pilates, zumba, aerobics, or similar discipline. Please contact Miss Shepler at school to make arrangements.

SCIENCE PROJECT MENTOR NEEDED - Two of our juniors, Samantha Harris and Alex MacDonald, are working on a science project to discover the factors that contribute to the degradation of olive oil. They are looking for a project mentor/advisor. If any parents or alumni, with expertise in the area of organic chemistry, would like to become involved in brainstorming with these students, please notify Dorothy Scharf, dscharf@suddenlink.net or Amy Arnold, arnoldad1@yahoo.com.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS – Do you have one or two hours a week that you could spend helping in our library? Dara Krack, school librarian, could certainly use your assistance!

HUNGER IN WEST VIRGINIA – persists and CCHS is continuing its strong tradition of working to alleviate some of the suffering associated with it. We continue to work with Sacred Heart Grade School preparing over 250 boxes of food to be delivered to Clay County at our Christmas Party. **Pax Christi**, our service club, is sponsoring Manna Meal Mondays, asking that students bring in boxes of cereal on the first Monday of each month. Monday, November 7, is the first collection date. Your support of these and other efforts is greatly appreciated.

MOODLE – Are you checking the CCHS Course Extranet (Moodle) on the CCHS website? Teachers are posting dates for quizzes, tests, and major assignments. Use this invaluable tool – you’ll be amazed at what you can learn! Check Monday evenings and double-check Wednesday for any assignment updates.

CHECK THE CCHS WEBSITE – for fine arts critiques and community service forms and the handbook -- www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org. The website continues to evolve. Check it out! And remember, weather-related announcements (e.g., snow delays/closings) will be posted there so you won’t have to spend time glued to the radio or television!

MAKE UP PICTURE DAY- is scheduled for November 15. Students should wear uniforms to school and bring clothes to change into; pictures will be taken at Sacred Heart Grade School first thing in the morning.

SENIOR ADS FOR YEARBOOK -- Parents who are interested in purchasing an ad to recognize their seniors are encouraged to complete the form below and return it to Mrs. Alissa D’Brot by **Thursday, November 17**. Based on the level of interest, ad sizes will be determined to fit the number of yearbook pages available on a first-come-first-served basis. Please complete the form below indicating your first choice for ad dimensions. The form lists prices for various ad sizes, but please do not send a check at this time. Once parents have indicated their desires, ad sizes will be determined and families will be notified and invoiced. **DUE TO RESTRICTIONS SET BY THE PUBLISHER, THE NOVEMBER 17 DEADLINE MUST BE FOLLOWED. There is no guarantee if your request is placed after this date. Please don’t miss out!**

Yes, I am interested in buying a yearbook advertisement.

FULL PAGE - \$225

HALF PAGE - \$135

QUARTER PAGE - \$75

Your name: _____

Child’s name: _____

Daytime phone number: _____ Your email address: _____

ALL-CLASS REUNION -- Plans are underway for the Charleston Catholic All Class Reunion scheduled for the weekend of June 22-24, 2012. Events will feature an open house in the Commons, tours of the school building, and an afternoon at the Athletic Facility. All CCHS graduates are invited to join in the festivities and reconnect with classmates. Follow the event on the CCHS Alumni Facebook page.

CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SKI CLUB 2011 (grades 6 – 12) --

- Ski dates: January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8 (Feb. 15 make up date)
- Optional parent information meeting-Tuesday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. in CCHS library.
- Mandatory student meeting – January 4 at 3:00 p.m. Students will receive an overview of rules and responsibilities.
- Buses will leave school for Winterplace promptly at 3:30 p.m. and return to CCHS at 10:30 p.m.
- Ski Club members are expected to be on time when leaving CCHS and when leaving Winterplace. Students must be on the buses at Winterplace by 9:00 p.m.
- Please be on time to pick up your children. Buses drop off in front of Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral so please do not park on this side of the street.
- The decision to cancel Ski Club because of weather will be made the day of the trip by 11:00 a.m. Additional Wednesdays will be added to the end of the season if trips are cancelled due to weather. If school is cancelled on a Wednesday because of snow, do not assume we will cancel Ski Club. Conditions are probably good for skiing and, if it is possible to transport the students safely, we will have Ski Club. Check the CCHS website www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org for the final word.
- **Cost: \$225 for shaped skis or if you are bringing your own equipment; \$295 for rental of blades or snowboard.** These amounts include lift tickets and transportation for all five dates. Lessons are available for every level of skier each Wednesday at no extra cost. **Students renting equipment from Winterplace must complete a liability form in its entirety, including credit card information. This form will be given to students after they register for ski club.**
- Helmets are strongly encouraged.
- **Students must submit ski club contract and a medical emergency form. These forms will be available by November 15. Forms and fees must be returned to school by December 9.**

LOST AND FOUND – Please make sure that your children have their names in their school materials (e.g., textbooks, workbooks, etc.), gym clothes, uniform jackets, and even outerwear. It is amazing to see the types of items that students “lose” and never claim.

ESCO ON-LINE BOOKSTORE – is implementing some changes based on parent and school feedback. Here are some of the areas under reconstruction, as quoted in a message from Peter Sauer, Vice President of Operations:

- “1. Shipping- 18% said they had a problem with their shipment and recommend a better service. We tried a new service from UPS this year, called UPS Mail Innovations. We will be going back to using UPS Ground for standard shipping, which is 99% on time.
2. Communication- 38% said that we need to improve communication with the students and parents. ESCO is dedicated to improving email notifications and customer support.
3. Ebooks- We are now offering over 10,000 textbooks and hundreds of thousands of novels.
4. Higher Buyback Prices - 44% would like to see better buyback prices. ESCO is going to change the buyback pricing structure to fit your needs with higher prices if they buy from the CCHS store. ESCO is going to make the buyback process easier and more streamlined.
5. Marketplace - 72% want us to add amazon.com and other marketplaces to the website. Many parents would like the option to view marketplace prices on our site so they do not have the search all over the internet. ESCO will become more price competitive and a better resource for everyone. We are dedicated to serving you. Please offer your insights, additional suggestions, and feedback as we build your store.”

JUNIOR CLASS FUNDRAISER -- The junior class will be selling food items as part of their fund-raising effort for this year's junior-senior prom. The juniors will be taking pre-paid orders for pepperoni rolls (from Marty's Bakery in Clarksburg, WV), cookie dough (from Classic Cookie company), Danish pastry (from the Racine Danish Kringle company), and pies (from Sara Lee Company). These items would make good gifts or food for the holidays! You may order in the school office or with any junior. All orders will be delivered to you by the juniors on December 7.

ADDRESS CHANGES -- If there are mistakes on the name/address on the progress report, please notify Mrs. Cielensky so corrections may be made.

AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLINIC -- is the perfect time for students to complete their homework before leaving school! This structured, teacher-supervised time is dedicated to homework completion and study and is free of common distractions (no Facebook, texting, or television here!). Homework clinic meets in science teacher Mrs. Erby's room on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 3 – 4 p.m. The cost is \$10/session. Students are encouraged to bring a snack.

CLAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT—Although it's still October, our annual Clay County Christmas project will be here before long. The September newsletter included specific information about this event so an abbreviated version is included here. Parents and businesses willing to donate goods or funds should contact the school office. Please contact Ms. Kate FitzGerald if you are willing to take responsibility for an extra Clay County child. The timetable for the Clay County Christmas Project is:

1) Friday, November 18 - \$2 jeans day
 2) Friday, November 18- Students will receive the name and other information about their Clay County children. Students are asked to purchase a \$35 gift. Please try to come close to the \$35 limit. It is very difficult on families when children within the same family do not receive "equitable" gifts. If a CCHS student is unable to participate in this aspect of the Clay County Christmas Project, please alert Mrs. Colleen Hoyer.

3) Monday, November 21 – Stockings and stocking stuffers are due to theology teachers. We try to fill 500 stockings so we count on each student to bring in the requested items. The dollar store is a great source for these items.

Each 6th, 7th, and 8th grader: 1 12- 14 inch stocking to be filled, 3 small boxes of crayons (8 or 16 count), 3 thin coloring books, 2 pairs of stretchy gloves-one size fits all, and 2 chapsticks.

Each high school student: 1 12-14 inch stocking to be filled, 1 pair of stretchy gloves-one size fits all, and 2 chapsticks. Additionally:

grades 9 & 12- 5 hairbrushes and 5 bars of soap.

grades 10 & 11- 5 toothbrushes (individually packaged) and 5 tubes of toothpaste.

EXTRA ITEMS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

4) Monday, November 21- Food box items are due. Each student will be asked to provide specific food items. While the majority of the food boxes are provided by Sacred Heart Grade School children, CCHS students help fill the remainder of the boxes.

5) Tuesday, November 29 - Wrapped gifts are due with the family number and Clay County child's name securely taped on the front.

Thank you for your generosity to the children of Clay County!

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY – If you'd like to advertise your business and show your support for CCHS, please consider getting involved in our banner program at the CCHS Athletic Facility. To learn more and order a banner for your business, contact Kathy Crain at (304)541-4182.

PICTURES FOR YEARBOOK AND SLIDE SHOW – In addition to their formal senior pictures, it's time to start bringing in baby pictures and senior quotes for the yearbook. Items should be turned in to Mrs. Lycan. Additionally, slide show photos (a baby, a middle school, a high school) should be emailed to Mrs. Burch at rebeccaburchcchs@gmail.com.

MRS. THOMAS' TIDBITS –

1) Do you “Twitter?” Keep up with the latest news, information, and deadlines from Mrs. Thomas' office by **signing up on Twitter at CCHScollegeprep** to receive periodic “tweets” which may be sent to your e-mail or phone as a text message.

2) SAT and ACT testing and registration dates (**CCHS code: 490-205**)

SAT and SAT Subject Tests (can register on line -- www.collegeboard.org)

TEST DATE	DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION
December 3	November 8	November 20
January 28	December 30	January 13
March 10	February 10	February 24
May 5	April 6	April 20
June 2	May 8	May 22

ACT: (can register on line -- www.act.org)

TEST DATE	DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION
December 10	November 4	November 18
February 11	January 13	January 20
April 14	March 9	March 23
June 9	May 4	May 18

3) Seniors wanting their applications mailed to the colleges before Christmas vacation must have their materials to Mrs. Thomas by Tuesday, November 1.

4) 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.**

5) College representatives are visiting, typically during the lunch period. Juniors and seniors may come to the library after picking up their lunches to meet with the representatives. Students should take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about different colleges.

6) Scholarship information will be listed on the college counseling section of the website and is also available in Mrs. Thomas' office.

7) PROMISE scholarship and FAFSA deadline – March 1. **Students must complete BOTH the PROMISE and the FAFSA applications in order to be considered for the PROMISE scholarship. Additionally, colleges and universities throughout the country use FAFSA information to determine scholarships and financial aid. Go to www.promisescholarships.org.**

8) At 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, a representative from the WV Higher Education Policy Commission will present information on state and federal financial aid and scholarships.

9) 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.

10) Seniors, are you proud of your first quarter grades? Email or call your college representatives and let them know you are sending a copy. While these grades will never be on your transcript (only semester grades are reported), you are showing colleges that you are working hard and applying yourself. It's yet another opportunity for you to have a chat with your college reps!

11) Students wishing to take AP tests for non-AP courses (e.g., foreign languages, advanced honors English 11 or 12, etc.) may choose to do so and must notify Mrs. Thomas in February.

12) Students interested in applying for the Honors Program at WVU will need to fill out an Honors Program application in addition to the WVU application. Both are available on-line.

NOTES FROM THE PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION (PVA)

1) The 2011-2012 PVA Parent Registration Packet is available online on the CCHS website.

2) **PVA Polos and Fleece** - Order forms for CCHS logo jackets, white uniform polo shirts, and green athletic/academic competition polo shirts are available on the CCHS website. For questions, please contact Lisa Dundervill (304-543-4951) for jackets, Paula Jameson (304-949-2478) for green polos, and Lisa Cassis (304-925-5946) 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 hunter green polo shirt to school on designated dates – normally home games and other days designated by the principal.

3) **INNISBROOK ORDERS** – may be placed throughout the year and will be shipped directly to you -- and CCHS will get credit for your order. Go to www.innisbrook.com and click on “Buy Innisbrook Products” and enter CCHS school number 121949. Contact Lisa Dundervill (304-543-4951) for more information.

4) Parent involvement is critical for the successful operation of the CCHS athletic program. Helping transport students to games and practices, working gates, being supportive of the players and coaches, attending games, and participating in the team lunch program are just a few ways that parents help. EVERY parent of an athlete is needed to support the teams! Each sport is allocated a few **team lunches**. Guidelines and dates for these lunches (**designated away games only**) will be distributed to parents at the beginning of each season, once team rosters have been established.

5) **Athletic family passes** are 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.** Please ask Eileen Goldberg if you have questions about these passes.

VIRTUS– 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. Training is available online or at sessions periodically scheduled. 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 Ms. FitzGerald. 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.

TOUCHING SAFETY PROGRAM – is provided to us by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program (VIRTUS) developed the *Touching Safety* program. During the school year, specific lessons are included as part of the CCHS theology program at all grade levels. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. If you have questions about the program or lessons, please contact Kate FitzGerald at 304-342-8415. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the “opt-out” form at the bottom of this page, and return it to the office no later than November 10. For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS *Online*™ website at www.virtus.org.

Opt-out form for use with the Touching Safety program:

Charleston Catholic High School does not have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child (name) _____.

Parent’s name (printed): _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

THANKS –

- to Donna Kelly who compiled and distributed the 2011-12 Student Directory in record time!
- to Walker Machinery for the donation of 3 additional file servers which will be used to expand our current network infrastructure.
- to Dr. Rick Lough for his donation of gloves to the science department.
- to Mr. Vince Stricker for sharing his time with the sixth grade class. They now have a clearer understanding of the engineering profession and chemical engineering in particular.
- to Mrs. Kari Park for providing an enriching retreat experience for the sixth graders.
- to the middle school students for their special efforts in keeping the third floor hallway clean and clear. Their effort shows!
- to everyone who helped with the very successful 9th grade outdoor education day at Camp Virgil Tate. Special thanks to the Kanawha County Sheriff's Department for providing distracted driving sessions, to the National Guard for providing the climbing wall, to the Department of Natural Resources for its Archery in the Schools sessions, to Ms. Shepler for the bocce competitions and relays, and to Mrs. Arnold for the GPS-related nature hike.
- to Scott Welch for sponsoring the October 6th CCHS **cross country invitational** meets for high school and middle school teams at Camp Virgil Tate. This meet marks the 17th year that Mr. Welch has organized this event. Thanks, too, to Mrs. Welch, Ms. Shepler, friend-of-the-school Steve Brown, faculty and staff, and the parents and students who help make these events so successful.
- to the PVA for sponsoring the staff development day for CCHS faculty and staff on October 7. All enjoyed a day filled with learning and fellowship!
- to CCHS graduate Kevin France for his presentation to the astronomy and computer science classes on September 26. He certainly is keeping his eyes on the stars!
- to all of our parent volunteers for all they do to support our students, staff, and programs.
- to the fall coaches for contributing time, encouragement, and expertise to provide exceptional athletic opportunities for students. Many thanks, too, to the parents who help support our teams in so many ways.

CONGRATULATIONS –

- to our 50+ participants in the middle school spelling bee. 6th grader Mandy Spiegel stayed in the race for nearly an hour before finalists Jay Sheth and Kathryn Wantlin pulled away and battled neck and neck for another 20 minutes. Returning champion Kathryn Wantlin finally claimed victory and will represent CCHS at the County Spelling Bee this winter. Congratulations to all participants!
- to freshmen Peyton Collias and Amanda Lane and to 7th grader Catherine Herlihy on being selected to teen boards at the Charleston Town Center.
- to the CCHS drama troupe who embraced the challenge of Shakespeare and triumphed with a rousing rendition of *The Merchant of Venice*. The cast included Kristi Gennette, Vincent Stricker, Samantha Busch, Patrick Hart, Joshua Hufford, Kayla Boggess, Mackenzie Helmick, Cary Register, John Skaggs, Hannah Grubb, Dawna Cooper, Anna Schles, Molly Breese, and, in a surprise performance, Mr. Josh Fix. The production staff included faculty director Josh Fix, along with Emily Gould and Matthew James as technical directors, and technical staff of Claire Daly, John Daly, Jay Gould, Melissa Head, Caleb Lee, Talbot Powell, Jonathan Settle, Andrew Willis, and David Zekan.
- to the CCHS varsity golf team, winning its third State Championship in the last five years. Freshman Christian Casingal was the individual medalist in class A while sophomore Aaron Persily finished second overall. Senior David Miller capped off a four-year career by participating on two state championship and two runner-up teams and being named 1st team all-state all four years. Christian and Aaron joined David on the all-state team.
- to our high school girls' golf team, one of 9 West Virginia teams to field a full girls' team. The five freshmen girls were led by Allie Persily who won the Kanawha County Championship. The girls also won the girls' County team championship and placed first in the girls' division at the Ohio-West Virginia showcase in Mason, WV.

- to the two-time defending state champion **high school boys' soccer team** which will take an undefeated record of 21-0-2 into next weekend's state tournament in Beckley. CCHS has been the number one ranked boys' team all season.
- **to the high school girls' soccer team** who ended their 9-9-1 season with a loss to #4 ranked Poca High School in the sectional championship.
- **to the high school volleyball team** which will be playing in the sectional tournament next week; they enter the tournament with a record of 34-8 and a state ranking of #3.
- **to the high school cross country boys' team**, led by junior Marcus Black, which finished third in the regional meet to earn a state tournament berth this weekend. On the girls' side, the team finished in third place and junior Sami Harris placed 1st in the girls' race (winning by 1:25 over the second place finisher), placing her in the state meet.
- to the **middle school boys' soccer team** for winning the regular season county title with an undefeated record and also the county championship tournament. This year marks the sixth year the boys' team has gone undefeated in the last eight years. Bravo!
- to the **middle school girls' soccer team** on their outstanding season, going undefeated through the regular season, and then going on to win the county tournament, too! They outscored their opponents on the year 61-4. Quite an accomplishment!
- **to the middle school volleyball team** which experienced a solid year, finishing the season 9-5, and being #3 seed in the county tournament where they advanced to the semi-finals.
- to our **middle school boys' and girls' cross country** runners who showed grit and determination throughout the season, giving other teams a run for their money. Special kudos to the girls' team for winning the county championship!

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. **If your child is ill or will miss school for any reason, please notify the school office by 8:30 a.m.** In addition, at the end of the semester students will have to stay after school to make up any time missed during excessive absences/tardies.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS DUE TO SNOW/ICE -- We've enjoyed some beautiful autumn days but the weather could turn anytime. Although we can hope for a mild winter, we must be prepared to deal with whatever comes. Here's a brief reminder of the CCHS weather policy. Remember that school closings and delays are also announced on the CCHS website.

- 1) CCHS/SHGS will NOT follow ANY of the Kanawha County Schools' weather-related procedures.
- 2) Families will need to connect to the CCHS website or listen to the radio/television for changes to CCHS/SHGS schedules. The following stations will be notified by 6:15 a.m. if there are changes to be made: WV Public Radio, WCHS, WCHS-TV, WSAZ-TV, V100, 96.1, Super 102, WBES, WKAZ, and WQBE.
- 3) If no announcements are made for CCHS/SHGS, classes will be held on the regular schedule.
- 4) **If a two-hour delay is announced, classes will start promptly at 10 a.m.** The building will not open until 9:30 to give staff time to get to school. Please do not drop off your children before 9:30!
- 5) As always, if you cannot get your child to school for health or safety reasons, notify the school.

CALENDAR FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR – With this information in hand, families should be able to look ahead and avoid student absences for family trips or other occasions. At the end of each semester, students must make up time missed for illness or other non-school related reasons (more than 5 absences per semester in any class) in order for class credit to be granted. Please note exam days -- students must take exams on the days/times when the exams are scheduled.

Tuesday, November 1	college applications due to Mrs. Thomas
Thursday, November 3	no school for students; parent conferences
Wednesday, November 9	College Financial Aid Night, 6 p.m.
Thursday, November 10	Touching Safety opt out form due
Friday, November 11	Veterans' Day – no school
Tuesday, November 15	picture re-takes
Thursday, November 17	yearbook deadline for senior ads
Friday, November 18	\$2 jeans day for Clay County Christmas
Fri.- Sun., November 18-20	Latin IV trip to Washington DC
Monday, November 21	Clay County food, stockings, stocking stuffers due
Wednesday, November 23	11:30 dismissal for Thanksgiving
Tuesday, November 29	Clay County Christmas presents due to homerooms
Saturday, December 3	Clay County Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 13	optional parent meeting for ski club
Wednesday-Friday, December 14 – 16	exams (see schedule in newsletter)
Monday, December 19	first day of Christmas vacation
Tuesday, January 3	classes resume
Wednesday, January 4	mandatory ski club meeting for students
Wednesday, January 11	ski club
Friday, January 13	6th grade Challenger field trip; end of 2 nd quarter
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – no school
Wednesday, January 18	FAFSA night for parents of seniors, 6 p.m.; ski club
Saturday, January 21	Winter Waltz for grades 9-12, 8-11 p.m.
Wednesday, January 25	ski club
Monday- Friday, Jan. 30- Feb. 3	Catholic Schools' Week: "Faith, Academics, Service"
Wednesday, February 1	ski club
Wednesday, February 8	ski club
Monday, February 20	Presidents' Day – no school
Friday, April 6	Good Friday – first day of Easter break
Monday, April 16	classes resume
Tuesday- Thursday, April 24-26	Terra Nova testing for 6 th , 7 th , 8 th grades
Monday, May 7	AP tests begin
Saturday, May 19	prom
Thursday, May 24	baccalaureate, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 25	graduation , 6:30 p.m.
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day – no school
Wednesday-Friday, May 30 – June 1	exams for grades 6 – 11
Friday- Sunday, June 22-24	All Class Reunion

October- November- December Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
31- Pizza Fruit	November 1- Chicken alfredo Spinach, apple, craisin salad with chicken	2- Baked chicken Baked sweet potato Corn	3- NO SCHOOL Parent- Teacher Conferences	4- Calzones Broccoli and cheese
7 – French toast Sausage Biscuits Fried apples	8- Cheeseburgers Greek salads	9- Chicken teriyaki Rice Pita and hummus	10- Tacos Taco soup Cornbread	11- NO SCHOOL
14- Meatball sub Antipasto salad	15- Baked pasta Garlic toast Caesar salad	16- Buffalo chicken strips Baked potato Celery & ranch	17- Ham and cheese on pretzel bread Tater tots	18- Steak hoagies with peppers and onions Nachos
21- Pizza Fruit	22- Footlong hot dogs Steak fries	23- NO LUNCH 11:30 Dismissal	24- NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	25- NO SCHOOL
28- Pizza Pasta salad	29- Bosco sticks Minestrone soup Greek salad	30- Chicken parm sandwiches Macaroni salad	December 1- Homemade chili Chili, chips, and cheese	2- Bacon cheeseburgers -Tots -Fruit