

DECEMBER/JANUARY

DECEMBER 1 Advent Begins

- 2 Wreath and Poinsettia Pick-Up between 1:00 pm 6:00 pm
- 2 Ladies GAMBIT Gift-Gathering Breakfast @ the Buffalo Club
- 6 Sophomore Reconciliation
- 8 Immaculate Conception Liturgy with Bishop Fisher
- 8-9 Emmaus
- 13 Junior Reconciliation
- 13 "Lessons and Carols" @ St. Louis Church 7:00 pm
- 14-16 Kairos
 - 20 Senior Reconciliation
 - 21 Christmas Mass and Activities Noon Dismissal
- 22-Jan 2 Christmas Break
 - 23-26 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Observed Offices Closed
- 30-Jan 2 New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Observed Offices Closed

JANUARY 3 Classes Resume

- 3-6 Junior Class Ring Orders @ CHS During Lunch Periods
- 10 CHSPA Meeting 7:00 pm Brady Conference Room
- 12 Fashion and Ferrari Fashion Show 6:00 pm
- 16 MLK Holiday School and Offices Closed
- 17-20 Mid-term Exams
 - 22 Family Mass and Brunch
 - 23 Faculty Meeting Day No Classes
- 26-27 Emmaus

Be sure to check the school website often for event details and the updated school calendar.

ONE OF OUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY TRADITIONS IS BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR!

The Crusaders for America's Heroes are reaching out to the whole Canisius community to help us give a local veteran and his or her family a Christmas to remember.

As in past years, we are organizing cash and gift card donations to purchase presents for the family. Cash is most welcome as are gift cards for any of the following in any amount:

- Amazon
- Target
- Walmart
- Tops
- Wegmans
- Aldi
- MasterCard or Visa
- You may also donate cash. (No checks, please.)

Cards or cash can be given directly to Dr. Amy Kimmel (<u>kimmel@canisiushigh.org</u>) in 1W3 or left for her at Reception.

The deadline for donations is Friday, December 9, 2022.

Thank you in advance for your immense generosity!

GAMBIT XLVIII NEWS!!

GAMBIT is Canisius High School's premier auction event! Mark your calendars for a fun GAMBIT season!

<u>Gift Gathering Parties – Join us!!</u>

Thursday, Dec. 8 – GAMBIT Holiday Gift Gathering and Shopping Event 5:00-8:00 pm

Join us for some holiday cheer while shopping at your favorite school store!! Bring a gift for GAMBIT and receive 20% off your campus store purchase! 20% discount valid in n-store during the event only.

Friday, Dec. 16 – GAMBIT Holiday Happy Hour Gift Gathering 5:30 pm

Buffalo Distilling Company - 860 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY For all our families, Alumni and friends!

Saturday, April 22 – GAMBIT XLVIII at Canisius High School Looking forward to celebrating CHS with all of you!

Questions, please contact Kelly Wilkens at <u>wilkens@canisiushigh.org</u>.

Can't make a Gift Gathering Party?

Want to re-gift something you received during the holidays to our silent auction!

You can always drop off a donation to the auction at the GAMBIT office at 1193 Delaware Ave. (across the street from the school)

<u>Gift Registries:</u>

We are grateful for a gift of your choice to donate to our major fundraiser, in any price range. If you want the ease of using a gift registry, we have signed up with several stores and online sites for your convenience:

Jenss Décor – Located on Maple Rd. in Amherst or Abbott Road in Orchard Park. You can also go to <u>jenssdecor.com</u> to look at our registry (event name: *GAMBIT*)

Pottery Barn, Williams Sonoma and West Elm – (first name: *Canisius* and last name: *GAMBIT*) <u>Pottery Barn Registry</u> <u>Williams Sonoma Registry</u> West Elm Registry

Want to get involved??

- **Consider joining one of our many volunteer committees**. We are assembling our committees and urge your participation in the school's major fundraising event. It is a great way to meet other parents and enjoy your son's short time at Canisius. Please sign up at <u>canisiushigh.org/volunteer</u>
- Host a Gift Gathering Party
 - Hosting a Gift Gathering Party can be as simple as helping to underwrite the cost of the event the GAMBIT office plans the party, sends the invitations, takes the RSVPs and sets everything up. OR if you would like to be more involved, you can plan the party and the GAMBIT office will be there to collect the gifts and provide any other support you need.
 - If you are interested in hosting a party, please contact Kelly Wilkens at <u>wilkens@canisiushigh.org</u> or (716) 200-0220.
- **Purchase an advertisement or sponsorship.** Contact Kelly Wilkens at <u>wilkens@canisiushigh.org</u> or (716) 200-0220 for more information.

Help us to create a successful 48th year! Thank you so much for your support!

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Lessons and Carols

- CHS's beloved annual tradition of Lessons and Carols returns this year:

-All are welcome

- -December 13^{th} at 7PM
- -St. Louis Church, 35 Edward St at Main St
- -There is no cost to attend
- -For more information, please email durkink@canisiushigh.org



January 2023 Exam Schedule

EXAM	TUESDAY 1/17	WEDNESDAY 1/18	THURSDAY 1/19	FRIDAY 1/20
MORNING <u>Report at 8:50</u> <u>a.m.</u> <u>Exam: 9 to 11</u> <u>a.m.</u>	English	Religion	Math	History
AFTERNOON <u>Report at 12:10</u> <u>p.m.</u> <u>Exam: 12:20 to</u> <u>2:20 p.m.</u>	Science		French and Spanish (<u>12:20-1:50</u> p.m.) Latin (12:20-2:20 p.m.)	

Transportation During Exam Week:

- Busses will depart at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17th and Thursday, January • 19th.
- Busses will depart at **Noon** Wednesday, January 18th and Friday, January 20st.
 - Cafeteria: Cafeteria will be open for breakfast and lunch only on Tuesday and Thursday.
 Dress Code: Standard dress code is in effect throughout exam week.

 - Exam Locations: Students should consult postings in the Foyer and outside the Dean's Office for exam locations.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE CENTER

Seniors:

The college application season is in full swing and many of our early applicants have begun receiving acceptance letters. **Congratulations!**

Here are a few reminders for seniors:

- <u>**Turning in your acceptance and scholarship letters</u> is a requirement in order for you to get your graduation tickets in May. We can take the following formats for your letters:</u>**
 - Forwarded emails
 - <u>Legible</u> screenshots of portal announcement
 - Actual hard copy letters (copies only)
 - <u>High-quality</u> photographs of letters (must be able to read them)
- Please remember if you decide to use your SAT or ACT scores that you have to send official test scores from College Board and/or ACT directly to your colleges.
- Continue to update your Scoir account with the status of your college applications.

College Financial Aid reminders:

Senior parents – if you have not already done so, please complete your financial aid forms as soon as possible.

o <u>College Board: CSS Profile</u>

Select colleges require this financial aid form and there are fees associated with filing it.

Please see the College Board website for more information.

• FAFSA (FREE Application for Federal Student Aid)

This Federal form is required for financial aid and scholarship consideration. There is NO COST to complete this form.

o <u>NYS TAP</u>

Applying to a NYS college? Be sure to apply and complete the TAP application after you complete the FAFSA. If you exited the FAFSA before completing the TAP application, and you filled in your New York State address and a New York State college on the FAFSA, HESC will automatically receive your information in about three days.

HESC will then send you an email or postcard with directions to complete the TAP application online. There is NO COST to apply.

Sophomores:

All sophomores will begin the Career Exploration class in the second semester. Meeting once per cycle, students will take the Strong Interest Inventory, which will be used as the starting point to begin career and college research. Some students will meet during the Gold period.

Juniors:

All juniors will begin taking the College Planning course in second semester. School Counselors will guide them through ongoing career searches and begin the college search and admissions process. Some students will meet during the Gold period.

Testing results:

In December, PSAT and PreACT test results will be distributed to sophomores, juniors and freshmen.

Event Links

For those of you who were not able to attend the recent Zoom informational events, here are links to the recordings for those programs:

Sophomore Parent Information Night

https://zoom.us/rec/share/PhtlNWEzRLtlNvURQhwurL3JbffL93TtWRowLPh9srQUKpcO30 xOLpt_4rwPpXw9.1WLahrRWdMSTijoV?startTime=1668036802000 Passcode: %#NA=2na

Suicide Prevention Strategies for Caregivers

<u>https://zoom.us/rec/share/xt-</u> <u>hseiwulGo9WtW073HIgp1GTvvhgMWT_SbUBp_xPyyTyXCCs2HOhLOpuSM0v4.nA5Kwq4</u> <u>iClY9ifhe</u> Passcode: \$+5P5Trs

CHSPA (CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION)

Christmas at Canisius, Wednesday, December 21st

NO DECEMBER MEETING

January Meeting

Tuesday, January 10th, 7:00-8:00 pm, Brady Conference Room Speaker: Dr. Veronica, Guidance

Upcoming Events:

Fashion and Ferrari: NEW DATE! Thursday, January 12th, 6:00-9:00 pm

Location: Maranello Maserati Alfa Romeo of Western New York

Ticket Link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fashion-ferrari-tickets-426746318727

• See the latest sports cars, enjoy live music, exclusive shopping opportunities, silent auction, and Buffalo's best local fashion!

- Fashion Show with styles from Napoli's and Half & Half
- Hors d'oeuvres by Hutch's Restaurant
- All proceeds go to help fund events for our sons!

Family Mass and Breakfast, Sunday, January, 22nd

Father/Son communion Breakfast, Sunday, February 5th

CAMPUS STORE

Our *online store* is open. Shop anytime at <u>www.canisiushigh.myshopify.com</u> The campus store will be open daily from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm.