December

3        CHSPA Wreath & Poinsettia Sale
6        Sophomore Reconciliation
8        Immaculate Conception Liturgy
13       Junior Reconciliation
20       Senior Reconciliation
22       Christmas at CHS Mass 12:00 Dismissal
23-Jan 3 Christmas Break

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

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!
Our list of college acceptances is updated weekly and can be found here: College acceptances Class of 2022.

Here are a few reminders for seniors:

- **Turning in your acceptance and scholarship letters** is a requirement in order for you to get your graduation tickets in May. We can take the following formats for your letters:
  - Forwarded emails
  - Legible screenshots of portal announcement
  - Actual hard copy letters (copies only)
  - High-quality photographs of letters
- 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.
- As a reminder to both parents and students, a wide range of information can be found on our comprehensive Guidance website as well as the College Planning iBook. Information regarding scholarships is also available online.

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

  - [College Board: CSS Profile](#)
    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.
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, school counselors will implement the Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI). Students will receive a detailed analysis of their individual personality results which will guide them in their initial research of future careers. 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, respectively.

**Important websites:**
SAT website: College Board
ACT website: ACT
NCAA website: begin registration here.

### SKI CLUB

There is a brief Ski Club Parent Meeting on Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00PM on Zoom. This meeting is MANDATORY FOR ALL NEW PARENTS. All returning parents are welcome to join. The informational presentation will only take approximately 10 minutes. Questions will be answered at the completion of the presentation. The information to join the Zoom meeting is: Meeting ID: 965 5336 1337. Passcode: 160913. There will also be a link on the Schoology Ski Club Page. Please email Mr. Beecher at beecher@canisiushigh.org if you have any questions. Ski Club begins December 10th.

### YEARBOOK TRIBUTE DEADLINE EXTENDED

Hello Senior Families,

I have received a few emails over the Thanksgiving holiday regarding the tribute page design process. To clarify the process, I have provided additional information below. Furthermore, I have been able to extend the submission deadline to December 17th. My hope is that both the information below and deadline extension will allow all families enough time to complete the process.

- **STEP ONE:** Go to the Balfour website

- **STEP TWO:** Enter your senior’s name and click “SHOP FOR THIS STUDENT”

- **STEP THREE:** Select one of the three available page sizes (FULL, HALF, or QTR) for your dedication

- **STEP FOUR:** Complete the purchase of your selection

- **STEP FIVE:** After purchase, check email inbox for link and instructions how to create your unique dedication tribute for your senior
• STEP SIX: Complete the design of your dedication (may be done over multiple sessions) by the new deadline

If you have questions specific to the design process, those inquiries should be directed toward Balfour as the process is done completely through their platform. They will send completed designs to us after the submission deadline. If you have any questions, please contact Bryce Hopkins at hopkins@canisiushigh.org or (716)882-0466 Ext. 398.

DEADLINE EXTENDED
Senior Tribute Pages are now DUE by DECEMBER 17th

GAMBIT XLVII – March 26, 2022

Calling all VOLUNTEERS!

Join our Decorations Committee, help with gift prep for the auction, help with set up or help the night of!

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 canisiushigh.org/volunteer

Help us to create a successful 47th year!

Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, Dec. 1 – Southtowns Gift Gathering Party
   Orchard Park Country Club – for all of our Southtowns parents and friends.

Friday, Dec. 3 – Ladies Gift Gathering Breakfast
   The Buffalo Club – for all CHS moms and friends, past and present.

Saturday, March 26 – GAMBIT XLVII at Canisius High School
   We’re looking forward to celebrating CHS with all of you!

To RSVP to any of the above gift gathering parties please call our GAMBIT RSVP line at 716-200-0224 or contact Kelly Wilkens at wilkens@canisiushigh.org.

Can’t make a Gift Gathering Party? You can always drop off a gift for our auction to the GAMBIT office – 1193 Delaware Ave. (across the street from the school)

Gift Registries:

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:

ANNEARLETTE – 3959 Main Street, Amherst

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

Pottery Barn, Williams Sonoma and West Elm – (first name: Canisius and last name: GAMBIT)
   Pottery Barn Registry
   Williams Sonoma Registry
   West Elm Registry
**Student Raffle**

Our GAMBIT raffle drive will begin in January so stay tuned! This voluntary effort by students raised over $40,000 last year and the students earned great incentives!

**Interested in being a Sponsor, Advertiser or Underwriter of GAMBIT?**

Go to canisiushigh.org/sponsorships or contact the GAMBIT office (wilkens@canisiushigh.org) for more information.

**MARCH 26, 2022 – GAMBIT XLVII**

Thank you so much for your support!

**Canisius High School Parent Association**

Thank you to all of the volunteers and attendees who made this year’s Father/Son Mass and Breakfast a success!

**THERE IS NO DECEMBER CHSPA MEETING SCHEDULED.**

**DATE CHANGE**: The Family Mass and Breakfast that was scheduled in January will now be on March 6th.

**Upcoming Events:**
**Wreath and Poinsettia Sale, December 3**

Pick up is on Friday December 3rd between 1:00-6:00pm at the Kennedy Field House entrance.

**Christmas at Canisius, December 22nd**

Cookies will be provided by the CHSPA parent volunteers. For those who volunteered to donate cookies, please deliver them to the main office, individually wrapped, on the morning of December 22nd.

**Volunteers Needed:**

Link to volunteer sign up: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849AEAF2BA3FD0-chspa](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849AEAF2BA3FD0-chspa)

**Mother/Son Dinner Dance, January 29th**

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate the event and attend planning meetings leading up to the dinner dance. Those who volunteer are not needed during the actual event.

**Family Mass and Breakfast, March 6th**

Volunteers are needed to assist with breakfast set-up and clean-up.

**Spread the word…**

Please tell your friends about the following:

**Crusader For the Day**

- 8th grade boys and potential transfer students can spend a school day at Canisius to experience life at the school.
- Space is limited due to current distancing protocols.
- Select your day at canisiushigh.org/visit or call the admission office at 716.200.0236.
Entrance & Scholarship Exam
- **Saturday, December 4** at Canisius High School.
- Please complete the Diocese of Buffalo standard Catholic high school application prior to the **Entrance Exam**

Tours
- Families considering Canisius can discover all the school offers during a private tour.
- Please call the admission office at 716.200.0236 to schedule a tour or go to canisiushigh.org/tours

Seventh Grade Practice Exam
- Boys currently in 7th grade can take a version of the high school entrance exam for practice at no cost.
- Choose either date – March 5 or April 9
- Sign up at canisiushigh.org/practiceexam

**CAMPUS STORE**

Our online store is open. Shop anytime for your back-to-school needs at canisiushigh.myshopify.com
# January 2021 Exam Schedule

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**Transportation During Exam Week:**

- Busses will depart at 3:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 18th** and **Thursday, January 20th**.
- Busses will depart at **Noon** Wednesday, January 19th and Friday, January 21st.
  - 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.