



MARCH

2	7th Grade Practice Exam - 9:00 am
2	SAT Exam Prep Class 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
7-8	Emmaus Retreat at Cradle Beach
8	No Classes for Students– Staff Development Day
9	SAT Exam Prep Class 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
12	CHSPA Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - Montante Cafeteria
14-16	Spring Musical 7:30 p.m. - Auditorium
15	Third Quarter Marking Period Ends
16	SAT Exam Prep Class 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
20-22	Kairos Retreat-Notre Dame Retreat House
21	Senior Parent Zoom Meeting 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
22	No Classes for Students– Staff Development Day
23	GAMBIT 49 6:00 p.m.
27	Blood Drive
28- April 8	Easter Break for Students and Faculty
28- April 1	Easter Break - Offices Closed
8 April	Offices Closed
31	Easter Sunday

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

BUSINESS OFFICE

2024-25 Re-applying for Financial Aid for Returning families:

All families must re-apply for financial aid for the upcoming 2024-25 academic year. Families can re-apply now; **must** apply no later than April 15th in order to be considered for financial aid. Late applications will not be considered. Please see our website for more details:

<https://www.canisiushigh.org/admissions/tuition>

Please contact Mrs. Holly Graham at 200-0255 with questions.

2024-2025 COURSE SELECTION UNDERWAY

- During March students will be selecting courses for the 2024-2025 school year. Administrators and counselors are meeting with students to explain the course catalog and the course selection process.
- A parent signature is required for the course selection form to be considered complete.

- The 2024-2025 Course Catalog is available on Schoology. Please direct any questions about course selection to your son's counselor or to the Registrar, Mrs. Battin. Questions about course level placement should be directed to the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Whittington.
- Once the course verification process is complete (typically by May or early June) a student's course requests are considered **final**. All efforts will be made to schedule a student in his desired courses, **provided he meets the necessary prerequisites**. Nonetheless, students should be aware that some courses will have restricted enrollment, some classes may be cancelled due to low enrollment, and some combinations of course requests will be impossible to schedule because of conflicts.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE CENTER

Freshmen: Course selection forms for freshmen were due on February 16. Parent signatures are required on these forms. If you have not yet seen your student's form, please be sure to ask him about it or you may reach out to his counselor.

Sophomores: All sophomores have taken the Strong Interest Inventory during Career Exploration class. In the coming weeks, they will use their results to consider various career possibilities, learn more about career resources online and research a specific career of interest. Sophomores have also received their course selection forms, which are due to their counselor, with a parent signature, by Monday, March 11. Counselors will meet with each of their students to discuss their choices.

Juniors:

- In College Planning class, students have learned about SAT/ACT testing, utilizing Khan Academy for test prep and the SCOIR college platform. Next topics include utilizing SCOIR in the college search, researching careers, creating resumés, the Common Application and requesting recommendations.
- All prospective college-bound athletes are invited to attend our **annual seminar on athletic eligibility** on Monday, March 18 during Gold period in the Brady Conference Room. NCAA Liaison, Dr. Veronica and Athletic Director, Mr. Mauro will present information for athletes on eligibility, recruiting and what coaches look for. Students in any sport who expect to play at the college level are invited to attend.
- Juniors have also all received their course selection forms, which are due to their counselor, with a parent signature, by Monday, March 4. Counselors will meet with each of their students to discuss their choices.
- ***PLEASE NOTE:** All juniors and at least one parent/guardian must attend one of the Junior College Information Night programs being hosted during March and April. If you have not registered you and your junior for one of these nights, please do so as soon as possible at the following link: <https://forms.gle/K5MYZmqUCD6VGCZG6>

Seniors:

- Please remember to send in copies of acceptances as they are received. Hard copies or electronic copies (e-mails/screenshots) should be given to your school counselor. This information is required in order to receive your graduation tickets in May.
- Many colleges are extending their reply deadlines beyond May 1 in response to the significant delay in the processing of FAFSA financial aid information. Colleges should begin receiving this information from the Department of Education very soon, and will send out financial aid packages as quickly as they can. Please pay close attention to the communication you are receiving from colleges regarding this matter.

GAMBIT XLIX NEWS!!! RSVP now for the PARTY of the year! - March 23, 2024

GAMBIT TICKETS AND TABLES! –

RSVP deadline is March 6, please reserve your spot, so you don't miss out! Purchase online at canisiushigh.org/GAMBIT2024

\$10,000 GAMBIT RAFFLE!! – Our \$10,000 raffle will be pulled on March 23 at GAMBIT.

- Tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased on our website at canisiushigh.org/raffle.
- Printable raffle ticket purchase forms are available as well on the GAMBIT Raffle page. Just click on the link for the printable raffle form.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- **Come get a sneak peek at the Silent Auction items or help transform our beautiful school!** More hands make for light work and we really need your help! No prior experience necessary for set up!
- **Click [HERE](#) for our adult volunteer sign up! Please sign up by Wednesday, March 6.**
 - **Set-up dates the week of: (multiple shifts available)**
 - **Wednesday, March 20** – silent Auction set-up – 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 - **Thursday, March 21** – décor and silent auction set-up – 9:00am-4:00pm
 - **Friday, March 22** – décor set-up – 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 - **GAMBIT night:**
 - **Saturday, March 23** – registration, silent auction – 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
 - **Next day clean up:**
 - **Sunday, March 24** – What goes up must come down! 10:00 am-2:00pm

We are looking forward to celebrating our great school with all of you! If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Wilkens at wilkens@canisiushigh.org.

Thank you so much for your support!

ADMISSIONS

Attention 7th graders! Begin the high school process by sitting for the 7th Grade Practice Exam at Canisius High School. The practice exam will be offered on March 2nd and April 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Learn more and sign up at no cost using the link below:

<https://www.canisiushigh.org/admission/apply/seventh-grade-practice-exam>

For rising 5th-9th graders, Canisius High School's Best. Summer. Ever. is back with its 2024 iteration! Visit Canisius and get to know faculty, staff and coaches through athletic camps, workshops, and more.

Rising 8th graders are invited to spend the summer blending academics and recreation at the month-long Higher Achievement Program (HAP).

Find a program that suits you and reserve your spot using the link below:

<https://www.canisiushigh.org/admission/bestsummerever>

Want to visit Canisius? Registration is open for Spring Open House on Sunday, April 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sign up for your tour slot and see what makes this place special using the link below:

<https://www.canisiushigh.org/admission/visit/open-house>

WORLD LANGUAGE WEEK

Canisius High School 2024

April 9-12, 2024

- There will be events in classes throughout the week culminating in Taste of Canisius.
- If you or a family member would like to share a short culture or language lesson with our students, please contact Mrs. Paterson at paterson@canisiushigh.org.
- Please consider sending in a special dish for the Taste of Canisius on April 12. We ask that all foods are prepared in sample sizes and are sent in a disposable container. We encourage students to bring foods from their own heritage and families.

T-shirt SALE!!! Buy a t-shirt for \$10 to show your support for World Language Week. You can bring **\$10 CASH** to your language teacher. Orders close at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4th.

2024 SENIOR PROM

When: Friday, May 10th, 2024

Where: Events @ The Foundry

Time: 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$125 per couple (\$62.50 a person)

Please make check or money order payable to: Canisius High School Senior Prom

Permission Slip and Guest Authorization Form: These will be emailed to Seniors via their school account on March 27th. Hard copies will also be available through Mrs. Wojda in 3W5.

Details:

- Tickets will be on sale April 9th – April 19th. Check or money orders only for the exact amount please.
 - A hard copy of the Permission Slip and Guest Authorization Form must be turned in at time of ticket purchase.
- Questions? See Mrs. Wojda (wojda@canisiushigh.org)

FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

- 2024-2025 Transportation forms can be found in the transportation section of your home district's website
- Forms must be returned to your home district by April 1, 2024
- Failure to complete forms on time may result in forfeiture of transportation
- If you have multiple children in attendance, a separate form must be filled out for each child
- Students living within the Buffalo School District, who already receive a Metro pass, do not need to reapply. They will automatically be renewed for 2024-2025 unless there is a change of address

SPRING MUSICAL

Our spring musical, The Addams Family, opens March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. You can purchase tickets using this link, <https://www.canisiushigh.org/student-life/arts/drama-guild>. You can also get them at the door. This is going to be a fantastic show. Thank you for supporting the arts at Canisius High School.

LOYOLA HOUSE

If you purchased a bouquet of flowers in support of Hospice Buffalo, THANK YOU from Loyola House! Bouquets will be available for pickup on Monday, March 4 at the end of the school day. Please have your son come to the foyer at the end of the day to pick up the flowers. We sold a total of 104 bouquets! Thanks for all that you do.

CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION (CHSPA)

Thank you to all who attended our February meeting! We enjoyed an evening with our panel of senior and alumni parents who answered questions about Canisius that you can only learn from people who have been in your shoes. There was talk about retreats and immersion trips, service opportunities, how to tackle that college search and even parking. If you weren't able to join us, please come for our next meeting on March 12th where our focus will be ramping up to the Post Prom Party. Come ***Cultivate a Connection*** with us!

Thank you to all who attended the Father Son Mass and Breakfast at St. Michael Church and Pearl Street Brewery. This year's keynote speaker was C.J. Wild '16. It was wonderful to hear stories and see pictures of fathers and sons celebrating this annual tradition.

Please stay tuned for more information on the Post Prom party, opportunities to donate and ways to volunteer for the evening! You can use our sign-up genius link to volunteer. Moms and dads are needed for setup and for the event itself to ensure things run smoothly.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849AEAF2BA3FD0-44334158-open#/>

For any questions, please contact the CHSPA officers at CHSPA@canisiushighschool.org

CAMPUS STORE

Our *online store* is open. Shop anytime at www.canisiushigh.myshopify.com. The campus store will be open from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.