



DECEMBER/JANUARY

DECEMBER

- 30-1 Emmaus Retreat at Cradle Beach
- 1 CHSPA Wreath and Poinsettia Pick-Up between 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 3 Grandparents and Special Friends Day-10:00 a.m.- Auditorium/Kennedy Field House
- 5 BPO Christmas Concert-7:00 p.m.- Auditorium
- 7 CHS School Store Holiday Shopping Event
- 12 CHSPA Meeting- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - Montante Cafeteria
- 13-15 Kairos Retreat-Notre Dame Retreat House
- 13-16 Grammar School Basketball Tournament – TBD
- 20 Christmas Mass and Activities – Noon Dismissal
- 21-2 Christmas Break
- 25-26 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Observed - Offices Closed
- 30 Holiday Hoops Clinic-10:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.

JANUARY

- 1-2 New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Observed - Offices Closed
- 3 Classes Resume
- 9 CHSPA Meeting- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Montante Cafeteria
- 10-12 Junior Class Ring Orders @ CHS During Lunch Periods
- 12 Second Quarter Ends
- 15 MLK Holiday - School and Offices Closed
- 16-19 Mid-term Exams
- 17 Noon Release
- 18 Class of 2028 Acceptances
- 19 Noon Release
- JUG Night - 6:00 pm- Auditorium
- 25 Class of 2028 New Student Celebration & Ignatian Scholar Reception

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



January 2024 Exam Schedule

EXAM	TUESDAY 1/16	WEDNESDAY 1/17	THURSDAY 1/18	FRIDAY 1/19
MORNING <u>Report at 8:50 a.m.</u> <u>Exam: 9 to 11 a.m.</u>	Math	Science	English	Religion
AFTERNOON <u>Report at 12:10 p.m.</u> <u>Exam: 12:20 to 2:20 p.m.</u>	History		French and Spanish (12:20-1:50 p.m.) Latin (12:20-2:20 p.m.)	

Transportation During Exam Week:

- Busses will depart at **3:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday**, January 16th and **Thursday**, January 18th.
- Busses will depart at **Noon Wednesday**, January 17th and **Friday**, January 19th.
 - **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.

THE GUIDANCE CENTER

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:

- **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 (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 – please file the appropriate financial aid forms outlined below.

- [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. ***We will update you as soon as this form is available to complete for the 2024-25 academic year.*** It is expected sometime in December.
- [NYS TAP](#) 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 once per week 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 once per week during the Gold period.

Testing results:

All sophomores and juniors should have received their PSAT results from the College Board by now. The results were sent via text message if students provided a cell number and by e-mail if they did not. If you need help accessing this information, please contact your son's counselor.

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://canisiushigh-org.zoom.us/rec/share/ex4rtRSL8RnEsgfZwTlMxW5tU51alilRJsQOOh8C6nmU9WhxsRyACnwD6765F6aa.xkUe0ShOEjsml2z3?startTime=1700004883000>

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Financial Aid Information for Senior Parents

https://canisiushigh-org.zoom.us/rec/share/2enT_A6MssK-Ao2HPIQCIC-V1WDHo14ZomAFNxQrHxp_SS52Knp2ECKU2DS1Pq-y.5-zccfRpkIOBY07-?startTime=1701214409000

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GAMBIT XLIX NEWS!!!

SAVE THE DATE! - March 23, 2024

\$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. Please make sure that you enter your students name so they get sale credit for the Student Raffle Drive!
- Printable raffle ticket purchase forms are available as well on the GAMBIT Raffle page. Just click on the link for the printable raffle form. Please make sure that you enter your students name so they get sale credit for the Student Raffle Drive!
- **We need the students help in selling tickets!** Part of the \$10,000 raffle includes a Student Raffle Drive, which kicked off on November 15 and will run thru January 19. We have some great incentives for the boys who sell tickets to win. Details on the Student Raffle Drive prizes along with information on an early bird sales incentive, were mailed to each family before Thanksgiving. If you have any questions, please email GAMBIT@canisiushigh.org

There are several ways to be involved in GAMBIT!

- **Purchase an advertisement or sponsorship.**
 - Go to canisiushigh.org/sponsorships to see what sponsorships are available and purchase.
 - Contact Kelly Wilkens at wilkens@canisiushigh.org or (716) 200-0220 for more information.
- **Drop off a gift for our auction to the GAMBIT office!** - 1193 Delaware Ave. (across the street from the school)
 - We have set up an [AMAZON Gift List](#) with items we think would do well in the auction. New items added all the time!
- **Make a donation to GAMBIT** – Click [HERE](#) to make a donation.
- **Volunteer!!!**

- We welcome parent volunteer participation for all our events, as well as in the office helping with different things. If you haven't already, please sign up at canisiushigh.org/volunteer and we will add you to our volunteer distribution list.
- **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 wilkens@canisiushigh.org or (716) 200-0220.

Thank you so much for your support!

CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION (CHSPA)

Meetings

Thank you to all who joined us for the November meeting! We had a nice time getting together, reviewing past events and ones for the future as well as all the things that we are thankful for. If you didn't get to join us, please come for our next meeting on December 12th at 7 p.m. to celebrate the holidays. Snacks, drinks and a game or two to get us into the holiday spirit! Or join us in the new year on January 9th as we ramp up to the Mother Son dance and spring events! Come ***Cultivate a Connection*** with us!

Volunteer with us!!

Volunteers are still needed for upcoming events, Poinsettia & Wreath sale, Cookiepalooza and the Mother Son Dance! Sign up to help on the Sign-up Genius link:

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

Novemberfest was a success! Thanks to all who attended the event, volunteered their time or donated! We hope to make it a recurring event and even bigger and better next year!

SAVE THE DATES!!

Mother Son Dance - Saturday, January 27, 2024

Father Son Mass - Sunday, February 4, 2024

Information and the link for ticket sales will be coming via CHS Swift Reach!

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 pm to 3:30 pm.