



NOVEMBER

- 1-8 Food Drive
- 1 First Quarter Ends
- 4 Entrance Exam Prep Course 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- 9 No Classes for Students-Staff Development Day
Parent Teacher Conferences- 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Veteran’s Day Observed - School and Offices Closed
- 11 Entrance Exam Prep Course 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- 14 Sophomore Parent Night-ZOOM 6:30 p.m.
CHSPA Meeting- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- 15-17 Kairos Retreat-Notre Dame Retreat House
- 18 Class of 2028 Scholarship and Placement Exam - 8:30 a.m.
Hall of Fame Ceremony-11:00 a.m.-Kennedy Field House
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break - School and Offices Closed
- 28 Senior Parent Financial Aid Night-Zoom - 6:30 p.m.
- 30-1 Emmaus Retreat at Cradle Beach

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

THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

8th Graders: It’s not too late to be a Crusader for the Day! Sign up at the link below to spend a “day in the life” at Canisius:

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

The Scholarship & Placement Exam will be offered on Saturday, November 18th. You can register for the exam and complete the remainder of the application steps here:

<https://www.canisiushigh.org/admission/apply/grade-9-application>

THE GUIDANCE CENTER

News from the Guidance Center

Seniors:

If you are using SAT/ACT scores to apply to colleges, remember that you must have them sent directly from your College Board (SAT) or ACT accounts. Please plan accordingly as processing time can take several weeks during this hectic application season.

After submitting your applications, be on the lookout for colleges to send you a link to create an online portal that will identify any missing documents needed to complete your application and also serve as a direct line of communication. Keep your counselors in the loop too!

In addition, be SURE to file the [Self-Reported Academic Transcript](#) (SRAR) by the application deadline to any school requiring it. This information was provided in your College Seminar class.

Parents: Please note we will be offering a virtual financial aid night on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. A college financial aid professional will provide detailed information about applying for financial aid, types of aid available and award letters.

Juniors and Sophomores:

PSAT results can be accessed in the beginning of December. Students will receive a link with information about accessing their scores from College Board by e-mail or by text if they signed up for text notification. In lieu of their free period/study hall, counselors will begin the College Planning class for juniors and the Career Exploration class for sophomores during the second semester after January midterm exams.

Freshmen:

Counselors will continue to meet with freshmen throughout the first semester. Please do not hesitate to contact your son's counselor with questions or concerns.

Upcoming Events:

Sophomore Parent Information Night: Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://canisiushigh-org.zoom.us/j/95098945908?pwd=bmN5SllleUNNYkcydkFvWjJhL0p4UT09>

Overview of sophomore year: academics, social development, standardized testing and college.

Seniors will speak about their high school experience.

Financial Aid Night for Senior Parents, Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://canisiushigh-org.zoom.us/j/92831229675?pwd=a0MydXkySHRJN2ZpN012NkMvZTJEQT09>

Detailed information about the financial aid process

Important websites:

SAT website: [College Board](#)

ACT website: [ACT](#)

NCAA website: [Begin registration here](#)

Advanced Placement Exam Information 2024

The 2024 AP Exams will be administered in school as paper-and-pencil exams over two weeks in May: May 6-10 and May 13-17.

Students wishing to challenge an Advanced Placement Exam should see their Counselor for a challenge form. All challenge forms and payment must be received by November 8, 2023. Students should submit a completed challenge form and payment to Mrs. Battin in the Principal's Office. Challenge forms will not be accepted after November 8th.

Students enrolled in an AP course have already joined the AP class using their College Board accounts and a join code that was distributed to students during the first week of school. This enrollment automatically orders an AP exam for the student. *No action is needed by the student or parent to facilitate an AP exam order.*

The College Board has established a \$98.00 exam fee for each AP exam. This fee will be billed with the November Smart Tuition invoice, or an invoice will be mailed home if tuition has been paid in full.

Please contact Mrs. Michele Battin, battin@canisiushigh.org, if you have any questions about the 2024 AP Exams.

The 2024 Advanced Placement Exam schedule:
<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/exam-calendar>

GAMBIT

SAVE THE DATE! - GAMBIT XLIX – March 23, 2024

WHAT IS GAMBIT?

GAMBIT is our grand dinner auction gala and the ONLY major fundraising event of Canisius High School. The event started 49 years ago to raise funds for the Jesuit education of the young men of Western New York. The money raised from GAMBIT benefits all the students of Canisius.

Meet our GAMBIT XLIX Co-Chairs:

Lisa and Kevin Cross P '21, '24
Danielle and David Dodman '91, P '24
Molly and Peter Kooshoian '93, P '24

We are grateful for their leadership and their dedication to this year's event!

\$10,000 GAMBIT RAFFLE!! – Our \$10,000 raffle will be pulled on March 23 at GAMBIT. Tickets will go on sale beginning November 15. Details will be mailed to each CHS family before November 15th.

We need the students' help in selling tickets! Part of the \$10,000 raffle includes a student raffle drive, which will begin on November 15 and will run thru January 19. We have some great incentives for the boys who sell tickets to win. More details, along with information on a student raffle drive early bird incentive, will be mailed out before November 15.

There are several ways for you to help!

- **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.
- **Attend a Gift Gathering Party** (see dates and details below)
- **Drop off a gift for our auction** to the GAMBIT office – 1193 Delaware Ave. (across the street from the school)

- **Purchase an advertisement or sponsorship.** Contact Kelly Wilkens at wilkens@canisiushigh.org or (716) 200-0220 for more information.

SAVE THESE DATES – with more to come! – [RSVP HERE](#)

- **Friday, Dec. 1 – Ladies Gift Gathering Breakfast** at The Buffalo Club – for all CHS moms and friends, past and present.
- **Alumni/Alumni Parent Gift Gathering** – Date TBD (Hosts needed – contact Kelly Wilkens if you are interested)
- **St. Mark's Gift Gathering** – Date TBD (Hosts needed – contact Kelly Wilkens if you are interested)

Thank you so much for your support!

CHS COMMUNICATIONS

- Be sure to follow our official @canisiushs accounts on Instagram, TikTok, Twitter & Threads as well as our Facebook page (facebook.com/canisiushs) for daily updates of all the great things that happen at CHS.
- If your student achieves special recognition outside CHS through community organizations and the like, or if they have been involved in something newsworthy that could be a candidate for local media attention, please reach out to our office.
- If your student is interested in photography, writing, social media, video and other content creation, there are opportunities to contribute to CHS Communications through our office and the CHS Digital Media club. Students will be contacted about CHS Digital Media via Schoology.
- For additional information or questions, contact Director of Communications Keith McShea at mcshea@canisiushigh.org. Thank you!

Canisius High School Parents Association (CHSPA)

Thank you to all who attended our October meeting! It was nice to get together for cider and donuts, review our upcoming events and welcome some new faces. To those who were unable to attend, we hope to see you at our next meeting on November 14th and bring a friend! We would love to *Cultivate a Connection* with you!

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

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

Novemberfest is our CHSPA major fundraiser of the year! Please join us Saturday, November 4th in the Auditorium from 4-7pm for a fun filled adult event with beer, food, raffles, and socializing. Your \$45 ticket grants you entry to the event, souvenir Canisius mug, beer or cider, food, music and fun. There will be raffles and a 50/50 drawing for additional purchase. This event helps to fund events for our boys (like the post Prom party), provide donations to Campus Ministry and supplement the cost of other events throughout the year. Please consider joining us and making this event a huge success!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/novemberfest-tickets-723504550587?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

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.