



OCTOBER

- 3 Junior College Panel Night -ZOOM 6:30 p.m.
- 7 SAT at Canisius -Doors Open 7:45 a.m.
- 9 Columbus Day-School and Offices Closed
- 10 No Classes for Students– Staff Development Day
- 11 Noon Dismissal
PSAT's
Freshman Retreat (No District Transportation)
- 12 Underclass Photo Retake Day
- 13 Campus Ministry Family Pasta Dinner - 3:00 p.m. -6:30 p.m.
- 15 Open House 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 16 Open House 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- 16-20 Spirit Week
- 17 Sophomore Parent Night -ZOOM 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Noon Dismissal
Walk for Canisius
- 25-26 Emmaus at Cradle Beach
- 27-28 Fall Play
- 28 Entrance Exam Prep Course 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- 31 Food Drive October 31-November 8

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

THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

2023 Fall Open House

Sunday, October 15 or Monday, October 16

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

8th, 9th or 10th graders can experience life at CHS and our school community as Crusaders for The Day.

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We are now accepting applications for the Class of 2028. Apply here:

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

8th graders can prepare for success on the Scholarship and Placement Exam by participating in our Exam Tutorial Course.

BUFFALO ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART FALL OPEN HOUSE

Register here: <https://www.canisiushigh.org/admission/apply/entrance-exam-prep-course>

Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart Fall Open House

Sunday, October 15

9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Learn more here: <https://www.sacredheartacademy.org>

THE GUIDANCE CENTER

Guidance Office alphabetic breakdown:

Counseling assignments for students are as follows:

Class of 2027 (9th)	Class of 2026 (10th)	Class of 2025 (11th)	Class of 2024 (12th)
A-D: Mrs. Sugg	A-D: Mrs. Sugg	A-C: Mrs. Sugg	A-C: Mrs. Langworthy
E-I: Mrs. Langworthy	E-J: Mrs. Langworthy	D-J: Mrs. Langworthy	K-N: Mrs. Sugg
J-Q: Dr. Veronica	K-Q: Dr. Veronica	K-P: Dr. Veronica	D-G, O-R: Dr. Veronica
R-Z: Mrs. Moscovic	R-Z: Mrs. Moscovic	R-Z: Mrs. Moscovic	H-J, S-Z: Mrs. Moscovic

Seniors:

It has been a busy month for seniors in the guidance office. We have already hosted 43 colleges for visits with our students and we are expecting more than 35 additional visits during the month of October. Seniors can still sign up for these visits in SCOIR.

Early college application deadlines are approaching quickly. The College Seminar classes have already met four times and will meet an additional two more to go over key tasks in the application process. Seniors should also continue to meet with their counselors individually. As a reminder, the two college workshops on completing the Common App and using SCOIR were recorded and available to watch [on our website](#).

While the FAFSA form will not be available until early December, the [CSS Profile](#) is available to complete now for [participating colleges](#). As a reminder, we will host a financial aid workshop on Tuesday, November 28. More information about that workshop will be provided in the November News and Notes and through e-mail to senior parents.

Finally, we strongly encourage seniors to take advantage of the opportunity to visit colleges during the upcoming extended break in October. Students are off from school on October 9-11, and this is an excellent time to visit schools.

Juniors:

Our Junior College Panel will be hosted on Zoom this Tuesday, October 3 featuring representatives from Cornell, UB, University of Pittsburgh and Canisius. Please see your e-mail for the Zoom link. The panel will be recorded and posted to our website for those who cannot attend the live session.

On Wednesday, October 11, juniors will be taking the PSAT. The test will be in a digital format for the first time this year; students will test on their school-issued iPads and should come to school that day with their iPads fully charged. Students have access to a full-length practice test through the Bluebook testing app on their iPads. More information on preparing for the PSAT can be found [here](#).

For juniors, the PSAT is also the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Students scoring in the top 3% in their state may be named National Merit Semifinalists or Commended Scholars. Test scores will be posted online in December and students will gain access to personalized, free SAT test prep through Khan Academy.

Sophomores

On Wednesday, October 11, sophomores will be taking the PSAT. The test will be in a digital format for the first time this year; students will test on their school-issued iPads and should come to school that day with their iPads fully charged. Students have access to a full-length practice test through the Bluebook testing app on their iPads. More information on preparing for the PSAT can be found [here](#). Test scores will be posted online in December and students will gain access to personalized, free SAT test prep through Khan Academy.

Freshmen

Counselors have already met with many of the freshmen and will continue to see them throughout October to discuss their adjustment to Canisius. Individual appointments may be requested at any time and parents are encouraged to contact their son's counselor with questions or concerns.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT AVAILABILITY

- Teachers are available for extra help Monday-Wednesday during Gold Periods and on Friday during Blue Period
- Learning Lab is available to all students who need extra help in English, math, and science:
 - **English**-Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday-Room 2W5, 2:52 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
 - **Science**-Tuesday and Thursday-Room M102, 2:52 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
 - **Math**-Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday-Room 0B6, 7:30 a.m.- 8:10 a.m.
Monday-Thursday Gold Period-Room 0B6
Monday and Wednesday-Room 0B6, 2:52 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

GAMBIT

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

GAMBIT is celebrating 49 years as WNY's premier auction event! Mark your calendars and get ready for a fun GAMBIT season!

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 dedication to this year's event!

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.

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. It is a great way to meet other parents and enjoy your son's short time at Canisius. 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. 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](#)

Thursday, October 12 – Senior Moms Gift Gathering Party (Class of '24 Moms and Guardians) at the Center for the Arts building at 1140 Delaware Ave. Begin the year celebrating with other mothers of Canisius seniors. Our amazing school counselors Ms. Ann Marie Moscovic and Mrs. Melissa Langworthy will provide humorous and thoughtful insights on how to survive your son's senior year.

Thursday, October 19 – Freshman Moms Gift Gathering Party (Class of '27 Moms and Guardians) at the Center for the Arts building at 1140 Delaware Ave. Begin the year celebrating with other mothers of Canisius freshmen.

Thursday, November 2 – Sophomore/Junior Cocktails Gift Gathering Party (Class of '25 & '26 Parents and Guardians) at the Center for the Arts building at 1140 Delaware Ave. Enjoy a cocktail and the company of other Sophomore and Junior parents!

Friday, December 1 – Ladies Gift Gathering Breakfast at The Buffalo Club – for all CHS moms and friends, past and present.

Thank you so much for your support!

GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

Grandparents and Special Friends Day – Sunday, December 3, 2023

We are happy to announce that on **Sunday December 3, 2023, Canisius High School will hold its first Grandparents and Special Friends Day.** This is a new event and one we hope will become an annual tradition. We will have mass at 10:00 a.m. in our historic Scaccia Auditorium followed by a catered brunch in Kennedy Field House at 11:00 a.m.

We need your help! If you have not done so already, Please take a few moments to either fill out this form, [using the link below](#), and supply contact information for each grandparent / special friend or to forward the link to your son's grandparents so that we can send a personal invitation to them for the event.

Completing this form DOES NOT RSVP your son's grandparents or special friends for the event. It simply enables us to invite them to the event (we will invite them whether they are local or out of town). Directions to RSVP for the event will be included in the formal invitation, which will be sent this fall. Grandparents and Special Friends Day is a chance for your sons to spend time with their grandparents / special friends on campus, to show off their school, and to build even closer bonds with their loved ones.

Due to capacity limitations, this event is limited to grandparents / special friends and students ONLY. Thank you for your assistance.

If you haven't already, please use this link to fill out the form:
[Grandparents and Special Friends Form Link](#)

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 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.
- 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.
- For additional information or questions, contact Director of Communications Keith McShea at mcshea@canisiushigh.org. Thank you!

SKI CLUB

- There is a **Zoom Parent Meeting** on Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is not mandatory but is highly suggested due to the new registration process.
- Sign up for Canisius Ski Club will be online Thursday, October 12 at 5:00 p.m. An email will be sent to parents with the sign-up link and it will be available on Schoology.
- Students guaranteed a spot on the bus will then bring in their payment by Wednesday, October 18. If payment is not complete by the deadline, their spot will be given to the next person on the waiting list.
- Permission Slips and payment are required to register. If there is enough interest to run 2 buses (minimum of 95 students) we will try to secure a second bus. If not, the first 54 students to sign up for Ski Club will reserve their spots on the bus.
- The cost of the bus is \$400.

- **All information sheets, permission slips, links to the parent Zoom and to buy passes through Holiday Valley are available on the Schoology group page.** The code to join that page is: 2XSPJ-GCWS6.
- The information to join the Zoom Meeting is:
<https://canisiushigh-org.zoom.us/j/93193566397?pwd=U1l1NG9lVHRkajJGNGZSeUZzZ2FjUT09>
- Meeting ID: 931 9356 6397 Passcode: 774721

If you have questions, please email Mr. Beecher at beecher@canisiushigh.org.

CANISIUS HS EUROPE TRIP FOR 2023-2024:

This Easter Break we are planning to head to northern Spain and some of the “Steps of St. Ignatius of Loyola.”

The trip is open to Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen [Classes of 2025, 2026, and 2027].

There is an informational Zoom Meeting, Tuesday October 3rd at 7pm. <https://canisiushigh-org.zoom.us/j/95979504907> Meeting ID: 959 7950 4907

Use the form here to add the contact information for potential travelers and their parents for future announcements and meetings.

<https://forms.gle/PXQzFtALDG7WfNia7>

Please see Mr. Craig Hinchcliffe in room 3w1 or email, hinchcliffe@canisiushigh.org.

CHSPA (Canisius High School Parent Association)

Thank you to all who attended our first meeting! It was nice to see new faces and meet new people. To those who were unable to attend, we hope to see you at our next Fall-themed meeting on October 10th in the Montante Cafeteria and bring a friend! We would love to **Cultivate a Connection** with you!

Volunteers are needed for upcoming events, Open House on October 15 and 16, Walk for Canisius on October 20 and Novemberfest on November 4! 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 at Canisius High School 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.