



FEBRUARY

- 8 Registration for the Class of 2029 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 9 Father-Son Mass and Breakfast – 8:15 a.m. Mass at Christ the King Chapel, Canisius University
- 10 Walk-a-thon Holiday – No Student Attendance
- 11 CHSPA Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 11-12 Alternate Registration Days for the Class of 2029 – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Tuxedo Junction – Senior Tux Measurements
- 15-23 Immersion Trip
- 17 President’s Day – School and Offices Closed
- 18-21 Mid-Winter Recess
- 24 Florida Golf Outing and Reception

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

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.

FROM THE DEAN

As we begin second semester, I thought it was a good time to remind you of a couple of our basic rules. From the Student Handbook:

Jewelry & Tattoos:

- **The wearing of earrings** or unusual or excessive jewelry is **not permitted**.
- **Bandages over earring holes** are **not permitted**.
- **Tattoos** and any form of body piercing are **not permitted**.

Hair:

- **Hair must be off the ear and collar and cannot hang past the eyebrows.**
- **Any form of dyed hair** or extreme hairstyle are **not acceptable**.
- Hair must be kept, neat, clean, and professional looking at all times.

Facial Hair:

- **All students must be clean-shaven.**

Thank you,
Peter Reiser '84
Dean of Students

FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

- 2025-2026 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.

2025-2026 COURSE SELECTION

- During the month of February, students will select courses for the 2025-2026 school year. Administrators and counselors will meet with students to explain the course catalog and the course selection process.
- Students should take this process seriously and should discuss course options with parents, counselors and teachers. Course selection forms **require a parent/guardian signature**. Your son's course request form outlines details for specific due dates and turn-in procedures.
- The 2025-2026 Course Catalog will be 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 selection and verification processes are 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 and parents 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.

Summer Session

- Canisius will offer several courses of study in our Summer Accelerated Learning Program. Electives and credit-bearing core courses will be offered for students entering grades 9-12. Course offerings may include, Health, Physics, Pre-Calculus, and a College Essay Writing Workshop for rising seniors.
 - Health – June 23, 2025-July 23, 2025
 - Physics and Pre-Calculus – June 23, 2025-July 25, 2025
- Registration and payment will be processed ONLINE. Further details about courses, eligibility, scheduling, fees and registration will be available in March. Registration will be open through Monday, May 5, 2025.
- PLEASE NOTE: A student **must register** for Summer Session if he chooses to take a course. Simply requesting a Summer Session course on a "course selection sheet" does not register a student for the course.
- Please contact Mrs. Battin at 200-0219, or battin@canisiushigh.org, with any questions regarding summer courses.

2025 ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM INFORMATION

The 2025 AP Exams will be administered in school as digital exams in May: May 5th-9th and May 12th-16th. AP Exams will be given on the Bluebook testing app. Students should report 15 minutes before the exam start time, and they should report directly to the location of their AP exam(s). The exam locations will be

posted, and the AP teachers will also provide this information at a later date. Students taking AP exams will utilize their iPads, so it is imperative that iPads are fully charged before each AP exam.

Please contact Mrs. Michele Battin, battin@canisiushigh.org, if you have any questions about the 2025 AP Exams.

MAY 2025 AP EXAM SCHEDULE

Week 1

MONDAY 5/5	TUESDAY 5/6	WEDNESDAY 5/7	THURSDAY 5/8	FRIDAY 5/9
7:45-11:30 AP Biology	7:45-12:00 AP Chemistry	7:45-12:00 AP English Literature	7:45-11:30 AP Statistics	7:45-12:00 AP United States History
11:45-3:30 AP European History	11:45-3:30 AP United States Government		11:45 – 3:30 AP World History:Modern	12:00-3:30 AP Macroeconomics

Week 2

MONDAY 5/12	TUESDAY 5/13	WEDNESDAY 5/14	THURSDAY 5/15	FRIDAY 5/16
7:45-12:00 AP Calculus AB/BC		7:45-12:00 AP English Language		
		12:00-3:00 AP Physics C: Mechanics	11:45-3:00 AP Computer Science Principles	11:45-3:00 AP Psychology

Please be advised that all AP exams are either fully digital or hybrid digital. The option to take a paper and pen AP exam is not available. Students will use their school iPad and test using the Bluebook testing app.

Fully Digital AP Exam Subjects

AP Computer Science Principles
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
AP European History
AP Psychology
AP United States Government and Politics
AP United States History
AP World History: Modern

Hybrid Digital AP Exam Subjects

Students will complete multiple-choice questions and view free-response questions in Bluebook. Students will handwrite free-response answers in paper exam booklets.

AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP Macroeconomics
AP Physics C:Mechanics
AP Statistics

ADMISSIONS

7th Grade Exam, Best. Summer. Ever. & More!

Prospective Students in Grade 8-10: It's not too late to apply to Canisius! Check out the steps to formally apply to grades 9, 10 or 11 at canisiushigh.org/apply.

Still trying to make your high school decision? Schedule a private campus tour or visit as a Crusader for the Day to learn more about the Jesuit education offered only at Canisius. Arrange your visit today at canisiushigh.org/visit.

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 1st and April 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Learn more and sign up at no cost at the link below:

canisiushigh.org/admission/apply/seventh-grade-practice-exam

Best. Summer. Ever. 2025

Rising 4th-9th graders are invited to check out our recently released Best. Summer. Ever. 2025 offerings! Learn more and sign up for athletic camps, workshops, and our Higher Achievement Program (HAP) at canisiushigh.org/bestsummerever.

CHS COMMUNICATIONS

- 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.
- CHS Digital Media is again planning on attending St. Bonaventure's CommDay during school day hours on Friday, April 4th. The annual event features interactive workshops on a range of communications topics while CHS students will again be able to participate in a CommDay competition. Last year Noah Morlock '25 won the photography competition. More information will be coming 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 a CHS social media post or local media attention, please reach out to our office.
- Be sure to follow our official @canisiushs accounts on Instagram, TikTok, LinkedIn, Twitter & Threads as well as our Facebook page (facebook.com/canisiushs) for daily updates of all the great things that happen at CHS.

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

GAMBIT

SAVE THE DATE - GAMBIT 50! – March 29, 2025

GAMBIT is celebrating 50 years as WNY's premier dinner auction event! Mark your calendars and get ready for a fun GAMBIT season!

Thanks to our GAMBIT 50 Co-Chairs:

Laura & David Gioia '87, P'16, P'25
 Susan & Mike Mineo '96, P '25
 Liz & Tom Sheehan P '25

We are grateful for their leadership and dedication to this years golden celebration!

WHAT IS GAMBIT?

GAMBIT is our annual dinner auction celebration that raises critical funds for financial aid and academic scholarships. Invitations to GAMBIT will be mailed out in February. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED so please make sure to RSVP before March 14th!

\$10,000 GAMBIT RAFFLE!! – Our \$10,000 raffle will be pulled on March 29th 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 on the GAMBIT Raffle page. 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 20th and will run thru March 7th. We have some great incentives for the boys who sell tickets to win, with more incentives to be announced soon. If you have any questions, please email GAMBIT@canisiushigh.org

There are several ways for you to help!

- **Purchase an advertisement or sponsorship.** See our sponsorship opportunities at canisiushigh.org/sponsorships. Questions, please contact Kelly Wilkens at wilkens@canisiushigh.org or (716) 200-0220 for more information.
- **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. Please sign up at canisiushigh.org/volunteer
- **Drop off a gift for our auction** to the GAMBIT office – 1193 Delaware Ave. (across the street from the school)
- **Make a donation to GAMBIT** – Click [HERE](#) to make a donation.

SAVE THESE DATES

- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th – GAMBIT Auction Donation Last Chance Drop Off** – drop of your last-minute donation at the GAMBIT office (1193 Delaware Ave. – Across from the school). We will be available between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to accept your donation!
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 1st – St. Mark's Gift Gathering Party**
- **MARCH 29, 2025 – GAMBIT 50 Dinner Auction Gala** – GAMBIT invitations will be mailed out in February! **Reservations are required and SPACE IS LIMITED** so please make sure to **RSVP before March 14th!**

Thank you so much for your support!

Kelly Wilkens

Canisius High School

Director of Special Events

wilkens@canisiushigh.org

SENIOR TRIBUTE PAGES

If you would like to create a yearbook tribute page (half or full) for your senior, you may purchase and design a tribute on Balfour's website, <https://www.balfour.com/student-info?smi=48845>. **PLEASE NOTE: Tributes must be purchased by February 28th.** Yearbook questions may be directed to Mr. Bryce Hopkins '08 at hopkins@canisiushigh.org

Thank you,

Mr. Bryce Hopkins '08

2025 SENIOR PROM

When: Friday, May 9th, 2025

Where: The Foundry Suites on Elmwood Ave

Time: 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Permission Slip and Guest Authorization Form: These will be emailed to Seniors via their school account on March 1st. Hard copies will also be available through Mrs. Wojda in 3W5.

Details:

- Tickets will be on sale **before** spring break: March 31st – April 11th. There will be no refunds.
- 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)

BUFFALO DORTMUND SUMMER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Canisius will once again have the opportunity to host eight young men from Dortmund – Buffalo's sister-city in Germany - for 3 1/2 months next fall.

Because of the tremendous success of the program over the past four years, we would really love to accommodate all eight of these young men here at Canisius if at all possible – before that opportunity is offered to another school in the area. We need your help in welcoming one of them into your home for a few months in order to make this possible.

This opportunity will be an experience of a lifetime for these German students and will also have a big impact on Canisius as well as the host families.

If you might be interested in hosting or if you have any questions about the program, please contact Ms. Tyrpak-Endres at tyrpak@canisiushigh.org. She has the profiles of each of the Dortmund students for you to go through.

ADOPT A HERO

Crusaders for America's Heroes would like to thank the whole Canisius community for your enormous generosity in providing a local veteran and his family a truly blessed Christmas. Together, we raised more than \$2400 in cash, gift cards, and gifts. We received a note from our adopted veteran and his family that I'd like to share, in part, with you here:

"Thank you for blessing our family with a beautiful Christmas. We are truly grateful for your generosity and the time you took out of your schedule to do this for us. I wish you could be here on Christmas morning to observe the joy on the faces of our children ... as well as us. Time for belief in Santa is almost over at our home...[b]ut I can't say the magic has disappeared altogether as you have proved there is indeed magic still happening at Christmas time.

Thank you for helping to keep our Christmas spirit and joy alive. Thank you for helping to remind our children the world still has hope, love and joy in it. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers and wish you a Merry Christmas!"

Thank you,
Dr. Amy Kimmel

BOOK RELEASE-Paul Cumbo '97

- February 18th is the release date for *A Path to Manhood: Encouragement and Advice for Young Men*, the fifth book by CHS alumnus and English teacher Paul Cumbo
- Features a foreword by NYT bestselling author and Emmy Award winning journalist Luke Russert, son of the late CHS alumnus and longtime *Meet the Press* moderator Tim Russert '68.
- Endorsed by numerous bestselling authors and experts in the realm of adolescent development, education, and spirituality including Michael Gurian, Dr. Leonard Sax, Dr. Michael Reichert, Fr. James Martin, S.J., and Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, S.J.
- Available for pre-order from all major online booksellers and local bookstores

More information at www.paulcumbo.com

ANNUAL HOSPICE SPRING BOUQUET SALE

Think spring and help Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo during the 39th Annual Hospice Spring Bouquet Sale! Loyola House is spearheading the Bouquet Sale for **Canisius High School**, and I will be taking pre-orders now through **February 6, 2025**. All proceeds benefit Hospice patients and families throughout the Western New York Community.

You can pre-order a standard mixed bouquet for \$14 or a larger, tribute bouquet for \$35. For every tribute bouquet sold, a mixed bouquet is donated back to a patient in Hospice.

Bouquets will be ready for you to pick up on Monday, **March 3rd at Canisius High School**. If you would like to place your order, email me at nicosia@canisiushigh.org or have your son stop in and see me in Room M302. Payment is due at the time of the order. Cash or checks made out to Canisius High School will be accepted.

For 39 years, the Hospice Spring Bouquet Sale has been bringing joy to our community all while raising over \$8 million. Every bouquet truly makes a difference!

Thanks so much for your help in our fundraising efforts for Hospice Buffalo.

Karen Nicosia
Loyola House
Canisius High School

CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION (CHSPA)

Thank you to all who attended our December holiday meeting and our January zoom meeting! We enjoyed a winter themed bead craft, and everyone went home with some prizes from our saran wrap ball/game. If you didn't get to join us, please come for our next meeting on February 11th when we welcome Father Frederico to our meeting as a guest speaker. Come ***Cultivate a Connection*** with us!

Thank you to all those who volunteered and purchased during our Poinsettia & Wreath sale, those who volunteered and baked for Cookiepalooza and those who volunteered for the Mother Son Dance committee!

Mother Son Dance 2025 at our new venue, Salvatore's Italian Gardens, was a great success! Thank you to all who attended. We hope you had a great time with your sons and made memories that you will cherish for a lifetime. We look forward to Father Son Mass and Breakfast on February 9th. Tickets for this event may be purchased at this link:

[Father Son Communion Breakfast](#)

Please stay tuned for more information on the Post Prom party, opportunities to donate and ways to volunteer for the evening!

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