



NOVEMBER

- 1 Novemberfest – CHS Foyer/Auditorium – 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- 2 Entrance Exam Prep Course 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- 7 Parent Teacher Conferences- 3:30p.m. – 6:30p.m.
- 7-8 Emmaus at Cradle Beach
- 9 Entrance Exam Prep Course 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- 11 Veteran's Day – School and Offices Closed
- 12 CHSPA Meeting – Montante Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Washington, DC Reception-6:30p.m. – 8.30p.m. – Georgetown Prep
- 15-16 Fall Play – Auditorium – 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Entrance Exam Prep Course 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- 18 Sophomore Parent Night – Zoom – 6:30 p.m.
- 20-22 Kairos Notre Dame Retreat House
- 23 Class of 2029 Scholarship and Placement Exam – 8:30 a.m.
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Break – School and Offices Closed

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM INFORMATION 2025

The 2025 AP Exams will be administered in school as digital and hybrid exams over two weeks in May: May 5th - 9th and May 12th -16th.

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 \$99.00 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 2025 AP Exams.

The 2025 Advanced Placement Exam schedule can be found using the following link:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/exam-calendar>

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 7th, from 3:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

- Report cards will be available on PowerSchool after 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6th, 2024.
- Bring a copy of your son's report card or a list of his teachers (available on PowerSchool at canisiushigh.powerschool.com), as report cards will not be available at school for Parent Teacher Conferences.
- Conferences are approximately five minutes in length and are on a first come, first served basis.
- Teacher locations will be posted in the foyer.

Student Academic Resources

- If your son is struggling academically, please encourage him to use the supports that are available.
- Teachers are available for academic support during most Gold Periods (Monday and Tuesday) and Blue Periods (Thursday and Friday 2:14-2:52).
- Learning Lab is open to all students who need extra help in English, Math, and Science at the following times:

	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Science M102	Science M102	
3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Math M303	Math 3W3	Math M303
3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.		English 2W5	English 2W5

Academic Status Notes

Honors System:

- 1st Honors-GPA of 93.00 and above with no grades below 80%.
- 2nd Honors-GPA of 90.00-92.99 with no grades below 80%.

Ineligibility for Extracurricular Activities:

- Students are ineligible who, at the distribution of grade reports, are failing TWO or more subjects. A grade below 70% constitutes failing. U is failing on the O/S/U grading scale.
- Length of ineligibility-The ineligibility period will last a minimum of a 10-school day period. The student will not be reinstated for the marking period if he is not passing all courses after a 20-school day period. Students who are ineligible will not attend, practice, or participate in team/club functions involving any extracurricular activity.
- Reinstatement-After the 10-school day period students can apply to the Assistant Principal for reinstatement. Students are required to have each of his teachers complete an evaluation form (available in the Principal's office). The student will not be declared eligible until he has a passing grade in every subject. If approved, the student receives a reinstatement form to be given to his coach/moderator.

ADMISSIONS

Visit & Apply to Canisius High School

Prospective students and families are invited to visit and apply to Canisius High School this fall:

Grade 9 Application is open!

8th graders are invited to apply to Canisius High School and can do so by following the steps outlined at canisiushigh.org/apply.

Exam Prep Course – November 2nd, 9th & 16th

8th grade students are encouraged to prepare for success on the Catholic High School Scholarship and Placement Exam by enrolling in this three-Saturday prep course. Register at canisiushigh.org/examcourse.

Crusader for the Day – Throughout the fall

Spend a day in the life of a Canisius Crusader! Available to students in grades 8-10. Schedule your shadow day at canisiushigh.org/visit.

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.

NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING 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 between you and the college. 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.

If you were unable to attend **Financial Aid Night on October 22nd**, a link to the [recording can be found here](#). Remember that the FAFSA will not be available until December 1st (at the earliest), but you can file the [CSS Profile](#) at any time for [colleges that require it](#).

Juniors:

PSAT results will be released in batches; all results should be available by no later than November 14th. 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. Please note that Canisius will offer the SAT in March; a specific date will be provided before the end of December, along with more information about registering for that test.

Sophomores:

Pre-ACT results should be available by early December. Students should be contacted directly by e-mail or text regarding their scores, and the school will also receive a copy of student score reports. Once the reports are received, more information will be provided to families.

Sophomore Parent Night will be held on Monday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m. Please watch your e-mail for more information on location. Sophomores are encouraged to attend with their parents. Topics will include academics, standardized testing, social development, activities and college.

Freshmen:

Students and parents are reminded that Learning Lab is available after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays until 3:30 p.m. for students who need additional academic support. Please reach out to your son's counselor for more information. Counselor assignments and contact information can be found on the [Guidance and Counseling homepage](#).

Important websites:

SAT website: [College Board](#)

ACT website: [ACT](#)

NCAA website: [Begin registration here](#)

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!

Meet 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 year's golden celebration!

WHAT IS GAMBIT?

GAMBIT is our annual dinner auction celebration that raises critical funds for financial aid and academic scholarships. We encourage our community to support this year's GAMBIT by attending a gift gathering, donating an auction gift, buying a raffle ticket, attending the event and bidding on our online silent auction items. Your support of Canisius and GAMBIT helps us continue the mission of ensuring that every student has the transformational experience of a Canisius education.

\$10,000 GAMBIT RAFFLE!! – Our \$10,000 raffle will be pulled on March 29th at GAMBIT. Tickets will go on sale beginning November 20th. Details will be mailed to each CHS family before November 20th.

We need the students help in selling tickets! Part of the \$10,000 raffle includes a student raffle drive, which will begin on November 20th and will run thru March 7th. 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 20th.

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. Please sign up at canisiushigh.org/volunteer
- **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) – You can RSVP online at canisiushigh.org/giftgathering
- **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!

Thursday, Nov. 7th – GAMBIT Holiday Shopping Event at Spruce on Main – shop in store (3:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.) or online (all day at spruceonmain.com) for all your holiday gifts! 20% of all purchases will benefit Canisius High Schools GAMBIT Auction!

Friday, Dec. 6th – Ladies Holiday Gift Gathering Breakfast at The Buffalo Club – for all CHS moms and friends, past and present. Invitation will be mailed.

Thursday, Dec. 12th – CHS School Store Shopping Event – Stop into the CHS School Store between 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with a gift card or cash donation for GAMBIT and receive 20% off your school store purchase!

MARCH 29, 2025 – GAMBIT 50 Dinner Auction Gala

Thank you so much for your support!

Kelly Wilkens

Canisius High School

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CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION (CHSPA)

Thank you to all who attended our October meeting! It was great to see more new faces and returning ones. We heard from Kelly Wilkins P'21 about GAMBIT, Canisius' annual major fundraiser. We also had a great presentation from Mr. Bryce Hopkins '08 about the many aspects of student life at Canisius, from the house system and house games, athletics and Blue Crew, retreats, community service and immersion trips. To those who were unable to attend, we hope to see you at our next meeting on November 12th and encourage you to 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/9040849AEAF2BA3FD0-51012956-chspa#/>

Novemberfest is our CHSPA major fundraiser of the year! Please join us this Friday, November 1st at Canisius High School from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a fun filled adult event with beer, food, raffles, and socializing. Tickets are \$37 pre-sale through the Eventbrite link [Novemberfest Tickets](#) until Wednesday, October 30th or \$45 at the door. Your 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), provides donations to Campus Ministry and supplements the cost of other events throughout the year. Please consider joining us and making this event a huge success! Stay tuned for more information regarding our upcoming Wreath and Poinsettia Sale, proceeds to benefit Campus Ministry!

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

ADOPT-A-HERO'S FAMILY 2024

One of our favorite holiday traditions is back for another year!

The Crusaders for America's Heroes are reaching out to the whole Canisius community to help us give a local veteran and his or her family a Christmas to remember.

As in past years, we are organizing cash and gift card donations to purchase presents for the family. Cash is most welcome as are gift cards for any of the following in any amount:

- Amazon
- Target
- Walmart
- Tops
- Wegmans
- Aldi
- MasterCard or Visa
- You may also donate cash. (No checks, please.)

Cards or cash can be given directly to Dr. Amy Kimmel (kimmel@canisiushigh.org) in M206 or left for her at Reception. The deadline for donations is Friday, December 6th, 2024.

Thank you in advance for your immense generosity!

WINTER SPORTS

Attention all Winter Athletes,

As a reminder, Form ReLeaf is now open for Winter registration. If you plan on playing any of the following sports, you will need to log into Formreleaf.com and complete the health information [here](#). Form ReLeaf seems to function better through a PC vs a phone browser. You also need a physical within the past year on file with the Nurse Keating and the health department.

Winter Sports:

- JV and/or Varsity Basketball
- JV and/or Varsity Hockey
- Wrestling
- Swim
- Squash
- JV and/or Varsity Bowling
- Crew

If you have questions please contact Alex Zulia, zulia@canisiushigh.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.