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| 1 | Junior College Panel Night – 6:30 p.m. |
| 3 | President's Reception – 6:00 pm at The Buffalo Club |
| 3-4 | Emmaus at Cradle Beach |
| 3-6 | Senior Wilderness Retreat |
| 4 | Senior Picture Retakes |
| 5 | SAT-CHS Students Only – 8:30 a.m. |
| 6 | Open House – 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. |
| 7 | Open House – 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. |
| 8 | CHSPA Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |
| 14 | Columbus Day-School and Offices Closed |
| 15 | No Student Attendance-Faculty Professional Development |
| 16 | Noon Dismissal |
| 16 | Freshman Retreat- Students must be picked up from CHS at 2:00 p.m. |
| 16 | Pre-ACT for Sophomores |
| 16 | PSAT for Juniors |
| 17 | Underclass Photo Retake |
| 19 | Homecoming – 7:30 p.m. – CHS Kennedy Field House |
| 22 | Financial Aid Information Night Via Zoom- 6:30p.m. |
| 25 | Walkathon |
| 31 | End Q1 |

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

FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

- Absences & Tardies- An automated call will go out to parents/guardians of students who are not at school by 10:00 a.m. each day. If you have already contacted the Dean's Office to report your student will be late or absent, please disregard the message.
- To be eligible to participate in after school activities, students must arrive before 9:45 a.m. that day.
- Any questions, please call the Dean's Office, 716-882-0466, or email DeansOfficeMail@canisiushigh.org.

ADMISSIONS

Visit Canisius High School This Fall!

Prospective students and families are invited to visit Canisius High School this fall through several different offerings:

Open House – October 6th or 7th

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to explore our campus and engage with members of the Canisius school community. Pre-registration is required. Visit canisiushigh.org/openhouse to reserve your tour slot.

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.

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.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

If your son is struggling academically there are support resources available:

- Students are able to work with their teachers for extra help during many blue and gold periods, both of which occur before school buses come at 3:00 p.m.
- Small group academic tutoring in the areas of English, math, and science is available in our Learning Lab; the schedule is below:
 - Monday – science and math tutoring
 - Tuesday – science, English, and math tutoring
 - Thursday – math and English tutoring
- School counselors can help students develop an extra help schedule, work through school success strategies, and guide students on the use of effective study skills

A schedule is posted on the website and can be found using this

link: <https://www.canisiushigh.org/academics/academic-support/learning-lab>

ACADEMIC SUPPORT: THE LEARNING LAB

In addition to consultation a student may need additional academic support. Learning Lab provides students with small group supplemental academic support or instruction in the areas of English, Math, Science, and general study skills. A schedule is posted on the website and can be found using this link:

<https://www.canisiushigh.org/academics/academic-support/learning-lab>

Students may be scheduled for Learning Lab or may drop in as needed. Students who are struggling academically and are required to attend Learning Lab will have a schedule created by the student's school counselor.

NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

Seniors:

It has been a busy month for seniors in the guidance office. We have already hosted 40 colleges for visits with our students and we are expecting an additional 40 visits during the month of October. Seniors can still sign up for these visits in SCOIR.

Early college application deadlines are approaching quickly. Counselors have been going through key parts of the Common Application during College Seminar classes; those classes will wrap up in mid-October. 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 are available to watch [on our website](#). Simply click on the tab for Presentations and you will see them there.

We have received word that this year's FAFSA will be available for families to fill out beginning December 1st. However, the [CSS Profile](#) is available to complete now for [participating colleges](#). As a reminder, we will host a financial aid workshop on Zoom on October 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Financial Aid Workshop Zoom Link

<https://canisiushigh-org.zoom.us/j/93488075759?pwd=5IRGBLeablaAT5SUw5vvL3VcVaDjW.1>

Meeting ID: 934 8807 5759

Passcode: 120594

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 12th-16th, and this is an excellent time to visit schools.

Juniors:

As a reminder, our College Panel for juniors and parents will be hosted on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Scaccia Auditorium. We will welcome representatives from Cornell, Le Moyne, University of Miami and the UB Honors Program to talk about the college process.

On Wednesday, October 16th, juniors will be taking the PSAT. 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 available to students by mid-November; they will receive notification via text and e-mail about the release of scores.

Sophomores

On **Wednesday, October 16th**, sophomores will be taking the Pre-ACT. 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**. Scores will be released approximately four weeks after students have tested.

Update: Thank you to sophomore parents who participated in the summer survey about our Sophomore Parent Information Night. We appreciate your valuable input, which are using to create the content for the program. The event has been scheduled for **Monday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m.** Additional information and event location will be sent out via School Reach by early November.

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.

YEARBOOK

Any student who was not able to acquire their yearbook from last school year can still do so. Yearbooks are available for pickup from Main Reception during business hours.

Contact Mr. Bryce Hopkins '08 @ hopkins@canisiushigh.org

HOMECOMING DANCE

Canisius High School Kennedy Field House

Saturday, October 19th, 2024

7:30-10:00 p.m.

- Open to all students and their guest
- Permission forms and tickets can be found on Power School Parent Portal
- Parents must log in; parent and student must sign the permission form electronically. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in Power School after signing the form.
- Guest forms are in All Student Updates in Schoology. They must be signed by the appropriate parties and given to Mrs. Paterson in person or via email.
- Sales end October 9th, 2024

Contact Mrs. Paterson with questions paterson@canisiushigh.org

EUROPE EDUCATIONAL TOUR 2024-2025

Europe Educational Tour 2024-2025: Easter Break (April 13th to 21st, 2025)

Open to all classes: 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028

The Trip Website <https://www.travelforteens.com/private-trip/chi25/>

Deadline to register will be early October. Please contact Mr. Hinchcliffe with questions

@hinchcliffe@canisiushigh.org

SAVE THE DATE - GAMBIT 50! – March 29th, 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 years 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 and donating an auction gift, buying a raffle ticket, attending the event and to bid 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.

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! – Invitations will be mailed.

Thursday, Oct. 10th – Freshman Moms Gift Gathering Party (Class of '28 moms and guardians) at the Center for the Arts building at 1140 Delaware Ave.

Begin the year celebrating with other mothers of Canisius freshmen as well as Ms. Andrea Tyrpak-Endres who will share her wisdom on your son's 4 years at CHS! Ms. Tyrpak-Endres has been a teacher and administrator at Canisius for over 40 years!

Thursday, Oct. 17th – Sophomore/Junior Cocktails Gift Gathering Party (Class of '26 & '27 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!

Thursday, Oct. 24th – Senior Moms Gift Gathering Party (Class of '25 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 Mrs. Melissa Langworthy and Mrs. Annette Sugg will provide humorous and thoughtful insights on how to survive your son's senior year.

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

MARCH 29th, 2025 – GAMBIT 50 Dinner Auction Gala

Thank you so much for your support!

Kelly Wilkens

Canisius High School

Director of Special Events

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CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION (CHSPA)

Thank you to all who attended our first meeting! It was great to see so many new faces and we hope that this is just the beginning! To those who were unable to attend, we hope to see you at our next Fall-themed meeting on October 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Montante Cafeteria where we will have guest speaker/teacher Mr. Bryce Hopkins '08 join us to talk about student life at Canisius and all it has to offer. Bring a friend! We would love to ***Cultivate a Connection*** with you!

Volunteers are still needed for upcoming events: Open House, Walk for Canisius and Novemberfest! Sign up to help on the Sign-up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849AEAF2BA3FD0-51012956-chspa#/>

NOVEMBERFEST FUNDRAISER

Novemberfest is our CHSPA major fundraiser of the year! Please join us Friday, November 1st from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Canisius Foyer/Auditorium for a fun filled adult event with beer, refreshments, raffles, and socializing.

Tickets can be purchased pre-sale for \$37 through Eventbrite, \$45 at the door. Use this QR code or link.



[Novemberfest Tickets](#)

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), 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! Stay tuned for more details.

Also, we are in need of basket raffle items and donations for this event. If you are able to donate or know of a possible donor, please email Shannon Skowron [@smskowron15@gmail.com](mailto:smskowron15@gmail.com)

For any questions, please contact the CHSPA officers [@CHSPA@canisiushighschool.org](mailto:CHSPA@canisiushighschool.org)

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.
- 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 a CHS social media post or 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!

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.