AUGUST 2021

28 SAT’s at CHS

SEPTEMBER

1 Faculty Orientation
2 Freshman/Senior/Transfer Student Orientation
3 Sophomore/Junior Orientation
6 Labor Day – School and Offices Closed
7 First Day of Classes
14 CHSPA Meeting 7:00PM
20-24 Spirit Week
22 Junior College Night
23 Parent Back to School Night

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

Back to School Information

Families will be receiving a back-to-school information packet in August. Please be sure to read all materials regarding orientation dates, start/end times, dress code, book ordering information, school pictures, etc. Summer reading information is posted on the school website under the ‘Academics’ tab. The first full day of classes is Tuesday, September 7th.

- Students and parents are able to view student’s course enrollments on PowerSchool under “Class Registrations”, incoming freshmen received their course enrollments in the mail in July.
- After June 18, 2021, all course registrations were considered final. If you believe there is an error in your course placement, please contact Mrs. Battin at battin@canisiushigh.org.
- Once classes begin, requests for course changes will only be considered if space and just cause exist. Changes will only be considered September 7th-14th.

Campus Ministry

Seniors interested in leading an Emmaus or Kairos Retreat this year:

- Sign up for a one-day, on campus Training Session (likely on a Sunday in late August to avoid conflicts with athletic practices).
- Email your full mailing address (including zip code) and your cell phone number to Fr. Corcoran at corcoran@canisiushigh.org
- Respond as soon as possible. Space is limited.

For those who responded in June, there’s no need to respond again. If you’re not sure, sign up now to be safe.
Guidance and Counseling Center

The school counselors hope that everyone is enjoying their summer vacations! We look forward to seeing you in September. Our website can be accessed by clicking here. Students have been assigned by last name to the following school counselors for the 2021-2022 academic year:

Class of 2025
To be determined

Class of 2024 (10th grade)
A-L: Mrs. Langworthy
M-N: Mrs. Sugg
O-R: Dr. Veronica
S-Z: Mrs. Moscovic

Class of 2023 (11th grade)
A-D: Mrs. Langworthy
E-K: Mrs. Sugg
L-R: Dr. Veronica
S-Z: Mrs. Moscovic

Class of 2022 (12th grade)
A-E: Mrs. Langworthy
F-L: Mrs. Sugg
M-R: Dr. Veronica
S-Z: Mrs. Moscovic

Attention seniors:
We will be hosting Common Application and College Essay Zoom workshops in August. Parents are also welcome to attend. Each Zoom will last approximately 45 minutes and will be recorded.

College Application Personal Essay Zoom: Wednesday, 8/11/21 7pm
  • An overview of the Common App personal essay will provide you a headstart in writing your personal essay.
Common App I Zoom session: Wednesday 8/18/21 7pm
Common App II Zoom session: Wednesday 8/25/21 7pm
  • We will walk through completing the Common Application and other college application information.

Important SAT/ACT registration deadlines:
SAT
Register by 7/30/21 for the 8/28/21 SAT. Late registration (late fees apply) by 8/17/21.
Register by 9/3/21 for the 10/2/21 SAT. Late registration (late fees apply) by 9/21/21.

ACT
Register by 8/6/21 for the 9/11/21 ACT. Late registration (late fees apply) by 8/20/21.

2021-2022 School Year Immunization Requirement for Meningococcal Vaccine

All 12th grade students MUST HAVE proof of having been given Meningococcal vaccine (shot) in order to attend school.

Students entering Grade 12 in 2021-2022 must have either:
  • 2 doses of meningococcal vaccine with the booster dose given on or after age 16
    or
  • 1 dose if your child’s first dose was given on or after age 16

New York State law requires parents/guardians to give the school an immunization (shot) record that shows their child has received, or has appointment(s) to receive the required vaccine(s) (shots) in order to attend school.

This record may be from a health care provider, health department, or an official immunization record from the child’s former school. The record must include:
1. Name of the vaccine

2. Date vaccine given

3. Who gave it, along with their title; or where it was given if at a clinic

Please contact your health care provider to make sure your son has what he needs to attend school this fall. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Keating by phone at 200-0237 or by email at keating@canisiushigh.org.

GAMBIT 47 - XLVII – SAVE THE DATE    MARCH 26, 2022

Thank you to everyone for your support of GAMBIT XLVI this year! We raised over $500,000! A huge thank you to our great group of chair-couples: the Quatroches, Swiezys and Whistlers; our sponsors, donors, party hosts, online auction participants (from near and far) and our virtual GAMBIT night participants. Our Raise the Paddle for the Jesuit Founders Scholarship raised over $80,000. Your generous support will ensure that any student with financial need will have the opportunity for a Jesuit education!

Thank you for supporting our only major fundraiser that benefits all our students and for doing so in such a grand way!

It’s not too soon to start thinking about GAMBIT 47 ~ XLVII.

There are several ways you can start thinking about early involvement:

- Please consider joining our Decorating Committee which has lost some members with graduation. You don’t have to be a designer but willing to pitch in and lend a hand. Many hands make light work and they have fun doing it!

- Gift Gathering Parties - The Senior Moms gift gathering party will be held in the Fall and the Ladies Holiday Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, December 3rd. If you are interested in joining a co-hosting group for either of these events, please contact me in the GAMBIT office this summer.

- If you are interested in hosting (or co-hosting with friends), a GAMBIT gift gathering party for friends or a sports team in your home or at a venue, we can set that up for the Fall!

- Join the Sponsorship Team to assist the chairs in raising money through sponsorships, advertising and underwriting.

  Please call or email me this summer if you have any questions or would like to get involved!

  Enjoy your summer!

  Kelly Wilkens
  wilkens@canisiushigh.org
  716-200-0220

From the Office of Admission

Spread the word!

Please tell your friends about the following:

It’s not too late to apply to Canisius High School!
• Accepting applications for freshmen AND transfer students for fall 2021
• Get started at canisiushigh.org/apply

Entrance & Scholarship Exam
• Offered Wednesdays at noon at Canisius
• Contact the admission office at 716.200.0236 to reserve a space, or schedule the exam on a different date
• Complete the Diocese’s Catholic high school application prior to exam

Private Tours
• Families considering Canisius can discover all the school offers during a private tour
• Request a tour at canisiushigh.org/tours or 716.200.0236

Canisius High School Parent’s Association (CHSPA)

On behalf of the Canisius High School Parents’ Association (CHSPA), welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! The CHSPA sponsors and coordinates a variety of events in support of the school and our sons. We look forward to your participation this year, celebrating in community, something that we have all been looking forward to these past 18 months.

The Parent Association section of the school website serves as a resource for parents/guardians about events, monthly CHSPA meetings and opportunities to volunteer. Please consider getting involved to be an active part of your son’s high school experience by volunteering to help with an event. If you are interested in signing up for one of our events, please visit: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849AEAF2BA3FD0-chspa.

Whether donating a baked good, assisting with or chairing an event, there is a way for everyone to participate. If you do not want to do it alone, encourage a fellow parent to participate with you. No contribution is too small! If you are a business owner and would be willing to donate food or other items for events, please contact us at CHSPA@canisiushigh.org.

Monthly CHSPA meetings are held at 7PM on the Second Tuesday of the month at CHS in the Brady Conference Room. Meetings are held to one hour in length, in an effort to respect everyone’s time.

2021-2022 CHSPA Meeting Dates
September 14   January 11   April 19
October 12   February 8   May 10
November 9   March 8

Please reach out to CHSPA@canisiushigh.org with any questions and/or suggestions. We look forward to meeting you!

CHSPA Officers
Danielle Dodman, P’24 – President
Kathleen Heyworth, P’23 – Vice President
Mary Fran Bayer, P’22, ’25 – Corresponding Secretary
Mary Kay Laforce, P’23 – Recording Secretary
Tara Gipp, P’23 - Treasurer
Canisius High School Parent Association Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Below are brief descriptions of the 2021-2022 school year’s events and opportunities to get involved.

Links to volunteer sign-ups appear in the monthly “News and Notes” on the CHS website & on the portal.

**New Student Orientation Lunch - September 2, 2021**
Parents provide and serve lunch to incoming students at CHS.
Co-chairs: Samantha Telaak & Jennifer LoTempio

**Back to School Night - September 23, 2021**
Parents follow their son’s class schedule and meet the teachers. Volunteers provide refreshments.
Chair: Rebecca Harris

**Walk for Canisius - October 1, 2021**
Students are served breakfast before setting out on a walk through the city. Volunteers needed for breakfast set-up and clean-up and safety along the route.
Co-chairs: Margie Whistler & Missy Dunn

**Fashion & Ferrari - October 14, 2021**
The main fundraising event for the CHS Parent Association. An exciting evening of cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, fashions, cars and prizes. Volunteers needed to model, coordinate with vendors, sell raffle tickets and light set-up/clean-up.
Chair: Danielle Dodman

**Canisius Open House - October 17 & 19, 2021**
Help promote the event showcasing CHS to prospective students and their families with lawn signs and social media. Volunteers assist the Admissions Office assembling promotional material, serving refreshments to the guests, light set-up/clean-up and socializing.
Co-chairs: Jennifer Eskra & Jennifer LoTempio

**Freshman Retreat - October 22, 2021**
Parent volunteers coordinate refreshment donations.

**Father/Son Communion Breakfast - November 14, 2021**
This special mass at St. Michael’s church is followed by breakfast at the Buffalo Convention Center. Volunteers assist with event coordination and registration.
Co-chairs: Kath Heyworth & Tara Gipp

**Fall Fine Arts Night - November 17, 2021**
Volunteers needed to bake and serve refreshments.

**Wreath & Poinsettia Sale - Mid November with Pick up December 3, 2021**
Volunteers coordinate and distribute orders of festive holiday décor at the December 3 pickup. Proceeds go to Campus Ministry.
Chair: Leslie Fogg

**Christmas at CHS - December 22, 2021**
For this “Cookie-Palooza” parents provide and serve cookies and refreshments on the last day before the holiday break. Delicious treats needed.
Chair: Laura Gioia

**Family Mass and Breakfast - January 23, 2022**
Volunteers help plan and run a special morning for families to share fellowship and a mid-winter brunch. Proceeds go to the Companions program.
Chair: MaryKay LaForce

**Mother/Son Dinner Dance - January 29, 2022**
Volunteers help plan and coordinate a memorable evening. Most tasks are completed before the event. All volunteer moms are able to enjoy the evening with their sons.
Chair: Jennifer LoTempio

GAMBIT - March 26, 2022
Gambit is the school’s gala dinner auction. Volunteers assist with set-up, clean-up and the auction. Go to canisiushigh.org/gambit for information.

Spring Fine Arts Night - April 5, 2022
Volunteers needed to bake and serve refreshments.

Senior/Parent Reflection - First or Second Sunday of May 2022
Volunteers assist with a morning of reflection and breakfast for graduating seniors and their parents.
Chair: TBD

Senior Post Prom Party - First or Second Friday of May 2022
Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior parents volunteers coordinate refreshments, gifts and entertainment for a safe, fun party for seniors and their guests.
Co-chairs: Mary Frances Bayer & MaryKay LaForce

Senior Awards Reception - May 17, 2022
A lunch reception for seniors and their families is held after the Senior Awards Ceremony. Freshman, sophomore and junior parents volunteer and donate food.
Chair: TBD

Post Graduation Dinner - May 19, 2022
Senior families join together at Pearl Street Grill for a celebration dinner after graduation. Volunteers needed to help set-up and for check-in.
Co-chairs: Jennifer Eskra & Laura Reyda

Staff Appreciation Luncheons - Special dates throughout the year
CHSPA provides appreciation luncheons for the entire faculty and staff. Volunteers coordinate donations, set-up and serve catered lunch.
Dates include - September 1 & December 9, 2021 and March 25, 2022.
Chair: Krista Drexelius

New Family Welcome Parties - August 2022
Current families volunteer to host a small gathering at their home to welcome new families to the CHS community.
Chair: Mary Frances Bayer

CAMPUS STORE

Our online store is open. Shop anytime for your back-to-school needs at canisiushigh.myshopify.com