



FEBRUARY

- 4 Class of 2027 Registration, 10am-1pm
- 5 Father & Son Communion Breakfast
- 7-8 Class of 2027 Registration, 4pm–6pm
- 7 CHSPA Meeting, 7pm, Brady Conference Room
- 8 Blood Drive
- 8-10 KAIROS
- 11 ACT Exam
- 14 Seniors Tuxedo Junction Tux Fitting 8:30am – 3pm Alumni Hall
- 19-25 Immersion Trips
- 20 President’s Day, School and Offices Closed
- 20-24 February Break
- 22 Ash Wednesday

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

2023-2024 COURSE SELECTION

- During the month of February, students will select courses for the 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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 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: June 26th - July 28th, 2023

- 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.
- Registration and payment will be processed ONLINE this year. Further details about courses, eligibility, scheduling, fees and registration will be available in March. Registration will be open through Monday, May 8, 2023.
- 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

Summer Session 2023

Canisius High School students interested in taking an accelerated course this summer must register for the course on the CHS website.

Students may complete a summer course registration at:

<https://www.canisiushigh.org/academics/departments-programs/summer-at-canisius/summer-session>

Important Dates

- May 12: Registration forms and payment due
- June 26: Accelerated Physics, Precalculus and Health classes begin
- July 4: Independence Day observed, no classes
- July 28: Last day of classes
- Physics and Precalculus are held weekdays 8am – 12:00pm

Summer Session Courses for 2023

Accelerated Courses

Health – June 19, 21, June 28, July 5, 12, 19 (8:00am-10:00am)
June 26, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26 (10:00am-12:00pm)

Precalculus – June 26 through July 28 (8:00 – 12:00pm)

Physics - June 26 through July 28 (8:00am – 12:00pm)

Health

In class meeting dates: June 26, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26

Absence on June 26 and/or July 26 will preclude a student from receiving credit.

½ Credit

This course features a hybrid of in-class instruction and online course work. It covers a number of topics including emotional health, nutrition, disease and disorder, healthy life styles, and first-aid. These topics are covered through in class meetings and the use of Schoology. This course fulfills a student's Health requirement.

Requirements: Eligible students must have an overall GPA of 80% or above.

Precalculus

June 26 – July 28

1 Credit

This course is intended to prepare students for Calculus. Students enrolled in this course may register for AP Calculus AB or BC in the fall, depending on teacher recommendation. This course fulfills the Canisius High School Precalculus requirement.

Requirements: Eligible students must have a grade of 85% or higher in Algebra II Trig and receive department approval.

Physics

June 26 – July 28

1 Credit

This course will meet the Canisius High School Physics requirement, and completion of this course will allow students to enroll in the next science course in his sequence. Students who successfully complete summer Physics will be eligible for enrollment in Advanced Placement Science for the 2023-2024 academic year which is based on space availability and department recommendation.

Requirements: All students must have successfully completed Biology, Chemistry, Geometry and Algebra II Trig with an average of 85% or higher and receive department approval.

Writing the Common Application Essay Workshop

Dates - to be determined 9:00am-12:00pm

This workshop is an intensive, five-day program that primarily focuses on writing the Common Application essay. The workshop will include: an in-depth look at the essay prompts, brainstorming essay ideas, writing the perfect hook sentence and introduction, structuring the body and incorporating specific details, and constructing a compelling clincher. The goal of the workshop is for students to produce a complete, polished, engaging Common Application essay that has been reviewed for content, structure, tone and readability, and spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

This course is offered to Canisius High School students currently in Grade 11, and is not a credit bearing course. Space is limited.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE CENTER

Reminders for Seniors:

Midyear reports will be ready during the week of January 30. Some colleges do require midyear grades. If this applies to you, please complete the midyear request form and indicate the colleges where you want your midyear grades sent. This form will be available in the Guidance Office or through your counselor's Class of 2023 page in Schoology.

Please continue to bring in your acceptance and scholarship award letters as you receive them. You may also email a legible screenshot/picture to your school counselor. **Remember that these letters will be required in order for you to pick up your graduation tickets in May.** Seniors are strongly encouraged to continue checking their email, Scoir, and Schoology accounts for ongoing important information from the Guidance and Counseling Office.

Our webpage of college acceptances is live! Click [here](#) to see where our seniors have been recently accepted.

As a reminder to both parents and students, a wide range of information can be found on our Guidance website regarding [scholarship](#) applications. We continue to email students scholarship opportunities worth thousands of dollars. Scholarship applications are usually very easy to complete and take very little time. Don't let all this "free" money go to waste!

Remember to complete and submit your financial aid forms:

[College Board: CSS Profile](#)

[FAFSA](#) (FREE Application for Federal Student Aid)

Juniors:

The College Planning course has begun. In this semester, we will continue an in-depth discussion about the college admissions process that began in sophomore year. Some course topics will include: when to take SAT/ACT tests, creating resumés, career interests in relation to college searching and their MBTI results from last year, creating Common Application accounts, and much more. While parents are encouraged to review the class syllabus with their son, we also welcome meeting with you as your son begins the college search process.

We are happy to re-introduce **Scoir**, a web-based platform, to all of our juniors. Please watch your e-mail for an upcoming Zoom workshop on SCOIR we will offer to all junior parents. In class, juniors have already begun to log back into their accounts and invite their parent(s)/guardian(s) to create their own account. This program will assist in the college search and application process. Students and parents will have access to several resources from one website. In the fall, we will use Scoir to transmit recommendations, transcripts, and other school documents to colleges.

SAT/ACT Testing Registration Information

Please note: Students need to create/sign in and register for the SAT and/or the ACT. **Canisius does not register students for these tests.**

SAT website: [College Board](#)

ACT website: [ACT](#)

NCAA website (for Division I or II college athletics): [Begin registration here](#)

Sophomores:

Career Exploration class has begun. The main focus of the class is to help students explore career possibilities using the Strong Interest Inventory. Based on individual responses, students will have an opportunity to identify several potential career fields and explore specific careers using O*Net. Other topics include: stress resilience and mindfulness, character development, junior year course selection, introduction to the SCOIR college search management platform, and top factors colleges will consider in the application process.

Course Selection:

Course selection for the 2022-2023 school year will begin very soon. Over the next several weeks, counselors will be meeting with students to discuss their schedules and electives for next year. Please review choices with your son; your signature is required on the form.

GAMBIT XLVIII NEWS

GAMBIT is Canisius High School's premier auction event!

SAVE THE DATE – *Invitations will hit mailboxes early March!*

Saturday, April 22 – GAMBIT XLVIII at Canisius High School

Gift Gathering Parties – Join us!

St. Mark & St. Rose “Most Loyal” Gift Gathering – *Everyone is invited!*

Saturday, February 4

6-8:30pm

St. Mark's Rectory – 399 Woodward Ave., Buffalo, NY

RSVP to Kelly Wilkens at (716) 200-0224.

Spruce on Main Shopping Gift Gathering

Thursday, February 9

5-7pm

Spruce on Main – 4446 Main Street, Snyder, NY

Purchase all your Valentine's Day gifts at Spruce on Main – 15% of your purchase will go to GAMBIT!

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook so you stay up to date on everything GAMBIT!!

Facebook: Canisius High School GAMBIT

Instagram: canisiushs_gambit

You can also check out our [GAMBIT page](#) on the CHS website. You will find information on sponsorships, gift gathering parties, our donation wish list as well as volunteer information and sign-up form!

Can't make a Gift Gathering Party?

Our Last Chance Drop-Off will be held on Thursday, March 23.

Drop off a gift donation valued at \$50 or more and receive a \$10 gift certificate for the CHS Book Store.

Donations must be dropped off at the GAMBIT office – 1193 Delaware Ave. (across the street from the school) on March 23 between 8:30am – 4:30pm.

Want to get involved?

We are in desperate need of volunteers for our Décor Committee. Our veteran Décor Committee Chairs are looking for volunteers to help transform the school for GAMBIT. Do you have BIG ideas or would you rather just help out? It doesn't matter, crafty or not we need your help!

The Decor committee meets weekly in the morning and is a large part of the set-up the Thursday and Friday before GAMBIT. Contact Kelly Wilkens at wilkens@canisiushigh.org or visit our [volunteer page](#) to sign up.

Sponsorships are still available!

Check out our [sponsor opportunities](#) here. Would you rather underwrite a part of the event? Contact Kelly Wilkens at wilkens@canisiushigh.org to see what opportunities are available.

We are looking forward to celebrating our great school with all of you! If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Wilkens at wilkens@canisiushigh.org

NEWS FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

- 2023-2024 transportation forms can be found in the transportation section of your home district's website
- Forms must be returned to your home district by March 31, 2023
- 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 have to reapply, they will automatically be renewed for 2023-2024

2023 SENIOR PROM

When: Friday, May 5, 2023

Where: Events @ The Foundry

Time: 7:30PM – 11:00PM

Permission Slip and Guest Authorization Form: These will be emailed to Seniors via their school account on March 27th. Hard copies will also be available through Mrs. Wojda in 3W5.

Details:

- Tickets will be on sale April 12th – April 20th. Checks only for the exact amount please.
- 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

CHSPA (CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL PARENT'S ASSOCIATION)

February Meeting

Tuesday, February 7th

7 PM

Brady Conference Room

Volunteer Opportunities: Please find the link to Sign up Genius, listing upcoming volunteer opportunities, including the Senior Post Prom Party

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549AFAD23A0F94-canisius>

Upcoming Events: Mother/Son Dinner Dance

March 4, 2023

5 PM

Buffalo Marriott Niagara

Enjoy a memorable evening of dinner, dancing, and fun with your son at the "Mom Prom". An invitation and ticket link will be shared via email soon!

ADOPT A HERO

Crusaders for America's Heroes would like to thank the whole Canisius community for their immense generosity in donating to our Adopt-a-Hero holiday drive. We raised over \$1800 for our adopted veteran and his family and made their Christmas a truly special one. Thank you!

CAMPUS STORE

Our *online store* is open. Shop anytime for your back-to-school need at

<https://canisiushigh.myshopify.com>

The campus store will be open from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm.