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

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**To Parents and Guardians of the Senior Class of 2021:**

**For the Arena Yearbook:**

This is a reminder to check your emails for an upcoming SchoolReach message about buying a page (or a portion of a page) in the back of the yearbook for your son.

Details about this process and the link to get started will be in sent in an upcoming SchoolReach email.

**Deadline:** January 19th, 2021

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**News from the Guidance Center**

**Meetings:**

School counselors are available to meet via Zoom with parent(s)/guardian(s) and students. The best way to initiate this would be to send an email or a Schoology message to your counselor. We are still here for you!

The pandemic has raised many concerns for families. Here is a link to additional counseling resources on our website: [Counseling Resources](#).
Seniors:
The college application season is in full swing and there are many signs of progress despite being on remote learning. The last of the virtual college visits through Scoir has ended and early applicants have already begun receiving acceptance letters. Our list of college acceptances is updated weekly and can be found here: College Acceptances Class of 2021.

Reminders for seniors:
• **Seniors are encouraged to email their acceptance and scholarship award letters as they receive them.**
• Please remember if you decide to use your SAT or ACT scores that you have to send official test scores from College Board and/or ACT directly to your colleges.
• Continue to update your Scoir account with the status of your college applications.
• As a reminder to both parents and students, a wide range of information can be found on our comprehensive Guidance website as well as the College Planning iBook. Information regarding scholarships is also available online.

Financial Aid for College:
Senior parents – if you have not already done so, please complete your financial aid forms as soon as possible.
- **College Board: CSS Profile**
  Select colleges require this financial aid form and there are fees associated with filing it. Please see the College Board website for more information.
- **FAFSA (FREE Application for Federal Student Aid)**
  This Federal form is required for financial aid and scholarship consideration. There is NO COST to complete this form.
- **NYS TAP**
  Applying to a NYS college? Be sure to apply and complete the TAP application after you complete the FAFSA. If you exited the FAFSA before completing the TAP application – and you filled in your New York State address and a New York State college on the FAFSA – HESC will automatically receive your information in about three days. HESC will then send you an email or postcard with directions to complete the TAP application online. There is NO COST to apply.

Sophomores:
All sophomores will begin the Career Exploration class in the second semester. Meeting once per cycle, school counselors will implement the Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI). Students will receive a detailed analysis of their individual personality results which will guide them in their initial research of future careers.

Juniors:
All juniors will begin taking the College Planning course in second semester. School Counselors will guide them through ongoing career searches and begin the college search and admissions process.

Testing results:
In December, PSAT and PreACT test results will be distributed to sophomores, juniors and freshmen, respectively.
From Mr. Mauro, Athletic Director

**Important Info for Winter Sports**

Pending the return to in-school instruction, the start date for Winter Sports are as follows...

Swimming, Bowling and Indoor Track – Jan. 4
Squash – Jan. 4 (pending the re-opening of the Nardin Squash Courts)
Basketball, Wrestling, Hockey – Jan. 4 (pending New York State’s approval as high-risk sports)
Indoor training - e.g. Crew, weight room – Jan. 4 (must follow existing Covid guidelines)

As we all have learned, our plans are extremely fluid. Please know that if we are still in remote learning following Christmas break, extra-curricular activities will remain on pause.

However, in planning for the start of Winter sports, please see the info below.

**Information for Student-Athletes**

**“Musts” before you can participate in Winter sports:**

1. You **must** have an up-to-date physical on file with the school.

2. You **must** register your son with *FormReleaf*. If you already have your information in the Form Releaf system, you must update it for this season. This is a secure registration platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly, password protected, way to register for our sports programs each season, and helps us to be more administratively efficient. This system will eliminate the paperwork our student-athletes were previously required to turn in.

   ONLINE WINTER REGISTRATION IS OPEN using this link to *FormReleaf*:
   [https://formreleaf.com/organizations/canisius-high-school](https://formreleaf.com/organizations/canisius-high-school)

3. In addition, we would like to have our student-athletes take the ImPact test at home prior to 11/30.
   **Test link**: [www.impacttestonline.com/testing](http://www.impacttestonline.com/testing)
   Customer Code: 42GVV683BD

   If you are a Junior or haven’t had an ImPact test here at Canisius High School within the last 2 years, please take the time to take the ImPact Test at home on a Laptop or Desktop computer. This test cannot be taken on a cell phone or tablet. If you do not have access to Laptop or Desktop computer please notify your Coach or Mrs. Keating. Simply go the site listed above and type in our school customer code.
SKI CLUB

Ski Club is going to be a bit different this year, but you can still head out to Holiday Valley. Below is the website to sign in and purchase the ski/snowboard pass of your choice and rentals at the student discounted rate. There will not be bus transportation this year due to social distancing and other restrictions.

Ski Club Schoology GROUP access code: 2XSPJ-GCWS6

Website: https://hv-hvnewyork.secure-cdn-na2.accessoticketing.com/embed/store.php?merchant_id=901027&emerchant_id=900901

    Username: MWCANISIU
    Password: canisius (password is all lowercase)

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Shick at shick@canisiushigh.org.

**Spread the word...**

Please tell your friends about the following:

**Crusader For The Day**
- 8\textsuperscript{th} grade boys and potential transfer students can spend a school day at Canisius to experience life at the school.
- Space is limited due to current distancing protocols.
- Select your day at canisiushigh.org/visit or call the admission office at 716.200.0236.

**Entrance & Scholarship Exam**
- Saturday, Dec. 5\textsuperscript{th} at Canisius High School.
- Please complete the Diocese of Buffalo standard Catholic high school application prior to the Entrance Exam
- For other dates, call the admission office at 716.200.0236.

**Tours**
- Families considering Canisius can discover all the school offers during a private tour.
- Please call the admission office at 716.200.0236 to schedule a tour or go to canisiushigh.org/tours

**Seventh Grade Practice Exam**
- Boys currently in 7\textsuperscript{th} grade can take a version of the high school entrance exam for practice at no cost.
- Choose either date – March 6 or April 24

**Canisius High School Parents’ Association (CHSPA)**
The Canisius High School Parents’ Association would like to wish the entire Canisius community a happy and healthy holiday season!

- **Holiday Wreath & Poinsettia Sale – Drive Thru Pick Up on Thursday, December 3\textsuperscript{rd}**
  1pm - 6pm in front of the CHS Kennedy Field House Foyer (Blue Doors)
Instructions on the pick-up process will be e-mailed prior to 12/3. Any orders not picked up on 12/3 will be donated to the school. Volunteers are needed to coordinate and distribute orders of festive holiday décor. Please contact Co-Chairs: Leslie Fogg’23 laofogg@gmail.com & Terri Murray’23 tgm82@hotmail.com

CHSPA Meeting – Tuesday, January 12th @ 7pm - Montante Cafeteria
All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please note that the Mother Son Dinner Dance, originally scheduled for January, has been postponed to April. The Father & Son Mass & Breakfast was also postponed until a later date. More details on both events to follow.

GAMBIT XLVI
March 20, 2021

Lots of changes have gone on this year with GAMBIT. Colleen Sellick, our former Director of Special Events, has retired after 13 extraordinary years. But we have not let her go far, Colleen has graciously agreed to share her knowledge and consult with Kelly Wilkens, the new Director of Special Events. We are so grateful for her continued support of Canisius!

GAMBIT XLVI, Canisius High School’s major fundraising event is going virtual! We were unable to celebrate our 150th year in 2020, but look forward to doing it in 2021 at the virtual event. This year will look a little different, not only because we will be virtual, but also because we will be including more opportunities for you and your family to participate and support Canisius.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

GAMBIT Home for the Holidays online auction (canisiushigh.org/gifts)
December 2-6, 2020
• Help us finish the year strong and do some holiday shopping at the same time!

2nd Annual GAMBIT Bowl online auction
February 3- 7, 2021
• Do you know someone who loves sports memorabilia? Visit our GAMBIT Bowl auction in February, our list of items puts even the biggest collector to shame

GAMBIT XLVI online auction and virtual event (canisiushigh.org/gambit)
March 20, 2021
• This will be a virtual event you don’t want to miss! Visit our GAMBIT website to learn more about the event and to purchase your BLUE & GOLD tickets.

*Please note that all confirmed 2020 GAMBIT XLVI reservations will automatically become GAMBIT BLUE & GOLD ticket holders for our March 20, 2021 virtual event!
HOW YOU CAN HELP

• Become a **SPONSOR** on behalf of your family or company or add to your 2020 sponsorship with a matching donation!

• We are grateful for your gift donation in any price range to our GAMBIT auctions. Login and **DONATE** an auction item or for your convenience visit one of our online gift registries below. All auction donors from 2020 will be included in our 2021 event catalog.

  **Annarlette** - corner of Main and Eggert Roads, Eggertsville
  **Jenss Décor** - Maple Road in Amherst, or Abbott Road in Orchard Park or go to [jenssdecor.com](http://jenssdecor.com); event name is GAMBIT
  **Pottery Barn** – check out the registry at [potterybarn.com](http://potterybarn.com) (first name Canisius and last name Gambit)

  **Gift Cards from Amazon or Target are welcome!**

  Donations can be dropped off at the GAMBIT Office, 1193 Delaware Avenue (across from the school), between 8am and 4pm, Monday thru Friday.

• **FUND THE FUTURE** of a young man by “raising your virtual paddle” to endow the Jesuit Founders Scholarship, honoring the dedication and commitment of the Jesuits who have served Canisius for 150 years.

Your continued support of Canisius has a tremendous impact on the lives of our students. We hope that you will logon to our online auctions, bid high and often to help ensure that a Canisius education remains exceptional for another 150 years!

For more information, please contact Kelly Wilkens, Director of Special Events, [wilkens@canisiushigh.org](mailto:wilkens@canisiushigh.org) or 716.200.0220.

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**CAMPUSS STORE**

*Our online store is open. Shop anytime for your back to school needs at [canisiushigh.myshopify.com](http://canisiushigh.myshopify.com).*

*If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to work in the Campus Store, please contact Sue Hann at [Hann@canisiushigh.org](mailto:Hann@canisiushigh.org)*