February 2021

6      Registration – Class of 2025 10:00am – 1:00pm
8      Walkathon Holiday – NO CLASSES
9      Registration – Class of 2025 5:00pm – 7:00pm
9      CHSPA Meeting 7:00pm
11     Registration – Class of 2025 5:00pm – 7:00pm
15     Presidents’ Day – NO CLASSES
15     John 1:5 Retreat
16-19  Winter Break – NO CLASSES

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

Campus Ministry Junior Retreats

Three more John 1:5 Retreats for juniors have been scheduled. John 1:5 is a one-day (8 am – 10 pm) retreat held on campus at the Center for the Arts. Space is limited to 15 juniors.

- Dates: February 15 (during break); March 19 (non-class day); March 31 (class day)
- URGENT DEADLINE: All applications are due by Friday, February 5th.
- Applications can be picked up in the Campus Ministry Center.
- Signed applications can be returned to the Campus Ministry Center or sent electronically to ahrens@canisiushigh.org.

News from the Guidance Center

Guidance webpage

Reminders for seniors:
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. Seniors are strongly encouraged to continue checking their email and Schoology accounts for ongoing important information from the Guidance and Counseling Office.

Our webpage of college acceptances is live! Visit it here to see where our seniors have been recently accepted.
Please remember to follow up with your Regular Decision applications to ensure that colleges have a complete file including your application, test scores (if applicable), and recommendations. Counselors will complete sending midyear grades to colleges within the first few weeks of February.

As a reminder to both parents and students, a wide range of information can be found on our comprehensive Guidance website regarding scholarship applications. We continue to email students scholarship opportunities worth thousands of dollars and unfortunately, they are usually ignored. 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 college 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 introduce Scoir, a new web-based platform, to all of our juniors. 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 and transcripts to colleges.

Parents will receive a separate invitation to an upcoming informational zoom session about Scoir on February 1 and February 23.

Sophomores:
Career Exploration class has begun. The main focus of class is to implement the Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI). Based on individual responses, students will learn how their personality type will help determine their career cluster and facilitate researching various careers using O*Net. Other topics include: stress resilience and mindfulness, character development, introduction to Scoir, top factors of college admissions, and summer opportunities.

Course selection:
Course selection for the 2021-2022 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.

Important websites:
SAT website: College Board
ACT website: ACT
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.

NCAA website: begin registration here
**2021-2022 Course Selection**

- During the month of February, students will select courses for the 2021-2022 school year. Administrators and counselors will meet with students during designated gold periods or during Guidance classes 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 2021-2022 Course Catalog will be available on Schoology. Please direct any questions about course selection to your son’s counselor or 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 28th - July 30th, 2021**

- 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 late-February. Registration will be open through Monday, May 10, 2021.
- **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.

**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:

February Sports Clinics
- For boys in grades 6-8; week of Feb. 15
- Two-day clinics for baseball, basketball, football, or speed & strength
- $10 each
- Sign up at canisiushigh.org/winter

Crusader For The Day
- 8th 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
- Offered Wednesdays at noon at Canisius High School.
- Contact the admission office at 716.200.0236 to reserve a space, or schedule the exam on a different date.
- Please complete the Diocese of Buffalo standard Catholic high school application prior to exam.

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

Seventh Grade Practice Exam
- Boys currently in 7th grade can take a version of the high school entrance exam for practice at no cost.
- Choose either date – March 6 or April 24
- Sign up at canisiushigh.org/practiceexam

GAMBIT XLVI Goes Virtual – Canisius High Schools major fundraising event!
February 3 – 7, 2021 – GAMBIT Bowl Sports Memorabilia Online Auction
March 20, 2021 – Virtual Event and Auction

We were unable to celebrate our 150th year in 2020, but look forward to doing it in 2021 at the virtual event.

Mark your calendars – you don’t want to miss these great events!!!

2nd Annual GAMBIT Bowl online auction (canisiushigh.org/gifts)
February 3- 7, 2021
- 47 Sports memorabilia items in one auction! Hockey, Football, Baseball and Basketball, we have it all!
  - Josh Allen autographed helmet
  - Jim Kelly autographed framed jersey
- Wayne Gretzky autographed stick
- an Orange seat signed by Bob McAdoo from the iconic Buffalo Memorial Auditorium, and SO MUCH MORE!!!

- **Check out our items**, make your bids and make sure you don’t get outbid! The auction opens on February 3rd and closes on Super Bowl Sunday at 10pm.
- Share with your friends, help spread the word. Help Canisius have the best GAMBIT Bowl ever!
- Out of town shipping costs will be charged to the winning bidder.

**GAMBIT XLVI online auction and virtual event** (canisiushigh.org/gambit)

March 20, 2021 – 7pm

Visit our **GAMBIT** website to learn more about the event and to purchase your BLUE & GOLD tickets.

With a Blue and Gold ticket, you will receive an Auction Catalog and a GAMBIT Gala Dinner Box for pick up on March 20th which includes:

- A wonderful dinner from Rich’s Catering
- A bottle of wine from the Azcuénaga Vineyard in Argentina
- Signature drink
- and a GAMBIT gift.

*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**

- **FUND THE FUTURE** of a young man now 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. Use the link above to show your support.
- **Volunteer** – We are going to need help delivering Auction Catalogs the week of March 8. Contact Kelly Wilkens at wilkens@canisiushigh.org for more details!
- Become a **SPONSOR** on behalf of your family or company or add to your 2020 sponsorship with a matching donation!

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 or 716.200.0220.
Canisius High School Parents’ Association (CHSPA)

The Canisius High School Parents’ Association would like to wish the entire Canisius community a Happy New Year and hope that the entire Canisius community celebrated a joyous and healthy holiday season with loved ones. A special thank you to Co-Chairs: Leslie Fogg ‘23 & Terri Murray ‘23 and the volunteers who helped with the Wreath and Poinsettia Sale in December. On behalf of Campus Ministry and the CHSPA, thank you to all of you who participated in this fundraiser and helped make it a success!

Mother Son Dinner Dance
This event has been tentatively rescheduled for April 17th, if Covid-19 restrictions allow. If the restrictions continue and the event cannot be held on this date, it will be cancelled. An Eventbrite link with ticket information and additional details will be shared through School Messenger mid March.

Post Prom Party – May 7, 2021
The CHSPA is looking for co-chairs for this event. This involves coordinating donations of small gifts for attendees, food trucks, game vendors, other refreshments, decorations, and a small committee. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer LoTempio at jlotempio33@gmail.com

Post Graduation Dinner – May 20, 2021
The CHSPA is looking for two underclassmen parent volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Eskra at jennifereskra@gmail.com

CHSPA Meeting – Tuesday, February 9th @ 7pm
We will be having a virtual CHSPA meeting on Tuesday, February 9th at 7 pm for anyone who would like to attend. Please email jennifereskra@gmail.com if interested. A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent out prior to the meeting. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Nominations for CHSPA officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) should be submitted to Jennifer LoTempio before the April 13th CHSPA meeting. Names, including your own, should be sent via text (716-316-1993) or email at jlotempio33@gmail.com

CAMPUS STORE

Our online store is open. Shop anytime for your back to school needs at 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