November

9  CHSPA Meeting, 7:00pm
10  Sophomore Parent Night, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
11  **Veterans Day – School and Offices Closed**
12  Faculty Day – No Classes
14  Father/Son Communion Mass & Breakfast 8:30am – 9:30am
15  Blood Drive
17  Fine Arts Night 7:00pm
20  Entrance Exam 9:00am – 12:00pm
24-26  **Thanksgiving Recess, School and Offices Closed**

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

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

- Report cards will be available on PowerSchool after 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021.
- Due to the pandemic, in order to limit the number of people in the building, only one parent per student may attend Parent Teacher Conference.
- Bring a copy of your son’s report card or a list of his teachers, as report cards will not be available at school for Parent Teacher Conferences.
- Teacher locations will be posted in the foyer, and teachers will meet with parents in the Library, Beecher Cafeteria and Montante Cafeteria.

**Advanced Placement Exam Information 2022**
The 2022 AP Exams will be administered in schools as paper-and-pencil exams over two weeks in May: May 2–6 and May 9–13.

Students wishing to challenge an Advanced Placement Exam should see their Counselor for a challenge form. All challenge forms and payment must be received by November 8, 2021. Students should submit a completed challenge form and payment to Mrs. Battin in the Principal’s Office. Challenge forms will not be accepted after November 8th.

Students enrolled in an AP course have already joined the AP class using their College Board accounts and a join code that was distributed to students during the first week of school. This enrollment automatically orders an AP exam for the student. **No action is needed by the student or parent to facilitate an AP exam order.**

The College Board has established a $96.00 exam fee for each AP exam. This fee will be billed with the November Smart Tuition invoice, or an invoice will be mailed home if tuition has been paid in full.

Please contact Mrs. Michele Battin, battin@canisiushigh.org, if you have any questions about the 2022 AP Exams.

The 2022 AP Exam schedule:
https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates
Seniors:
Seniors have been busy! By November 1, more than 125 college applications have been processed for early action and early decision deadlines. Kudos to those seniors’ diligence and motivation! We strongly encourage ALL seniors to continue working hard in their classes and to meet with their school counselor individually. As always, meetings with parents are also welcome.

Many college campuses are open! Register for your campus tour or attend open houses during the weekends in fall. This is helpful in your college search and decision-making process. As incentive, some colleges even award scholarships for visiting their campuses. For the most accurate and updated information about visiting any campus, please go to each college’s website or use your Scoir account. If you are unable to actually visit college campuses, students and parents have access to online virtual tours of campuses through Scoir.

For those seniors choosing to use their test scores, please remember that official scores must be sent directly from the College Board and/or ACT to the colleges. Students must log into their College Board and/or ACT accounts to facilitate this process. Please plan accordingly as the additional processing time can take several weeks during this hectic application season.

After submitting your application, be on the lookout for colleges to send you a link to create an online portal that will identify any missing documents needed to complete your application and also serve as a direct line of communication. Keep your counselors in the loop too!

Parents: financial aid forms are now available. The FAFSA is the FREE federal financial aid form. For those applying for NYS aid, please complete those forms immediately after completing your FAFSA. The link (HESC) will automatically appear if you include a NYS college in your FAFSA. The CSS Profile is only required by specific colleges and can be accessed through the College Board website.

The recording of our financial aid night zoom can be accessed here:
https://zoom.us/rec/share/DqMCnKAb2mt8luzBH8AiBZm9WqrwrMFHXFvhTR_aDNAxK4w_8of0j5N2OE2pNaC0.5VNdIQ3x2K4Q51rh
Access Passcode (including the period): EgM^36@.

Juniors and sophomores:
PSAT results can be accessed in the beginning of December. In lieu of their free period/study hall, counselors will begin the College Planning class for juniors and the Career Exploration class for sophomores after January exams.

Freshmen:
Counselors will review Pre-ACT results with freshmen in December. As we continue meeting with all of you, kindly remember to return your freshman information sheet to your counselor.

Upcoming Events:
Sophomore Parent Information Night:
Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30pm
- Presented by the school counselors.
- Overview of sophomore year: academics, social development, standardized testing and college.
- Seniors will speak about their high school experience.

Important websites:
SAT website: College Board
ACT website: ACT
NCAA website: begin registration here
Spread the word…

Please tell your friends about the following:

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
- November 20, 2021 at Canisius High School.
- Please complete the Diocese of Buffalo standard Catholic high school application prior to the Entrance Exam.

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.

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 FormReleaf 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

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
   Customer Code: 42GVV6B3BD

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.

Start Dates for Winter Try-outs:

Squash - Nov. 8 at 6pm at Nardin Athletic Center
Coach Joyce (joycesteve1@gmail.com)

Hockey - Fr/Soph Open Skates – Nov. 8, 9 (3:15-4:30 at North Buffalo)
  Jr/Sr Open Skates – Nov. 8, 9 (4 – 5:30 at Buff St.)
  Coach Belsito (belsito@canisiushigh.org)

Bowling - practices from 3:45-5:30 at Mallwitz Lanes
Contact Coach Kwiatkowski for dates (mkwiatkowski@canisiushigh.org)

Swim - Juniors and Seniors – 11/15 at 6:30am, Freshmen and Sophomores – 11/16 at 6:30am
Basketball - Freshmen start on 11/15 at 5pm in the Kennedy Field House

Wrestling - workouts begin on 11/15 at 3:15 pm in Wrestling Room

CHSPA (Canisius High School Parents Association)

**November Meeting**
CHANGE OF LOCATION: Tuesday, November 9th at 7pm in the Brady Conference Room

**Father/Son Communion Mass & Breakfast**
Sunday, November 14th, 2021

Mass 8:30am at St. Michael Church, 651 Washington Street, Buffalo

Breakfast following Mass at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, 153 Franklin Street, Buffalo
Keynote Speaker Erik Brady ’72, Journalist

Cost $35 per person available online at [https://chspafathers21.eventbrite.com](https://chspafathers21.eventbrite.com)
Reservations kindly requested by Sunday, November 7th.

Please email the Canisius High School Parents Association at CHSPA@canisiushigh.org with any questions.

**Wreath & Poinsettia Sale**

Help support Campus Ministry and buy your holiday décor from CHS! Order forms will be emailed in mid-November with Pick-up on December 3, 2021.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Please see the following Sign-up Genius link to sign up for newly added volunteer opportunities, Family Mass & Breakfast and Mother/Son Dinner Dance:


*Thank you to all who supported the 2021 Fashion and Ferrari event! The money raised will be used to off-set the cost of events, such as, the Mother/Son Dinner Dance, Post Prom Party, and Family Mass & Breakfast and a generous gift will be made to enhance student life at Canisius.*

**GAMBIT XLVII – March 26, 2022**

Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday, Nov. 16 – Northtowns and Freshman Parents Gift Gathering Party
Park Country Club, Amherst – Join parents, alumni and friends of Canisius for food, beverage and great company while supporting GAMBIT!

Wednesday, Dec. 1 – Southtowns Gift Gathering Party
Orchard Park Country Club – for all of our Southtowns parents and friends.

Friday, Dec. 3 – Ladies Gift Gathering Breakfast
The Buffalo Club – for all CHS moms and friends, past and present.
Saturday, March 26 – GAMBIT XLVII at Canisius High School
We’re looking forward to celebrating CHS with all of you!

To RSVP to any of the above gift gathering parties please call our GAMBIT RSVP line at 716-200-0224 or contact Kelly Wilkens at willens@canisiushigh.org.

Can’t make a Gift Gathering Party? You can always drop off a gift for our auction to the GAMBIT office – 1193 Delaware Ave. (across the street from the school)

Gift Registries

We are grateful for a gift of your choice to donate to our major fundraiser, in any price range. If you want the ease of using a gift registry, we have signed up with several stores and online sites for your convenience:

Jenss Décor – Located on Maple Rd. in Amherst or Abbott Road in Orchard Park. You can also go to jenssdecor.com to look at our registry (event name: GAMBIT)

Pottery Barn, Williams Sonoma and West Elm – (first name: Canisius and last name: GAMBIT)
Pottery Barn Registry
Williams Sonoma Registry
West Elm Registry

Student Raffle

Our GAMBIT raffle drive will begin in December so stay tuned! This voluntary effort by students raised over $40,000 last year and the students earned great incentives!

Calling all VOLUNTEERS!

Join our Decorations Committee, help with gift prep for the auction, help with set up or help the night of!

Consider joining one of our many volunteer committees. We are assembling our committees and urge your participation in the school’s major fundraising event. 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

Help us to create a successful 47th year!

Interested in being a Sponsor, Advertiser or Underwriter of GAMBIT?

Go to canisiushigh.org/sponsorships or contact the GAMBIT office (wilkens@canisiushigh.org) for more information.

MARCH 26, 2022 – GAMBIT XLVII
Thank you so much for your support!

CAMPUS STORE

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