

August 14, 2019

Parents:

Welcome to the 2019 - 2020 school year! As you begin planning for this school year, the Counselors at Charlotte Catholic would like to take this opportunity to update you on the programs we will be offering to you and to your students during this school year. We also want to take the opportunity to welcome our new counselor Meagan Burellii (A-Con). The counselors meet with students individually at least once a year and then on an as needed/requested basis. We are here to address academic, social, and emotional concerns as well as preparing them for college and we encourage students to reach out to us throughout the school year.

We hope that you will take the time to read over this letter and make plans to schedule some time to attend our information programs and also take the opportunity to speak with your student about the grade level programs we will provide for them during the school year.

New to MACS (10/11/12 grades): August 19, 2019, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Orientation for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students who are new to Charlotte Catholic High School.

Freshman Orientation: August 20, 2019, 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM. (Freshmen) Each counselor will meet with the incoming freshmen in their alphabet group during the Freshmen Orientation program.

College Application Process Review: August 26, 2019. (Seniors) Counselors will review college application procedures with seniors in classes.

Application Boot Camp for Seniors: August 25 or September 15 or October 6, 2019, from 12 – 4:00 (Library). (Seniors) Pre-registration is required – look for a google doc sign-up later this month in an email to seniors. Counselors will be available to assist students as they work on their college applications. Funding is provided through a grant from the CCHS Foundation.

Senior Parent Night: August 27, 2019 @ 6:30 PM (Chapel). (Senior Parents) This program will highlight the college application process for parents and upcoming events for senior year from administration.

Freshmen Parent Q&A: September 18 or September 19, 2019 @ 8:00 AM (Library). (Freshmen Parents) Counselors will talk about freshmen programming and answer questions from parents at this informal meeting.

Junior and Senior Parents Financial Aid Night: September 25, 2019 @ 6:30 PM (Library). (Junior & Senior Parents) The Counseling Department hosts a college financial aid expert to speak about applying for financial aid and scholarships.

Freshmen Meet and Greet: (Freshmen) Counselors will meet individually with each of their freshmen during the first quarter. As always, students are encouraged to come see us, email us questions or request appointments anytime they have a question or concern.

10th & 11th Grade Parent/Student College Admission Panel Night: October 1, 2019 @ 7:00 PM (Chapel). (Sophomore & Junior Parents & Students) College Admission Representatives from a variety of different universities will give an overview of college admissions from each of their schools to help parents and students see the similarities and differences in the admissions process among colleges.

PSAT: October 16, 2019. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT that morning at CCHS.

Suicide Prevention Program: (Freshmen) Counselors will host a Suicide Awareness and Prevention program to all freshmen in their first or second semester health classes. Parents will receive an email with the specific dates and details closer to the program dates.

Juniors Nuts & Bolts of College Admissions: November 13, 2019. (Juniors) Counselors will present an overview to juniors of what they need to know about researching, choosing and applying to college.

Junior Parent Program: November 13, 2019 @ 6:30 PM (Chapel) or November 14, 2019 @ 8:00 AM (Library). (Junior Parents) The ***Nuts & Bolts of College Admission*** for parents – a thorough overview of what students and parents need to know about researching, choosing and applying to college.

Freshmen Classroom Program: November 25, 2019. (Freshmen) Counselors will teach freshmen how to access and use Naviance, our college and career planning web-based program.

Sophomore Parent Q&A: January 21, 2020 @ 8:00 AM (Library). (Sophomore Parents) Counselors will talk about sophomore programming and answer questions from parents during this informal session.

Sophomore Classroom Program: January 21, 2020. (Sophomores) Counselors will present grade level guidance and college counseling program to sophomore classes.

9th, 10th & 11th Parent PSAT Interpretation: February 25, 2020 @ 6:30 PM, (Library). (Parents) Counselors will help parents interpret the PSAT results.

Academy Day – April, 2020 (date and time TBD). (Open to all) Representatives from all the US military academies will present information on their academy admission process.

SAT Prep Class at CCHS: 8:30 – 12:40 for 4 Saturdays leading up to the October or the March test dates. Pre-registration and payment information available on the CCHS Online School Store – space is limited.

September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019 for October 5th SAT.
February 8, 22, 29 and March 7, 2020 for March 14th SAT.

SAT at CCHS: CCHS students are encouraged to take the SAT at CCHS by registering on College Board (www.collegeboard.org) for the following test dates:

August 24, 2019	October 5, 2019
November 2, 2019	December 7, 2019
March 14, 2020	May 2, 2020

ACT: The ACT is offered at area public schools. Students can register for the ACT test on the ACT website: www.ACTStudent.org.

AP Exams: Students in AP classes will take their AP exams the weeks of 5/4/2020 – 5/15/2020. The AP Exam fee for each test will be required to be paid in August.

Please visit the Charlotte Catholic High School Counseling page on the CCHS Website, www.CharlotteCatholic.org; it can be found under the Departments Link on the homepage. Please read each of the different sections on our page for more information about course selection, the High School & College Planning Handbook, Naviance, Standardized testing, etc. There are links for College Board (SAT) and the ACT (ACT test); Khan Academy test prep, college application website links, etc.

We encourage each of your students to come see us anytime they have questions or concerns – the more we see them, the better we get to know them which helps everyone down the road as they begin their college process. We welcome parents to contact us, too; if you wish to see us, we ask that you make an appointment by emailing us or calling us with some dates and times that work with you so we can schedule a meeting.

Phew! We know this is a lot of information to process. We hope you made note of these programs on your calendars and agendas so you can attend and also discuss the student programs with your students.

Please, remember to read the Daily Announcements – programs, updates and important information comes your way each and every day. It is important for both students and parents to read the Daily Announcements to avoid missing special events, programs and deadlines. Especially deadlines!!

Thank you for taking the time to read this lengthy informational letter and we wish each of you and your students a productive and successful school year.

Sincerely,

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