

CAMDEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2017

Dear Camden Catholic Families:

As the calendar turns to August 1, we know that September is just around the corner. We hope that you have taken time this summer to rest and rejuvenate.

As usual, we have had a busy summer at CCHS. During July we had multiple camps and summer programs around the building and on the fields. We also are in the process of completing Phase 2 of our exciting project to update our library to the Ethel Mae Hocker Information Commons. This year, students will be greeted by new furniture and up to date collaborative learning areas in our already outstanding space.

This summer we also welcomed several new members to our administrative team at CCHS. Ms. Eileen Wilkinson has joined us our Vice-Principal for Academic Affairs, and Ms. Ann Clinton is our Vice-Principal for Student Services. Mr. Howie Sexton is our new Admissions Director, and Mrs. Jennifer Van Es is our new Advancement Coordinator. We wish both Mrs. Colleen Walsh and Mrs. Lindsay Scheuer the best of luck as they leave CCHS to pursue different opportunities.

For the fifth year in a row, we will have an incoming freshman class of 200 students from over 80 schools in South Jersey. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the class of 2021 and their families to Camden Catholic High School. We encourage both parents and students to get involved in our school community and become an active part of our school. You are a part of a community with a rich history. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunities we have to offer.

We are looking forward to the 2017-18 school year and welcoming our students back to this school building. We are consistently impressed with their ability to take each day and work to exceed expectations on all levels. With a true connection to their faith in God and drive to be successful, our students define our mission of developing life-long learners and leaders. Thank you for working with us to shape and mold such great people.

We look forward to seeing you in September. Best wishes for the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

Mary Whipkey

President

Heather Crisci

Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The following items are included in your summer mailing:

- Follett Virtual Bookstore Information
- 2017-18 Course List for ordering textbooks

The following items can be found on the school website – www.camdencatholic.org

- This August/September Newsletter
- Dress Code
- Summer Assignments
- Information from the Health Office
- Student Handbook

The following will be given to students on the first day of school to be signed and returned:

- Emergency Contact Form
- Handbook Signature Page

STUDENT INFORMATION

Camden Catholic High School uses Ren Web (www.renweb.com) for our student information system. Families use Ren Web to access school information, announcements, calendars, class information, and grades. We also use Ren Web as our school alert system. New Camden Catholic families will receive information via email about their Ren Web accounts. To update Family Demographic information, please log into Ren Web. Click on Family Information, then select the Online Filing Cabinet (located bottom left). Choose the Family Demographic Form, then choose the proper form you would like to update. Please make sure to save your changes at the bottom of each form. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Buroojy at (856) 663-2247 ext. 114.

All families **MUST** have an active email address to receive school alerts and messages. It is important to update all contact information now.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT REMINDERS

Summer Reading: All students have an assigned summer reading for their 2017-18 English class. Please go to the CCHS website and check for 2017 Summer Assignments. The first assignments in English classes will be based on summer reading.

Summer Math Assignments: All incoming freshmen in **Algebra I** and **Algebra 1 Honors** and all students taking **Algebra II, Algebra II Honors and Pre-Calculus** courses this year must complete a summer math assignment. Math assignments are listed on our website. Students have to print the math assignment and then submit the completed assignment to their Math teachers on the first day of class. These assignments will be graded. *The assignment for Pre-Calculus was given to students in June.

Honors and Advanced Placement Classes: Some Honors and AP teachers gave their students summer assignments in June. AP summer assignments may also be posted on our website.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Opening Days of School:

Wednesday, September 6th, 2017: **Grades 10, 11, 12**, 11:57 am dismissal. Mass & Orientation. Freshmen do **NOT** report to school. Students must be in uniform.

Thursday, September 7th, 2017: **Freshman** Link Crew Orientation for all 9th graders. 11:57 am dismissal. Students should wear **casual clothes**. We suggest sneakers, shorts and t-shirts. Please do not bring bags, backpacks, or purses. Flyer with more details is included in this mailing.

Friday, September 8th, 2017: **Freshman full day orientation**, 2:37 pm dismissal. Mass and orientation. Students must be in uniform. **Freshmen must bring their lunch on September 8th. The dining hall will not serve lunch on September 8th.**

Monday, September 11th, 2017: ALL students 9-12 have a **full day** of school and must be in uniform.

Freshman Parent Orientation: Freshman Parents are invited to a Freshman Parent Orientation on September 5, 2017 at 7 pm in the dining hall. During this **parent only** evening, you will get important information about what to expect during the school year.

Bus Transportation: The regular to and from school transportation will begin on Wednesday, September 6th, 2017. Your local school district is responsible for informing you of the bus stop and pick-up time. For information please call your local school district or contact Rebecca Crowell at 856-663-2247 x 117.

Reminder: **There is no late bus service.** Students who remain after school for any activity must provide their own transportation home and must be picked up immediately after the activity has ended.

Cafeteria: The dining hall will begin serving lunch on Monday, September 11, 2017. Students should bring cash to purchase lunch for the first three weeks of school.

Myschoolbucks (www.myschoolbucks.com) is the POS system for payment in the dining hall. Students can pay cash or their ID card to pay using their myschoolbucks account. Once an account is set up money can be added to account. The student ID number is needed to set up account and can be found on the student ID cards which will be distributed to students within the first two weeks of school.

Back-to- School Night: Back-to-School Night will be held on **Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. It is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teachers and hear what they expect during the school year. We look forward to seeing you there. Each student's schedule will be available in your child's homeroom. Parents who have more than one child enrolled may follow whichever schedule they choose. The program will begin with a short presentation by the Administration in the Auditorium. The schedule of classes will begin at 7:30 pm, with 7 minute periods and 4 minutes for passing time. The program will include a few minutes for refreshments during your child's lunch period and will end with time to socialize.

School Supplies: Students will be given supply information on the first day of classes. **Students must have a TI 30X calculator. Students in Calculus must have the TI 83+ graphing calculator.**

Water Bottles: The Class of 2017 generously donated several water filling stations located around the school. In light of this generous gift, students may carry approved water bottles that will be sold in the CCHS store at the start of the school year for \$5.00. This clear plastic water bottle is the only approved bottle and is for water only. Juice, soda, fruit infused water, etc. are not permitted. Students should write their name on the bottle with a permanent marker for identification. Non-authorized bottles and beverages will be confiscated, and students will be subject to disciplinary action.

School Calendar: The school calendar can be found on Ren Web and Camden Catholic's website. Families are encouraged to check regularly for current information and updates.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Affairs can be reached at extension 124.

Dress Code: All uniform guidelines can be found in the Student Handbook and on our website. We have made minor changes to the uniform. We will be phasing out the khaki pants for boys. Current boys in grades 10-12 may continue to wear Flynn and O'Hara Khaki pants. Students in 9th grade will wear grey pants only. Boys will be permitted to have neatly groomed facial hair. There is also an addition for girls. Starting this year, girls will be permitted to wear Flynn and O'Hara grey slacks instead of the plaid kilt. Girls who choose to wear the plaid kilt must have their skirts hemmed within 2" of the knee and will continue to wear black tights all year. Please see the Student Handbook for full details.

Arrival Procedures: Upon arriving at school students may enter through the back gym entrance from 7:15 am until 8:15 am. Students can go to their lockers, homeroom, the library, or have breakfast in the dining hall. All students must be in their homeroom by the 8:11 bell. Any student not in homeroom by

the 8:15 bell is considered late for school. All doors to the school are locked at 8:15 am. Students who are late to school must report to the back cafeteria entrance, Door C 2, and sign in with the Office of Student Affairs in Room 114. All visitors must enter through the Main Office doors from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm. Guests must sign-in, show identification, and receive a visitor's pass prior to leaving the Main Office area.

Parking Lot: Parents and guardians are reminded that the main driveway is **ONE WAY** at all times. This is necessary to allow the busses access to the property and for the general safety of all. Parents please remind your student drivers that they too must observe the one way system in the parking lot; failure to do so can result in demerits, and/or the loss of their driving/parking privilege.

Parents who drive their children to school must drop passengers **at the rear of the building in the marked lane**. Cars are to pull forward to the end of the lane to drop off passengers. No stopping or standing is permitted in the driveway or unoccupied parking spaces or on Cuthbert Road. The speed limit in the parking lot is 15 m.p.h. For safety reasons, drivers picking up students at the end of the day **must** remain in their vehicles.

In the interest of parking lot safety, all parking spaces will be assigned. Students who drive to school beginning in September must purchase their parking spaces by **September 15, 2017**. Students who will commence driving later in the school year are required to purchase their space prior to the first day they begin driving to school. Students and parents must complete and sign the Student Parking Agreement, complete the Vehicle Registration Form and pay the \$50.00 fee before a parking space will be issued. Forms can be picked up and processed in the Student Affairs Office, Room 114. Failure to abide by the provisions of the parking agreement and/or illegal parking can result in demerits and the loss of one's parking privilege. Hangtags must be hung on the rearview mirrors. The Student Parking Agreement can be obtained from the Student Affairs Office, Room 114. Please make sure the Student Parking Agreement & Vehicle Registration form is complete, including parent and student signatures, before coming to the Student Affairs Office between 8:30 am and 2:30 pm to select a space.

Student Absence: A parent/guardian must call the school prior to 9 am on the day of the absence to report the student absent. Please call the absentee line at **(856) 663-2247 ext. 301**. In your message, indicate the student's name, grade, the name and relationship of the person calling, and the reason for absence. Upon returning from an absence, the student is to bring the completed official Camden Catholic absentee form and any supporting documentation (doctor's note, bereavement papers, court summons, etc.) to the Office of Student Affairs, Room 114 prior to 8:15 am. Forms can be found in the back of the CCHS student handbook, in the student planner, and on Ren Web.

We are asking that all families discuss the importance of attendance at school every day. While most students are in attendance at school each day, we have seen an increase in the number of family vacations during the school year. Family vacations are not excused school absences and may result in a negative impact on your child's grades and progress in school. We are asking that you ensure your students are in school each day.

Note: Students who have ten (10) or more unexcused absences in a semester can be issued failing semester grades for each class.

Student Lateness: Students are expected to be in their homerooms at the 8:11 am bell. A student who enters homeroom or the school building after the 8:15 am bell is considered late for school and must report to the Office of Student Affairs, Room 114 for a late pass to gain admission to homeroom. Late students who arrive before 8:30 am will be issued one demerit; students arriving after 8:30 am will receive two demerits. Students who arrive after 8:45 am with an unexcused lateness are not allowed to participate in athletic or other extracurricular activities that day. Students who accumulate ten demerits for lateness to school will serve the ten demerit detention and be enrolled in the On-Time Training Program.

After School Policy: Only students who have a supervised activity or permission from a school official may remain in the school building after dismissal. Students who are waiting for transportation home must report to the dining hall by 3:00 pm. Students waiting for rides will wait in our after school study hall. Students may not remain on school property after school hours unless attending an official school function or the after school study hall.

Official School Detention: Detentions are held on **Thursdays** from 2:45 until 5:00 pm. Students receive at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice; therefore students may not reschedule a detention.

Students are expected to be in complete dress code as they enter the school building each morning, starting on their assigned orientation day. All parents/guardians and students are encouraged to read the Student Handbook as there were a number of changes made for the 2017-18 school year.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Contact the Guidance department at extension 106 with questions or concerns.

Fall 2017 Programs for all High School Students and their Parents/Guardians:

Financial Aid Information Program

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Financial aid officials will clarify federal, state, scholarship and grant programs for higher education in the cafeteria.

College Fair

Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the school gym. Staff personnel from 150 colleges and universities will attend our college fair.

FAFSA Workshop

Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 pm in the school dining hall. Financial aid officials will assist parents in completing the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA).

ATHLETICS

Contact **Mr. Derrick Levine, Athletic Director at extension 129** if you have any questions regarding athletics.

Practice Schedules Monday-Friday Beginning August 14th

Football-Contact: Coach Nick Strom at nick.strom@camdencatholic.org

Official start of practice will begin on August 7th from 4:30-6 pm & 7-8:30 pm.

Field Hockey-Contact: Coach Mark Vittese at mark.vittese@camdencatholic.org

Official start of practice will begin on August 14th from 5-8 pm. Saturday 8-10 am.

Boys Soccer-Contact: Coach Varsay Lewis at varsay.lewis@camdencatholic.org. Official start of practice will begin on August 14th from 8-10 am.

Girls Soccer-Contact: Coach Cathy Johnson at cathy.johnson@camdencatholic.org

Official start of practice will begin on August 14th from 9-11 am.

Cross Country-Contact: Coach Dennis Quinn at [609-980-7299](tel:609-980-7299).

Official start of practice will begin on August 14th. For more information on practice times and location please contact Coach Quinn.

Volleyball-Contact: Coach Melanie Kaiser at melanie.kaiser@camdencatholic.org

Official start of practice will begin on August 14th from 4:30-6-30 pm.

Cheerleading- Contact: Coach Lauren McLean at lauren.mclean@camdencatholic.org & Kyrstlin Ziegler at kyrstlin.ziegler@camdencatholic.org.

Athletic Speaker Series: This year is the first year of our CCHS Athletic Speaker series. Please keep an eye on our calendar and website for events designed to enhance the education of the whole person by providing information, support, and skills for success for our student athletes and parents. Our first event is our Athletic Communion Breakfast on September 17 featuring Rev. Rob Hagan, OSA as our speaker. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

PERFORMING ARTS INFORMATION

2017 Instrumental Music Camp: The camp is intended to acclimate new members to our program as well as refresh returning members. If you plan to perform with an instrumental ensemble this school year and/or are enrolled in an instrumental performance ensemble course, you should be present. Dress is casual and comfortable.

Schedule:

Monday, August 28 through Thursday, August 31

9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day

What you should bring:

- lunch and/or snack
- re-usable water bottle
- primary instrument and any necessary equipment
- three ring binder (no folders, etc.)
- pencil(s)

Please complete the registration form here: <https://sites.google.com/a/camdencatholic.org/camden-catholic-bands/home/2017-18-registration-form>

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Hallahan at charles.hallahan@camdencatholic.org.

2017 Choir Camp: Choir camp will take place August 30 – September 1 from 10 am – 1 pm. This camp is designed for those new to choir as well as returning vocalists. Please contact Mr. Gardner at Gregory.gardner@camdencatholic.org with any questions.

Dance team auditions will be held on 8/10 and 8/17 @ 6 pm in the CCHS Music Room. Please contact Mrs. Gillin for more information at Kelly.gillin@camdencatholic.org.

TUITION OBLIGATIONS

Thanks in advance for your responsibility to pay tuition for the excellent education your students are receiving. Please remember, **as of August 1, 2017** Camden Catholic will follow strict tuition policies and procedures, which have been verified by our Board of Trustees to be sure that Camden Catholic remains fiscally responsible. The following are the rules **stated in the tuition contract** to be strictly enforced.

1. All payments **60 days** late will receive a letter and students will **NOT** be able to participate in any practices, games, or after school activities or clubs. This includes dances or any trips. This will be strictly enforced. All coaches and moderators will receive this letter to make them aware. For example, if at the end of August if your tuition is 60 days late, your student will **NOT** be able to participate in the sport they practiced all summer. This policy will follow all year.
2. All payments **90 days** late will receive a letter and the student will be suspended and not able to return until their balance is paid in full. This disrupts the academic welfare of the student and it is not a favorable rule, however, I need all families to understand the school has bills to pay each month.
3. All families who have an invoice, may **NOT** pay at school. **ALL** payments must go through FACTS in one of three ways:
 - Online through FACTS (online.FACTSmgt.com)
 - Phone payment – **(866-441-4637)**
 - Check/Money order (be sure to put your customer number on the check)
FACTS MGT
PO Box 2597
Omaha, NE 68103-2597
4. All calls for balances, account changes, etc. must go through the Parent Information number provided by FACTS (866-441-4637) This is the service that FACTS provides to all families.
5. If you have not set up your username and password to make these things possible, you should call this Parent number above. Without a username and password you cannot do much on FACTS. It is part of your responsibility to manage your own tuition information.
6. All parents of seniors, please know that students do not walk in graduation or participate in senior trip and activities if balances are not paid by **May 1, 2018**.

HOMEROOMS

2017-2018

FRESHMEN

TEACHER

Ms. Joanne McTamney (A-Conte)
Mr. Robert Moffett (Contr-Fr)
Sister Eileen Rush (Fu-Ke)
Mr. Lance Privetera (Ki-Men)
Mr. Michael McNulty (Mer-Per)
Mrs. Kimberly Haddad (Pha-Spa)
Mr. Caleb Terry (Squ-Z)

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JUNIORS

TEACHER

Mr. Christopher Ehrmann (A-Cra)
Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher (Cro-Hig)
Ms. Pamela Palazzo (Hoa-Mal)
Mrs. Joann Rell (Man-Otr)
Mrs. Werner Kaiser (Pan-Spi)
Mrs. Donna Maccherone (Sto-Zie)

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SOPHOMORES

TEACHER

Mr. R. Pacana (A-Cl)
Mrs. Theresa Ryan-Szott (Co-Gal)
Mr. James Crawford (Gar-Kel)
Ms. Arlene Magnaye (Ken-Mos)
Mrs. Ilana Fireman (Mur-Qui)
Mr. Robert Cranston (Ray-Tab)

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SENIORS

TEACHER

Mr. Michael DeMeo (A-D'A)
Ms. Mary Sabato (Dar-Grah)
Mr. Arthur Martin (Gran-LI)
Mr. Anthony D'Antonio (Lis-O'C)
Mr. Matthew Crawford (Owe-Sen)
Mr. John Kearney (Smi-Zho)

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Uniform Purchasing Information

Flynn & O'Hara

Garden State Pavilions Shopping Center

2240 West Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, NJ 08022

(856) 931-8838

Call or check their website for hours.

Carl's Shoes

27 West Main Street

Moorestown, NJ 08057

856-235-6223

Call or check their website for hours.