



## CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

At this time the first trimester grades for your son are posted on-line. You can access them through the Parents/CAPA Resources section of the Chaminade website. You should follow the same procedure you used to view progress grades. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact us at [reportcard@chaminade-hs.org](mailto:reportcard@chaminade-hs.org). These grades are determined by the following formula: one-third for homework, class work, and quizzes; one-third for tests; and one-third for the trimester examinations. Please review them carefully with your son since they indicate very well his academic performance and achievement thus far this year.

I remind you that the Second Trimester begins on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Parent-student-teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The interview session will conclude at 8:30 p.m. If an interview has been requested by one of your son's teachers, please make every effort to attend. Your son should also attend, wearing full school attire. If you would like to speak to a teacher who has not requested an interview, you may also do so on that night.

As a reminder, please check the *Student Handbook* for procedures relating to weather emergencies. In recent years, some school districts have opted to invoke a "delayed opening" procedure. While this may have its advantages within the district, it severely complicates matters with regard to schools that lie outside the district. Students attend Chaminade from some 95 different school districts. One may be closed, another may be delayed, still another may be on time. Therefore, at Chaminade we do not employ a "delayed opening" schedule. Unless classes are canceled for the day, we will open on time. If necessary, homeroom would be extended until most buses arrive, but school will be open and students are expected to arrive as close to the regular time as possible. We have engaged SchoolMessenger, a messaging service, for contacting parents with important information (school closing, changes to major events, lockdowns, etc). This service will send a voice message to your home and cell phones, a text message to your cell phone, and an e-mail message. We will also continue to post school closing information via television, radio, and internet (News 12 and our website) as listed in the *Student Handbook*.

Please remember to send in your reservation for the Forty-Eighth Annual Chaminade Founders Dinner, being held on Thursday, January 25, 2018, at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. It is sponsored by the Chaminade Parents Club and all members of the Chaminade Family and their friends are invited. You may wish to contact other parents that you know from the neighborhood or through your son's involvement in a particular activity or a particular team to arrange a table. Please note that you are also most welcome to invite other friends of yours to join us. This event celebrates Blessed William Joseph Chaminade (Feast Day, January 22) and the work of Chaminade High School. We are especially happy to recognize Mr. Stephen Melley and Mary and Gus Nuzzolese as Founders at this year's dinner. I look forward to seeing you that evening. Reservations are due back by Thursday, January 11, 2018.

At the end of January, you will be receiving an invitation to attend the annual Communion breakfasts. The Freshman/Junior Communion Breakfast is on Sunday, March 4, 2018 and the Sophomore/Senior Communion Breakfast is on Sunday, March 11, 2018.

Parent volunteers are needed to help run the concession stand at the Activity-Athletic Center. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the coordinator, Doug Aidala (516) 248-2282.

As you know, Chaminade places great emphasis on sportsmanship in our athletic program. We promote healthy competition and respect for all involved: athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators. I thank you for your support in this endeavor. I have attached a copy of a letter from the chief administrators of the Catholic high schools promoting sportsmanship in all of our competitions.

Finally, remember to follow us on [www.facebook.com/chaminadehighschool](http://www.facebook.com/chaminadehighschool) or twitter@Chaminade\_HS. Also, please check out the Chaminade app in the App Store.

As we begin the new year, we are indeed grateful for the many blessings we have received. On behalf of the Marianist Community, the faculty, and the staff of Chaminade High School, I extend our prayers and best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year for you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Bro. Joseph Bellizzi, S.M. '78  
Principal

**REMINDER:**

**-FOUNDERS DINNER - Thursday, January 25, 2018**

**-COMMUNION BREAKFASTS:**

**FRESHMAN/JUNIOR - Sunday, March 4, 2018**

**SOPHOMORE/SENIOR - Sunday, March 11, 2018**