



CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

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My dear Parents,

At this time the second trimester grades for your son are posted on-line. You can access them through the “Parent/CAPA” section of the Chaminade website. You have already received directions on how to view the grades. If you experience any difficulties, please contact us at reportcard@chaminade-hs.org. Please review these grades carefully with your son, since they indicate his academic performance and achievement to this point in the school year. Parent-Student-Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and concluding at 8:30 p.m. If an interview has been requested by one of your son’s teachers, “YES” appears in the column next to the grade. Please make every effort to attend. Your son, wearing full school dress, should also attend this interview. If you would like to speak to a teacher who has not requested an interview, you may also do so on that night.

Chaminade has much good news to report from this past winter season. Academically, one Chaminade student was named a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, an additional eleven students were named Commended Students, and five students were recognized as Scholars in the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

After participating in invitational tournaments at Cornell University, Islip High School, Columbia High School near Albany, and Yale University, Science Olympiad’s Team A qualified for the State Tournament by placing 3rd out of 36 teams at this year’s Nassau West Regional Tournament in early February. The team went on to finish 13th out of 55 teams at the State Tournament in Syracuse. This year, New York had 440 high-school level Science Olympiad teams, meaning the team was 13th best out of those 440 teams. Students will soon participate in the Long Island Regional Envirothon on Wednesday, April 25, hoping to again qualify for the State Envirothon in May. The annual Art Contest will take place in early April and the award winners will be displayed soon after. It is always edifying to see the high caliber of work and talent demonstrated at these events. Such talent was also displayed at the spring musical, *The Adams Family*. We look forward to the annual Art Contest and the two spring concerts after Easter.

Additionally, the Speech and Debate Team has qualified seventy-three of its members for the New York State Championship, sixteen for the National Catholic Tournament, and seven of its members have qualified for the National Forensic League. *Tarmac* won New York State Press Association Best Overall Newspaper. This is the fourth straight year that *Tarmac* has been awarded this top honor over all other public and private newspapers in the state. *Skylight*, Chaminade’s literary magazine, took home Second Place honors from the American Scholastic Press Association for its three issues during the 2016-2017 school year.

In the athletic realm, Chaminade continues to demonstrate the qualities of sportsmanship and quality play. The Varsity Bowling Team captured 1st Place in the regular season and then went on to capture the league championship for the seventh consecutive season. Junior Varsity Basketball was the regular season and league champion. Varsity Basketball was the regular season champions. Junior Varsity Wrestling captured the regular season dual meet championship and were awarded the league Sportsmanship Award. In addition, Coach Scott Cole was named the Varsity Wrestling Co-Coach of the Year Award. Finally, Varsity Swimming was the CHSAA League Champions for the second year in a row and they too were awarded the league Sportsmanship Award. As always, we encourage a display of sportsmanship on the part of the coaches, players, students, and parents who attend all of the athletic competitions. We are grateful to the members of the Chaminade Pep Band and many spirited fans for their support of our athletic program. We are especially grateful to the Parents Club for all their assistance in running the concession stand and the spirit sales in the Activity-Athletic Center for the winter season.

Throughout the winter months, Chaminade has been pleased to host many events. Congratulations to the Parents Club on the success of the two Communion Breakfasts. We had outstanding attendance for the breakfasts. Over 950 people were able to join together to celebrate the Eucharist, share a delicious breakfast, and listen to the inspiring presentations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the over two hundred parents who generously assisted in the preparation and serving of the Communion Breakfasts. It was truly a family affair.

In addition to the Communion Breakfasts as a Lenten practice, we had several spiritual events. We had our annual Lenten prayer service. On February 13th CROSS sponsored a Family Lenten Mission. On March 2, we started the school day with a recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. Finally, we had two Days of Reconciliation on February 26 and 27. Each of these events served as a moment of grace for the Chaminade students.

As you know, transportation requests were due to the local school districts on April 1, 2018. Textbook requests are filed automatically by Chaminade with the districts.

In compliance with NYS Education Law Section 409-H, we are notifying you that Chaminade High School follows an integrated pest management (IPM) program and may be applying pesticides during the year. If you wish to review information on specific dates, times, etc., you may call for an appointment to review that information.

Please note the date for the Junior Trip to Great Adventure is Wednesday, May 23, 2018. There are **NO** classes for juniors on that day.

Recently, the calendar for the 2018-2019 school year was finalized. For your information and planning, the following are some specific dates:

Student Orientations	September 4, 2018 (Sophomore, Junior and Senior Divisions)
First day of classes.....	September 5, 2018
Christmas Recess	December 22, 2018 to January 2, 2019
Winter Recess	February 18 to February 22, 2019
Easter Recess	April 18 to April 26, 2019
Graduation	June 2, 2019
Beginning of Underclass Comprehensive Examinations	June 12, 2019
Last Examination/Last Day of School	June 19, 2019

You may recall as part of our security and emergency procedures we implement practice drills. We had drills for lock-out and lock-down this past fall. During the third trimester, we will again be having lock-out and lock-down drills. Part of these procedures involves notification of parents. Prior to each drill, I will send out an e-mail indicating that we will be having a drill. Please be attentive to this e-mail so that when the official notification comes through the SchoolMessenger system, you are aware of its implementation. The SchoolMessenger notification will also indicate that this is just a drill.

May the blessings of the Risen Lord be with you and your family during the Easter Season.

Sincerely yours,

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

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