



# CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

## OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

April 18, 2019

My dear Parents,

At this time the second trimester grades for your son are posted online. You can access them through the “Academic” tab of the Chaminade website. You will need to enter the email address and password that is on file with us. If you need assistance, please send an email to [reportcard@chaminade-hs.org](mailto: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, May 2, 2019, 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, five Chaminade students were named Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program, an additional twenty students were named Commended Students, and six students were recognized as Scholars in the National Hispanic Recognition.

After participating in invitational tournaments at Cornell University, Brown University, Columbia High School near Albany, and Yale University, Science Olympiad’s Team A qualified for the State Tournament by placing 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 40 teams at this year’s Nassau West Regional Tournament in early February. The team went on to finish 13<sup>th</sup> out of 56 teams at the State Tournament in Syracuse. This year, New York had 678 high-school level Science Olympiad teams, meaning the team was 13<sup>th</sup> best out of those 678 teams and the top 1.9% of all teams in New York State. Students will soon participate in the Long Island Regional Envirothon on April 30<sup>th</sup>, hoping to qualify for the State Envirothon in May. The annual Art Contest will take place in at the beginning of May 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, *Into the Woods*, and at the two spring concerts.

Additionally, the Speech and Debate Team qualified sixty-four of its members for the New York State Championship, fourteen for the National Catholic Tournament, and four of its members have qualified for the National Forensic League Tournament. At the NYS Championship Tournament, the team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Debate and 5<sup>th</sup> place overall. *Tarmac* earned a number of honors in the statewide New York Press Association Better Newspaper Contest including two first-place awards. *Skylight*, Chaminade’s literary magazine, took home First Place honors from the American Scholastic Press Association for its three issues during the 2017-2018 school year. The 2018 *Crimson and Gold*, our yearbook, was awarded Second Place honors from the American Scholastic Press Association.

In the athletic realm, Chaminade continues to demonstrate the qualities of sportsmanship and quality play. The Varsity Bowling Team captured 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the regular season and then went on to capture the league championship for the eighth consecutive season and Mr. Fitzgibbon received the Coach of the Year Award. Junior Varsity Basketball was the regular season champion and received the league Sportsmanship Award. Varsity Basketball was the regular season champion. Junior Varsity Wrestling was awarded the league Sportsmanship Award. Varsity and Junior Varsity Hockey were the regular season champions. Varsity Swimming was awarded the league Sportsmanship Award. Finally, our Winter Track program was successful, capturing the Sophomore League Championship and the Novice Intersectional Championship and 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 volunteers 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 850 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 March 5 CROSS sponsored a Family Lenten Mission. On March 6, we started the school day with the distribution of ashes followed by a recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. Finally, we had two Days of Reconciliation on March 11 and 12. 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, 2019. 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 22, 2019. There are **NO** classes for juniors on that day.

Recently, the calendar for the 2019-2020 school year was finalized. For your information and planning, the following are some specific dates:

Freshman Orientation .....	August 30, 2019
Upper Classmen Orientation .....	September 3, 2019 (Soph.,Jr.,Sr.)
First day of classes.....	September 4, 2019
Christmas Recess .....	December 20, 2019 to January 3, 2020
Winter Recess .....	February 17 to February 21, 2020
Easter Recess .....	April 9 to April 17, 2020
Graduation .....	June 7, 2020
Beginning of Underclass Comprehensive Examinations .....	June 10, 2020
Last Examination/Last Day of School .....	June 17, 2020

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 email indicating that we will be having a drill. Please be attentive to this email 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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