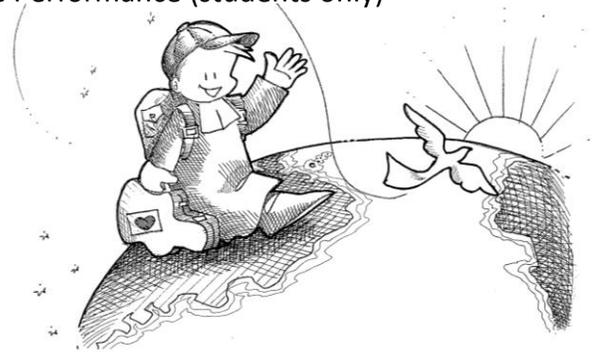


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May 3, 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 3 Tuition Due, 2021-2022 School Year
- 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 10 Board of Trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
- 11 Spring Band Concert and One-Act Play, 7:00 pm, Cultural Center
- 12 7T Class Mass, 8:15 am, Chapel (students only)
- 18 Exams: Math
- 18 Founder’s Day Activities (students only)
- 18 Founder’s Day Mass, sponsored by 5Z (students only)
- 18 Spring Band Concert and One-Act Play Encore Performance (students only)
- 19 Exams: Science, then English
- 19 Noon Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE**
- 19 7th Grade Day of Reflection
- 20 Exams: Spanish/Computer, then History
- 20 7th Grade Graduation Practice
- 20 Noon Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE**
- 21 Exams: Religion, then Literature
- 21 Noon Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE**
- 21 End of 4th Quarter**
- 24 Records Day, No School**
- 24 5th Grade Awards Ceremony, 6:00 pm, Cultural Center**
- 24 6th Grade Awards Ceremony, 7:00 pm, Cultural Center**
- 25 7th Grade Graduation, 9:30 am, Cultural Center**



June 7 Summer Camp begins

May	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18 -21
Rotation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	*

*Special Exam Schedule

LASALLIAN REFLECTION

Christian love manifests itself in services to other people and in treating others and ourselves with forbearance and care. True love is not always glamorous, but it is always blessed.

Let us pray: “Loving God, create in me a loving heart so that I may be generous in my giving. Help me love my neighbors as I love myself.”

- Praying with John Baptist de La Salle, Meditation 7

SCHOOL NEWS

Exams

Exams in the 6th and 7th grades begin in about two weeks. All exams will be administered first thing each exam day. The policy for exemptions from fourth quarter exams as stated in the handbook is: *A student is eligible to be exempt from a fourth quarter exam if he has at least a 94 for each of the first three quarters and has at least a 94 at the time of the fourth quarter exam in that subject.* A student who earns an exemption may take the exam if he

so chooses. (Yes, some students who are exempt have asked for permission to take the exam anyway!) However, the exam grade will be counted toward the final average – even if the performance lowers that student’s average. Students who are exempt from exams will be given the choice to remain in the classroom in order to use the time to study quietly for an upcoming exam or to report outside for structured play activities under the supervision of the PE coaches. Once a student makes a choice, he must remain in that location for the duration of the exam.

After-School Tutoring

After-school tutoring with Mr. Barker resumes this week. Should you be interested, please contact Mr. Barker at hbarker@cbs-no.org.

Half Days During the Last Week of School

Please make a note that Wednesday, May 19 through Friday, May 21 are half-days with dismissal at 12:00. Furthermore, **After School Care will not be offered on any of those days.** Please plan accordingly. In addition, some students (particularly those who are exempt from exams on those days) have asked if attendance is required. The answer is: Yes! Other activities are scheduled for those mornings following the exams including graduation practice, auctions and special activities to name a few. Most importantly, those are the days when all books and materials will be collected and classrooms will be prepared for the summer. Consequently, student attendance is necessary. We won’t need them here all day – that’s why the dismissals are at noon. But, we do need them here in the morning. Thanks for your cooperation in having your sons in school on those half days.

May Crowning

As we near Mothers’ Day and in honor of Mary during the month of May , all students are invited next week to bring flowers to school to place in front of the statue of Mary on the island. Please be sure that the flowers are environmentally friendly and do not include any plastic pieces.

GiveNOLA

GiveNOLA Day is Tuesday, May 4, and Christian Brothers School is again participating in this special one-day of giving organized by the Greater New Orleans Foundation and sponsored by Baptist Community Ministries. Donations made to Christian Brothers School during GiveNOLA Day will be dedicated to financial aid for students whose families have been affected by the pandemic.

To donate go to: <https://www.givenola.org/christian-brothers-school>

7th Grade Parent-Son Volleyball Night

This event has become an annual tradition for parents and their graduating sons as the school year draws to a close. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, at White Sands beach volleyball complex. A flyer will be sent home in the coming days.

Spring Band Concert and One-Act Play

The annual band concert and drama performance is Tuesday, May 11, at 7:00 pm, in the Cultural Center. All are invited to this entertaining event!

Fifth and Sixth Grade Report Cards and Awards Ceremony – Monday, May 24

5th Graders – 6:00 pm, Cultural Center

All fifth graders are to arrive for 5:45 in school uniform and should take a seat in a designated and reserved area of the Cultural Center with his two guests. **Two guests per student are permitted.** The program will begin at 6:00. During the program, report cards will be presented and students will be recognized from each homeroom. I expect the ceremony to last approximately 45 minutes. **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS CEREMONY!**

6th Graders – 7:00 pm, Cultural Center

All sixth graders are to arrive for 6:45 in school uniform (please do not arrive early as the 5th grade ceremony will be taking place) and should take a seat in a designated and reserved area of the Cultural Center with his two guests. **Two guests per student are permitted.** The program will begin at 7:00. During the program, report cards will be presented and students will be recognized from each homeroom. I expect the ceremony to last approximately 45 minutes. **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS CEREMONY!**

Seventh Grade Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony – Tuesday, May 25, 9:30 am

Graduation for the CBS Seventh Grade Graduating Class of 2021 is set for 9:30 in the Cultural Center. The students will practice for graduation during the day on Thursday, May 20, when they will receive specific directions regarding the ceremony. As you have already been made aware, graduates are asked to report to the 7th grade classrooms for 9:10 in the appropriate attire. The ceremony will include Mass, presentation of diplomas and awards, student speeches, and a video presentation. Additionally, a professional photographer will be available for formal photographs. Picture envelopes will be distributed at the graduation practice. Individual pictures and the class composite (which will be on display at the graduation) are available for purchase. I expect the ceremony to conclude for 11:45. Teachers will remain on campus until 12:15 to say good-bye to graduates and their families. Graduation packets including tickets and final correspondence will be sent home this week with the students. **Two guests per student will be permitted to attend.** The ceremony will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend. Contact Mrs. Karen if you have a question.

Tuition and Building Fee Now Due

Tuition and the building fee for the 2021-2022 school year for returning students is due today. All families should have received an invoice to this effect in mid-March. Thus, all returning families should have paid tuition in full or signed a bank loan. If you have any questions regarding tuition or the building fee, please contact Mrs. Sandy in the office. If your son will not be returning to CBS next school year (and you have not already notified us of such), please contact me immediately. Thank you for your cooperation in meeting this deadline.

The School Uniform

As we approach the end of the school year, I realize that you may be struggling to have your son's uniform/shoes make it through the last day. Please know that I have received numerous requests that students be excused from uniform obligations as the end approaches. I have denied all requests in the interest of maintaining order and discipline during a time of year when that objective is often more difficult to obtain. If one or two students are permitted to be out of uniform, then a flood of similar requests follow. When many students are not in uniform, student discipline is compromised. Therefore, I ask for your cooperation in this matter as we work our way down the home stretch. Thanks for your understanding.

Thanks and Happy Summer

On the occasion of this final newsletter of 2020-2021, I wish to thank you for blessing us with the gift of your sons this school year. I hope that after reflecting upon the challenges and achievements of this school year, you conclude that it has been a good one. For those families who are not returning, you have our prayerful best wishes for a wonderful future. May a part of CBS always be with you as you will always be a part of CBS. For those who are returning, enjoy your well-deserved break. On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of Christian Brothers School, we thank you for all you have done to make 2020-2021 memorable. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,



Michael J. Prat, Jr.