



Important Dates for January

- 13 Board of Trustees Meeting, Cleveland House, 6:00
- 14 Christian Brothers Conference Leadership Team to Visit Canal Street Campus, 8:15-9:00
- 14 MAP Growth, Math, 2nd-4th
- 14 Social Justice Meeting, Cleveland House, 6:30
- 15 MAP Growth, Math, Kindergarten & 1st
- 17 Students may wear their favorite CBS t-shirt (the rest of the uniform stays intact)
- 17 Mass, PK-4th, St. Anthony of Padua Church, 8:15
- 17 MAP Growth, Math, Middle School
- 17 **Noon Dismissal; No Aftercare**
- 17 **Parent Conferences, 12:45-4:00**
- 20 **No School - Martin Luther King Holiday**
- 22 **Registration Due for Returning Students for 2025-2026 School Year**
- 22 MAP Growth, Reading, 2nd-4th
- 23 MAP Growth, Reading, Kindergarten & 1st
- 23 **2C Full Dress Down Day (Gala prize)**
- 23 Detention, 3:20-4:30
- 23 **Parent Night - "The Anxious Generation", Canal Street Auditorium, 6:30**
- 24 100th Day of School Celebration for PK & K, 2nd-4th (*First grade will celebrate the day on January 31*)
- 24 Mass, 1st-4th, St. Anthony of Padua Church, 8:15
- 24 MAP Growth, Reading, Middle School
- 24 **2:00 PM Dismissal**
- 25 Happy Birthday Melanie Blackwell!
- 25 CBS Admissions Make Up Test for Prospective Students (City Park Campus)
- 26-31 **Catholic Schools Week**
- 27 "A Catholic Education is our Superpower" - Students will be allowed to wear superhero shirts and/or accessories. The rest of the school uniform will remain intact.
- 28 "Walk in the Footsteps of St. John the Baptist De La Salle" Patron Saint of Teachers - Students may wear crazy socks and tennis shoes for a minimum \$1.00 donation
- 28 **6M Homeroom Mass, City Park Chapel, 8:30**
- 29 **Canal Street Homeroom Class Pictures**
- 29 **Catholic Schools Week Performance, Lakeside Mall, 5:15 - 5:45 (Choir, Cheerleaders, Lady Falcons, & Mini-Stars will perform!)**
- 29 Washington DC Planning Meeting for the 2026 Trip, Canal Street Auditorium, 6:30 (*6th grade parents only*)
- 30 Spelling Bee Finals, 6:30
- 30 "Hats Off to a Catholic Education" - Students will be allowed to wear their favorite hair accessories or hats. The rest of the school uniform will remain intact.
- 31 1st Grade 100 Days of School Celebration - full dress down day for 1st grade students only
- 31 "Celebrating Catholic Education at CBS" - Students may wear their favorite CBS/Lasallian shirt! The rest of the school uniform will remain intact.
- 31 Catholic Schools Week Mass, PK-7th, St. Anthony of Padua Church, 8:15

Middle School Rotation:

January	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28
Rotation Day:	6	7	1	2	3	No School	4	5	6	7	1	2

Lasallian Reflection:

"Are we attentive to the inspirations we receive from God?" Are we as quick to follow them as the holy Magi were in letting themselves be led by the star that guided them?"

- Meditations by St. John Baptist de La Salle Feast of the Year, Adoration of Kings

Inspirations, like opportunities, come our way. Consider them as nudges from God. Do we react to these nudges with hesitation or in faith?



Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

We are excited to welcome everyone back and wish you a Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were enjoyable and relaxing, setting the stage for a fantastic start to 2025 at CBS. A new calendar year brings the promise of fresh beginnings and the excitement of upcoming events. May this year be filled with blessings as you make the most of every opportunity.

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Christian Brother School, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous gifts during the Christmas Season. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. The most cherished gifts we receive are the wonderful children we have the privilege of working with every day. Here's to an amazing year ahead!

Living Nativity

During the Christmas Mass at school on December 20 and again at the St. Anthony of Padua Parish Christmas Eve Mass, several of our students showcased a Living Nativity performance. This beautiful tradition of the Living Nativity has been warmly upheld by Christian Brothers School in partnership with St. Anthony Parish.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Stumpf for her coordination of the program, to Ms. Farris for her musical contributions, and many thanks to the students who participated in the Living Nativity:

Emile Braud [drummer boy]

Henry Clement [king]

Alex Theard [shepherd]

Braeden Crowe [king]

Anthony Gonzalez [Joseph]
Hayes Schaefer [king]
Julie Clement [narrator]
Neely Schmidt [star]
Clarice Dore [angel]
Levi Clement [angel]
Cate Womac [Mary]
Elise Braud [shepherd]
Lucia Clement [shepherd]
Eleanor Holmes [angel]

Mardi Gras/King Cake Day

On Friday, January 10, our school community came together to kick off the Mardi Gras season as we indulged in the delightful flavor of king cake, generously provided by Gambino's Bakery and the Scelfo Family. A heartfelt thank you to them for their generous donation to our school community!

School Day Start Time and Tardy Policy

Excessive tardiness can significantly impact a student's success and disrupt the learning environment for everyone in the classroom. When a student arrives late, the teacher's focus shifts from the entire class to the individual student, which can hinder the overall learning experience.

The school day begins promptly at **8:00 AM**. Students arriving after this time will be marked as tardy. Recently, the school office has noticed that some younger children are walking to the office by themselves.

We kindly request that any student who is late to school be accompanied by an adult to the office.

There, they will receive an admit slip from Mrs. Brittany.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us ensure a smooth start to the day!

CBS Beta Club Winter Service Project: Homeless Care Packages

Beta Club's Motto is "Let Us Lead by Serving Others." This year we are specifically targeting spreading kindness around our campus and community here on Canal Street!

Beta Club will be collecting the following items from Monday, January 13 - February 6. We are asking each grade level to consider donating the following items. Items will be collected in boxes in each homeroom. Our goal is to assemble 60 Homeless Care Packages to be donated to St. Anthony Church for distribution.

Bar soap & individual Kleenex - Pre-Kindergarten

Mini hand sanitizer & travel size sunscreen - Kindergarten

Deodorant - 1st grade
Chapstick - 2nd grade
Band-Aids & rain ponchos - 3rd grade
Travel size hand wipes & combs - 4th grade
Toothbrush and toothpaste - Middle School
Warm socks - Faculty & Staff



Live Jesus in our Hearts
FOREVER!

From our School President, Joey M. Scaffidi, AFSC: "The Anxious Generation" Presentation

Christian Brothers School is excited to invite moms and dads to a second showing of a recorded video excerpt from a recent webinar featuring Jonathan Haidt, a renowned psychologist and author of "The Anxious Generation" on **Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 in the auditorium on the Canal Street campus.** The invitation includes moms and dads because we want for all families to be able to experience the presentation for the evening. In this insightful webinar, Jonathan Haidt explores the challenges faced by today's youth, shedding light on the factors contributing to increased anxiety among young people, namely the impact of smartphones on teen health. His research offers valuable perspectives on mental health, social media, and the implications for education and parenting. Most importantly, he shares concrete suggestions of what he believes can be done to address the problems.

The recorded video excerpt of the webinar is approximately 25 minutes. Furthermore, CBS leaders will be on hand to share their thoughts in reaction to the webinar and to provide information regarding technology devices for next year. We hope you will be able to join us on Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 in the Canal Street auditorium.

The Lasallian Community Affected by the California Wildfires

Christian Brothers School is part of the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN), which encompasses Lasallian ministries across the United States and Canada. Our school is located in the Lasallian District of San Francisco New Orleans, one of five regions within the worldwide Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (De La Salle Christian Brothers).

Recently, Mr. Scaffidi reached out to presidents and principals affected by the wildfires to extend our support. These dedicated administrators were among the first to connect with our school community following the Bourbon Street tragedy earlier this month.

On January 10, 2025, the District Leadership provided an update on the ongoing wildfires in the Pasadena and Los Angeles areas. It is important to note that the fire situation is dynamic, and information may change daily. District Leadership has been in regular communication with school leaders in all areas impacted by the wildfires. Due to mandatory evacuations in fire-prone zones, many schools are currently closed. Other challenges include power outages, disrupted cell service, contaminated water, and poor air quality, which has been rated unhealthy. Unfortunately, some families at two Lasallian schools have lost everything.

In the upcoming weeks, Christian Brothers School will initiate efforts to support our Lasallian brothers and sisters in need. We appreciate your concern and encourage your continued prayers for our Lasallian family in Southern California, for all individuals in harm's way, and for those bravely working to provide protection and assistance. Thank you for your support.



CBS Favorite Shirt Day - Friday, January 17

On Friday, January 17 students may wear their favorite CBS t-shirt. The rest of the uniform must remain intact.

Half Day, Dismissal at Noon - NO AFTERCARE! - Friday, January 17

There will be a half day of school on Friday, January 17th. Dismissal will begin at noon (11:50 for Pre-K and Kindergarten). There is no aftercare on this day. Please ensure that all students are picked up no later than 12:20 pm (12:10 for Pre-K and Kindergarten).

2nd Quarter Report Cards and Parent Conferences - Friday, January 17

If your child is in Pre-Kindergarten-4th grade, please make sure you have reviewed your child's report card, signed it and returned it to the homeroom teacher. Report cards were distributed last Wednesday, January 8. Middle School report cards were sent digitally to parents and students through FACTS. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the report card, please direct them to the teacher of record. Parent Conferences will be held on Friday, January 17 from 12:45-4:00 p.m. Unless otherwise noted by the teacher, appointments are not necessary for conference day, a drop-in format is in place.



MAP Growth Winter Testing Schedule: Tuesday, January 14 - Tuesday, January 28

Once again, it is time for MAP Growth testing. Christian Brothers School, as well as all schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, participate in the NWEA MAP Growth testing process. MAP is a computer adaptive test created by NWEA that the students will take three times per school year. Students in Kindergarten-7th grade will take tests in Reading and Math. Although the test is untimed, each test should take about 30-60 minutes to complete. Times will vary by grade level. The results provide teachers with information to help them deliver appropriate content for each student and determine each student's academic growth over time.

Please make sure students are present and on time for their testing days. The MAP Growth Winter Testing Schedule is listed below:

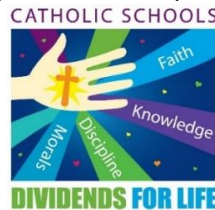
Tuesday, January 14	2 nd -4 th Math
Wednesday, January 15	K & 1 st Math
Friday, January 17	MS Math

Wednesday, January 22	2 nd -4 th Reading
Thursday, January 23	K & 1 st Reading
Friday, January 24	MS Reading
Tuesday, January 28	Final Day for Make-up Testing

Registration for Returning Students

Registration for returning students is due by Wednesday, January 22. The non-refundable registration fee is \$325 per student and must be paid via FACTS. Registration information was sent to parents via email last Wednesday, January 8. A strict deadline must be adhered to so as to know the number of openings, if any, to be offered to prospective students for Kindergarten through 7th grade. If you need any assistance with the registration process through FACTS, please contact Mrs. Carrie Doré at cdore@cbs-no.org

Catholic Schools Week Monday, January 27 - Friday, January 31, 2025



Schedule of Events:

Monday, January 27 - "A Catholic Education is our Superpower"

- Students will be allowed to wear superhero shirts and/or accessories. The rest of the school uniform will remain intact.

Tuesday, January 28 - "Walk in the Footsteps of St. John the Baptist De La Salle", Patron Saint of Teachers

- Students may wear crazy socks and tennis shoes for a minimum \$1.00 donation benefitting our service project with the Department of Catholic Faith and Formation (Archdiocese of New Orleans). The rest of the uniform will remain intact.

Wednesday, January 29 - "Thank You for a Catholic Education!" (Canal Street Homeroom Pictures)

- Special thank you notes; letters or videos will be compiled today. All students will be in full uniform today for homeroom pictures.

Thursday, January 30 - "Hats Off to a Catholic Education"

- Students will be allowed to wear their favorite hair accessories or hats today. The rest of the school uniform will remain intact.

Friday, January 31 - "Celebrating Catholic Education at CBS"

- Students may wear their favorite CBS/Lasallian shirt! The rest of the school uniform will remain intact.

Daughters of Isabella - Essay Contest & Scholarship for 7th graders

Please see the attached informational page and application page regarding the \$4,000 scholarship opportunity gifted by the Daughters of Isabella, Circle 1405. This scholarship will be awarded to a rising 8th-12th grader for the 2025-2026 school year.

Homeroom Pictures - Wednesday, January 29

Homeroom pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, January 29. All students must wear their complete school uniform for the pictures.

Please ensure that hair is neatly groomed and adheres to the guidelines specified in the school handbook. Additionally, hair accessories must coordinate with the colors of Christian Brothers School. Thank you for your cooperation!

2026 Washington, D.C. Trip Parent Meeting - Wednesday, January 29

Attention 6th grade families! Don't miss the opportunity for your child to participate in our 7th-grade-only trip to Washington, D.C., happening February 20-23, 2026. Join us for a parent informational meeting on Wednesday, January 29, at 6:30 PM in the Canal Street Campus auditorium to learn all the details about this unforgettable adventure. For any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Elizabeth Kuchler at ekuchler@cbs-no.org

Casino Night - Saturday, February 1

Please join us for a night of fun at CASINO NIGHT! Casino Night, sponsored by the Men's Division, is scheduled for Saturday, February 1st from 7:00pm-12:00am in the City Park Cultural Center. For more information regarding tickets and sponsorship opportunities, please check the CBS website > "Upcoming Events" > "Casino Night".

Pictures for Social Media

We are always looking for pictures from school events and activities for social media. If you take any pictures that you wish for us to consider using, please email them to CBSpics@cbs-no.org. Please include any names and/or descriptions that you wish to include.

Falcon Pride Spirit Shop

The Falcon Pride Spirit Shop is online via the CBS website (be sure to select the Canal Street campus). The Spirit Shop sells CBS merchandise such as sweatshirts, t-shirts, pencil cases, water bottles and shorts. The Spirit Shop link is: https://stores.inksoft.com/christian_brothers_school/shop/home

Staying Connected

The Administrative Newsletter will be published every other week. The newsletter will also be posted on the school website. We encourage families to become familiar with our website, www.cbs-no.org, where you can access school news and information anytime you need it. For those of you on social media, please follow Christian Brothers School on Facebook!

CANVAS

The primary means of digital communication between the student and teacher as well as between the parent and teacher is the CANVAS Learning Management System. All Christian Brothers students are given an account in the CANVAS system. Parents are required to sign up for an observer's account in

CANVAS. Course information including but not limited to school weekly lesson plans, announcements, grades, etc. are communicated via CANVAS. For assistance with CANVAS, please contact Mr. Jon Pastorek at jpastorek@cbs-no.org

Cafeteria Information

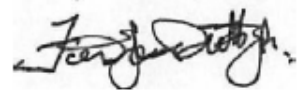
The school cafeteria is run by the Archdiocese of New Orleans School Food and Nutrition Services. Our new cafeteria manager is **Tyeisha McDaniels**, and she can be reached at 504-482-3324 or christianbrothers@schoolcafe.org. For additional information and to add funds to your child's lunch account, please visit www.schoolcafe.org.

Christian Brothers School is a No Charge School. This means that if a student does not have money in their account, then they cannot receive a hot lunch that day. Please monitor your child's account on a weekly basis. The school lunch is \$3.65 per lunch. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Many Blessings,



Kimberly Flair
Co-Head of School, PK-2nd



Ford Dieth, Jr.
Co-Head of School, 3rd-7th

