

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER #17

April 28, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 28-29 TerraNova Testing

- May 1 Tuition Due for 2025-2026
- 2 City Park Night
- 2 Detention, 9 am – 11 am
- 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5 Spring Band Concert, 7:00 pm
- 7 President’s Circle Dinner
- 8 Founder’s Day Activities
- 8 School mass sponsored by 5Z
- 11 Board of Trustees, 6 pm
- 12 Exam: Math**
- 12-15 Exams
- 13 Science, then English, Half Day, Noon Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE**
- 13 7th Grade Day of Reflection, 10:20, and Lunch
- 14 Spanish/Computer, then History, Half Day, Noon Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE**
- 14 7th Grade Graduation Practice, 10:20
- 15 Religion, then Literature, Half Day, Noon Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE**
- 15 End of 4th Quarter
- 16 7th Grade Volleyball Night, White Sands
- 18 Records Day, Final Detention, 8:00 – 10:00 am
- 19 7th Grade Graduation, 9:30 am, Cultural Center**
- 19 Records Day, Awards Night for 5th and 6th graders, 7:00 pm**
- 20 4th Grade Promotion Ceremony, 7:00 pm, CC

- June 8 Summer Camp begins
- 8 Bridge Builders Camp

- July 20 – 24 Academic Camp

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*Special Founder’s Day Schedule
 **Special Exam Schedules
 ***Special TerraNova 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. **It is the school's preference that all students take exams during the scheduled exam slot. Please make every effort to be present for final exams.**

26-27 Homeroom Placement

As a reminder, in order for a student to remain in an Advanced Accelerated class from one year to the next, he must maintain an overall average for the year of a 94.0 or higher with no rounding of the final average.

TerraNova Testing

Students will take annual standardized testing this Tuesday, April 28 and Wednesday, April 29. These tests are very important, as they help students and parents gauge student progress. In addition, they assist the school in understanding the progress of our students and the effectiveness of our curriculum. Finally, they are used in the admissions process for high school. Please make every effort to have students at school on these two days in particular. Make-ups are given on Thursday and Friday of this week but will not be given after Friday.

Academic Camp

CBS offers an Academic Camp toward the end of the summer in order to prepare students for the beginning of the school year. This year's camp is July 20 – 24. The flyer is in this email and registration is on the school website. This is a great opportunity for students to brush up on forgotten concepts and to learn new, foundational concepts in preparation for the next grade.

Half Days During the Last Week of School

Please make a note that Wednesday, May 13 through Friday, May 15 are half-days with dismissal at 12:00. Furthermore, **After School Care will not be offered on 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, 7th grade Day of Reflection, 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. *Please note: Students are responsible for returning all school-owned materials. Students will*

be asked to reimburse the school for any missing items.

City Park Night

All students and their families are invited to attend CBS City Park Night this Saturday, May 2. Tickets can be purchased in FACTS and Canvas. The deadline to purchase tickets is this Wednesday, April 29.

Please note: CBS does not provide supervision for children at this event. Students may not be dropped off without supervision. Students are responsible for their behavior and will be disciplined accordingly.

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 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.

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 16, at White Sands beach volleyball complex. A flyer will be emailed home in the coming days.

Spring Band Concert

The annual Spring Performing Arts Showcase is Tuesday, May 5, at 7:00 pm, in the Cultural Center. All are invited to this entertaining event where the band and choir will perform!

Fifth and Sixth Grade Report Cards and Awards Ceremony – Tuesday, May 19

5th Graders and 6th Graders– 7:00 pm, Cultural Center

All fifth and sixth graders are to arrive for 6:45 in school uniform and should take a seat in the designated reserved area for students. Guest seating is first-come, first-served. 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 1 hour. **STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THIS CEREMONY!**

Seventh Grade Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony – Tuesday, May 19, 9:30 am

Graduation for the CBS Seventh Grade Graduating Class of 2025 is set for 9:30 in the Cultural Center. The students will practice for graduation during one of the exam days, 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, and a student speech. 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 11:30. Teachers will remain on campus until 12:00 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. Four guests per student will be permitted to attend. Contact Mrs. Anne if you have a question.

Tuition and Building Fee Now Due

Tuition and the building fee for the 2026-2027 school year for returning students are due Friday. 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.

Outstanding Invoices

If you have any outstanding invoices for various activities or events, you are asked to pay those immediately.

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 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Prat Jr". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Michael J. Prat, Jr.