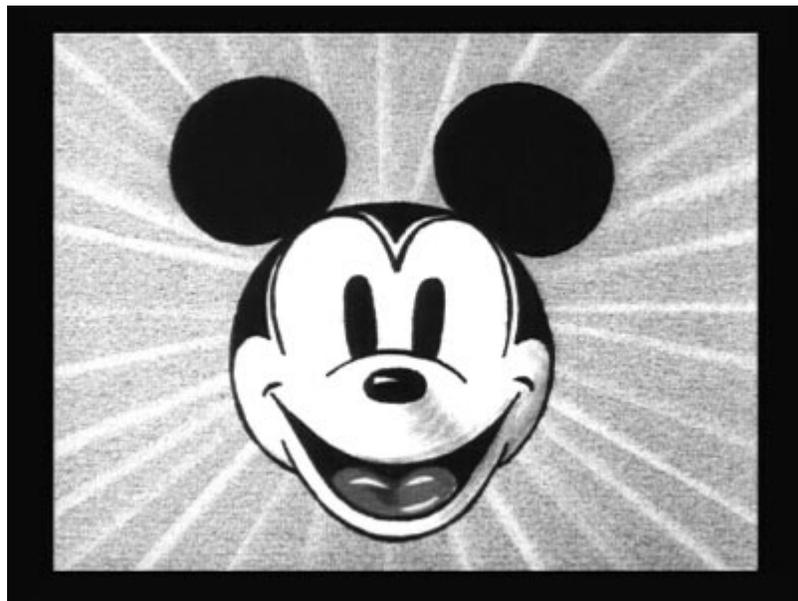


# Parents Survival Guide



## Class of 2023

**John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School**

"Center City is our Campus, Jesus Christ is our Compass"

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Hallahan! We are so excited to have you here and glad you chose Hallahan. We are sure you are going to love it as much as we do.

There are so many great traditions at Hallahan and your daughter will start experiencing them as the most recent member of the Class of 2023. She will be wearing green emblems and shoelaces as a freshman, before she'll know it she will be in blue, then in yellow and finally in red as a senior.

We encourage her to work hard, get involved in as many activities and sports Hallahan has available to her, so she can enjoy her high school years to the maximum.

Treasure each day because it truly is a gift. We look forward to getting to know her better and growing together as ladies of faith, purpose and vision!

With Love,  
Your Big Sisters

## Alma Mater



Let a floodtide of song  
from our hearts pour along  
O Girls of Hallahan High!  
For the Mother whose art  
doth her knowledge impart  
as religion's grand ally.  
She has given us dow'r  
of the mightiest pow'r  
enrolled us 'neath standard blest,  
on whose azure field triple lily sealed,  
inscribed the Alumnae's test.  
Let our lamp then outgleam  
with our Faith's brightest beam:  
O Girls of Hallahan High!  
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Let the blue and the white  
in their radiant light:  
Alma Mater Glorify!  
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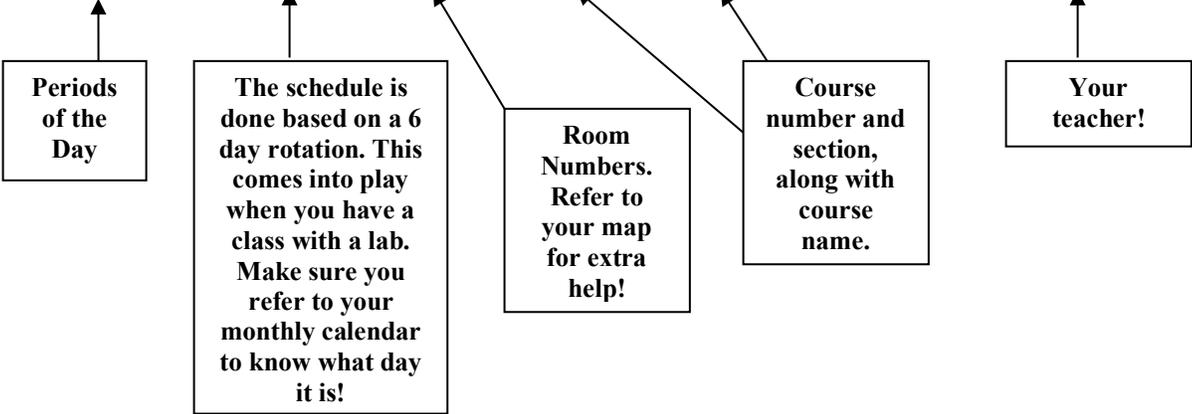


# *The Roster*

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SEM PER	DAYS	ROOM	COURSE	TEACHER	
HR	ABCDEF	24	D-06	Home Room D-6	Ms Rodolico
1	ABCDEF	105	311-01	Honors Algebra 1	TBA
2	ABCDEF	032	411-01	Honors Biology	Ms Poupard
3	ABCDEF	037	711-01	Art 1	Mr Stella
4	ABCDEF	024	212-05	World History 1	Ms Rodolico
5	ABCDEF	Cafe	013-05	Lunch	
6	ABCDEF	306	912-02	Theology 1	Ms Kady
7	ABCDEF	202	112-03	English 1	Ms. Hannigan
8	ABCDEF	024	542-01	Spanish 1	Ms Rodolico

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## *John W. Hallahan CGHS Traditions*

- Hallahan is the first diocesan all girls Catholic high school in the country. The school was founded in 1901 as Catholic Girls' High School. To date Hallahan has been educating young women for over 111+ years!
- Hallahan's brother school is Roman Catholic High School, the first all boys diocesan high school in the country. Roman Catholic is located just a few blocks away at the intersection of Broad Street and Vine Street.
- Hallahan is the only school in the country to use Mickey Mouse as their Mascot and has done so since around 1935.
- The cornerstone of the building was donated by Pope Pius X and still remains a part of the building today.
- The Hallahan Campus consists of two buildings. The original Hallahan Building and the Cathedral Building, which was previously an elementary school. The buildings are connected by the "Bridge."
- The home church for Hallahan is the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul (18<sup>th</sup> and the Parkway). The Cathedral is where special school masses are held, including the Ring Mass and Baccalaureate Mass.
- The Hallahan building was built in 1911 with money donated by Mary McMichan. At her request the name of

the school was changed to honor her brother John W. Hallahan.

- The Hallahan blue jumper has had numerous modifications over years. Class colored shoelaces and emblems have been worn since the 1940's. Saddle shoes joined the ensemble in 1968.
- The school seal was designed by Bishop McDevitt. In the center is a lamp, representing not merely wisdom but Christian learning. This is shown by the use of Christ's monogram, the superimposed Greek letters Chi and Rho, which form the handle of the lamp. Beneath the lamp is an open book, the symbol of education.



- You are now a part of the Hallahan family and sisterhood. You are an important part of the school's history and legacy. Make the most of your four years here. Take part in the amazing traditions, and continue to make those, who walked the "Hallowed Halls" before you proud!

# *Welcome Class of 2023*

## **VISION STATEMENT**

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School develops the intellectual, spiritual, and emotional potential of each student within a diverse Catholic academic community. The Hallahan community works closely with its members to cultivate the leadership potential of each student. Through participation in Hallahan's deeply rooted traditions, rigorous academics, and broad range of engaging activities and service, each young woman is encouraged to develop a vision for her future and is empowered with the faith and skills necessary to become a productive member of the global community.

## **BELIEF STATEMENTS**

The John W. Hallahan community believes that:

1. Each student is a unique individual created by God in His image and likeness.
2. Through Catholic Education, each student develops a personal relationship with God and strengthens her faith.
3. Catholic Education nurtures self-respect and self-worth in each student.
4. A culturally diverse school environment teaches each student her obligation to recognize, respect and appreciate the inherent dignity of all persons.
5. Single sex Catholic education promotes the holistic development of young women: spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and social
6. Catholic Education provides a rigorous curriculum that enables the student to think critically, to communicate effectively, and to successfully meet the challenges of the global community.
7. Education promotes learning as a lifelong endeavor that responds to the changing needs of society and requires the ethical use of technology and social media.
8. Each student, as a witness to the Gospel values, develops civic and moral integrity.
9. Our history, diversity, location, and traditions make us unique.

## **STUDENT HONOR CODE**

The mission of J.W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School is to educate young women with faith, purpose, and vision through a Catholic values centered curriculum. The dignity and integrity of the institution and of each student are of paramount concern to the administration, faculty, staff, and students themselves. We seek to cultivate young women with high ideals of morality, honesty, and respect for themselves and their community. Furthermore, we endeavor to create an atmosphere of personal and academic freedom and of mutual trust between students and faculty. Breaches of academic integrity by a student undermine the development of such an environment.

Each student enrolled in John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School must accept and adhere to the principles of this Student Honor Code.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS**

- To complete all academic work honestly and independently, except in those instances in which an instructor clearly permits collaboration among students, for example, assigned group projects.
- To acquaint oneself with the meaning of plagiarism, to learn how to properly cite sources used in written work, and to consult with instructors regarding the allowable resource materials or aids to be used during tests or in the completion of any graded work.
- To refrain from revealing any information regarding the contents of a test, directly or indirectly, to any other student who may subsequently take the same test.
- To refrain from the fraudulent or unethical use of computers, as more fully defined in the **Responsible Acceptable Use Policy of John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School.**
- To refrain from personal dishonesty as more fully defined in this Honor Code.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Regular attendance at school is essential to good scholarship. The learning experiences of each day are important and are difficult to make up if missed. College admission representatives and future employers use attendance records to determine the dependability of college and job applicants. Therefore, it is important that students attend school every day.

A **parent** or **guardian** must call the absentee line, (215) 569-8049, before 9:00 AM. **A student may not notify the school of her absence.** The parent or guardian should state his or her name, the student's name, the student's student number and the reason for her absence.

## **MESSAGES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

It is our duty to promote an academic atmosphere. Therefore, **the school will NOT deliver messages to students.** Parents/guardians should make arrangements with your daughter before or after school hours. In an extreme emergency, we will locate your daughter immediately and assist you in any way. In this case, for safety reasons, the identity of the person making this request will have to be confirmed.

**Do not call or text your daughter's cell phone during school hours. If a student is found to be retrieving messages before the end of the school day, it is a clear violation of the Cell Phone Policy and will result in demerits.**

## **VISITORS IN SCHOOL**

**All visitors must report immediately to the Main Office and remain there unless an appointment has been previously scheduled.** No one is permitted to visit classes, cafeteria, teachers, and students or to walk through the school without expressed permission from Administration. All visitors must obtain a Visitor's Pass from the Main Office.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

Books given to a student for her use during the school year must be returned at the end of the year. A student will be charged a fee for any book not returned, and her final report card will not be mailed.

A senior's diploma will be withheld pending the receipt of the book or the fee; academic records of a student intending to transfer could be withheld pending the receipt of the book or the fee.

## **SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

1. Tickets are purchased in advance for most social events. No tickets are ever sold at the door for dances.
2. Tuition must be up-to-date in order to purchase tickets for certain events. For juniors, all debts up to the current month's tuition must be paid in full to attend the prom and to receive a class ring at Ring Mass. For seniors, all debts (tuition, graduation fees, AP fees, library fees and class fees, etc.) need to be paid in full to attend the prom and receive the Graduation materials.
3. A lack of interest in a dance or social event, indicated by low ticket sales, may result in the cancellation of the event. The Assistant Principal for Student Affairs will make this determination. Under this circumstance, refunds will be issued if necessary.

**Students must be present in school on the day of a dance or activity in order to participate.**

## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Progress reports will be issued for all students at the midpoint for each quarter. These reports will be mailed in October, December, February and May.

## **PARENT & TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled after the first quarter, first semester and third quarter progress reports are issued. Conferences are also scheduled after the final report card is issued. **Parent(s)/guardians of students with failure warnings must attend.** If for any reason a parent/guardian is not able to attend the conference, the parent must contact the teacher prior to the scheduled conferences.