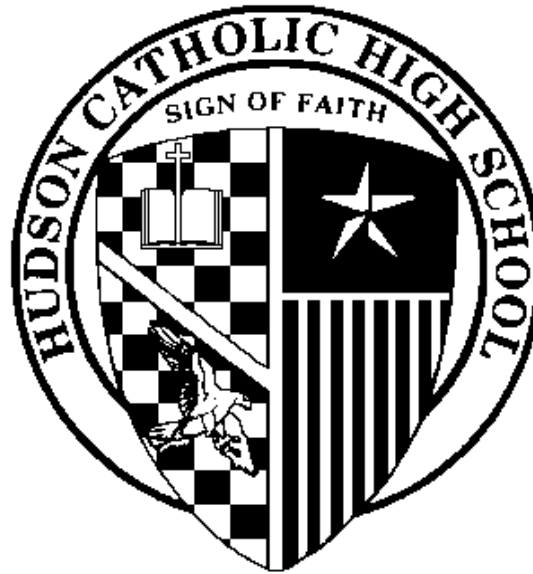


**PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK
AND SCHOOL CALENDAR
2009 - 2010**



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Hudson Catholic Regional High School, a Lasallian college preparatory school serving a diverse community, is to educate the students entrusted to our care through a comprehensive and demanding curriculum complemented by an integrated program of extracurricular activities emphasizing spiritual, social and physical values, designed to encourage individual development and responsibility to the community.

ACCREDITATION

Hudson Catholic Regional High School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges.

NON DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Hudson Catholic Regional High School admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and general activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

Hudson Catholic Regional High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

For incoming freshmen, admission to Hudson Catholic Regional High School is based on students successfully accomplishing the following: attaining a successful score on the Cooperative High School Entrance Exam and/or other standardized testing; submitting the Applicant Record from elementary school; presenting acceptable elementary school performance and recommendations; and successful completion of all courses in the eighth grade. All decisions on student applications are made at the discretion of the President and/or Principal of Hudson Catholic Regional High School.

For transfer students from other secondary schools, admission to Hudson Catholic Regional High School is based on the following criteria: successful performance on standardized testing; evaluation of secondary school principal and/or guidance counselor; interview with the President or Principal of Hudson Catholic Regional High School or the designated representative. Senior transfers will not be accepted except in the case of those students moving into this area prior to their senior year.

All students must submit an up to date immunization record. Please see the list of required immunizations under "Medical Information".

PURPOSE, USE AND AMENDMENT OF THIS HANDBOOK

The Handbook exists to foster the efficient operation of Hudson Catholic Regional High School. To meet the objective, the school administration is given flexibility and the ability to exercise discretion. In appropriate circumstances, the President and or Principal has the discretion to take action other than that specified in this Handbook. This Handbook is not intended to and should not be considered to create any additional rights for students or parents/guardians. Parental receipt of this Handbook is considered a binding agreement between parents/guardians and the school. This Handbook is subject to change at any time when determined to be necessary by the School Administration. If changes are made to the Handbook, parents/guardians will be notified promptly.

THE FOUNDATION OF HUDSON CATHOLIC

In 1958, Archbishop Thomas Boland announced a campaign to build additional high schools throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark. To help achieve this goal, he requested the De La Salle Christian Brothers to administer Hudson Catholic Regional High School for Boys. Hudson Catholic Regional High School is one of seven such high schools owned and operated by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark, led by Archbishop John Joseph Myers. Catholic teaching and values are integral parts of every educational activity, program, curricular and extra-curricular at Hudson Catholic.

The Bergen Avenue location of the school was formerly the site of the Jersey City Armory. In the eighteenth century the site was the home of Jane Tuers, a member of the Van Reypen family and a Revolutionary War heroine. Today the adjacent area is known as McGinley Square.

While the school was under construction in 1964, Msgr. James Hamilton, pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, made his facilities available to Hudson Catholic's first class of one hundred forty-three students. The pioneering faculty consisted of the principal, Bro. Francis McCormick, FSC, and six Brothers. In the following year, four more Brothers and nine laymen joined the staff as students moved into the partially completed school building. On April 20, 1968, Bishop Martin Stanton officiated at the laying of the cornerstone and the blessing of the school facilities. In June that year, Archbishop Boland saw his dream realized in Hudson County as he presided at commencement ceremonies and presented diplomas to one hundred nine graduates.

In 1970, Hudson Catholic was recognized as a fully accredited member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. In 2009, Hudson Catholic opened their doors to young women.

THE BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

From the time of its founding in 1964, Hudson Catholic has been staffed by De La Salle Christian Brothers, a religious congregation of men in the Catholic Church who are devoted exclusively to the education of young people. The Brothers of the Christian Schools, as St. John Baptist de La Salle's followers came to be known, live in prayerful community in a residence on campus. As a matter of fact, the "FSC" designation after the name of all the Brothers (as listed in our directory) is an abbreviation for the Latin phrase for Brothers of the Christian Schools. They take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They are not priests, since St. La Salle wanted them to consider teaching as their only vocation in life and as an indication of their commitment to young people. Countless students throughout the history of the Christian Brothers have benefited tremendously from the ideals of St. La Salle and his followers, many of whom we have been privileged to have at Hudson Catholic, where currently nine Brothers serve the young men of Hudson Catholic daily.

The proper form of address is "Brother [followed by the Brother's first name]."

The Catholic Church thinks so much of the Brothers' efforts in education that in 1900, Pope Leo XIII declared St. La Salle the "Patron of all Teachers." In a Church that is more than 2,000 years old with many, many teaching orders of men and women, that is a singular honor bestowed on the community of men that continues to serve your sons at Hudson Catholic.

The Brother of the Baltimore District of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, in association with committed lay partners, staff secondary schools in Towson, Maryland (Calvert Hall College), Cumberland, Maryland (Bishop Walsh School), Pittsburg, Pennsylvania (Central Catholic High School), Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania (LaSalle College High School), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (West Catholic High School, and the District of Columbia (St. John's College High School). In addition, Lasallian Schools of the Baltimore District include LaSalle University (Philadelphia, PA), San Miguel Schools in both Washington DC, and Camden, New Jersey, as well as the St. Gabriel System for young men in need of supervision in Audubon, Pa.

GRADUATE PROFILE

Upon graduation from Hudson Catholic, the student will:

- ◆ Demonstrate critical and logical thinking skills:
 - necessary to access and critically evaluate information;
 - focused on the solving of theoretical moral and practical problems.

- ◆ Evidence the fundamental literacy, technology, and numeracy skills:
 - ◆ to pursue appropriate advanced education;
 - ◆ to understand their potential as life-long learners;
 - ◆ to communicate effectively in various professional and social circumstances.

- ◆ Manifest the core Lasallian value of respect:
 - ◆ for personal self-worth;
 - ◆ for others in their diversity and uniqueness;
 - ◆ for the sacredness of all life;
 - ◆ in concrete actions of service to the local and global community.

- ◆ Be formed in the Lasallian heritage of education within the Catholic and humanist traditions and so be able to demonstrate:
 - knowledge of the teaching, tradition and values of the Church
 - commitment to personal and communal prayer and worship
 - facility for growth across the various dimensions of life.

ALMA MATER

Sons and daughters of the black and gold
All together glorious and bold
We pledge to live a life that's brave and true
As we gather for our Alma Mater.

Through knowledge, faith and integrity
We shine our light for the world to see
For the love of God and with the hand of peace
In our hearts we carry Hudson Catholic.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Academic Integrity:

In keeping with the religious, moral, and educational philosophy of Hudson Catholic, a student's honesty and integrity in all academic work is expected. Copying of another's work, improper conduct during tests and examinations, any form of plagiarism, improper use of the internet or electronic devices, or any other dishonesty in doing one's individual academic work will be considered a serious violation of the school's goals and academic program.

A student caught cheating on tests and examinations, copying the work of another student, plagiarizing, submitting questionable documentation or acting in any way which violates the school's policy on academic integrity will be subject to disciplinary action including failure in the course, academic probation, activity/athletic suspension, school suspension, or dismissal.

If a student is charged with academic dishonesty, the following steps will be taken:

- 1) The teacher will meet with the student and call the parents/guardians to inform them that their child has been charged with academic dishonesty. The case will be referred to the Academic Dean or Principal. The teacher will write a summary and submit all relevant materials to the administrator.
- 2) The student and the teacher will meet with the administrator to discuss the incident.
- 3) If it is determined that the student is guilty of academic dishonesty, the student may be given a "0" for the assignment or test and may receive a FAILURE for the marking period. If a student cheats on a semester exam the student will be given a "0" on the exam and will FAIL for the semester. The student may be placed on probation, barred from school activities/athletics, suspended or dismissed from school. The incident may be noted on the student's permanent record. All violations will be reviewed by the administration and may result in dismissal from school.
- 4) The parents/guardians will be informed in writing of the outcome.

Class Rank

Class rank is based on cumulative grade averages calculated at the end of the second semester. The grades of students taking honors and advanced placement courses are weighted for purposes of class ranking: honors courses (+5 points) and advanced placement courses (+7).

The class Valedictorian and Salutatorian are usually selected on the basis of the top two cumulative averages after the third quarter of their senior year. A cumulative average is a student's grade point average for all course work. These students must have attended Hudson Catholic for four years.

Course Requirements:

Students must successfully complete the following minimum course requirements in our college preparatory program of studies. Freshmen and sophomores are required to carry seven major subjects each semester. Juniors and Seniors are required to carry six major subjects each semester.

English:	4 years	World Languages:	2 years
Mathematics:	3 years	Phy Ed. /Health:	2 years
Religious Studies:	4 years	Mathematics:	3 years
Social Studies:	3 years	Lab Science:	3 years

Seniors are required to select 2 electives in the math/science/technologies cluster and 2 electives in the humanities cluster.

Exams

Students are required to take semester and final examinations in all courses. If a student misses an examination for reason of illness, a doctor's note is required before the student is admitted to a make-up examination. Students who do not take a course examination will receive a failing grade for the course. ***A student that has an outstanding financial obligation to the school may have semester or final exams deferred until the financial obligation is satisfied.***

Exam Exemption Policy

Hudson Catholic only permits exemptions from final exams in the senior year. Seniors who have a cumulative average of 93% or higher in a particular course will be exempt from the final exam for that course, be it a one or two semester offering. The cutoff dates for qualifying for exemptions will be approximately one week prior to the end of the course. The exact date will be determined by the Academic Dean and published in the Daily Bulletin.

Extracurricular Eligibility

A student who received two failing grades in any subject on a quarterly report card is ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities for the two weeks following the distribution of report cards. A student may petition for reinstatement at the end of that two week period. Subsequently, if the petitioning student is failing two or more subjects on the progress report, he will be ineligible until the next quarterly report card. Students who are ineligible may participate in team tryouts; however, they cannot participate in either team practices or games. Students may be denied participation in extracurricular activities for disciplinary reasons at the discretion of the Principal or as a result of an accepted recommendation of the Disciplinary Board.

Field Trips

When appropriate, Hudson Catholic Regional High School will sponsor and conduct field trips for the sole purpose of the educational enrichment of the students. Participation in field trips is a privilege and may be denied at the school's discretion. No student may participate in a trip unless a signed parent/guardian permission slip for the specific event is submitted to the School. The permission slip form is provided by the School. All backpacks taken on a field trip are subject to search. The school uniform will be worn unless otherwise stated. Student behavior while on a school trip is expected to be as though he was in school. Trip personnel, such as drivers or hosts and guides at trip sites, must be treated with the same degree of courtesy as any staff member of Hudson Catholic. Disciplinary offenses occurring during a school trip shall be reviewed as though they occurred at Hudson Catholic.

Grading System

Students receive numerical grades on a quarterly and semester basis. The semester grade is based on 40% for each quarter plus 20% for the semester examination. The final course grade is calculated as the average of the first and second semester grades. Grade average is determined by dividing the sum of the grades in all courses by the number of courses. Grades in Physical Education and Health are not included in the calculation of grade average. All courses listed on rosters and grade reports are college unit courses unless designated by "H" (Honors) or "AP" (Advanced Placement).

Homework

Homework is to be done at home or during study period. Homework (writing, reading and study work) is assigned nightly by teachers and its completion is an important factor in the academic success of a student. A student should spend a minimum of 2 hours each school night that might include projects, written assignments, reading assignments, study for tests and quizzes and remote preparation assignments for external exams (i.e. SAT).

Honor Roll

Quarterly honors are based on the following criteria:

- 1st Honors: Grade average of 93; no grade below 85;
- 2nd Honors: Grade average of 85; no grade below 80.

Promotion, Academic Probation and Academic Dismissal

The faculty and the Academic Dean will monitor the ordinary academic progress of Hudson Catholic students. Students whose academic limitations impede ordinary progress in our course of studies may be asked, after consultation with their parents/guardians, to have an educational evaluation and/or find an educational program that can better meet their needs.

Students with three or more course failures at the end of the school year may be dismissed from Hudson Catholic. All students with the equivalent of two course failures at the end of the junior year may be dismissed from Hudson Catholic prior to the senior year. Seniors with three or more course failures at the end of the school year are not eligible to graduate from Hudson Catholic.

All other students with two course failures will be placed on academic probation at the end of the school year. If a student has one failure in the following year, the student will continue on probation. A student on academic probation who has two failures at the end of any year is subject to dismissal.

Ninth grade students with five or more failures at the end of the semester are subject to dismissal; students in grades ten through twelve with four failures at the end of the first semester are subject to dismissal. Academic dismissal ordinarily does not occur at other times in the school year.

All course failures at the end of the school year must be made up in an approved summer school if a student is to return to Hudson Catholic Regional High School. Private tutoring options are not acceptable substitutes. If a course is not available in an approved summer school, the Academic Dean shall approve in advance any alternate plans for remediation.

Progress Reports and Deficiency Notices

At the mid-point of each quarter, progress reports are issued to students and parents/guardians. These are intended to make parents/guardians aware of how the student is performing prior to the issuance of the report card. Ideally, parents/guardians will take advantage of the notice provided by the progress report to encourage their child to maintain good performance or to improve poor performance. Parents/guardians might consult with the teacher to ensure improvement prior to a report card grade being given. Progress reports are to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the Academic Dean.

Deficiency notices are mailed to the parents/guardians midway through the fourth quarter or, in the case of a first semester-only course, midway through the second quarter. These are meant to alert parents/guardians to potential course failure. Deficiency notices must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the Academic Dean.

Religious Education, Liturgical Services and Retreats

Non-Catholic students are welcome at Hudson Catholic Regional High School. The non-Catholic student and his parent(s)/guardian(s) understand and agree that Hudson Catholic exists to educate in the framework of Catholic values. All Hudson Catholic students, Catholic and non-Catholic students alike must take four years of Religion classes. They will participate (in the sense of respectful, courteous attention) in prayer at the beginning of each class, all liturgical services (including, for example, Masses and prayer services), and spiritual retreat experiences scheduled during the school year. While requiring this of all non-Catholic students, Hudson Catholic shall make every effort to respect the religious tradition or the lack of a religious tradition on the part of the student.

Suspension and Cutting a Class:

A teacher may assign a zero "0" for work assigned if the student is suspended or has cut class.

STUDENT REGULATIONS

At Hudson Catholic, there are guidelines whose purpose is to help our students grow in maturity, responsibility and a Christian manner. Observance of these guidelines should be motivated by our students' own commitment to their own growth and the growth of the community at Hudson Catholic. Sanctions for infractions of the rules found in this handbook are measured by the seriousness of the offense, its frequency and its effect of the Hudson Catholic community. Christian behavior is expected of students enrolled at Hudson Catholic at all times and places. Parents/guardians are encouraged to cooperate with the school in teaching those human, Christian and moral values which lie at the foundation of the school's disciplinary code.

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS POLICIES

Prompt, regular attendance is absolutely essential to academic success. The parent/guardian is expected to foster these good habits in the student both for the benefit of the student's current academic achievement and to encourage mature adult behavior in the future.

A student who is absent more than 20 days during the school year may be subject to

Procedure

Parent/Guardian must call the Main Office at **201-332-5970 extension 12** between 7:00-8:30 AM to report absences.

On the day of return to school, the student must bring a note with the following information: Student's name, date(s) of absence, reason for the absence, and signature of parent/guardian. Absences of five (5) or more days need a doctor's note to return. Notes are brought to the Main Office by 8:00 AM on the date of the return and a pass is issued to the student, which is delivered to his homeroom teacher for admittance. A student who returns to school without a note will be assigned detention until a note is provided.

Absences will be monitored. A student having an excessive number of absences will be notified, along with a notification to parent(s)/guardian(s). Students with excessive absences may be required to attend summer school in the subject with the lowest grade.

High School Students will not receive credit for a course if such student has been absent 18 school days from a full year course; absent 9 school days from a semester course. **Students who are ineligible for course credit in any semester due to absences will also be immediately ineligible to participate in the following programs and/or activities:**

- Extracurricular activities (may be for the remainder of the year);
- Interscholastic Athletics (at minimum, for the remainder of the season and in accordance with additional NJSIAA eligibility rules);

If a student is absent for 5 days, he/she must participate in a Credit Retrieval session to be held on a designated Saturday, for a four hour session. If a student is absent for another 5 days, he/she must participate in another Credit Retrieval session. After 10 days absent, it becomes a one for one Absence to Credit Retrieval situation. During Credit Retrieval, the student is assigned make up class work to complete. Each session requires a fee of \$50.

When a student is absent, the student is responsible for the work, tests, and assignments. A student should contact other students in class to obtain missed assignments. Teachers will determine the time period for making up assignment, tests, and work dependent on the length of absence as stated in their syllabus.

A student must attend school to participate in or attend any school-related activities, including dances and proms. A student must arrive in school no later than 11:00AM in order to participate in activities. The Dean of Students will decide any exception to this rule.

Self-proclaimed "student cut days" (including, but not limited to the Monday after the Senior Prom) are illegal and participating students will be considered truant for purposes of disciplinary action.

College Visitation

Seniors will be allowed three days for the purpose of college visitation. These days will be considered excused absences and not counted against the student's attendance record. All requests for visitation days must be submitted at least one week in advance to the Senior Guidance Counselor. Hudson Catholic retains the right to deny permission to students applying for college days due to either academic and/or disciplinary deficiencies on the part of the student. No college visitations will be allowed during the scheduled school exam period at the close of the first semester or after April 30th.

Doctor Appointments

The Administration of Hudson Catholic Regional High School strongly discourages making doctor's appointments during school hours or days. Parents/guardians should use weekends, school holidays and vacation periods for doctor's appointments.

Early Dismissal

Any student who requests to leave school early must have a note from the parent/guardian submitted to the Dean of Students prior to homeroom on the day the student is requesting early dismissal. The note must contain the student's name, date, time and nature of the need for an early dismissal. A student returning to school on the same day of an early dismissal must report to the Main Office to sign-in. The student is responsible for all assignments, tests and class work that are missed.

No student is permitted to leave the property or building during the school day without permission. A student who leaves without permission from the Dean of Students or other school administrator will be considered truant.

Extended Absence

The parents/guardians of students who must be absent for a week or more due to serious illness or other extraordinary circumstances should contact the Academic Dean to collect work for the period of absence. The Administration of Hudson Catholic Regional High School strongly discourages taking vacation during the school year. It is generally desirable that a parent/guardian picks up and returns this work rather than rely on student couriers.

Lateness

Punctuality is a sign of maturity and self-discipline. These are traits expected of Hudson Catholic students. Chronic lateness in the morning or to class during the school day is a habit injurious to academic performance and future employment.

All students must report to homeroom by the bell signaling the start of the school day (8:15 AM). Students arriving late to school must report to the Main Office before proceeding to homeroom, locker, nurse, cafeteria, etc. The student will sign in and receive an admission slip from the office before proceeding to homeroom. Cafeteria will stop serving breakfast food at 8:00 AM. Students who arrive late to school without a written excuse from their parent/guardian will serve detention that same afternoon.

All students are required to arrive on time to classes. Students arriving late to class will be marked late by the teacher and detention assigned.

Lateness is a serious offense and, therefore, 5 times being late will be equaled to one full day absence.

If a teacher or administrator detains a student, a pass will be issued for the next class from that teacher or administrator.

The Dean of Students will monitor incidents of tardiness to school and class daily. Excessive tardiness will be considered as serious infractions and appropriate corrective measures will be taken. A student who is chronically late may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion.

Any student late to school and more than 20 minutes late to 1st period or other class during the school day will be considered as having "cut class" at the discretion of the Dean of Students.

Truancy

A student who deliberately avoids coming to school, contrary to the wishes of the parent/guardian, is considered truant. Students who call themselves off from school (or for early dismissal) or have a non-parent guardian call and/or forge a note are also considered truant. Students will NOT be given the opportunity to complete academic work/tests missed due to truancy. Habitual truancy will be reported to the Attendance Office of the student's district of residence. Truancy also includes cutting a class or classes. A student who is chronically truant may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion.

STUDENT DRESS CODE AND GROOMING POLICY

Good habits in dress and grooming are considered an important part of personal development. The student's appearance should be neat and clean. Extremes in dress or appearance are to be avoided. The Dean of Students reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of a student's attire and appearance.

Compliance with the dress code is mandatory and the cooperation of the parents/guardians is expected. If the Dean of Students determines that a student's dress or appearance is inappropriate, students will be sent home upon parental notification.

Students are to be in compliance with the dress code when entering and leaving the school building and while on school grounds. There is to be no changing clothes or shoes at the lockers or in the halls. Students leaving school at the end of the day should be aware that they represent themselves, their parents/guardians and the school and should be dressed accordingly.

GIRLS UNIFORM

All uniforms are purchased through Flynn and O'Hara Uniform Company

Skirt and Blouse: Plaid uniform skirt, 2 inches above the knee, white blouse either long or short sleeves.

Sweaters: only black uniform sweaters (V-neck vests or long sleeve cardigan), with crest or letter may be worn.

Blazers: black school blazers with crest (**purchased through Flynn and O'Hara**) are mandatory for Juniors and Seniors.

Knee socks, leotards, or opaques: mandatory and black

Shoes: Appropriate school shoes are black, with heels no higher than one inch; no athletic type of shoe, sneakers, any work boots, clogs, backless shoes, sandals, or flip-flops may be worn.

Jewelry: Body piercing jewelry is inappropriate and unacceptable, as are accessories, such as belts, bandanas, scarves, headbands and hats. One pair of earrings one inch in diameter may be worn.

Make-Up: Modest, simple and appropriate for school. Make-up worn should be natural and becoming.

Nail Polish: Only solid color nail polish may be worn during the school day.

Hair: Must be clean and well maintained. No outlandish styles or dyes are permitted. **Should a student be asked to modify a hairstyle/coloring, she will have 24 hours to comply or be suspended until she can return with the proper style/color.**

Physical Education: Uniform shorts and T-shirt, white socks and athletic shoes. (**Purchased at the Hawk Book Store**)

All Junior and Senior students must purchase the school blazer from the Flynn and O'Hara Uniform Company.

Summer: At specified times during the school year a student may choose to wear the summer uniform. The first day of school through Columbus Day and after April 15. Gray uniform skirt, 2 inches above the knee, white golf shirt, white or black socks, black shoes.

BOYS UNIFORM

All uniforms are purchased through Flynn and O'Hara Uniform Company

Shirt: White oxford dress shirt either long or short sleeves with the school tie knotted at the collar. Shirts must be tucked inside the pants and the top button buttoned. Students are required to wear plain (no lettering or graphics), white short-sleeved undershirts under their polo or dress shirt throughout the year.

Tie: The school uniform tie is worn and knotted at the neckline.

Trousers: Tan khaki, 4 pocket dress pants (Flynn and O'Hara) must be worn with a black belt. Pants must be size appropriate and worn at the waist. Pants may not be excessively baggy, over sized, or have frayed or slit bottoms. Cargo, carpenter and painter type pants as well as jeans are forbidden.

Blazers: black school blazers with crest (**purchased through Flynn and O'Hara**) are mandatory for Juniors and Seniors.

Sweater: The black school sweater / vest with crest or letter sweater may be worn during the school day for freshmen and sophomores. No other outerwear is permitted.

Shoes and socks: Dress shoes and socks are required. Shoes must be black, laced up. Hiking boots, work boots, canvas or leather athletic shoes, sneakers, sneaker-like footwear, sandals and trendy footwear are not permitted.

Hair: Must be clean and neatly trimmed above the ear, eyes and shirt collar. No outlandish styles or dyes are permitted. **Should a student be asked to modify a hairstyle/coloring, he will have 24 hours to comply or be suspended until he can return with the proper style/color.**

Facial Hair: Boys are expected to be clean-shaven. **No facial hair of any kind is permitted.**

Jewelry: No earrings, visible piercings, tattoos, or excessive jewelry is permitted.

Physical Education: Uniform shorts and T-shirt, white socks and athletic shoes. (**Purchased at the Hawk Book Store**)

All Junior and Senior students must purchase the school blazer from the Flynn and O'Hara Uniform Company.

Summer: At specified times during the school year a student may choose to wear the summer uniform.

The first day of school through Columbus Day and after April 15.

Khaki pants, white golf shirt with crest, socks and black laced up shoes may be worn.

ALL STUDENTS

Dress Expectations for Tag Days

On specific days throughout the school year, students are allowed the option to "dress down" from the standard uniform code. Tag days foster school spirit by allowing students to wear comfortable, clean clothing. Students must adhere to the following expectations:

- No sweat pants with lettering on the back
- No pajamas or lounge pants
- No torn, ripped or cut pants
- No shorts or Capri pants
- No pants that is too loose or too tight
- No undergarments that can be seen under the clothing
- No shirts with plunging neckline, midriffs, or torn/cut off sleeves
- No hats, bandanas or head gear
- No sharp or exaggerated jewelry, piercings, or excessive hairstyles
- No dyed hair
- No slippers, flip-flops, work boots, or backless shoes of any style
- No gloves or overcoats/jackets

If students arrive at school improperly attired, they will be asked to change their clothes, receive detention, and possibly forfeit future tag day privileges.

GENERAL DISCIPLINE AND STUDENT CONDUCT

A spirit of Christ-like charity, respect for authority and mutual cooperation are essentials for the learning environment at Hudson Catholic High School Regional High School. Students are expected to act with courtesy and respect toward one another and toward all members of the staff. They must take seriously their obligation to develop lifetime habits of self-control and concern for the well-being of others. Home and school must work together to help students learn and live the qualities of responsible behavior and the elements of good citizenship. Students who choose to disrupt the good order of the school or to violate school policies or regulations will have to accept the consequences of those irresponsible choices. Accountability for uncooperative, disruptive or unsafe behavior may take any of the following forms: verbal or written warnings; misconduct referrals; punishment assignments; denial of privileges; denial of participation in extracurricular activities; detention; disciplinary probation, in-school and out-of-school suspension; or expulsion. Prior to the imposition of a suspension or expulsion, parents/guardians may meet with the Principal and or President.

Actions that violate the law, threaten other students or staff members, disrupt or impede the welfare and progress of the school community, or bring discredit to the school will not be tolerated. Such actions or major violations of school rules may result in immediate expulsion. If a student persists in violation of school conduct requirements, the student with parent/guardian will meet with the Dean of Students. All subsequent discipline, counseling, consultation and corrective action plans will be viewed as a positive home-school effort to help the student improve behavior. If these cooperative efforts of parents/guardians and school staff prove ineffective, the student will be subject to expulsion or may be denied re-admittance to Hudson Catholic.

In January and June the Hudson Catholic Regional High School Discipline Board meets to review the cases of students who in their judgment are chronic offenders against the school disciplinary code, including tardiness and dress code, or whose behavior is having a contagion effect on the behavior of other students and/or the atmosphere of the school. The Board is made up of faculty members appointed by the Administration, and it interviews students and parents/guardians concerned before making recommendations to the Dean of Students. Recommendations may include no further action, imposition of conditions for continued enrollment upon a student through a special contract, suspension, disciplinary probation and withdrawal from Hudson Catholic.

Major Violations are conduct infractions that subject the student offender to possible suspension or expulsion from Hudson Catholic. Major violations include but are not limited to:

Assaults/threats of violence	Fighting	Possessing or Use of Alcohol Products
Bullying/Harassment/Hazing	Forging notes	Possession of a Weapon
Class Cuts	Gambling	Sexual harassment
Cheating (premeditated)	Off Campus Violations/ Public Misconduct	Theft
Disrespect of Staff Member	Possessing, sharing, selling drugs	Truancy
Endangering Oneself or Others	Possessing or Use of Tobacco Products	Vandalism

Minor Violations are conduct infractions that usually subject the student offender to disciplinary action short of suspension or expulsion. Persistent or frequent minor violations may subject a student to more serious disciplinary action, particularly if lower level disciplinary actions have not resulted in behavior improvement. Minor violations include but are not limited to:

Card Playing	Eating Food outside cafeteria	Late to Class / School
Chewing Gum	Failure to Report when summoned	Dress Code Violation
Cut Detention	Failure to Return Report Card/Progress Report	Use of Electronic Equipment on School Grounds
Disrupting Class	Failure to Return an Absentee Note or School Form	Vulgar Language

Detention

Private:

A teacher may assign private detention to be served before or after school. Private detention takes precedence over general school detention. If there is a conflict, the general school detention must be rescheduled with the Dean of Students. Students who fail to report for private detention will be given general detentions.

General:

Detention will be held daily in an announced designated location at the end of the school day. ***Students must be in regular school dress code for detention.*** Detention will begin five minutes after the conclusion of 7th period and last for at least 40 minutes. A teacher's private detention takes precedence over general school detention. Students will be notified when a general detention is assigned. Students who skip general detention will be assigned an additional general school detention and parents/guardians will be notified.

The Administration reserves the right to hold special detentions (i.e. Saturday morning detention) for violations it deems excessive. Students subject to Saturday detention will be charged, \$10.00 payable at the beginning of detention. In the case of an emergency, a student may petition the Dean of Students to reschedule an assigned Saturday detention.

Disciplinary Probation

Disciplinary probation status is reserved for the following situations:

- Student returning from a suspension from school due to a major violation of the Hudson Catholic disciplinary code.
- Students with a pattern of disciplinary difficulty that includes minor violations of the Hudson Catholic disciplinary code and whose cases have been reviewed by the Discipline Board and the Dean of Students.
- In sum, Disciplinary Probation is Hudson Catholic's final effort to avoid expelling the student for disciplinary reasons.

Parents/guardians of a student placed on Disciplinary Probation shall receive a letter from the Dean of Students alerting them to the requirements of the student's remaining time at Hudson Catholic.

While on Disciplinary Probation, any major violation of the Hudson Catholic code of conduct or a pattern of minor violations of the Hudson Catholic code of conduct may also result in dismissal.

Harassment / Sexual Harassment

Each student has the responsibility to maintain acceptable standards of personal behavior to ensure learning and working environment free from intimidation, harassment, bias or prejudice.

Therefore our policy is as follows: Threats of violence and other forms of abusive expression, any forms of bullying, physical harassment, use of inappropriate sexual words, actions or innuendoes and comments directed at a person's gender are inappropriate and will not be tolerated.

Any type of public displays of affection are not appropriate or acceptable in our school environment.

Sexual harassment consists of UNWELCOME sexual advances, touching, requests for sexual favors, repeated derogatory sexist remarks, and other verbal, written, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature directed toward another person.

School Sanctions: Harassment/sexual harassment are serious offenses and violate the Church's teaching on the dignity of the human person and contrary to federal and state laws. Hudson Catholic will investigate all complaints promptly and aggressively. If there is a substantiated claim that a student harassed/sexually harassed someone, the perpetrator is subject to appropriate disciplinary action which may include warnings, parent conferences, suspension, or expulsion.

False Charges: If, after a thorough investigation, it is determined that a complaint was made with the knowledge that the facts were false, the filing individual will be subject to severe disciplinary action which may include suspension and/or expulsion.

Threats and Violence

Hudson Catholic maintains a zero tolerance policy in dealing with threats and incidences of actual or potential violence. All threats will be taken seriously and the proper authorities will be notified. A student who makes threats is suspended from school, and, if necessary, required to get either a psychological or a psychiatric evaluation. The student may return to school only if the parent/guardian presents a written statement from a psychiatrist/psychologist approved by the school, indicating the student is ready to return to school and the administration is willing to have the student return. A student's parent/guardian will be notified in writing that a second offense may result in dismissal. Before a student is allowed to return to Hudson Catholic a re-admittance conference will be held with the student and parent/guardian. Administration may suggest voluntary transfer if it believes that the school is no longer helping a student to grow into a mature, self-disciplined, educated person.

Any student in the possession of an illegal weapon or firearm will be subject to immediate dismissal and referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

False Threats: Any student who reports a false threat will be suspended from school and/or subjected to more severe disciplinary action. The student will also be required to get counseling before re-admittance.

What constitutes a threat?

- A threat can be physical, verbal, written illustrated and/or a weapon.
- A threat can be reported to an adult or by the frightened victim.
- A threat can be reported to by a third party who witnessed the threat.
- A threat can be observed by an adult (teacher, administrator, staff person, or parent).

LOCKERS AND SCHOOL SEARCH POLICY

School administrators may search a student's person and belongings if there is a reasonable belief, in the sole opinion of the school administrator, that contraband, illegal substances or inappropriate objects are being concealed.

School Lockers

All lockers are the property of Hudson Catholic Regional High School assigned to students as a convenience.

Students have no expectation of privacy regarding the lockers. The Dean of Students will conduct random locker searches from time to time. Students and backpacks are subject to search upon reasonable cause.

Student should not bring valuables to school. Students should not give their locker combinations to other students. The school assumes no responsibility for items lost or stolen.

Throughout the school year, periodic days will be scheduled for students to clean out and organize their lockers. Students will empty their lockers on the last day of their final exams at the end of the school year. The locker will be left opened at that time so the maintenance staff may clean it. The maintenance staff will discard articles remaining in the locker after this date.

Gym Lockers

Student's assigned gym will use a locker to store their clothes. On gym days, students are discouraged to bring valuables to school. If in the parent's judgment the student must have such items in school, students are advised to lock items in their school locker or lock items in a locked gym locker. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Locks

Only locks issued by the school or purchased through the Hawk Bookstore will be used on school, athletic or gym lockers. All unauthorized locks are subject to removal.

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

Students are under the supervisory care of the school from the time they arrive in the morning until the time they leave in the afternoon.

Addressing Teachers

Students are to display courtesy and respect to all. Adult members of the school staff are to be addressed by their proper title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Brother, Sister, Father, etc.) at all times.

Alcohol, Drug, and Weapon Policy

The use of alcoholic beverages or the possession or use of illegal drugs of any kind is not permitted by students enrolled at Hudson Catholic. Students appearing in school or at any school sponsored event on school property or away in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or drugs will follow the procedure below.

- The student's parents/guardians will be informed immediately.
- The student may be immediately suspended from school.
- At the earliest possible time, the student and their parents/guardians will meet with the Principal and Dean of Students to investigate the matter and determine proper measures.
- Such students may be subject to dismissal.

Any student of Hudson Catholic who dishonors oneself or the school by becoming involved in either expressing the intent to or actual buying, selling, or possession of drugs may be subject to immediate dismissal from this school and referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Hudson Catholic reserves the right, with parent consent, to require drug and/or alcohol testing of students suspected to be in violation of the schools alcohol/drug policy. The Principal or the Dean of Students is the arbiters of this decision. Failure to voluntarily submit to proper testing may result in the student's being required to withdraw from Hudson Catholic. The school may require rehabilitation at the expense of the student. Failure to comply may result in the student being required to withdraw.

Bulletins

The Attendance Bulletin is posted each day on the first floor bulletin board. If there is a mistake concerning absence or lateness, a student should contact the Main Office immediately. The Daily Bulletin is read each morning during homeroom period. Students are responsible for all information contained in this bulletin.

Behavior Away From School

The students at Hudson Catholic represent our school at bus stops, stores, recreational events, and in their neighborhoods. Behavior that reflects negatively on the school affects all members of the school community and hurts the school's reputation. Such behavior will not be tolerated from any student. Behavior which is counter to the Christian principles that Hudson Catholic teaches - wherever it occurs - is relevant to our students' status as members of the school community.

Bias and Prejudice

Because Hudson Catholic is a community based upon the Gospel teachings of Jesus, it expects that its students will treat one another and the greater community with respect and fairness. Bias and prejudice based upon race, creed, ethnicity or other differences will not be tolerated at Hudson Catholic. Students exhibiting such behavior will be subject to disciplinary action. The Dean of Students will determine what proper action is to be taken.

Cafeteria

The cafeteria is a service the Hudson Catholic provides for the use of its students. After finishing the meal, each student should:

- a) Leave the place at the table clean.
- b) Pick up any refuse around or under the table.
- c) Place all refuse in the appropriate containers in the cafeteria.

At no time should food or drink be taken outside of the cafeteria. The cafeteria is a privilege for students at Hudson Catholic and not a right. Violations of the student handbook or inappropriate behavior in the cafeteria may result in the loss of this privilege for a time to be determined by the Dean of Students.

Cars

Any vehicle driven to school by a student must be registered with the Dean of Students. These vehicles are not permitted to be parked in the school lot or St. Aedan's yard. Permission to go to vehicles for any reason during school hours must be obtained from a school administrator.

Cell Phone and Use of Any Electronic Devices

Because of potential disturbances to the school day, I-pods, laser pointers or any other electronic devices are not allowed in school.

Students are permitted to possess cell phones in the school building; however, students may not use cell phones for any personal reason, in any manner, during the restricted school day hours (8:00 am - dismissal).

Any student violating the cell phone policy is subject to strict disciplinary action. If necessary and due to an emergency or extraordinary situation, an administrator will give permission to students to use cell phones under supervision of a teacher or staff member.

The protocol for acceptable possession and use of a cell phone is as follows:

- Phone must be kept in the OFF power position from (8:00 am - dismissal).
- Phones may not be visible.
- No cell phone may be used for picture or video recordings, text messaging, accessing the internet or e-mail, gambling, making purchases or math calculations.
- No harassment or threatening of persons via the cell phone is tolerated.
- Students who violate any of the rules regarding cell phones are subject to disciplinary action and may forfeit their privileges of bringing them to school.
- Parents should not contact their child via cell phones during the school day. Parents are asked to call the main office. (201-332-5970)
- A parent who phone or text message jeopardize their child to receive disciplinary action.
- Abuse of the cell phone regulations will result in appropriate disciplinary action.
- If a student's cell phone is activated or used in any way during the restricted school day hours, the following policy will be enforced:
 - ◆ 1st offense: seizure of the cell phone for 24 hours
 - ◆ 2nd offense: seizure of the cell phone for 24 hours, notification of the parents/guardians, detention and a **\$10 fine**.
 - ◆ 3rd offense: seizure of the cell phone for 24 hours, a parent/guardian must re-claim the phone, a Saturday detention (3 hours) and a **\$20 fine**.

Students who refuse to surrender a cell phone upon the request from a teacher or administrator will be charged with disobedience and insubordination. The student may be subject to suspension and placed on Disciplinary Probation.

Seized phone are returned to students and parents/guardians by the Dean of Students or his designee. Laptop computers are the responsibility of the owner.

Recording devices may not be used in class without the permission of the class teacher
A student may not use a cell phone, camera or similar electronic device to photograph any person without the explicit permission of an administrator.

Hudson Catholic is not responsible for any expensive electronic equipment or the like that is brought to school.

Change of Address

A change of address, phone number, emergency phone, or any other registration information should be reported immediately to the Main Office.

Class Preparation

Students are to be prepared for all classes by having the proper textbooks, notebooks and other materials necessary for class work. Students are expected to report to physical education classes with proper uniform and be prepared to actively participate in all programs.

Classroom

The classroom is seen as the primary, means of instruction in values and academic knowledge at Hudson Catholic. In order to facilitate learning, students are expected to abide by the classroom rules and regulations established by the individual teachers.

Computer Facilities:

Students may use the computer facilities when they are available.

Courtyard

Students are permitted in the courtyard during their unscheduled time. No ball playing, no cell phones, & no loud talking or yelling permitted so as not to disrupt classes that are in session.

Dances and Social Events

All dances and social events are scheduled for the benefit of Hudson Catholic students. Admission to our dance, therefore, is extended only to students in good standing.

- Non-Hudson Catholic students are not permitted to attend “casual” dances.
- Non-Hudson Catholic students, under the age of 21, may request to attend semi-formal and formal dances as a guest of an HC student. Guests must complete a guest form, and following a review of the Dean of Students, may be permitted to attend a special dance event. All guests must submit a valid, current, photo ID and be registered at Hudson Catholic a minimal of 24 hour before the dance.
- No one is permitted in any part of the building other than the area in which the activity is being held.
- When an individual leaves an event, he/she may not return.
- Students are subject to the same rules, regulations and code of conduct as they are during the school day, and likewise are subject to the same forms of disciplinary actions for any inappropriate conduct or actions.
- Dances will usually be held in the evening from 7–10 pm.
- Hudson Catholic will contract the services of an on-duty police officer to provide security during a dance or special social event. All students and guest are subject to authority of the local police officer and the municipality he/she represents.

Financial Obligations

As a Catholic school, Hudson Catholic receives no taxpayer support for its general operations. As such, it is absolutely dependent on the prompt, regular payment of tuition and fees by the parents and guardians of our students in order to meet its own obligations. As a result, parents/guardians must meet all financial obligations and keep them current, as spelled out in the Tuition Contract signed at the time of registration of their son at Hudson Catholic Regional High School.

Students with overdue accounts are subject, after the President and or Principal's review and at their sole discretion, to suspension from school and all school-related activities (athletic or non-athletic, including but not limited to proms, banquets, and other school-sponsored special events and activities) until the parent or guardian's account is made current. Such suspensions will likely take place at the following times during the school year:

- Prior to the start of school in September
- At the end of the 1st Quarter (November)
- At the period for Semester Examinations (January)
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter (March)
- At the period of Final Examinations (May for seniors; June for underclassmen)

If a parent/guardian's tuition/fee account falls behind, a letter will be sent. Please respond to the instructions as set forth in the letter in order to make your account current.

Fire Alarm

Sounding a false fire alarm is illegal and will be subject to stern disciplinary measures, including notification of civil authorities, administrative punishment and probable expulsion.

Games and Gambling

Card playing, betting, and gambling are forbidden on school property. Any game or activity that disrupts the orderly atmosphere of the school, including the cafeteria, is also forbidden.

Gangs

Membership in gangs or similar groups is not tolerated at Hudson Catholic. Any type of behavior such as gang like handshakes, the wearing of colors, and the wearing of beads representing colors will result in serious disciplinary penalties. Actual membership in a gang will result in immediate dismissal from school.

Homeroom

The homeroom period each morning is an important part of the school day. Prayers, attendance, announcements and other school business are conducted during this short period. Students must be in homeroom each day for the entire homeroom period and not use homeroom period to go to the cafeteria, library, and computer room or attend to any other personal business.

ID Cards

Students must wear their Hudson Catholic ID cards at all times; including attendance at school activities. Replacement ID Cards cost \$5.00.

Internet

Students are encouraged to access course and club related information via the Internet on school computers. They should be aware that viewing certain material, such as, pornographic images or racist statements, is inappropriate, and will be dealt with as a disciplinary and/or guidance matter. Also, students are neither to access chat rooms or bulletin boards, nor send or receive e-mails via school computers. If there is a question as to the appropriateness of a particular area, students should check with the computer coordinator beforehand. An "Acceptable Use Agreement for Technology" agreement is distributed to students at the start of the school year in September.

Lost and found

Lost items may be reclaimed in the **Hawk Bookstore**.

Library:

Students may use the library to do research and reading. Book bags are not permitted in the library. Book bags should be placed in the student's locker prior to going to the Library.

Main Office

The Business Manager and Secretarial staff is available between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM at 201-332-5970.

Off Campus Privileges

Due to legal and safety issues, no student is permitted to be off campus during the school day.

Parental Contacts

Any parent/guardian wishing to meet with either a member of the School Administration and/or faculty should contact the Main Office at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a meeting time. **We cannot guarantee meetings unless they are scheduled in advance.**

Pick Up from School

The school will permit only the custodial parent, or her/his designee, to pick up the child during or at the end of the school day. The non-custodial parent will not be permitted to remove the child from the school during or at the end of the school day, unless there is written authorization from the custodial parent. In an emergency, a clearly defined, onetime telephone authorization may be acceptable.

School Closing

Closing necessitated by severe weather or other emergency situations will be on the **Honeywell Instant Alert System**, recorded on the school's phone system, posted on the school's website and announced on radio station **WINS 1010 AM**.

Smoking

Smoking within a one block radius of school grounds is prohibited and students violating this policy are subject to disciplinary action.

State Textbooks

State textbooks are on loan to the student through the Jersey City Board of Education. Textbooks are issued to the student in September and the student is required to return the same textbook at the conclusion of the year. The student is responsible to pay for the textbook(s) if the original textbook is not returned or lost. State textbooks are to be covered.

Study Hall

An important element of any student's education is the development of the ability to use study time effectively and productively. Study halls are an opportunity for students to use school time for study and homework in a supervised and quiet environment. Students are permitted to utilize the following areas during their study period with permission: the library, the computer room. After receiving a pass students must go the selected location and remain there for the entire period. Students are not permitted to be in the hallways or stairwells.

Vandalism

Vandalism is contrary to the Christian values of respect that are taught at Hudson Catholic. In addition, vandalism hurts all because monies spent on repairing school property represent a loss of funds that could be spent on equipment and services. Any student engaging in any kind of vandalism or stealing will be forced to make restitution and is subject to suspension and/or dismissal for the first offense.

Vending Machines

Vending machines are available for student use before, during and after school hours. Any items purchased must be consumed in the cafeteria only.

Visitors

Visitors must report to the Main Office and sign in on their arrival and depart the building when their business is concluded. A student visitor considering enrollment is permitted to “shadow” a Hudson Catholic student. Student visitors must report to and be approved by the Director of Admissions before accompanying one of our students to class. Other potential student visitors must submit a request at least one day in advance to the Principal. Student visitors must comply with Hudson Catholic regulations, including dress code.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

Court Orders Affecting Parents

If there is a court order specifying the rights and responsibilities of individual parents, it is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide Hudson Catholic High School with an official copy of the court order. The custodial parent may wish to supply the Principal with the “custody section” of the divorce decree if it contains information which may be useful to the School in fulfilling its obligation.

Release of Student Records

Hudson Catholic High School abides by the provision of applicable law with respect to the rights of non-custodial parents. In the absence of a court order to the contrary and upon request, Hudson Catholic will provide the non-custodial parent with access to the student’s essential academic records.

From time to time Hudson Catholic Regional High School may receive court orders or requests from government agencies for the release of “directory-type information” (name, address, phone numbers). Parents not wanting such information released will have an opportunity to opt out by completing a form for that purpose in the month of September.

Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect

New Jersey State Law requires that any person, who has reasonable cause to believe that a child may have been subjected to abuse or neglect, must make a report to the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS).

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Immunizations and Medical Test Requirement

DTP: minimum of four doses
Hepatitis B Series

MMR: 2 doses
OPV: minimum three doses

A student whose immunization record is incomplete will not be admitted to any classes.

School Physicals

All students must have a current physical, performed by a medical doctor, on file in the nurse's office **before classes** begin in September. This applies to all students **before** being permitted to participate in Gym classes, practice or play athletics with any team sponsored by Hudson Catholic Regional High School.

Administration of Medication

Students who are taking medication during school hours must have a written permission from their Physician and Parent/Guardian for it to be administered by the school nurse. The following procedures apply:

- The medication must be in the original pharmacy-labeled container.
- The medication will remain in the nurse office during the day.

Students are permitted to keep their own asthma inhalers and epi pens with them throughout the day.

The **School Nurse** is available to assist students from 8:15 AM until 3:00 PM daily.

All medication forms are available in the Nurse's office.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

At Hudson Catholic, we believe that education goes beyond the work of the classroom. Every student is strongly encouraged to become involved in one or more of the many extracurricular activities and /or sports sponsored by the school. Involvement in these activities not only helps the student to round out his education but it provides him with an opportunity to interact with teachers and coaches in a more social atmosphere, and to establish friendships with fellow students and rival competitors, many of which will endure a lifetime.

In addition to intramural sports, interscholastic teams are sponsored by Hudson Catholic in the following sports: Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, Soccer, Tennis, Track and Field both indoor and outdoor, Volleyball and Wrestling.

Counseling Center

Counselors on each level conduct regular interviews with all students to assist them with academic and personal concerns, course selection, and college and career planning. Students are encouraged to visit the Counseling Center (Room 101) and to take full advantage of the services and resources available to them.

Extracurricular Activities

Amnesty International
Biology Club
Commentator / Yearbook
Drama
Ebony Club

Filipino-American Club
Film Society
Forensics
French/Spanish/ Italian Clubs
Irish Club

Lasallian Youth Corps
Math Club
Mock Trial
National Honor Society
Paintball Club

Peer Ministry
Spirit Club
Student Government
Technology Club
Train Club

Hawk Shop

The Hawk Shop is open before and after school hours, and provides a variety of items for academic use as well as recreational and school clothing.

National Honor Society

The object of the National Honor Society shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership and to encourage the development of character in students in Hudson Catholic High School.

The De La Salle Chapter of the National Honor Society is in conformity with the National NHS Constitution. Eligibility is open to members of the junior and senior classes. Active members must maintain the standards by which they were selected and meet other obligations as determined by the Chapter.

Membership is an honor bestowed on a student. Selection is based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service and character. To fulfill these requirements students must scholastically achieve and maintain a minimum cumulative scholastic average of 3.0 and demonstrate positive leadership qualities. They must also display willingness to volunteer time to assist others and uphold the principles of morality and ethics. Membership is determined by a majority vote of the faculty council on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Members of the De La Salle chapter of the National Honor Society provide tutorial services for students who may be having difficulty in a particular subject. Students may be referred for tutoring by their teachers or counselors, or they may request assistance on their own. Students or parents interested in this program should contact their year level counselor.

Student Services

The professional staff of Hudson Catholic Regional High School provides a wide range of services designed to assist students in their adjustments to high school as well as in their ongoing academic, spiritual and emotional development.