

CHS Textbook FAQs

(Buying, selling and consigning books)

What's the difference between MBS Direct online bookstore and the CHS Bookstore?

MBS Direct is our online bookstore. They provide new and used textbooks. MBS Direct buys back books that will be used the next school year. (see *BAGGING Books, below*.)

The CHS bookstore operates on-site and sells used textbooks which have been turned in to the school. The CHS bookstore does not buy used books, it accepts them for consignment (see *WAGGING Books, below*). As we do not pay money for books turned in, we tag the books, sell them throughout the summer and then reconcile each family's account so that payment is made at the end of September/beginning of October. We reimburse for the books up to a year after the student has left Catholic High School. For each used book sold, we pay approximately 50% of a new book price.

What is "BAGGING/WAGGING Your Books?"

BAGGING — Books (other than lab or workbooks) you purchased can be sold to MBS Direct at the end of the school year. To do this, the student must first go online to the MBS Direct bookstore, follow the directions for selling books, print the form then bring the books and form to the Library during the collection period, which is during finals week after the main exam each day. It all goes into a plastic bag that will be provided. If you think you will need more than one bag, please print out multiple forms. The "BAG/WAG" collection period begins after the second final exam on the first day (May 27, 2025) and will run through June 3, 2025, after which we will box and send all the bagged books to MBS Direct on your behalf. If you have not turned in your books to be bagged for MBS by then, you will be responsible for shipping them directly to MBS. If you RENTED a textbook from MBS at the beginning of the year, DO NOT turn it in for consignment. PLEASE make sure you earmark it for a bagged return to MBS.

WAGGING — Any textbooks which will be used next year may be turned in for consignment at the CHS bookstore. At the end of each exam or the end of the school year, students/families bring their books to the library/bookstore and fill out a form. The books will be wrapped in cellophane and you are done! Thus, Wrap And Go—WAG! **We do not accept ANY English novels for Wagging. Nor do we accept any textbooks that we will not be using again.**

When will BAG/WAG begin for this school year?

The collection of books will begin after the second final exam on the first day (May 27, 2025) and continue after the first exam each day until there are no further customers. The last exam is May 30, 2025. **Book return will be held in the library.** After all exams have concluded, we will still collect books until 10:00 am June 3, 2025. If you have rented books from MBS Direct, please tell the person assisting with the return.

Is there anything I need to do before bringing my books to the library?

If you are returning books to MBS Direct, you must log onto your account, click on the section for selling your books and check the books you are returning. Print off the form and bring it with the books to the school to be placed in the bag to be returned to MBS Direct. Please review the MBS Direct guidelines regarding the condition of the books they will accept. If the condition of the book is not within their stated guidelines, they will not buy it and you will have to pay the shipping if you want it returned to you.

I did not buy my book(s) from the CHS Bookstore. May I BAG/WAG it with the MSB Direct or the CHS bookstore?

As long as the book you purchased elsewhere is the same edition/ISBN and follows the requirements of the books listed on the MBS Direct website **and** we are using it the next school year, you may sell it to MSB Direct or consign it to the CHS bookstore.

Will I get credit for the books I turn in this year for books I buy for next year at the CHS Bookstore?

Because we are consigning books, not buying them, we cannot provide credit towards purchases. Our policy is to provide payment for any books sold in late September/early October.

In late September/early October when my used book account is reconciled, how will I be paid for any consigned books that sold?

Once the Bookstore has reconciled your account, the information is sent to the Business Office. They will then post the amount to your Course Fee Balance or Sage account. You will be sent an email that the consignment payout has been posted. IF YOU DO NOT WANT THE AMOUNT POSTED TO YOUR CHILD'S SAGE ACCOUNT, you need only email the Business Office back and

tell them what you would like to have done with it—put toward tuition, put toward another bill or be sent a check. For SENIORS, a check will be sent to you, along with any money left on your child's Sage account, providing that you do not have a younger child attending CHS. If you do, the amount will be posted to your younger child's account.

If you are not going to be at the same address you have on record with the school, please let the Business Office know to facilitate receipt of your money. If you are not sure where you will be, please make sure we have an accurate email so we may email you for your current address.

I missed the BAG/WAG days posted to turn in books. Do I have to wait until next year?

For all books acceptable for consignment in the CHS Bookstore, you can bring them in anytime; however, be aware that the earlier you bring them in, the more likely they will sell for the next school year. If you are selling books to MBS Direct and you missed the group shipment, go online to MBS Direct to obtain a shipping label to mail the books yourself.

When will I be able to purchase books for the next school year?

You can purchase all books for **summer reading** from the MBS online store starting **May 6, 2025** and throughout the summer. The **main book sale** will begin with online ordering **June 16, 2025** on the MBS Direct website. The CHS bookstore will sell whatever books we have inventoried as soon as they are in the system. The majority of the books are logged into the CHS system by the end of June. **There will be free shipping weeks for orders greater than \$99.00 the weeks of June 23rd and July 28th. Please check the MBS website for more specific information.**

How do I know which books I need for next year, which books I need to keep from this year, and am I able to purchase all the books I need through the CHS bookstore?

A Booklist for 2025-2026 school year is posted on the [bookstore section of the school website](#) in June. Listed are books which you need to keep (not turn in for consignment) depending on the courses you are taking. EXCEPT AS NOTED ON THE BOOKLIST, you are not required to purchase your books through MBS Direct or the CHS bookstore. Any course fees, rental fees, foreign language exam fees and AP fees will be billed after the start of the new school year through the billing office. This is noted on the book list. Those fees are allowed to be paid over several months if added to your FACTS account.

If I have other questions about the Bookstore and books in general, whom do I contact?

You should contact the Registrar and Bookstore Manager, at 757-467-2881. If you are having difficulties or questions about the MBS Direct Bookstore, you should first contact customer service for MBS Direct.

Additional Information on MBS Direct Book Return

Prior to returning books in the library, the student (parent) must go online to the MBS Direct website and login. Click on the menu and then "Sell Your Textbooks." You need to log in and then follow the prompts.

Once you complete all the required information, you will need to print a sheet for your records and enough sheets to put in each bag in which you are returning books. Generally, 2 large textbooks and 4-6 paperback books will fit in a bag. Bring the sheet(s) to school with the books you are returning and they will be placed in a bag to return to MBS Direct. Please refer to the website for guidelines on how to evaluate the condition of the books. You will choose the way you would like to be paid.

Any books which cannot be returned to MBS Direct and are being used the next school year may be consigned into the CHS Bookstore. Payment for consigned books occurs in early October if the book has sold. If you have any questions, please contact the Registrar/Bookstore Manager at 757-467-2881.