



Pathways to Excellence II

As you know, over the last several months, the Office of the Superintendent has authored a comprehensive plan of our Catholic school system, entitled Pathways to Excellence II. We are pleased to announce that the process has been completed. Please visit our website catholicschoolsny.org/about-us/pathways/ to view the full report.

Engaging Our Students on the Importance of Civic Responsibility

More than 250 student government/council members from Catholic high schools throughout the Archdiocese of New York participated in the second annual Student Leadership Summit at the Sheen Center in Manhattan on March 5. The students engaged in thoughtful dialogue on the importance of civic engagement through the lens of Catholic social teaching with an impressive panel of experts and leaders. This critical and timely conversation was infused with guidance found in the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops document, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." As a follow-up to the event, student leaders from each of the participating schools will be invited to a field trip to Washington, D.C. in June, touring a number of our national civic and religious institutions, including the U.S. Capitol, the Supreme Court and the Museum of the Bible.

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Enhancing Security and Safety Training at our Schools

As part of our effort to continuously improve and update our school safety practices, the Office of the Superintendent has partnered with law enforcement and fire/EMS agencies, to develop an enhanced safety and security program for our schools. This revised program will entail a day of on-site safety training for the entire faculty and staff at every school across the archdiocese, and will ensure our schools remain a safe and welcoming environment for all of our students, families, and staff.

Summer Service Program for Students

The Archdiocese of New York is offering Catholic school students a new summer service program, Revolution of Change. Students will head to Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries in Garrison August 5-10, teaming up to work for programs like Habitat for Humanity, senior living facilities and homeless shelters. Visit oymny.org/service-week or call Daniel Genn: 914-367-8329.

Save the date to volunteer as an adult leader at New York Catholic Youth Day: October 20 at Westchester County Center! Learn more at oymny.org/nycyd, and keep up-to-date on speakers and activities on Facebook or Twitter.

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FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

In this Spring newsletter, I am pleased to share exciting developments we are celebrating throughout our school system. First and foremost, we have completed our three-year strategic plan, Pathways to Excellence II, a roadmap outlining how we can build on our numerous successes to ensure a thriving and sustainable Catholic school system for generations to come. I invite you to read the document on our website catholicschoolsny.org/about-us/pathways/ so we can collectively work to implement the recommendations and strategies in the plan.

Additionally, in the following two pages, I am pleased to share with you our new catholic schools infographic, a visual representation of the academic and spiritual journey that awaits each child who enters one of our excellent schools.

Furthermore, I am pleased to share details regarding our upcoming security and safety training sessions for our faculty and staff, which will continue taking place at our

elementary schools this spring. These trainings will further equip our schools and staff to effectively respond to a wide range of security challenges and situations, and will help ensure our school communities remain safe and welcoming environments for all.

I hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting progress, opportunities and initiatives made possible by your unwavering support. As we enter the homestretch of another outstanding school year, please accept my best wishes and sincere gratitude.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. McNiff, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools
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Today's Students. Tomorrow's Leaders.

Catholic schools offer a unique combination of spiritual and academic development that helps children of all backgrounds get the best start in life and gain the confidence to realize their fullest potential. From birth to adulthood, Catholic schools guide students along their life's journey in faith and achievement, and help them develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in a safe, caring environment.

