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JOHN S. BURKE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCE CREATION OF
BURKE CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

***Beginning in Fall of 2021, Burke Catholic to Offer Grades 6-8 in Academy Setting
Current Eligible Catholic Elementary School Students to Enjoy Guaranteed Placement and
Seamless Transition***

(February 4, 2021 - Goshen, NY) Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York and John S. Burke Catholic High School in Goshen, NY jointly announce an exciting new opportunity for middle school students to attend grades 6-8 in an academy setting on the expanded high school campus at Burke Catholic. All eligible students currently enrolled in Catholic schools are guaranteed placement at the new [Burke Catholic Academy](#). The Burke Catholic Admissions Team will offer a seamless transition to those who choose to enroll. The Burke Catholic Academy will be open to all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students in the Hudson Valley.

“This is great news for our Catholic school families in a year of turmoil for the archdiocese and the world,” said Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York. “The archdiocese introduced organized education to New York more than 200 years ago. The academy’s formation is a strategic move towards preserving and re-imagining Catholic education in Orange County for generations.”

From professional development to special education to safe in-person learning during the global pandemic, archdiocesan schools have been proactive in adapting and overcoming 21st century challenges facing Catholic education. This opportunity for middle school students in the Orange County area reflects a commitment to ingenuity as we prepare for the future.

“In our mission statement, you will find the phrase ‘future focused’, and this alignment with John S. Burke Catholic High School, re-imagining how we deliver a Catholic education is precisely that,” said Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Michael J. Deegan. “The leadership of Burke Catholic have created a truly impressive opportunity for middle school students to prepare for high school and beyond while continuing the same, academically superior, values-infused curriculum they know so well.”

John S. Burke Catholic High School has an impressive personalized infrastructure for information and enrollment that will provide a seamless transition process for all. The Burke Catholic Admissions Team looks forward to welcoming rising and current Catholic and public middle school students and their families for in-person tours of what Burke Catholic hopes will be their home for as many as seven years of their Catholic education journey.

“Burke Catholic is the premier high school in the Hudson Valley. Our strength and commitment to excellence position us well to align with the Archdiocese of New York in this exciting opportunity for middle school students,” said Burke Catholic Board Chairman, Mr. Ron Boire SSSE P '08, '09, '13. “The new Burke Catholic Academy will expand the great tradition of academic excellence for future generations in Orange County.”

“Burke Catholic is excited to be part of this innovative program for Catholic education in Orange County,” BC President, John Douthit SHS '82 and BC Principal, Janice Clark, SJS '84, said jointly.

All 6-8 grade families are encouraged to visit [the Burke Catholic Academy website](#) for more information. All families of every faith with elementary school-aged children are always welcome to visit <http://www.catholicschoolsny.org> at any time, year-round, to learn more about the opportunity to provide their children an exceptional education at an affordable price in a Catholic school.

About the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York:

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York serve nearly 55,000 students from Pre-K through 12th grade across 172 schools in ten counties and boroughs throughout New York, including Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster, Sullivan, Orange, and Dutchess. Catholic schools offer a unique combination of academic and spiritual development that empowers children of all backgrounds to gain the confidence to realize their fullest potential. To learn more about the Archdiocese of New York's Catholic schools, visit www.catholicschoolsny.org or www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsArchdioceseNewYork.

About John S. Burke Catholic High School/Academy:

John S. Burke Catholic High School is the premier college preparatory high school in the New York Hudson Valley. Burke Catholic is excited to expand this academic excellence to all 6,7,8th grade students enrolled in the innovative new Burke Catholic Academy. Burke Catholic Academy will shape students' talents and abilities academically, spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Our young men and women will embody the spirit of Catholic Christian values, demonstrate civic responsibility, and become leaders who will positively impact and serve the world.

To learn more about Burke Catholic, visit www.BurkeCatholic.com.

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