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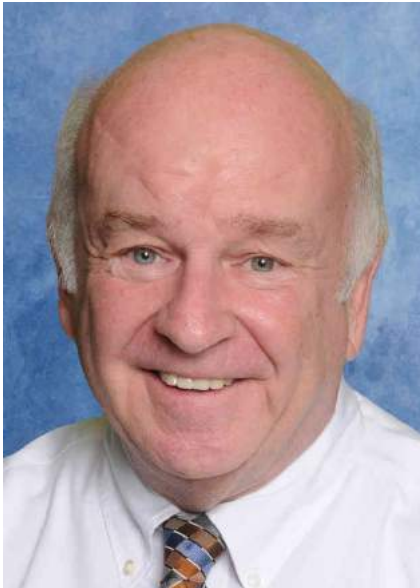
The Office of Secondary Schools is a resource for high school administrators, the high school admissions process and the TACHS test. As a service to these constituents, our newsletter will be released regularly, containing resources, notices, initiatives, programs, and news relevant to our secondary schools.

New contributions to the newsletter can be sent directly to secondary.schools@adnyeducation.org.

MEET THE STAFF

The Office of Secondary School serves 43 high schools with over 21,000 students within the Archdiocese of New York including The Bronx, Manhattan, Staten Island, Westchester, and Upper Counties.

Sean Sullivan, associate superintendent of secondary schools, along with Carmen Leon, administrator, are responsible for liaising between the Office of the Superintendent of Schools and the high schools located throughout the Archdiocese of New York.



SEAN SULLIVAN

Associate Superintendent of Secondary Schools

Mr. Sullivan has been a Catholic school educator throughout his professional career, with the entirety of his time spent at All Hallows High School in the Bronx, beginning as a math teacher in 1977. Over the course of the next 43 years, Mr. Sullivan served the All Hallows community coaching baseball and hockey – winning championships in each sport – as well as leading such programs as the Archdiocesan Inner-City Jobs Opportunity Program; the St. John’s University College Advantage Program; and the Foróige Leadership for Life Program National University of Ireland at Maynooth University.

In 1986 Mr. Sullivan was named vice principal for student affairs, and 10 years later became principal of the venerable institution, an office he held for over 23 years. Mr. Sullivan never left the classroom, as he continued to teach math throughout his decades at All Hallows.



CARMEN LEON

Secondary Schools Administrator

Ms. Leon has been a professional Catholic educator for 30 years, all of them here in the archdiocese at St. Joseph School in the Bronx, where she taught grades 4 through 8, while also serving as Middle School Grade Coordinator and High School Placement Officer. She was also the Director of Religious Education at St. Joseph for many years.

In each capacity, Ms. Leon recognized her mission to speak, act and instruct in a manner consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church; those are the values she brings to this very important position in our school system.

STAFF REMINDERS

1 HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS & EXPOS



Notre Dame Academy

Bronx

Location: Cardinal Spellman High School (One Cardinal Spellman Place)

Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021

Time: 12 PM – 2PM

Location: Academy of Mount St. Ursula (330 Bedford Park Blvd)

Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021

Time: 12 PM – 2PM

Manhattan

Location: Cathedral High School (350 East 56th Street)

Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021

Time: 12 PM – 2 PM

Westchester

Location: Resurrection Middle School (946 Boston Post Road - Rye, NY)

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Time: 4 PM – 7 PM

2 TACHS REGISTRATION

Registration for the TACHS exam begins August 23rd through October 24th. To watch the TACHS informational video, visit youtu.be/2r1yx_c5Wr0. For a short video featuring student testimonials and a message from our Superintendent of Schools, visit youtu.be/WoY52EeRrTM.

Go to catholicschoolsny.org/secondary/ for virtual tours and TACHS Prep program information.

3 RESPECT LIFE WEEK IS OCTOBER 2021

At Cardinal Dolan's request, many high schools will be joining the Archdiocese's efforts to dedicate a week to bring awareness to the different areas of "Respect Life" during Respect Life Week in October. The lessons' objectives will focus on topics such as suicide, racism, abortion, and poverty.



Our Lady of Lourdes

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC AND LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES 2021

The Office of Secondary Schools has been working diligently to bring new initiatives to our high schools in the fields of service, ethics, law, leadership, health, theatre, and curricular development.

Below is a collection of the programs some of our high schools have, are, or may be participating in. Schools can still avail themselves to participate in the listed programs in the upcoming year by contacting Sean Sullivan or Carmen Leon.



ALA: The Association of Legal Administrators

A three module international leadership program geared toward developing leadership skills in 15-to-18 year-olds. Module 1 is adopted in the U.S. with the hope to share that knowledge in Modules 2 & 3 at an in-person conference to be held in Ireland during the summer of 2022. Participating schools include Maria Regina, Cardinal Spellman, Academy of Mt. St. Ursula, Salesian, St. Jean Baptiste, Archbishop Stepinac, Montfort Academy, Preston High School, St. Vincent Ferrer, and LaSalle Academy.

Camp Air: Asthma Control Program

At NO cost to the school or student, this program helps students improve their asthma control and also helps reduce asthma related school absences, nights woken due to asthma so teens are less tired during the school days and fewer visits to Urgent Care and the ER. Financial compensation to schools, teenagers and caregivers are available.

Catholic Virtual

A national and global network that offers asynchronous and synchronous instruction in many disciplines ranging from AP courses, various different electives, tutorials, SAT prep courses and/or summer remedial courses.

College of Holy the Cross Inner-City Program

This new program will open the financial doors to post-secondary education at The College of the Holy Cross for many of our inner-city students.

Educate LLC: Leadership Development for 21st Century Schools

Visionary Leadership development is the single most important way to sustain and grow schools. Educate LLC develops a leadership program for the 21st century built on our strong Catholic school culture for present and future school administrators. Participating schools include St. Barnabas, St. Jean Baptiste, Monsignor Farrell, Maria Regina, Mt. St. Michael, and St. Joseph Hill Academy.

Engineering Tomorrow

(ET) is a nonprofit organization developed by engineers from Global Infrastructure Partners to increase the number of high school students who pursue engineering degrees. ET offers FREE labs and field trips and all the curriculum is developed by engineers and delivered by engineers. Participating schools include Academy of Mount St. Ursula, Albertus Magnus, All Hallows, Archbishop Stepinac, Burke Catholic, Cardinal Spellman, Dominican Academy, Maria Regina, Mt. St. Michael, Msgr. Farrell, Notre Dame Academy, St. Catharine, St. Jean Baptiste, St. Joseph by the Sea, and St. Peter's Boys. To sign up for the 2021-2022 school year, contact Monica SanMartin at monicasanmartin@engineeringtomorrow.org.

Foróige: Leadership for Life Program Republic of Ireland

A three module international leadership program geared toward developing leadership skills in 15-18 year-olds. Module 1 is adopted in the U.S. with the hope to share that knowledge in Modules 2 & 3 at an in - person conference to be held in Ireland during the summer of 2022. Participating schools include Archbishop Stepinac, All Hallows, Academy of Mt. St. Ursula, St. Barnabas, and Maria Regina.

LEGO Educate

LEGO Education curriculum is designed to build STEAM knowledge and skills through project-based learning sessions that lead to a culminating project where students showcase their grasp of these concepts. The lessons are truly interdisciplinary, fostering a better understanding of everything from literacy, math, and science, to their own emotional health and self-awareness. Interested schools can contact Amelia Crespo at amelia.crespo@lego.com.

The Ethics Bowl

A nationwide competitive event in which teams of students articulate their thoughts on ethical dilemmas based on a given case. The students prove to a panel of court judges that they have thought through the given case deeply, rigorously and multi-dimensionally before taking a stance and defending it logically. Participating schools include Montfort Academy, Burke Catholic, and Regis.

Theatre Development Fund: TDF Scholars Program

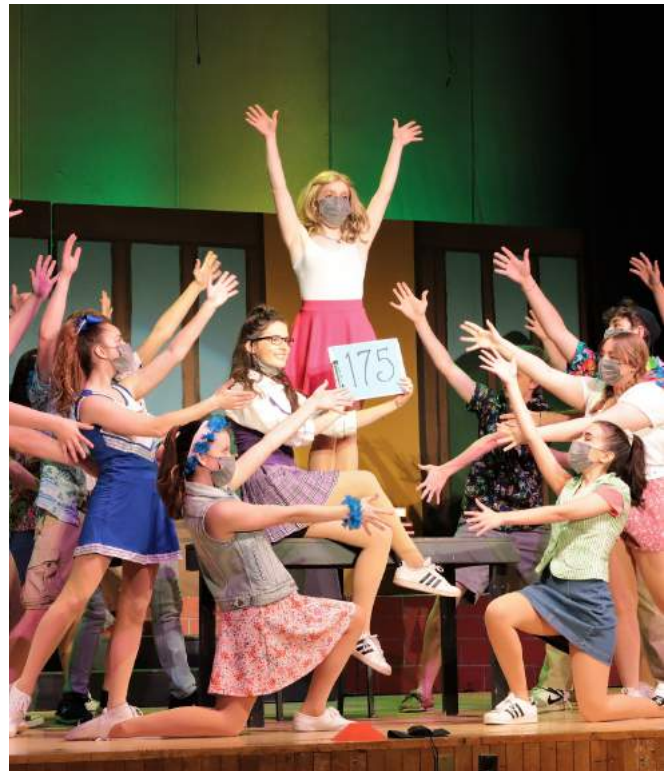
The scholars program provides high school students with the opportunity of developing their creative theatrical talents with the help of outside mentors in the theatre world. The program also provides access for the students to attend live professional performances.

TKS: The Knowledge Society

A national and global project based competition for high school students. This innovative, accelerated program is geared to those students who are interested in real life problem solving utilizing the newest available technology.

Young Servant Leadership Academy

Cardinal Dolan was excited to learn that Young Life and five Catholic High Schools of the Archdiocese of NYC will pilot a Servant Leadership Academy designed to train young people in the principles and experiences of servant leadership. Young Life has a proven track record of over 75 years of building servant leaders on its Staff and its ranks of over 50,000 volunteer leaders around the world. With the hopes to expand, Carolyn Harrison, Brian Inkles, the Academy of Mt. St. Ursula, All Hallows, Cardinal Spellman, Sacred Heart High School, and St. Vincent Ferrer will lead the way for other high schools to join in this great mission of servant leadership.



Kennedy Catholic

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



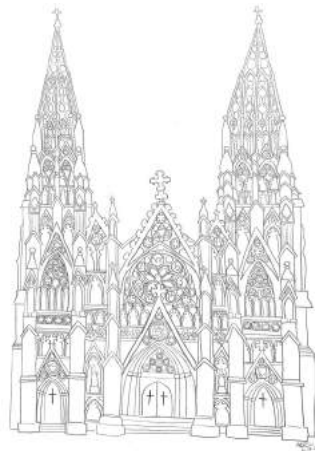
All Hallows High School - TACHS Prep and Gaming Summer Camp 2021

Rising 8th graders (featured left) from as far north as Ossining, New York traveled to All Hallows for a one of a kind TACHS Prep & Gaming Camp. "These past two weeks were an overwhelming success with regard to academics and socialization," stated Patrick Grogan, an English teacher here at All Hallows. Henry Pevey, who taught the math portion of the camp added, "I was impressed with how engaged the students were especially considering its summer time."

After preparing for the English and math portions of the TACHS exam, the campers were treated to the nuances of gaming by Varsity E-Sports Coach Damian Verutes and several members of the All Hallows Gamers Team.

Academy of Mount St. Ursula

Artwork depicting the front of St. Patrick's Cathedral at last Spring's Inner-City Anniversary Mass (featured right) was created by Leah Claudio, student at AMSU '22 and a graduate of St. Nicholas of Tolentine '18. Leah is one of many outstanding artists at AMSU!



Cathedral High School

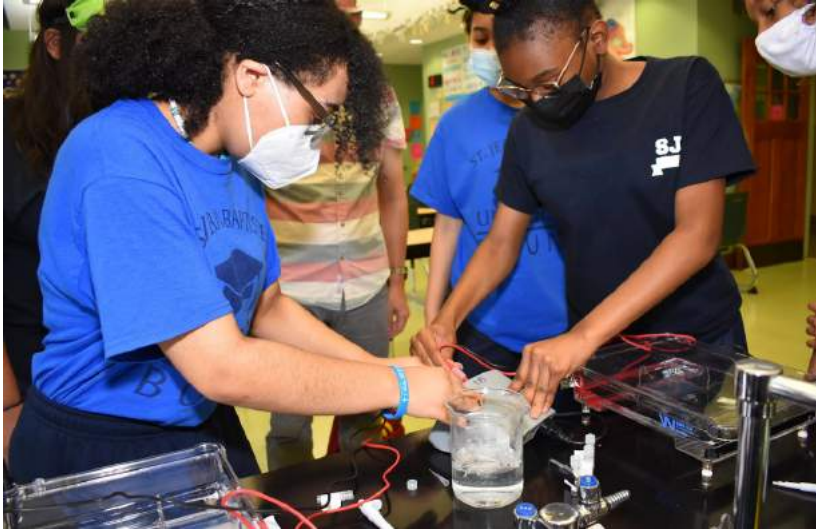
Cathedral High School kept moving forward and reaching for excellence with five students, Arlett Cabrera, Abigail Farillas, Zemira Meade, Celine Rosario, and Patricia Villatoro—all juniors—who attended an eight-week program run by the Human Oncology and Pathogenesis Program.

The program enables students to take part in developing and presenting independent research projects, extracurricular activities, training, and more. It is designed for high school students who are interested in pursuing careers in the biomedical sciences.

St. Peter's Boys High School

Michael Cosentino (featured below), principal at St. Peter's Boys High School in Staten Island, battled COVID for 40 days in the hospital and is now home with his beautiful family. Mr. Cosentino, who is loved and admired by his students, parents and staff, had a big welcome home. We continue to pray for Mr. Cosentino's recovery.





St. Jean Baptiste

As part of St. Jean Baptiste’s continuing investment in the STEAM Curriculum, the school recently purchased Gel Electrophoresis equipment (featured left). This equipment is used to separate molecules such as DNA and proteins for genetic research and engineering. Gel Electrophoresis is frequently used on TV crime shows as providing “DNA Match” evidence. Once limited to college and university labs due to the cost of the equipment and the rarity of its use, it has become increasingly accessible and has been referenced on recent NYS Science Regents Exams.



St. Catharine Academy

St. Catharine Academy received "School of Distinction 2020-2021" from the National Beta Society. In addition, Angelina Persaud '21, who graduated from Santa Maria Elementary School in 2017, was awarded the Leadership Award by the National Beta Society. Angelina was one of only five students from across the country to be awarded this honor for outstanding achievement in high school by the National Beta Society.



John S. Burke High School

John S. Burke is simultaneously installing new bleachers (featured below), a new library, and new fields throughout the summer. A new \$250K window replacement project is also currently in the works.



Moore Catholic

Congratulations to Gina DeSantis and the Moore Catholic Community from Staten Island on the inauguration of their new student collaboration center. Cardinal Dolan (featured above) opened the center with a special blessing this past Spring.

Moore Catholic has also received accreditation from AdvancED/Cognia for their outstanding academic achievements. Way to go, Moore!

Cardinal Hayes

Congratulations to the Cardinal Hayes Track and Field Team (featured right) on their victory in the 4 x 200 M National Championship at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon with a new high school record time of 1:26:36. Although the pandemic took away not only their spring 2020 track season, it also shut down their training facility at the Armory in Washington Heights as it had been utilized as a vaccination center.

The team took to the hallways of Cardinal Hayes to train four to five days a week. Their hard work paid off by being recognized #1 in the nation!



The team—coached by Cardinal Hayes alumnus, Craig Joseph (far right)—includes from left to right Tavon Williams '22, Travis Williams '21, Kenneth Maxwell '21, Jaavier Jackson '22, and Jaden Barrett '21.



Iona Prep



The Ursuline School

CHSAA 2021 Girls Division Winners

High School	Sport	Varsity/JV	Championships
St. Joseph Hill	Golf	Varsity	NYC
Kennedy Catholic	Lacrosse	Varsity	Tier 1 NYC
Moore Catholic	Softball	Varsity	Tier 1 NYC
Msgr. Scanlan	Softball	Varsity	Tier 2 NYC
St. Barnabas	Softball	Varsity	Tier 4 NYC
Notre Dame Academy	Outdoor Track	Varsity	Sectional Champs

CHSAA 2021 Boys Division Winners

High School	Sport	Varsity/JV	Championships
Fordham Prep	Cross Country	Varsity	Archdiocesan
Xavier	Cross Country	Varsity	NYC
La Salle	Bowling	J.V.	NYC Regular Season
Kennedy Catholic	Soccer	Varsity-A	NYC
Sacred Heart	Soccer	Varsity-B	NYC
Fordham Prep	Swimming	Varsity	Division I
St. Joseph Sea	Swimming	Varsity	Division III
Msgr. Farrell	Basketball	Varsity	Division
Cardinal Hayes	Basketball	Varsity	Division
St. Joseph Sea	Baseball	Varsity-AA	Archdiocesan
La Salle	Baseball	Varsity-A	Archdiocesan
St. Joseph Sea	Baseball	JV-AA	Archdiocesan
Msgr. Farrell	Golf	Varsity	NYC
Iona Prep	Lacrosse	Varsity-AA	NYC/Intersectional
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Kennedy Catholic	Lacrosse	Varsity-A	NYC
Xavier	Outdoor Track	Varsity	Archdiocesan
Fordham Prep	Outdoor Track	Varsity	NYC-Tied
Xavier	Outdoor Track	Varsity	NYC-Tied
Xavier	Tennis	Varsity-A	NYC
Iona Prep	Volleyball	Varsity	NYC
Iona Prep	Wrestling	Varsity	NYC

LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Welcome to our new high school presidents and principals! We wish them much success in their new leadership roles.

Cardinal Spellman High School

Ms. Jeri Faulkner – Principal
Mr. Dan O’Keefe – President

St. Barnabas High School

Mr. Henry Triana – Interim Principal

Cristo Rey

Ms. Rosanjeli Batista – Principal

Notre Dame School

Ms. Karina Vargas – Principal

Our Lady of Lourdes High School

Mrs. Meghan Vilardo – Principal
Mrs. Catherine Merryman – President

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go.

Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love.

Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine.

Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul.

Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus.

Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.

Amen.

- Mother Theresa of Calcutta

Regis High School

Mr. Christian Talbot – Interim President

Salesian High School

Fr. James Heuser – President

The Ursuline

Dr. Colleen Melnyk – President

Xavier High School

Ms. Kimberly Smith – Headmaster



The Montfort



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