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BULLETIN

We continue to receive a tremendous amount of positive responses regarding “The Scoop on Secondary Schools” from a wide audience. Please continue to share your successes and wonderful stories by June 15th for the July Newsletter.

Missed the TACHS Test?

Some ADNY High Schools are still accepting applications! All you have to do is contact the high school of your choice. Visit catholicschoolsny.org/secondary/high-school-information-tuition/ to find a school.



Our Lady of Lourdes



Fordham Prep



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The Office of Secondary Schools 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. Visit www.catholicschoolsny.org/secondary for more information regarding the Office of Secondary Schools.

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 high schools located throughout the Archdiocese of New York.

ACADEMIC & LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES



Breaking the Cycle

A panel of dynamic speakers are made available to our schools to counteract school violence, bullying and racism; recognize depression and suicide; and promote self-respect and respect for others. The program director, Tim Maendel, can be contacted at 845-572-3420 or timmaendel@breakingthecycle.com for a lineup of outstanding speakers. You can also find out more about the program by visiting breakingthecycle.com.

CRS – Catholic Relief Services

Young people who are leaders in a movement to build a better world. This wonderful program, a favorite of Cardinal Dolan's, is being launched in a few of our schools this school year and CRS is always looking for more schools to be involved. Reach out to nancy.mcnamara@crs.org for more information.

Hand Up Paid Forward (HUPF) in New York & Unilever

Unilever, creators of the Hidden Figures program, The Purpose Driven Scholar, and Inspiring Young Minds Program combined with Empathy and Racial Tolerance, selects 200 young minority adults between the ages of 17-20, from all over the country. Through the help of Marcus Knight, for the first time ever, Catholic high schools within the Archdiocese of New York will be offered seats in their Certification Scholarship Program. Together we hope to bring the Empathy and Racial Tolerance Program, the STEM awareness program, and the Act of Kindness (AOK) School Activation Program into your schools. Contact Marcus Knight for more information at handuppf@gmail.com.

ESports

A number of schools have enlisted with Esports and their various projects and college scholarship opportunities. Esports also provides programs for creating drones, applying for drone pilot licenses, virtual reality, STEM and robotics projects as well. Check the website at shi.com/esports or contact Greg Cassiere at greg_cassiere@SHI.com.

FBI Community Outreach

The FBI's Community Outreach Program supports the Bureau's investigative mission by working to address multiple interrelated societal problems—including crime, drugs, gangs, terrorism, and violence. The New York FBI offers public speakers on a limited basis: [New York FBI Speaker/Presenter Request Form](#).

Foroige: Leadership for Life Program

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 at the National University of Ireland-Maynooth during the first week of August 2022.

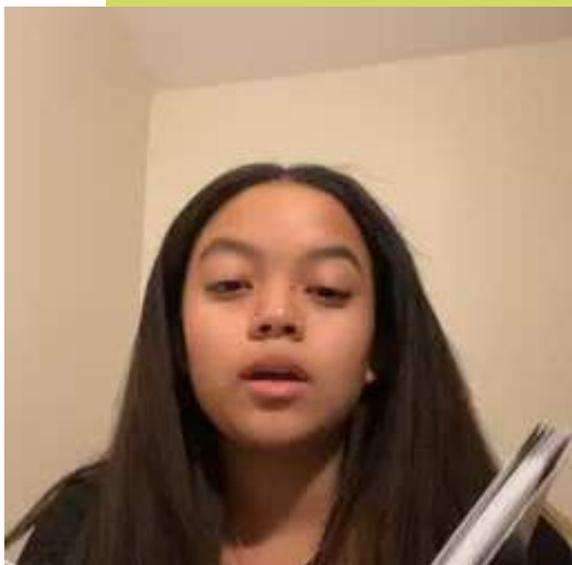
First Tech Fund's Fellowship Program

First Tech Fund's Fellowship program is a year-long intensive mentorship and enrichment program that pairs high school students with mentors from leading companies in NYC. In addition to monthly mentorship, First Tech Fund provides weekly webinars and workshops around practical skills like public speaking, resume writing, as well as panel discussions on careers in a number of fields such as law, medicine, finance, healthcare, creative writing, public service, and more. Students involved in the program get a free laptop to keep and an unlimited Wi-Fi hotspot for a year.

SCHOOL NEWS

Cardinal Spellman Players Awarded Scholarships

Members of the Cardinal Spellman Theatre Program, The Cardinal's Players, have received scholarships to the NY Conservatory for the Dramatic Arts summer program! Francis Timpone '22 nominated the Players for this phenomenal opportunity.



Young Life Servant Leadership: Deeper Dive Campaigners Weekend

Young Life Campaigners is a group of students committed to growing in their relationship with Christ and sharing this relationship with others. The Deeper Dive weekend allowed students all over the northeast to come together with other kids to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus. Students from Academy of Mt. St. Ursula and Msgr. Scanlan took the Deeper Dive. Big thank you to Sara Naspoli and Jeannie DeBenedetto for their great work and support for our youth!

Click on the video (left) for a testimonial on the event by Alana Brito, Msgr. Scanlan HS.

Preston HS Biliteracy Program

Preston High School's Biliteracy Program is quickly growing since its initial start last school year! The PHS Class of 2021 had 16 students earn the Seal of Biliteracy for exemplifying proficiency in one language other than English, and one student obtained two Seals of Biliteracy. The Class of 2022 is projected to have 38 students qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy in either Italian or Spanish, with an additional six students earning two Seals of Biliteracy.

In the upcoming 2022-2023 school year, Preston will add Albanian as one of the languages offered, in addition to Italian and Spanish.





School Spirit for a Cause!

Students at Sacred Heart High School participated in their annual Spirit Week festivities the week of March 14-18. Led by the Student Council, students showed their school spirit with Anything but a Backpack Day, Character/Meme Day, and Comfy/Cozy Day. The pinnacle of the week was a fun-filled Spirit Day during which classes competed in an array of activities.

All the fun was for a good cause! The Sacred Heart Irish raised \$2,000 for the Elizabeth Seton Children's Center!

SJB Spring Spirit Rally

St. Jean' Baptiste wrapped up the month of March with a spirited week of Jeanite energy, enthusiasm, and pride with a pep rally at which they celebrated the success of their sports program, the leadership of their student council, and the talented moves of their dance teams.



Class of 2022 Lourdean Award Nominees Announced

Congratulations to the Our Lady of Lourdes High School Class of 2022 Lourdean Award Nominees! Eight seniors were honored at the school's St. Patrick's Day Mass on March 17th in the presence of their fellow students, as the Lourdean Award Nominees for 2022 were announced. These students represent a wonderful and outstanding senior class whom OLL is very proud of.

The Our Lady of Lourdes Lourdean Award is the highest honor the faculty and administration can bestow on a graduate.

Preston Scholars Program Sending 5 Students to London Summer 2022

The Preston Scholars Program is sending 5 students to London this summer to participate in InvestIn Education's immersive career programs. Thanks to a generous alumna from the Class of 1974 who donated a milestone gift of \$100,000 to the Preston Scholars Program, the students will be able to travel to London & engage in the 3 week programs.

The following Junior scholars will be participating in these programs: Stephanie Fegel & Sherlyn Puma-Duran in "The Young Lawyer", Maria Criollo in "The Young Doctor", Cecelia Cullen in "The Young Political Leader", and Jada Espinal in "The Young Filmmaker".



St. Jean Baptiste-NYU Tisch Future Imagemakers Workshop

Kudos to sophomore Jeslyn Escano, who was one of a small, select group of students accepted to the NYU Tisch Future Imagemakers Workshop. Chosen on the strength of her creative resume and teacher recommendations, Jeslyn's work has already been highlighted on the program's Instagram account (at left).

Cathedral High School Lends a Hand to the Bronx Fire Victims

Following the tragic January fire in the Bronx, in which 17 lives were lost, including eight children, and countless other people injured, the Cathedral High School community knew it was time to come together in order to help the victims. For two weeks, the school's students and faculty collected a variety of items, including important winter essentials such as coats, scarves, hats, shoes, and other much-needed items for the victims. The school's Campus Ministry Director and Religion teacher, Mr. Phillipps, connected with the Mercy Center in the Bronx, and went in person to drop off the donations to ensure that the items made their way to those in need.





Maria Regina HS's First-Ever Marching Band

Maria Regina High School's first-ever marching band joined a contingent of thousands of marchers and bands throughout the New York metro area that passed The Cathedral during this year's St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

The all-girls talented ensemble, rare onto itself, not only had the honor of participating in the New York City parade on March 17— the oldest and largest St. Patrick's Parade in the world— but also marched in four other popular regional parades honoring the patron saint of Ireland.

Our Lady of Lourdes High School's Health Science Course

More lives can be saved thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes High School's Health Science course taught by Mr. Miles Hansen. Mr. Hansen, who is also the Athletic Trainer for all of the Lourdes JV and Varsity teams, recently tested his 34 students on their skill set for administering CPR on adult CPR dummies. Once they pass the test, students will be certified to administer CPR for two years. The class also explores the various health science career pathways and the roles of different members of the healthcare team.



Salesian's Wellness Center is Open

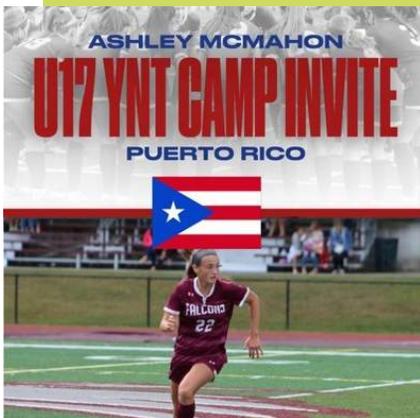
The Wellness Center is open at Salesian High School! Salesian is moving forward with a vision and promise into the next hundred years by building a state-of-the-art facility for their Eagles.

The students are guided by instructors to exercise safely, develop their strength, prepare for team play and optimize their health. The Wellness Center was 100% funded through donations. Students and athletic teams will enjoy the health benefits for years to come.

LaSalle's Green Team w Chef Derrick and Hydroponic Towers

La Salle Academy's Green Team has been hard at work harvesting produce in their hydroponics towers for a new collaboration with a local neighborhood restaurant. The restaurant's head chef will use some of La Salle's locally sourced produce in the restaurant's menu selections. Green Team members made their first delivery of produce in January. They have harvested and delivered lettuce, cilantro, and mint to the restaurant.

LaSalle looks forward to sharing good news about the expansion of this partnership as it develops!



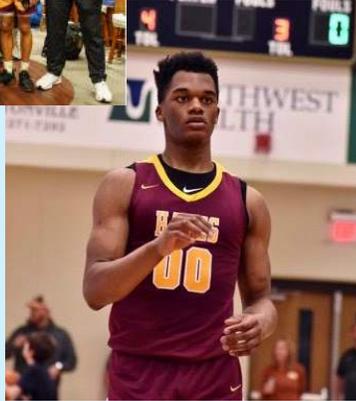
Albertus Magnus's Ashley McMahon '24 Gets U17 YNT Camp Invite to Puerto Rico

AMHS Varsity Soccer Player, Ashley McMahon, '24, has been invited to the Puerto Rico U17 Youth National Team Training Camp. Best wishes to Ashley who will compete with 30 girls invited for a spot on the team this April. #FalconProud

Msgr. Scanlan HS CHSAA Girls AA City Champions

Congratulations to the Msgr. Scanlan Girls AA team on defeating Nazareth High School to clench the GCHSAA City Championship.





Cardinal Hayes HS Varsity Basketball Team - City and State Champs

The Cardinal Hayes High School Varsity Basketball Team won the New York City CHSAA AA Championship by defeating the Crusaders of Archbishop Stepinac High School. This victory also delivered the New York State Championship as the Federation Playoffs were cancelled. Senior DJ Victory was the Championship Tournament MVP and senior Tobe Awaka was the CHSAA League Most Valuable Player.

On Wednesday, March 16, Gatorade announced that Tobe Awaka '22 is the 2021-2022 Gatorade New York Boys Basketball Player of the Year. (photo on the left.)

CHSAA All League Players 2022

Congratulations to La Salle Academy's Varsity basketball team who made it to the first round of playoffs this season. Congrats to Carlos L. '22 and Taylor P., '23 who were selected as CHSAA All-League players!



Sacred Heart Irish are City Champs

Congratulations to the Sacred Heart High School Varsity Girls basketball team on their second consecutive Tier 4 City Championship! The girls capped off their undefeated season with an exciting 49-31 win over Dominican Academy in a true team effort.

All League honors were awarded to senior captains Kyla McLean and Gabriella Sanchez and sophomore Madison Cooper.

Msgr. Farrell CHSAA - A Division Champions

Monsignor Farrell's freshman basketball team is all smiles after capturing the CHSAA A Intersectional Championship in March.



Cardinal Spellman Students Selected for the 2022 Achievers in Industry (bai) Corporate Scholarship

Chloe Powell '22 and Alejandro Garcia '22 applied for the 2022 Achievers in Industry (bai) Corporate Scholarship. They received the news that due to their hard work, motivation, and academic efforts displayed in their application they had been selected!

Alejandro and Chloe were recognized and celebrated at the 50th Annual Salute to Achievers in Industry Awards Gala. The bai Gala's theme and purpose is to celebrate success, develop leaders, and cultivate communities. This prestigious gala will have an audience comprised of 400 corporate executives, community leaders, and friends and families of the honorees.

Stepinac High School Student Eduardo Ramirez (Class of '22) Accepted to Columbia University Department of Biomedical Informatics Summer Research Program

Eduardo Ramirez of Peekskill, who will graduate this May as a member of the Class of 2022, has been accepted to Columbia University's Department of Biomedical Informatics (DBMI) Summer Research Program. This academically top performing student will have the rare opportunity to work with a professor on a research fellowship.





Paul Carty to Be Honored as Principal of Stepinac High School for 20 Years at a Benefit in His Honor

Paul Carty will be honored as Principal of Stepinac High School for 20 years during a benefit in his honor, to be held by the Crusader Parents' Association at 7 PM, April 30 at the VIP Club. New Rochelle. Funds raised by the event, entitled "Red, White and You," will be used to renovate the school's library.

Reflecting on his milestone celebration, Carty said: "It has been a complete privilege to work in a school that creates a nurturing and challenging environment for its students, has such a dedicated and creative faculty and staff and enjoys the support of parents, alumni and benefactors."

Day of Prayer for Ukraine

Monday, March 28, was delegated by the Archdiocese of NY as a Day of Prayer for Ukraine. Students, faculty and staff from all elementary schools and high schools joined all peoples of the Archdiocese by participating in a beautiful prayer service wearing the colors of the Ukrainian Flag.

Photos: Archbishop Stepinac, Academy of Mt. St. Ursula, Maria Regina, Sacred Heart, and Albertus Magnus.





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