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Fall 2022 Newsletter



SUPERINTENDENT'S WELCOME



LISTEN TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL ADDRESS

Thanks to the grace of God and the hard work of everyone in the greater Catholic schools community, the hallways and classrooms of our schools buildings have once again come alive!

After more than four decades as a Catholic educator, the start of the school year is by far the most anticipated and rewarding date on my calendar. We are not merely getting back to work; we are resuming our shared mission of Catholic education.

As we forge through the 2022-2023 school year, let us remember once more this sacred and united duty to educate the whole child. Let us pray that our school administrators set a path for success that our educators and staff faithfully carry out—and that you continue in the home.

On behalf of the pastors, principals, teachers, and everyone in the Office of Superintendent of Schools, I thank you for once again choosing a Catholic education for your children.

Best wishes for a safe, healthy, and successful school year!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Deegan
Superintendent of Schools
Archdiocese of New York



FALL CALENDAR DATES

October

10 **Columbus Day** (Schools Closed)

27 **TACHS Registration Closes**

Visit tachsinfo.com to register or learn more about the Test for Admission into Catholic High School (TACHS)

November

4 **TACHS Exam**

10 **End of Quarter 1**

11 **Veterans Day** (Schools Closed)

13-19 **Discover Catholic Schools Week**

Visit ncea.org to learn more

15 **Touring Tuesday**

24-25 **Thanksgiving Break** (Schools Closed)

December

26 **Christmas Vacation Begins** (Schools Closed)

January

3 **Christmas Vacation Ends** (Schools Resume)

Check your school's calendar for all school-specific dates. For the Superintendent of Schools' 2022-2023 Elementary School Calendar, visit catholicschoolsny.org/elementary/elementary-calendar.

MANHATTAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK WITH APLOMB, BALLOONS



Manhattan RS Anthony Biscione (left) and SBS Barry Upper School Principal Megan Gonzalez (right)

Another year, another banner first day back for Catholic schools!

The start of the 2022–2023 school year marks the first time, since the pandemic, that schools have opened without COVID restrictions.

At School of the Blessed Sacrament's Barry Upper School campus on 52nd St, Manhattan Regional Superintendent Anthony Biscione, Principal Megan Gonzalez, teachers, and students voiced their joy at finding themselves "back in session."

Principal Megan Gonzalez noted, "This definitely feels like the first normal day of school in two years."

The windy weather did not deter students from expressing their first day joy. Many shared warm embraces and exchanged stories of their summer break. (Continued on next page.)



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**VISIT
US!**

If you know a friend, family member, or anyone looking for a high-quality, Christ-centered education for their children not currently enrolled in one of our schools, invite them to see the Catholic school difference for themselves. Through our **New Parent Referral Incentive Program**, your family can receive a one-time tuition credit of **\$500** for referring a new K-8 family.

[Click here](#) to download the referral form and learn more about how you can be rewarded for promoting our Catholic schools!

At morning assembly, students at the School of the Blessed Sacrament gathered together to renew shared rituals: prayer, the pledge of allegiance, and the school song led by music teacher Laurie Gamache, a former Broadway actress.

An explosive science experiment from teacher William Hawthorn roused their curiosity, revving them up for another year of learning and experimentation.

As students filed out to their homerooms, a sense of energy and excitement continued to fill the air.



Want more? Take a look at our New York media review for the first day of the 2022-2023 school year: bit.ly/3SlipzZ

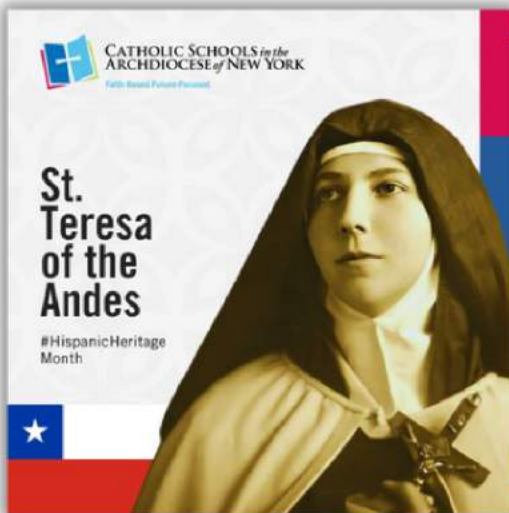


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We're proud to celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month** in our schools!

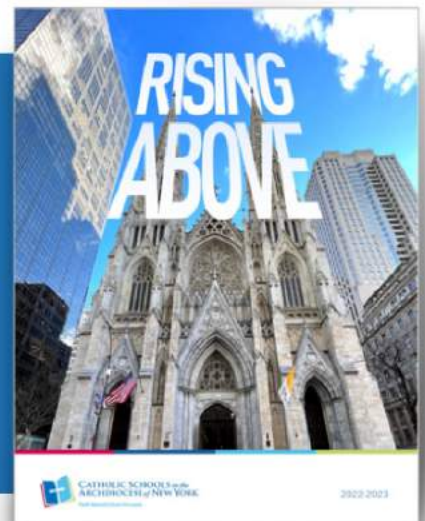
Did you know you can access our Hispanic Heritage hub for child-friendly biographies on Hispanic saints, resources and messages for families, and classroom projects and activity ideas for Hispanic Heritage Month?

Click on the image or visit catholicschoolsny.org/hispanic-heritage to learn more.

In "Rising Above," our newly-published **2022-23 Opening Plan**, you'll find helpful information for parents, students, and staff.

Click on the thumbnail to read our blueprint for keeping our schools safe and healthy for the 2022-23 year.

For additional information and resources related to our 2022-2023 Opening Plan, visit catholicschoolsny.org/opening2022.



PALEY WKND

Looking for something to do this weekend? Take the family out to **PaleyWKND!**

Encounter interactive, family-friendly experiences and immersive attractions from the exciting worlds of media, sports, gaming, and entertainment on 52nd St. Go to paleyWKND.org to learn more.

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