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St. Joseph Hill Academy

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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.

SCHOOL REMINDERS

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High School Fairs and Expos



Cathedral High School

Bronx

Location: Cardinal Spellman High School
(One Cardinal Spellman Place)
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022
Time: 6 PM – 8 PM

Location: Cardinal Hayes High School (650
Grand Concourse)
Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022
Time: 6PM – 8PM

Manhattan

Location: Cathedral High School (350 East
56th Street)
Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022
Time: 12 PM – 2 PM

Westchester

Location: Resurrection Middle School (946
Boston Post Road – Rye, NY)
Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Time: 4 PM – 7 PM

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TACHS Registration

Registration for the TACHS test opens August 22nd through October 27th. Visit tachsinfo.com to register. Click on Open Houses for dates to visit your favorite high schools.

For a short video featuring student testimonials and a message from our Superintendent of Schools, visit youtu.be/dpwTTsEY4il.

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

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Life and Leadership Day

ADNY will be hosting a Life and Leadership Day at St. Joseph Seminary for high schools students on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Stay tuned for more information.



Our Lady of Lourdes

ACADEMIC & LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES



Young Life Servant Leadership Program

Cardinal Dolan was excited to learn that Young Life and Catholic High Schools within the Archdiocese of NYC have successfully piloted 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 hopes to expand. The Academy of Mt. St. Ursula, and Msgr. Scanlan have led the way for other high schools to join in this great mission of servant leadership. For more information, contact Carmen Leon at carmen.leon@archny.org.

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.

Modern States

Modern States, a non-profit dedicated to increasing the number of college bound students by removing financial and access barriers will be teaming up with some of your high schools to enable students to earn college credit at over 3,000 colleges and universities completely free of charge. Students can earn up to one year of college credit at all SUNYS and many CUNYS. Cathedral, All Hallows, Maria Regina and Preston HS have expressed interest in opening CLEP test centers to ease scheduling, provide a familiar testing environment and maximize student participation. For more information contact Sean Sullivan or Carmen Leon.

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.

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. For more information contact Sean Sullivan at Sean.Sullivan2@archnyorg.

Engineering Tomorrow

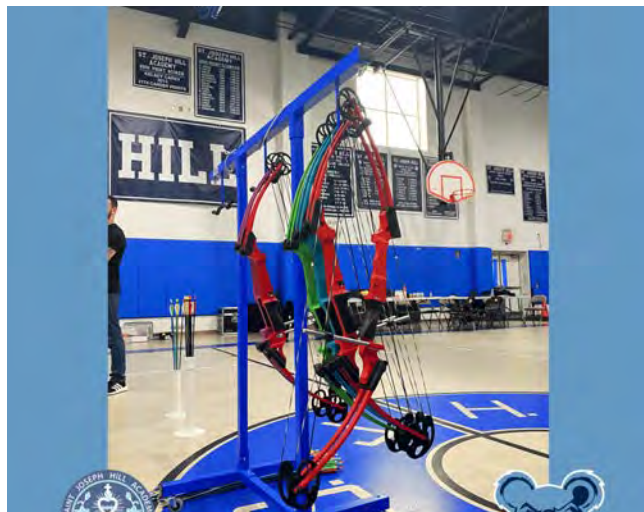
ET is a nonprofit organization developed by engineers from Global Infrastructure Partners to increase the number of high school students who pursue engineering degrees. ET offers FREE labs and field trips and all the curriculum is developed and delivered by engineers. To sign up for the 2022-2023 school year, contact Monica SanMartin at monicasanmartin@engineeringtomorrow.org.

SCHOOL NEWS



Farrell TV Wraps Up Season with Celebrity Guests

After an 18-month hiatus from “live” shows, Farrell TV kicked off their 23rd season with a bang and productions featuring a heap of celebrity guests such as former President Donald J. Trump phoning in, former Congressman Peter King, Borough President Vito Fossella, Impractical Jokers director Casey Jost, senior writer at the Impractical Jokers Joe Imborgio, a Farrell alum, former New Jersey Nets NBA All-Star Jayson Williams, Alexa Nicole Moley, Miss Richmond County, and Victoria Montouri, Miss Staten Island Outstanding Teen.



Archery at St. Joseph Hill Academy

St. Joseph Hill Academy High School in Staten Island is excited to announce their official Archery Team, which will begin competing in the 2022-2023 school year along with newly introduced Archery components to their Physical Education curriculum.

Hill High School held an Archery Clinic over a three-day period this past July for 8th-12th Graders. The Archery Program will allow student athletes to make improvements on their focus, confidence, upper body strength, hand-eye coordination, and most importantly make friends and have some fun.

Preston's New Principal

On July 1st, Ms. Jennifer Connolly officially entered into her new role as Principal of Preston High School. As an alumna and the daughter of an alumna, she is excited for the new school year and carrying Preston into the next 75 years.

On August 11th, current parents and alumni were invited to meet Ms. Connolly on the beloved back porch and hear about her vision and plans for the new school year ahead.



Mount St. Michael Honors Their National Recognition Program Awardees

... and Their New STEM Lab

Construction is underway in the Phyllis and Angelo Mozilo Family Science Center at Mount St. Michael Academy making way for a new hands-on S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Lab coming in the Fall of 2022. This exciting new STEM initiative will include two tracks: Biomedical and Engineering. Stay tuned!



Maria Regina's Dynamic Duo

Maria Regina's new and exciting chapter has been under the direction of a new generation of the school's leadership including Anna E. Parra, who was named the school's second President in July 2019 and Maria R. Carozza-McCaffrey, a Maria Regina alumna (Class of '99) as well as former member of the faculty who assumed responsibilities as Principal in July 2020.

Parra and Carozza-McCaffrey have much in common. They are both steeped in the Catholic faith, each having attended Catholic elementary and high schools and who continued their studies at Catholic universities.

From the start, Parra and Carozza-McCaffrey have been a highly effective team in advancing Maria Regina's agenda. These two seasoned women educators are working together (in concert with a committed staff, supportive Board of Trustees, alumnae, parents and a talented faculty) to shape the future of the noted all-girls Catholic Maria Regina.



Kennedy Catholic Graduate Drafted by Tampa Bay Rays

Recent graduate Gary Gill-Hill of Walden was selected in the sixth round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Tampa Bay Rays earlier this summer. During his phenomenal career pitching for the Gaels, he was named to the Journal News/lohud.com

Westchester/Putnam first-team all-stars in each of the last two seasons.

The Ursuline Welcomes Theresa Napoli as New Principal

Dr. Colleen Melnyk, President of The Ursuline was happy to announce the return of Ms. Theresa Napoli. Ms. Napoli is an experienced Catholic school educator and administrator ready to fully support Ursuline's Mission and Core Values.



Maria Regina's Classroom Transformation

Thanks to generous grants by The Thomas & Agnes Carvel Foundation and The Charles A. Mastronardi Foundation, Maria Regina High School has begun work in transforming classroom space into a new ADA-compliant, state-of-the-art, Eco-Conscious Environmental and Life Sciences Laboratory space.

It is scheduled to be completed in the fall— in time for the renowned all-girls Catholic high school's 65th anniversary Gala celebration which will be held October 27th.

Theresa Napoli, Principal of The Ursuline School

"I am so honored and privileged to be coming home and to be here with all of you in this blessed community to fulfill St. Angela's mission animated by all of you!"





Preston's Project P.R.E.P Summer Program

Preston's Project P.R.E.P. program for rising 7th and 8th graders returned again this summer. Students in the program practiced their reading and math skills in preparation for the upcoming TACHS exam while also engaging in classes that allowed them to explore new interests. Each week in the 4-week program brought a new workshop: mock trial, science, art and filmmaking.

Stepinac Junior's Operation Paperback

.Sean Delaney of White Plains, a Stepinac High School junior, has undertaken a unique summer service project, Operation Paperback. It's a national nonprofit organization that collects gently used paperback books to be shipped to our troops overseas.

St. Barnabas High School

St. Barnabas High School welcomed its incoming Freshman, transfer, and returning student body with their New Track Program. The Track Program includes Medical/Pharmaceuticals, Art, and Engineering as great additions to their academic lineup of AP, Honors, and Regents Classes. Students can obtain up to 24 college credits. At St. Barnabas sports, clubs, and internships round out the high school experience.



Kennedy Catholic Prep Senior Receives Scholarship & Trip to Cambridge

This summer, Maia Forssman '23, Senior Editor of Gael Winds newspaper and member of the St. Mary's chapter of the National Honor Society, was the recipient of a scholarship from the Immerse Education Essay Competition. After submitting her essay on T.S. Elliot earlier this year, she spent two weeks in July studying English Literature at the University of Cambridge where she studied under acclaimed professors and met new friends from all over the world.





Maria Regina High School



All Hallows High School



Archbishop Stepinac

HS Students Participate in Foroige Leadership for Life Conference in Ireland

Students from Maria Regina, Stepinac, and All Hallows High School were among a select group of about 200 students from around the globe who participated in the internationally acclaimed Foroige Leadership Conference at Maynooth University in Ireland.

Over the course of five days, these students were immersed in the meaning and practice of leadership, drawing inspiration from speakers in a wide range of fields—business, philanthropy, media and sports—who will share their own personal leadership journeys.



Members of the Foroige Delegation Appear in The Irish Independent Newspaper



Sacred Heart High School- Yonkers

Sacred Heart High School is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Kyle O'Donnell as new principal. Mr. O'Donnell comes to Sacred Heart HS after 15 years of service at Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx. We welcome Mr. O'Donnell to the Sacred Heart Family.



St. Jean Baptiste Alum Making a Difference

This summer Shaila Cuellar '20 is participating in Invent@SU at Syracuse University. Her team is building a walker for children with cerebral palsy. Invent@SU helps transform undergraduate students into inventors as they design, prototype and pitch original devices.

Two Cardinal Hayes Students Join Others as Pilgrims in Lourdes



Brother Bill Sherlog and two of his students from Cardinal Hayes High School recently traveled with other pilgrims to the Lourdes shrine in France, a journey that one student said showed him "how our faith can connect us all together."

It was a Christian service project in which about 20 high school students from all over gathered to be of service to pilgrims who come to Lourdes. These 20 students were pilgrims and volunteers.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

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