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# BULLETIN

## 1 Online High School Applications

If you are applying to the following high schools,\* you must also complete an online application.

### Bronx

Cardinal Hayes  
Cardinal Spellman  
Fordham Prep  
Preston HS

### Manhattan

Dominican  
Academy  
La Salle Academy  
Xavier

### Westchester

Archbishop  
Stepinac  
Iona Prep  
The Ursuline School

\*Visit high school sites for due dates.



"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." - 1 Chronicles 16:34

## 2 Applicant Records

Catholic Elementary School Applicant Records due by Tuesday, December 13.

Public, Charter, and other schools must have guidance submit Applicant Records to the three high school choices listed by Wednesday, December 14. Download application from [tachsinfo.com](http://tachsinfo.com).

## 3 March for Life

The March for Life is taking place on Friday, January 20, 2023 in Washington, D.C. It will be preceded by the National Prayer Vigil for Life, taking place on Thursday, January 19, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in D.C.

On Friday, the Youth Rally for Life will take place at 8:00 AM. The New York Pilgrim Mass will take place at 10:30 AM in St. Patrick's Church.

Stay tuned for more information from the Respect Life Office about the March for Life or contact [sr.mary.margaret.hope@archny.org](mailto:sr.mary.margaret.hope@archny.org).

## Secondary Schools



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.

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.

To learn more about Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of New York, visit [catholicschoolsny.org/secondary](http://catholicschoolsny.org/secondary).

# 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](mailto:carmen.leon@archny.org).

## 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 Catholic Relief Services (or CRS) is always looking for more schools to be involved. Reach out to [nancy.mcnamara@crs.org](mailto: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](http://shi.com/esports) or contact Greg Cassiere at [greg\\_cassiere@SHI.com](mailto: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@archny.org](mailto:Sean.Sullivan2@archny.org).

## 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](mailto:monicasanmartin@engineeringtomorrow.org).

# SCHOOL NEWS



## Hayes X LNY 875 Runners

The Hayes X Londyn New York 875 Runner shoe was inspired by two Hayes Alums, Kenneth Aytch and Michael Daniel, Class of 1999. With the effects of the recent pandemic and lingering recession, the Hayes alums wanted to use their entrepreneurship to provide financial support to their alma mater. As natives of the Bronx, Kenneth and Michael hope to educate, inspire, and transform the youth. Sports and entertainment are not the only way to success, you can also be an entrepreneur who gives back to his/her community.

Cardinal Hayes will receive a part of the proceeds from this fundraiser. For more info, contact [support@LondynNewYork.com](mailto:support@LondynNewYork.com).



## Inspiring Future Leaders at St. Raymond Academy

Rising seniors at St. Raymond Academy for Girls attended the Katy Retreat, a leadership opportunity sponsored by St Raymond alum Kenneth Chabert's Gentleman's Retreat Program.

On the retreat, the students, along with their College Advisor, attended Montreal's illustrious Start-Up Festival, an "annual gathering at which entrepreneurs, investors, makers, larger enterprises, industry veterans, and startup communities chart the course of technology entrepreneurship in a one-of-a-kind festival atmosphere."

Students networked with CEOs and leaders in the Tech Field, held informational interviews with staff of the Wall Street Journal, as well as encountered "powerful first experiences," including but not limited to a Black History walking tour of Montreal, a macaron baking class, networking dinners, and attendance at a multicultural art gallery.



## Cardinal Dolan Kicks off Stepinac High School's 75th Anniversary Celebration

During the Mass for a school-wide gathering of more than 1,000 worshippers, held on the outside terrace, Cardinal Dolan blessed the school doors, repeating the same ceremony as one of his predecessors, Cardinal Spellman, first did in 1948 when the school opened.

Cardinal Dolan toured and learned from students and faculty members about the school's new STEAM Center, Finance Center equipped with real-time stock tickers and Bloomberg terminals, Health Sciences Lab and one of the cutting-edge learning spaces modeled after Columbia University classrooms.



## Cardinal Spellman President Runs 101 Continuous Miles in Efforts to Raise Funds

President of Cardinal Spellman High School, Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, ran 101 continuous miles (just over 27 hours) on Spellman's track to raise funds for Spellman's athletics, clubs, and activities programs. Sending a message to his students to always go the extra mile!

Mr. O'Keefe ran as Spellman celebrated their annual Pep Rally on the field—with many students, alumni, faculty, and staff joining in for a lap or two! He finished just in time to get some rest and attend Saturday afternoon's Homecoming.



## Salesian High School Unveils New Stem Center

Salesian is excited to announce that the 4th floor of the school has been transformed into a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Center, which aims to provide Salesian students with the edge needed to succeed as they move ahead in life.

The center features a robotics classroom and lab, along with new rooms for science, math, and technology with the latest equipment, including 3-D and architectural printers and specialized tools and furniture. The STEM Center features their newest club, eSports, which has received a tremendous response.



## Maria Regina High School Takes Center Stage at 45th Annual Bronx Columbus Day Parade

Maria Regina High School took the center stage at the recent 45th Annual Bronx Columbus Day Parade. In addition to the return of Maria Regina's very popular marching band, which made its debut last year in the Bronx parade, senior Brielle Bordes was named Miss Bronx Columbus 2022.

The talented musicians and Brielle were cheered during the Bronx neighborhood procession which has emerged as the second largest Columbus Day parade in New York State. Joining the throngs of people who lined the streets of the parade route were members of the renowned all-girls Catholic Maria Regina's administration, faculty, staff, students, families, friends, and alumnae.



## Moore Catholic's Softball Team Showed This Alum's Special-Needs Daughter "Respect, Acceptance, and Love"

Denise Lorelli was just being a good mother when she took her daughter, Jordan, to watch a Moore Catholic softball workout over the summer. Jordan has special needs and although she can't catch or throw a softball, she loves the sport and watches it every day on YouTube, according to Lorelli, who graduated from the Graniteville school in 1988.

By taking Jordan to Moore on that summer day, she got a chance to watch the game that intrigues her in person. But the visitors got so much more than expected and Jordan's visit to Moore, as well as Lorelli's letter of gratitude to new Moore Catholic principal Scott Gabel, were featured in a YouTube video. Watch here: [youtu.be/AHXX487xEOW](https://youtu.be/AHXX487xEOW).



## STEAM at Sacred Heart HS

The STEAM initiative at Sacred Heart High School continues to grow! The school's Industrial Design class participated in Engineering Tomorrow's Bridge Design, Build, and Test Lab. Students learned about the importance of bridges while testing the bridges they designed.



## The Academy of Mount St. Ursula's UN Connection Club

The Academy of Mount St. Ursula's UN Connection Club attended the annual Day of the Girl Summit "Girls Speak Out" event at the United Nations on October 11th. October 11th is recognized as the International Day of the Girl. Students took part in a hybrid town hall to discuss the importance of girls' rights and what they can do in their communities to continue supporting this advancement.



## St. Francis Week at Sacred Heart High School

The Sacred Heart High School Community celebrated their annual St. Francis Week from October 3-7. The student body gathered for Mass on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th, and students in grades 9, 10, and 11 participated in class retreats with NYC Catholic Retreats throughout the week.

Members of the Campus Ministry team attended the Life and Leadership Day on Thursday, October 6 at the Seminary. The week focused on the five Pillars of Sacred Heart High School - Prayer, Compassion, Friendship, Service, and Care for Creation.



## Four Maria Regina High School Students Awarded Academic Honors from Prestigious College Board National Recognition Program

The honorees are seniors Mariah Paredes of White Plains, Lia Porco of Yonkers, and juniors Rihanna DeFreitas of Peekskill and Grace Proano of Yonkers.



## Stepinac High School Students Sleep Overnight Outdoors in Cardboard Boxes and Raise More than \$30,000 to Help the Unsheltered Homeless

Photo featured left.



## St. Catharine Academy Junior Brianna Rios '24 receives honor from College Board's National Recognition Program as a Hispanic Scholar

Brianna Rios '24, a junior at St. Catharine Academy, has been named a Hispanic Scholar as part of the College Board's National Recognition Program. She is one of some 5,000 scholars selected by the College Board nationwide.

A graduate of St. Raymond Elementary School, Brianna is captain of the St. Catharine Academy's award-winning Robotics team. She appreciates the experiences and knowledge she has gained as a member of the team. "Being team captain, this year is also such an honor and I sincerely hope to be a great team leader that can help the team improve even more." Brianna considers St. Catharine's a major influence on receiving the award.



## Diaper Drive sponsored by Falcons 4 Life

Albertus Magnus's Falcons 4 Life collected two carloads of diapers which were delivered to Birthright of Rockland. The volunteers were happy to accept the donations for the mothers and babies who are served through this organization.



## Mount St. Michael Students Help Feed the Community With Annual Cereal Drive

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## Cardinal Spellman Scholars

Fifteen Cardinal Spellman Pilots were among the very top students from across the nation who earned academic honors from the College Board's National Recognition Programs as African American and Hispanic Scholars.



## Saint Barnabas Goes Pink Against Breast Cancer!



Photo featured above.



## St. Raymond Boys HS Holds Annual Guidance Day

While St. Raymond sophomores and juniors were busy taking the PSAT, the seniors and freshmen enjoyed St. Raymond's Annual Guidance Day.

On October 12th, the senior class attended St. Raymond's annual in-house college fair with schools like The College of Mount St. Vincent, Maritime College, Vaughn College, Sacred Heart University, Iona University, and many others in attendance. The seniors also participated in "It's My Job Interviewing for a Job" presentations by Junior Achievement (JA) of New York. Thank you to the Volunteer Company Popular Bank that worked with JA to assist with the presentation and offer special tips on the interviewing process.

The freshman class attended a morning presentation and then participated in a trust skill building exercise.

## St. Vincent Ferrer Invitation for A Ferrer Buddy Experience for 8th Grade Girls

If interested: contact Sister Christine at [ccosgrove@saintvincentferrer.com](mailto:ccosgrove@saintvincentferrer.com). Include the girl's name and grade school. Request either morning or afternoon. Generally Tuesdays through Thursdays are available.



## Cathedral Students bring American Sign Language (ASL) to Children

Cathedral students recently observed Deaf Awareness Month by collaborating with the NYPL to bring ASL interpretation to local story hours. Students in Mrs. Sha'Asia Payne's level-four ASL class visited the Sutton Place Parks Conservancy's story time, where they provided interpretation as books were read aloud.

"Story time is a great way to introduce children to new and exciting worlds and should be accessible to deaf and hard-of-hearing children as well," said Mrs. Payne. "The purpose of this collaboration is to normalize equal access [...] in all spaces."

ASL is one of four languages taught at Cathedral including Latin, Mandarin, and Spanish. The ASL initiative is one element of Cathedral's partnership with the Sutton Place Parks Conservancy, a group dedicated to revitalizing local parks.



## Our Lady of Lourdes congratulates their College Board Awardees

Congratulations to Adjoua Kirton '23, Jaiden Rodgers '23, Kayla Joseph '25, and Persephonie Rodriquez '23.



## Preston HS Senior honored by Bronx Borough President

Preston High School senior Domenica Zallo was honored at NYC Bronx Borough President the Honorable Vanessa L. Gibson's first Italian American Heritage Month Celebration on October 13th at the Bronx Zoo. Domenica was selected for her academic excellence and service to both the Italian Club and the Italian Honor Society for the past three years at Preston.



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