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BULLETIN

1 School Acceptance Day

ADNY School Acceptance Day was Wednesday, January 18 at 4:00 PM. Look out for your high school acceptance emails or phone calls. If you didn't get accepted at any of your three high school choices, contact Carmen Leon at Secondary.Schools@adnyeducation.org for assistance.

High School Registration Day is Wednesday, March 1.

2 Legal Career Day Winners

The Association of Legal Administrators, NYC Chapter (ALANYC) was pleased to host their annual Legal Career Day. The goal is to provide high school students with an understanding of various positions required to operate a successful law firm and pique interest in a legal career, with an opportunity to participate in a summer intern program.

There were over 90 students from over a dozen Catholic high schools participating this past November. Several participating students have already expressed their appreciation for the knowledge they gained from the event and have also requested the contact information of some of the speakers to gain more insight into possible career paths available in the legal market.

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"The time is always right to do what is right." – Martin Luther King, Jr.

3 March for Life

The March for Life took place on Friday, January 20, 2023 in Washington, D.C. Those who could not travel to Washington, D.C. celebrated the New York Pilgrim Mass in St. Patrick's Church.

Thanks to everyone who joined us to give a voice to the voiceless!

Stay tuned for more opportunities to build and promote a culture of life from the Respect Life Office. Contact sr.mary.margaret.hope@archny.org for more information about the March for Life.

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.

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Legal Career Day Winners (cont.)



From left to right are: Stepinac's Rick Yapchanyk – Network Administrator/Law Academy Coordinator; Jalen Roberts – 2nd prize winner; Iker Ortiz – 1st prize winner; and LDI's Major Accounts Manager – John Connolly.



From left to right are: Julia Alvarez – Administrative Assistant to the Principal; Gabrielle Cruz – 10th grade and 3rd prize winner of Kahoot!; and LDI's Major Accounts Manager – John Connolly.



Cardinal Hayes Singers at Lincoln Center

The Cardinal Singers from Cardinal Hayes High School were showcased at a program entitled "Your Voices Project" at Lincoln Center on December 9th and 10th. The project featured a large-scale performative sculpture by Es Devlin. The environment was fused together by music, language, and light as Cardinal Singers sang in Zulu, Hebrew, and Spanish.

Mt. St. Michael Junior Visits Downtown Architectural Firm

World-renowned Architect George Ranalli '64 invited aspiring architect Danny Rogers '24 to visit his NYC business. During the visit, Danny was given a personal tour of George Ranalli Architect's stunning offices in lower Manhattan. Mr. Ranalli and his team shared valuable experiences and firsthand knowledge of the history of architecture with Danny.





St. Catharine Alumna Brings Health Services to School and Local Community

Krystal Ivana Brijlall, Pharm.D. RPh. '11, a pharmacist who recently opened two pharmacies in the local area, is bringing a vaccination program to St. Catharine Academy to give back to the high school she appreciates so much.

"I am grateful for all the work SCA did to help shape and mold me into the young lady that I am today," she says. "I wanted to come back and support the school and the community."

Krystal is planning a vaccination program in October and a community health fair in November at the school.

Cardinal Dolan Celebrates Maria Regina High School's 65th Anniversary

Before the Mass ended, His Eminence and celebrants heard from Allison Morelo (Class of '23) who related the impressive contributions to help those in need, especially during the holidays, that the students have recently undertaken.

Allison cited the Mission Outreach initiative for Rise Against Hunger in which juniors packaged 10,000 meals into 47 large boxes of rice, soy, and other supplies that will provide 47 children in impoverished countries enough nutrition for one school year as well as the ongoing work of the school's Catholic Relief Services (CRS) chapter.



Kennedy Catholic Prep's Student Visionaries

Gabrielle Rado '24 and Caroline Majano '24 are representing Kennedy Catholic Prep in a seven week, life-changing campaign called Student Visionaries of the Year. This campaign benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Westchester & Fairfield and those afflicted with blood cancer.



St. Catharine Academy Culture Week

The St. Catharine Academy International Culture Club's mission is to celebrate cultural diversity and recognize cultural differences.

The club sponsored four days of activities to encourage conversation and understanding in November. Watch the video of St. Catharine's Culture Week events [here](#).

Stepinac Senior Accepted to Notre Dame

Donal Connaughton, a senior at Stepinac High School, has been accepted to attend the University of Notre Dame. A member of the Stepinac's groundbreaking Susan and Daniel P. Mahoney Health Sciences Honors Academy, Connaughton is also taking courses in bioethics, epidemiology, behavioral neuroscience, advanced patient care, and genetics. For his AP Research dissertation, he is studying the rise of nationalist parties in Ireland and Scotland.

Among his other several achievements and accolades, Connaughton is VP of student government and captain of the Crusaders cross-country team. He is the first-ever Stepinac student to win three consecutive gold medals in the National Latin Exam and is seeking a fourth win. Donal also represented Stepinac at the Foroige Leadership for Life Program in Ireland last summer.



Salesian's Newly Transformed Cafeteria

As students arrived back on campus, they marveled at our newly transformed cafeteria, Cassin Commons. Lighting, air-conditioning, windows, and treatments, along with a new floor, refrigeration, and serving stations, have entirely changed the look and feel of the old cafeteria. The facility can now be used for alumni events and staff meetings. A significant addition is the new sound system and projection to a large screen.



Cardinal Spellman's Freshman Cross-Country City Champions

Cardinal Spellman's Girls' Freshman Cross-Country Team competed exceptionally well at the City Championships, ranking number two in the city! The girls finished second in the City Championship by only 4 points. Finishing in the top ten for the NY section were Geneva Austin (1st), Sarahi Paulino (2nd), and Brianna Soto (8th).

The team that rounded out the top 15 spots for the NY section were Gabrielle Taylor, Angelique Alexander, Brianna Rodriguez, and Kathleen Le. This is the first time in Spellman athletics history that the freshmen cross-country girls have finished in the top 3 of a CHSAA City Championship.



Albertus Magnus' All American Honors

On October 21st, Albertus Magnus students held a dress down day in which they raised approximately \$1,800 in support of Wreaths Across America, an organization that honors veterans by raising money to purchase wreaths and placing them at deceased veterans' gravesites across the country.

On December 17th, the Albertus Magnus boys' varsity basketball team joined in with many Veterans organizations, including the American Legion, Pearl River Elks, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Knights of Columbus, and placed 1700 Christmas wreaths on the graves of the Veterans at St. Anthony's Cemetery in Nanuet to honor our veterans during the Christmas Holiday.

Mt. St. Michael's Campus Ministry in Action

In a meaningful way to spend a Friday night during the holiday season, Mount St. Michael Academy's Campus Ministry department participated in the first Midnight Run of the school year. Students spent the evening collecting, preparing, and distributing food, toiletries, and warm clothing to people without housing throughout Manhattan.





Salesian's Inaugural Day of Service

For their Day of Service, Salesian High School students and staffers visited Hope Kitchen in New Rochelle and prepared meals and bags of groceries for the less fortunate. Others removed trash from Stephenson Park, Davenport Park, Five Islands Park, and Harbor Island, while another group worked to spruce up their very own 17-acre campus here on Echo Bay in New Rochelle by planting fall flowers, tending the native plant gardens, and decorating for fall. Salesian salutes and extends our grateful appreciation to all the participants!

Preston High School's Food Drive Collection

Preston High School's Compassion Connection Club hosted its Annual Food Drive and once again surpassed its goal of 10,000 pounds. The Food Drive began October 3rd and collected a combined grand total of 12,426 pounds of food and dollars!

Over the course of 7 weeks, the student body and faculty engaged in a friendly competition to see which homeroom could collect the most and win a special prize. All food and monetary donations collected were donated to 8 food pantries and organizations in the Bronx and Westchester County.



Cardinal Singers Caroling

Cardinal Singers, directed by Mr. John del Cueto and moderator Ms. Robin Williams, visited the John Cardinal O'Connor Residence in Riverdale to perform for the retired priests of the Archdiocese. The Cardinal Singers sang a medley of Christmas hymns and songs including a sing-a-long with the residents. It was a wonderful experience as several priests in attendance had either attended or ministered at Cardinal Hayes High School and it demonstrated the great role Hayes has played in the history of the Archdiocese since its inception over eighty years ago.



Cardinal Spellman Celebrates Black Catholic History Month

To celebrate Black Catholic History month at Cardinal Spellman, some of our students created a display of Black Catholics on their way to sainthood. This display features the heroic lives of Servant of God Thea Bowman, Servant of God Julia Greeley, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, Venerable Henriette DeLille, and Venerable Father Augustus Tolton.

KCPS Robotics Team Awards on Winning Cycle

The Kennedy Gaels VEX Robotics Team is enjoying a successful season of competition so far. They shined at the Mount Academy VEX Tournament in Esopus, NY, with 28 teams from all over southern New York. Team B were the Tournament Champions (partnered with friends at The Harvey School) and the recipients of the Build Award for a team with a well-crafted robot. Team A was recognized with the Design Award for the team with the most effective robot design process as well as the Sportsmanship Award. Both teams qualified for the State Championship which takes place in March.



Recognizing Italian Heritage at Maria Regina

Maria Regina High School Senior Annabella Vigliotti was recognized as one of the outstanding students of Italian Language in the region at the Italian Heritage and Culture Month Ceremony. Teacher Aura Ponziani was also honored for her excellent dedication to teaching Italian Language and Culture.



QuestBridge Finalists at La Salle Academy

Seniors Aaron Nunez and Patrick Milian were selected as two of 5,613 QuestBridge finalists nationwide! Their status as finalists has them poised for consideration at other top-tier institutions as they continue their college application process.



St. Catharine Academy Student takes part in Princeton's W.E.B Dubois Accelerating Learning Academy program

Laura N. '24, a junior on the robotics team at St. Catharine Academy, took part in Princeton University's W.E.B Dubois Accelerating Learning Academy program. The program offers a variety of tracks and Laura selected the Applied Mathematics track.

"This prestigious program gave me a new vision and knowledge about math and science. It also gave me a chance to interact with other scholars and to learn from many professors and Ph.D's." Laura plans to study mechanical engineering in college.

Photos from NY Catholic High School Toy Drives

Throughout the Archdiocese of New York, Catholic high school students collect toys for charity.



All Hallows



Cardinal Spellman

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Photos from NY Catholic High School Toy Drives (cont.)



Albertus Magnus



Salesian High School

La Salle Academy City Champions

The La Salle Academy Cardinals made history on Saturday, November 12th when they walked away with not one but TWO City Championships titles.

La Salle's varsity soccer team (10-3-2) made history as they defeated Cardinal Hayes' Cardinals 3-2 on Randall's Island to capture their first ever soccer City Championship.

The cross-country team also found success on November 12th when five of the seven runners finished in the Top 20 overall.

At La Salle Academy, we believe and embrace the concept of "educating the whole child." Our soccer and cross-country teams continue to be examples of the well-roundedness and diversity needed to excel and achieve at the highest level.

