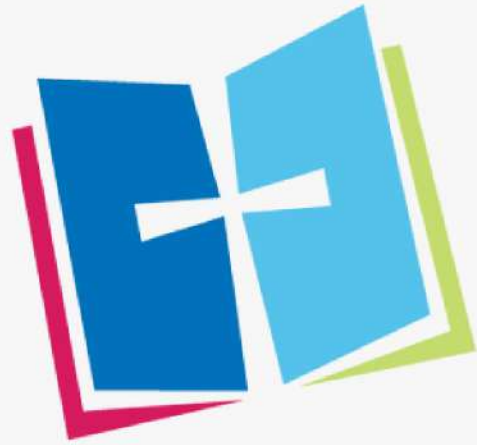


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Newsletter for Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of New York



BULLETIN

Congratulations to the Class of 2027!



Top-left clockwise: St. Jean Baptiste, Cathedral HS, Msgr. Farrell, St. Peter Boy's, Sacred Heart HS.

If you have not been accepted into any of your three high school choices, contact Carmen Leon at secondary.schools@adnyeducation.org or call 646-794-2895 for assistance.

Missed the TACHS?

Contact the high school of your choice. Visit catholicschoolsny.org/secondary/high-school-information-tuition to find a school and inquire about applying.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

ACCEPTANCES



Two Notre Dame School Students Head to Their Dream Colleges

Notre Dame School of Manhattan celebrates the college placement success of Meyen Dolley and Brooklynne Roman.

Meyen was awarded the Posse Foundation full scholarship to Middlebury College in Vermont. In a highly competitive process, Posse selects students from a nationwide pool of applicants for their extraordinary leadership potential and grants them full tuition to some of the finest colleges and universities in the country. Brooklynne was recently admitted to Columbia University here in NYC on a near-full scholarship.

For both students, it was a dream come true to be admitted to their first-choice colleges, a dream that also was achieved thanks to their academic diligence and many hours of study. With its team of three full-time counselors, Notre Dame knows that more college dreams will be coming true this spring!

All Hallows QuestBridge Scholar Headed to Dartmouth

It is with great pleasure that All Hallows extends a heartfelt congratulations to Jaziel Aquino, '23, who has been accepted and awarded a full scholarship to Dartmouth College.

Dartmouth College is a member of the Ivy League, an elite group of eight of the oldest and most selective universities in the United States. As a QuestBridge finalist, Jaziel was selected from thousands of applicants across the country.





A Future Filmmaker at Preston High School

Mia Carassco, '24, applied and was accepted into the NYU Tisch Future Filmmakers Workshop for high schoolers. This prestigious 14-week program allows students to explore all aspects of filmmaking and work with professional filmmakers and Tisch faculty. The program culminates in a film festival of all the works created during the program.

As a junior at Preston, Mia is exploring college options and considering New York University, Emerson College, and the University of Southern California for filmmaking.

Mt. St. Michael's Top Chef

Elijah Polanco, Founder and Head Chef of Mount St. Michael Academy's Cooking Club, plans to earn a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Food Business Management with a focus on Culinary Arts.

Following his graduation from CIA, Elijah will pursue another degree in baking and pastry arts.



AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS!



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

- 4th in the "Scrambler" Competition
- 4th in the "Time Keeping" Competition
- 9th in the "Write It, Do It" Competition



Graphic provided by Mount St. Michael on behalf of the Science Olympiad Team.



Maria Regina Senior Participates in 8th Annual Teen Leadership Conference

Arianna Jones, a senior at Maria Regina High School, recently participated in a panel discussion at the 8th Annual Teen Leadership Conference, hosted by the Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson (GSHH). It was held at the Hyatt House in Fishkill.

Arianna, a Girl Scouts Ambassador who earned the prestigious Gold Star, joined four other leading Girl Scouts from the region in discussions about Entrepreneurship, STEM, Life Skills and Healthy Living. They participated in interactive workshops and heard from key presenters while exploring their own leadership potential.

Cathedral's Mock Trial Team in Action

Cathedral High School's Mock Trial team brought home the gold as they won their first round of competition against the Spence School! The CHS Mock Trial team had three meetings a week to prepare for the case, where they focused on writing their opening statement, questions, and closing statement.

Acting as the defense, the Mock Trial team developed their argument which thoroughly explained why their client was not guilty. After both teams delivered their arguments and cross-examined witnesses, the judge returned for deliberation to declare the defendant was not guilty and announced Cathedral High School as the winner for the first round of the mock trial competition.

These brilliant young women dedicated much of their time to understand the case presented to them, and to prepare to successfully argue their side. We love their incredible passion for the law and are so excited to see where mock trial will take them next!





Lourdes Freshman Receives Silver Key Art Award

This past fall, Our Lady of Lourdes High School Freshman Simon Benca was accepted to an internship program through The Art Effect in Poughkeepsie.

Through their workforce development program, Simon worked with Sparks Studios to learn how to produce multimedia projects for clients. Part of the program's curriculum at Sparks Studios was to help students create projects to submit to The Hudson Valley Region's Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

At the Scholastic Arts Award Ceremony at SUNY New Paltz on February 3, 2023, Simon was awarded a Silver Key Award for his photography submission.

Simon's project, along with all the honorees, is on display as part of the Scholastic Arts Award Exhibition in the SUNY New Paltz's Fine Arts Building Rotunda through the end of February. Congratulations to Simon on this wonderful accomplishment!

Social Justice in Action Symposium at the Mount

At Mount Saint Michael Academy, Mr. Cristiano's AP Government class presented their research projects on various human rights and social justice campaigns to an audience of students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

Topics for the academic symposium focused on current social, political, and economic issues impacting the United States. Students from Mr. Cristiano's AP Government class covered nationally relevant issues such as the homeless crisis, social media influence on youth, LGBTQ rights, the wage gap, and the death penalty.



COMMUNITY SERVICE



AMHS Marches for Life

On Friday, January 20, 23 members of the Albertus Magnus High School community joined people from across the country for the annual March for Life in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this year's March for Life was to find new ways to encourage a culture of life. AMHS participated in this peaceful march to witness to the sanctity of human life and to support the right to life in all its stages.

St. Jean Baptiste Jeanites Support Ronald McDonald House

After months of collecting items for Ronald McDonald House, Jeanites loaded up bag after bag of paper plates, bowls, cups, shampoo, conditioner, hand sanitizer, facial tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, body lotion, baby wipes, and diapers. They then handed their donations off to representatives from the local chapter at Ronald McDonald House.

The Ronald McDonald House provides a safe, clean, and supportive place to stay for families who must travel to New York City for their child's life-saving cancer treatment.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



St. Vincent Ferrer Visits Greece

St. Vincent Ferrer boasts an extensive educational trip abroad. From all corners of the world to the classroom, all years can partake in yearly trips abroad in spring and summer. This spring, St. Vincent Ferrer travels to Greece. At the end of the school year, the school trip will be to Ireland.



Salesian High School's Young Alumni Networking Event

On January 5th, members of the Salesian classes of '21 and '22 returned to share some of their college experiences with current seniors in Cassin Commons, their newly renovated dining hall. The Eagle alumni were able to offer advice on the college application process, time management, college sports, and choosing a major.

The alumni panel included William Schmid '22 (SUNY Oneonta), Marco LaVecchia '22 (Cornell University), Chris Moronta '22 (Columbia University), Matthew McCoy '22 (Howard University), Henry Chambers '22 (Manhattan College), Eric Mincin (Iona University), and Jared Rijfkgel '21 (Marist College).

St. Raymond Boys and Girls Spend the Day at Ernst & Young

On January 20th, a group of juniors and seniors from St. Raymond High School for Boys and St. Raymond Academy for Girls were invited to an all-day job-sharing program sponsored by Ernst & Young Americas (EY) and Junior Achievement of New York.

EY is a global accounting, tax, and management consulting firm with over 13,000 employees in the New York City area. Junior Achievement of New York is a not-for-profit dedicated to helping high school students develop through various programs financial literacy and work readiness skills.

With over one hundred other New York City high school students, the day began with the students networking with a group of EY volunteers, followed by a panel discussion on how it is to work for a large business organization. All skills that are necessary to work at EY!



SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS



Maria Regina's New ADA-Laboratory

Maria Regina High School celebrates accessibility and advanced learning innovations of new ADA-compliant, eco-conscious environmental and life sciences laboratory. *(Story continued on next page.)*

Maria Regina's New ADA-Laboratory

The lab boasts an array of advanced learning tools including smart screens and state-of-the-art instructional technology. It also boasts new green laboratory furniture, upgraded electrical capacity for laboratory tables, as well as new and alternate efficient energy sources.



New Principal at St. Vincent Ferrer

St. Vincent Ferrer is proud to announce its new principal, Sister Martha Kunesh, O.P.

Sister Martha previously held the position of vice principal for 16 years under the leadership of Sister Gail Morgan. Prior to that, Sister Martha was principal of the Dominican Academy for over 20 years.

We wish Sister Gail warmest wishes and blessings on this new chapter in her life!

Archbishop Stepinac High School Announces Bloomberg Certification

Once students at Stepinac complete the Bloomberg Market Concepts Program, they earn a Bloomberg Certification. Frank Portanova (Class of '93), Vice Principal of Curriculum and Academic Studies, said: "So far, more than one-third of the students have successfully achieved certification and the remainder is expected to do so by the end of the current school year."

Portanova added: "This is a game changer for our students as Stepinac ranks among the very few high schools in the nation equipped with this sophisticated, college-level learning tool."

To earn the Bloomberg Certification, students are required to complete a 16-hour self-paced learning course comprising eight certification sections. They are: Economic Indicators, Currencies, Fixed Income, Equities, Terminal Basics, Terminal Basics, Portfolio Management, and Stock Options and Commodities.



SPORTS



Our Lady of Lourdes Coach Celebrates 400 Wins and Counting!

Our Lady of Lourdes Basketball Coach Jim Santoro celebrated a milestone with his 400th victory when the Lourdes Varsity Boys Basketball team defeated Franklin D. Roosevelt High School on Monday, January 30. Coach Santoro, the Lourdes boys' basketball coach for 34 years, is so committed to his players and developing their skills that this momentous achievement was barely on his radar.

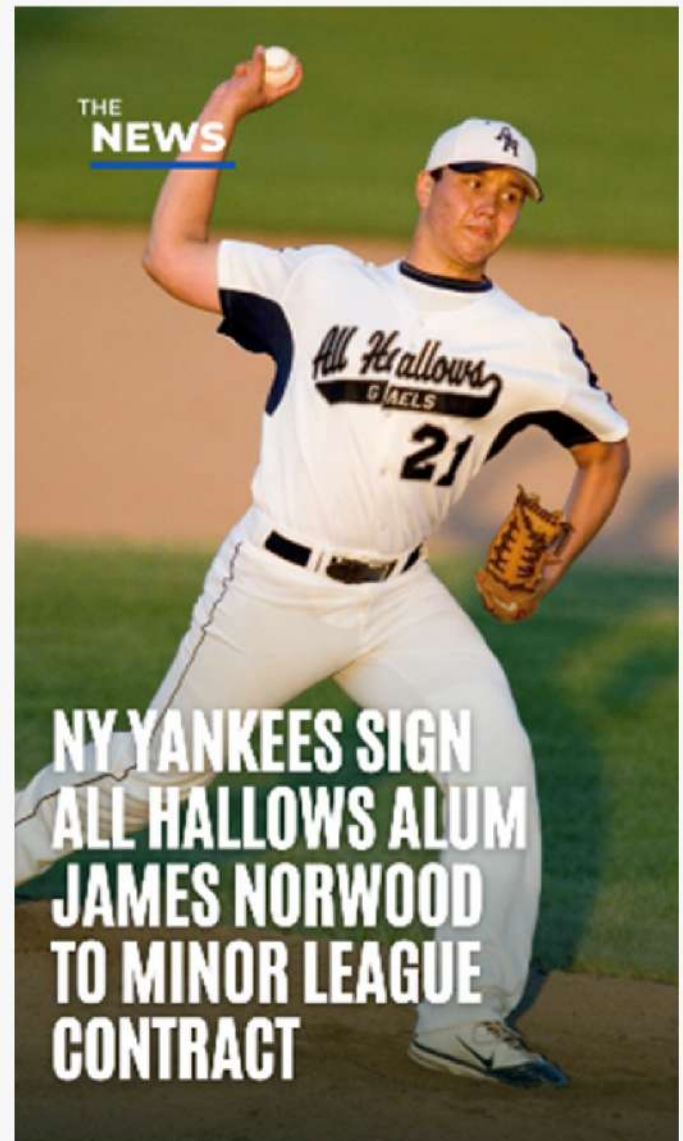
Players from various decades joined in the celebration on February 3rd.

All Hallows Alum Signed to Minor Leagues

James Norwood '11, a hard-throwing right-handed reliever who graduated from All Hallows HS a couple of blocks from Yankee Stadium, signed a minor league contract with the Yankees in December 2022, according to YES Network's Jack Curry. Norwood, whom *The Post* named its All-Bronx Player of the Year in 2011 for his performance at All Hallows, was selected by the Cubs in the seventh round of the 2014 draft out of St. Louis University.

Albertus Magnus' Gabby Chan, '24, named All-American

Congratulations to junior Gabby Chan, who was named All-American & honored at the United Coaches Convention in Philadelphia Saturday, January 14th! This is her second All-American selection. #AllAmerican #fAmily



STUDENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES



Spellman Sophomore Gets a Special Surprise Visit

Sophomore Aaron Cortes received an amazing gift! His father, Pete Cortes, who has been stationed in Africa for the past year surprised him at Cardinal Spellman. On behalf of the Cardinal Spellman community and ADNY, we welcome Mr. Cortes home and thank him for his service.

Read more:

cardinalspellman.org/apps/news/show_news.jsp?REC_ID=830727&id=0

Stepinac Raises Awareness About Bullying & Cyber-Bullying

As part of its ongoing commitment to help raise awareness about bullying and cyber-bullying, incidents of which are widespread at high schools throughout the nation, Stepinac High School recently addressed the issue with riveting presentations by renowned speaker/author John Halligan.

Halligan, the father of a 13-year-old son who was bullied at school and committed suicide in 2003, led compelling and informative discussions with Stepinac's students, parents, and guardians as well as members of the community.



St. Raymond Boys Participate in Drug Awareness Assembly

St. Raymond High School for Boys welcomed Detective-Sergeant Michael Trano and Chief of Staff Peter Sammarco of the NYC Sheriff Department as well as Mr. Nigel Farinha from the Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Office to speak to students about drug awareness focusing specifically on marijuana.



Trano and Sammarco reminded all students that it is illegal for minors use any cannabis items and that use of marijuana can be harmful to their still developing brains. They also spoke directly about the dangers of illegal smoke shops, overdosing, and the importance of just saying no to drugs. St. Raymond students followed up with a myriad of questions, which Mr. Farinha and Det. Sgt. Trano were happy to answer.

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