



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *in the* ARCHDIOCESE of NEW YORK

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Stay-in-Touch Newsletter

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## LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Families,

We are excited to usher in a new chapter this summer with the arrival of Sr. Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Ph.D. as our Superintendent of Schools. Together, we can make this year a time of growth and learning for your child.

Inside this newsletter, you'll find stimulating programs, activities, and resources that will keep your child engaged and set them on the path to success. Additionally, we have included important upcoming dates for our elementary school families.

As we look ahead to September, we eagerly anticipate the return of your child to our schools community. Their presence brings joy and energy to our halls, and we are honored to continue our sacred mission of providing them with a superior education infused with the teachings of Christ.

Remember, education is a partnership between the school and home. We deeply appreciate your ongoing support, collaboration, and dedication to our shared mission. Together, we can shape the future and make the world a better place.

Wishing you and your loved ones a summer filled with warmth, joy, and memorable moments.

Sincerely,

Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
Archdiocese of New York



## IMPORTANT DATES

### August

- 21 TACHS Registration Opens  
Visit [tachsinfo.com](http://tachsinfo.com) to register or learn more about the Test for Admission into Catholic High School (TACHS) exam.

### September

- 7 First Day of School
- 18 MAP Fall Assessment Window Opens
- 25 Spirituality Day (Schools Closed)

### October

- 9 Columbus Day (Schools Closed)
- 26 TACHS Registration Deadline

### November

- 1 Feast of All Saints (Schools Open)

Check your school's calendar for all school-specific dates. For the Superintendent of Schools' 2023-2024 Elementary School Calendar, visit [catholicschoolsnyc.org/elementary/elementary-calendar](http://catholicschoolsnyc.org/elementary/elementary-calendar).



## MASS TIMES

The summer is a great time for your family to reconnect with God. One way to do this is to attend Mass, even when you're away on vacation.

You can find a Catholic church wherever you travel simply by visiting [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org).

## EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Take your child on hikes, bike rides, or to the beach. Visit a local park or nature center. Let them explore their surroundings and learn about the natural world.

Feeling adventurous? Plan a visit to a national park: [nps.gov/kids/plan-your-visit.htm](http://nps.gov/kids/plan-your-visit.htm).

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Did you know that Sadlier Religion offers *free* resources for families to connect with and engage with their Catholic faith?

For accessible family activity ideas, visit [sadlier.com/religion/blog/free-printable-summertime-catholic-family-activities](http://sadlier.com/religion/blog/free-printable-summertime-catholic-family-activities).



## MAKE A MEAL TOGETHER

Cooking is a great way to learn a new skill, have some fun, and bond as a family.

Test out some easy, kid-tested recipes together: [cookingwithkids.org/recipes](http://cookingwithkids.org/recipes).

## PAL AROUND

Playing games can help your child develop their problem-solving skills and their social skills.

There are many different types of games that you can play with your child, such as board games, card games, and video games.

## FAITH TV

Rainy day? How about watching a Catholic TV Network like Catholic Faith Network, or EWTN, or NETNY?

Check your cable provider for stations and programs.



## PARENT SUPPORT CENTER

Through Catapult Learning, ADNY families have access to extended learning opportunities year-round.

Visit our Parent Support Center for helpful tools, insightful resources, and expert guidance to help support your child's education and your family's well-being: [catapultlearning.com/parent-support-center-adny](https://catapultlearning.com/parent-support-center-adny).



## VOLUNTEER

Volunteering is a great way to give back to the community and to learn new skills. Find local opportunities through [catholiccharitiesny.org](https://catholiccharitiesny.org).



## CITY ACTIVITIES

Staying in or visiting New York City this summer with your family?

Take advantage of free NYC Parks events, programs, and activities made with kids especially in mind at [nycgovparks.org/events/kids](https://nycgovparks.org/events/kids).



## DID YOU KNOW?

Every time you visit [adapp.org](https://adapp.org), a friendly pop-up guides you to up-to-date social, emotional, and behavioral health resources.

Content is updated regularly and includes a wealth of information to support families and promote mental wellness and resiliency at home.



## EMBRACE STORY TIME

Make sure to have plenty of books and stories on hand for your child to read. You could also visit your local library or bookstore to find new books to read.

Search for public libraries in your area: [usa.gov/libraries](https://usa.gov/libraries).



## GET CREATIVE

Encourage your child to express themselves through art, music, or writing. Let them paint, draw, play an instrument, or write stories. Help them find activities that they enjoy and that challenge their creativity.



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