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Newsletter for Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of New York



Cover Photo: Cardinal Hayes High School

“Bronx Borough President, Proclaims December 2nd as Cardinal Hayes High School Day on the heels of the team’s historic win as the first NYC Team to capture the CHSAA State Football Championship.”

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Catholic High Schools Praise God, Raise Awareness and Give Back...



Sacred Heart HS hosted Joe Melendrez. Students, staff, and faculty joined Joe in fun worship.



"A Closer Look Too - Vulnerable & Endangered Exhibit" featured Notre Dame Academy HS Art Student's Work.



Sixty-four Cardinal Spellman students earn the Circle S Award for completing at least 110 hours of community service.



Stepinac students slept in cardboard boxes on campus grounds to help raise money for unsheltered homeless.



Hayes football champs and national honor's society members collected toys to distribute at McCloskey Services Center in Valhalla.



Msgr. Farrell students take the polar plunge to benefit the Special Olympics



All Hallows celebrated Christmas with Christ the King students. The All Hallows boys gave toys, shared treats, and surprised the little ones with a visit from Santa.

ABOUT

The Office of Secondary Schools serves forty-three 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.

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Cardinal Hayes Football Team Makes New York History

On December 21, 2023, the Office of Bronx Borough President, Vanessa Gibson, hosted a gala to celebrate the New York State Catholic High School Football Championship won by the Cardinal Hayes High School Varsity Football Squad on December 2, 2023. The Cardinal Hayes Football Cardinals have been playing football since the school opened in 1941 and in a historical moment became the first team from the five boroughs of New York City to win the New York State Catholic High School League title.

In her remarks on the accomplishments of the young men, Ms. Gibson reveled in the success of the program. Ms. Gibson was joined by former New York Jet Tony Richardson, who was most impressed with the success of the Hayes football program. There was also a congratulatory message from the New York Jets head coach Robert Saleh. The players were presented with certificates of merit from the Bronx Borough President's Office and a Proclamation proclaiming December 2nd as Cardinal Hayes High School Football Recognition Day.



Catholic Musical Performer Enamors OLL Students

Our Lady of Lourdes High School was proud to welcome Joe Melendrez for a Catholic musical performance during a schoolwide assembly in December.

Joe visited OLL from California and was thrilled by the response from the OLL students. Joe remarked, "I have seen kids go so crazy for Jesus, Lourdes students did not disappoint! This was an impressive morning!"

Joseph will be performing at the New York Catholic Youth Day 2024 set to be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024.



Councilwoman Kamillah Hanks Visits Notre Dame Academy

Notre Dame Academy had the pleasure of hosting City Council Member Kamillah Hanks for an inspiring Q&A session with 7th and 11th grade students. Council Member Hanks spoke about the responsibilities in her role as an elected government official and how to have influence in our community.



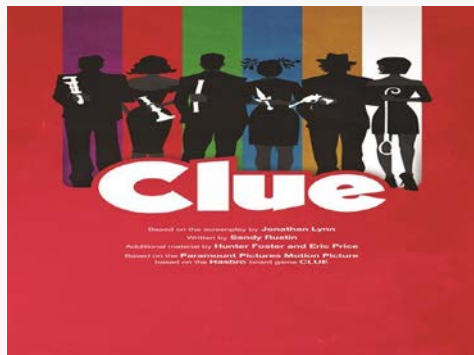
Notre Dame School Alumni Return to Mentor Class of 2025

On January 11th, 2024, Notre Dame School of Manhattan welcomed back recent alums as part of a College Panel for their current juniors. Twenty-two alums returned to *Chez Nous* to share their advice on the college application process and reflect on the transition to college life. ND school counselors moderated the discussion, and juniors had time to pose their own questions. Afterwards, during a coffee and donut reception, the returning graduates had the chance to mingle with one another and their former teachers.



St. Catharine's Varsity Cheer Team headed to Nationals

The St. Catharine Academy Varsity Cheer team earned a third-place finish in the Empire Region of the UCA to clinch a slot at Nationals in February 2024 in Florida. Watch social media for details as they become available!



Stepinac Theatre to Stage "Clue" Comedy Mystery with Three Performances

The acclaimed Stepinac Theatre will stage "Clue," the hilarious murder mystery based on the iconic movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game of the same name. Three early-evening performances are scheduled for 6 PM, Wednesday, Thursday, January 24 and 25 and Saturday, January 27 at Stepinac High School's iconic Major Bowes Auditorium at 950 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY.



All Hallows Modern Band Performs at Beacon Theater

The All Hallows High School Modern Band does it again performing for a capacity crowd at the legendary Beacon Theater in New York City as the opening act for the Grammy Award winning Lauren Daigle. Lauren Daigle is a Christian singer and songwriter and the winner of two Grammy Awards, four American Music Awards, six billboard Music Awards, and 12 GMA Dove awards.

Music teacher Mr. Hernandez and The All Hallows High School Modern Band put on an amazing show. All Hallows would like to send a heartfelt thank you to Lauren Daigle and Education Through Music for this amazing opportunity that the students won't soon forget!



Teresa Pereira, Maria Regina's Visual Arts Instructor, Among Select Group of Peers Represented in Annual National Art Education Association Member Exhibit

Maria Regina High School's **Teresa Pereira** is among a select group of art educators from throughout the world whose creative artwork is included in the annual National Art Education Association (NAEA) Member Exhibit.

Pereira's work, which is on display through May 3 on the NAEA website

www.arteducators.org, was recently selected by a panel of jurors. It is the latest chapter in her distinguished career as Maria Regina's acclaimed visual arts teacher who has inspired her students over the past eight years and as an accomplished artist whose paintings have been exhibited in galleries and art fairs throughout Westchester



Moore Catholic Student Nominated for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

"The State Education Department nominated 25 New York State high school seniors for the program", Commissioner Betty A. Rosa announced. Presidential Scholar recognition is one of the nation's highest honors for high school students who represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in young people.

Congratulations to high school senior Joseph Lomangino, of Moore Catholic High School on Staten Island, on his nomination. Joseph earned this high honor for his strength of character, leadership, hard work, and academic success.



All Hallows High School Welcomes Gian Paul Gonzalez!

All Hallows welcomed Gian Paul who is widely recognized for inspiring the New York Giants to their last Super Bowl victory with the phrase 'All In'. He has been featured on ESPN as well as having notable appearances on Fox News and CNN. His inspirational talks have made him an internationally renowned speaker for NBA, NFL, English Premier League, MLS & Fortune 500 organizations.



SCA Students Attended Alvin Ailey Performance

Forty St. Catharine Academy students in grades 9-12, attended an Alvin Ailey dance performance at New York City Center on December 8.

The event was made possible by a grant from the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund, Growing Interculturality.



Sophia Rojas, Maria Regina Senior, Selected as a Middlebury College Posse Scholar

"It is now official: out of approximately 3,000 high school nominees, you have been selected as a member of Middlebury College + Posse 26 and have earned a full-tuition, four-year scholarship worth around \$200,000."

That is part of the extremely exciting news that Sophia Rojas of Yorktown Heights, a senior at Maria Regina High School, received recently in an email from Middlebury, one of the most highly regarded liberal arts colleges in the U.S. Way to Go Sophia!



Nine Outstanding Stepinac High School Students Sign Letters of Intent to Play Football At NCAA Level During Early Signing Day Ceremony

Congratulations to **Harrison Brown** of Katonah/Colgate University, **Will Currid** of Cross River/Brown University, **Ryan Diaz** of New York City/Franklin and Marshall College, **Deonte Douglas** of Yonkers/New Hampshire University, **Darison Hooper** of White Plains/Trinity College, **Sam Madu** of The Bronx/University of Minnesota, **Jordan Osbourne** of Ardsley/Monmouth University, **Lorenzo Robinson** of Valhalla/Lock Haven University, and **Eddie Palumbo** of Yorktown Heights/Yale University.



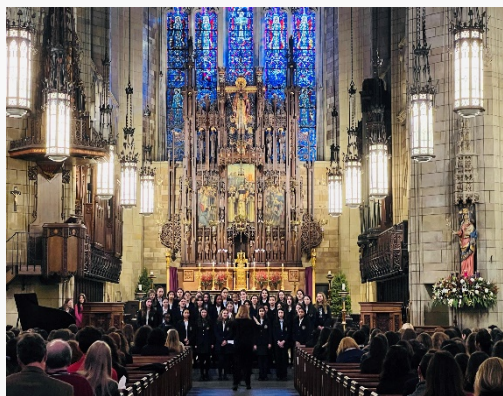
Rams Participate in Annual Great Ignatian Challenge

As part of the annual Great Ignatian Challenge, a friendly competition between Jesuit and Catholic schools from around the country, Fordham Prep collected 71,469 lbs. of food (over 35 tons!) for their neighbors in the Bronx this past holiday season.

Beneficiaries include Part of the Solution (POTS), Little Sisters of the Poor, County Harvest of Westchester, Mercy Center, and Concourse House.

The twenty-one participant schools collected over 772,567 lbs. of food that filled local food banks and pantries with much-needed provisions during the critical Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Since the Challenge began in 2016, the participating schools have collectively amassed over 2.2 million pounds of food!



Dominican Academy Embraced the Joy of Christmas through their Annual Gift Drive

In December, students at Dominican Academy embraced the joy of the holiday season through their annual Gift Drive, collecting donations for Hour Children. The D.A. community also came together to celebrate with a Christmas Mass and Glee Club Concert at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer.



Salesian Students Continue to Dive into STEM at Iona University

In a thrilling collaboration, Salesian High School students recently visited Iona University, continuing their exploration of the NOYCE STEM grant. The visit was marked by curiosity-lit faces and insightful questions as students delved into molecular geometry labs and hands-on drug testing under the guidance of Dr. Kathleen Kristan. Witnessing the vibrant exchange of knowledge, Salesian High School is grateful for the enriching opportunity provided by Iona University. The engagement not only deepens scientific understanding but also inspires a passion for learning, reinforcing Salesian's commitment to nurturing inquisitive minds.

ALANYC Legal Career Day and Kahoot Winners!

A special thank you on behalf of the Office of the Superintendent and ADNY High School to our friend John Connolly and the rest of the ALANYC members for their time and continued support to Catholic Education.

First Place Winner



Jaziel Morton Vanderhorst
Cardinal Hayes HS, Sophomore

Second Place Winner



Leanna Lambert
Notre Dame Academy, Junior

Third Place Winner



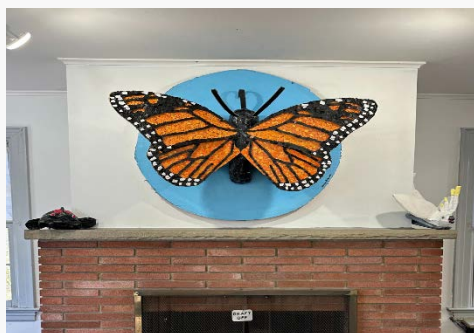
Catherine Gardella
St. Joseph by the Sea, Junior



Cardinal Spellman Athletes Earn S Patches

An S patch is given to Cardinal Spellman Varsity athletes to proudly wear on their senior sweaters, telling part of their "Spellman story."

For the first time in Spellman history, Ms. Faulkner honored Seniors who participate, and excel, in sports outside of Spellman with their own S patches.



"A Closer Look Too - Vulnerable & Endangered" Exhibit featuring Notre Dame Academy High School Art Students- SI

Notre Dame Academy High School Art Teacher Donna Napoli-Steele and her students have been working since the summer to transform simple cardboard boxes into breathtakingly life-like animal sculptures. These pieces and other beautiful paintings are from "A Closer Look Too - Vulnerable & Endangered". A portion of all sales from this exhibit will be donated to Gotham Whale to help support their marine research here in NY harbor and the surrounding areas.

The Biddle House Museum is open Monday - Friday 11am - 3pm and by appointment,

The Rutan-Beckett House Museum is open by appointment only.



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