

THE SCOOP



Newsletter for Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of New York



WE BROKE A WORLD RECORD!

Cover Photo: St. Joseph by the Sea

“St. Joseph by the Sea on Staten Island becomes the first Catholic High School in the region to attain a World Record!”

BULLETIN



Catholic High Schools Pray, Give, and Celebrate Catholic Schools ...



On the International Day of Serviam, AMSU held its first Serviam Saturday! The Academy of Mt. St. Ursula community gathered to celebrate St. Angela's legacy and serve their neighbors in need.



Sacred Heart High School students gathered for their second afternoon of service of the academic year. Students created 187 Valentines for the residents at Cabrini of Westchester!



Notre Dame School of Manhattan was pleased to welcome approximately one hundred and fifty 8th graders and their family members to its "Accepted Students Night."



Catholic School's Week Blessings at Cardinal Spellman High School. Blessed and highly favored!



Albertus Magnus hosts Annual Art Show & Contest for Catholic Schools Week in which neighboring Catholic Elementary Schools were invited to participate.



Bishop Whalen led Mass at Salesian HS in celebration of Don Bosco's enduring mission of fostering good Christians and honest citizens which is the core of the Salesian community.



Maria Regina celebrated the 50th year anniversary of National Catholic Schools Week with a wide range of special daily activities that help develop women of faith in word and deed.

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.

Carmen Leon is 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 <https://catholicsschoolsny.org/secondary/>



Mounts Medicine Program Featured on GMA 3

The ABC morning show Good Morning America 3 (GMA3) featured Mount St. Michael Academy's Mentoring in Medicine Program (MIM) which gives Black and Brown high school students a chance to learn from experts about careers in medicine and the opportunity to train to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). ABCNEWS Medical Correspondent, Dr. Darien Sutton visited the school to film a special segment called "Doctors of Tomorrow." "Brilliance is everywhere but opportunity isn't," said Andrew Morrison, Chief Operating Officer of MIM. "The goal of MIM is to groom the next generation of healthcare professionals," said the program liaison, Lynne Holden, MD, Professor of Emergency Medicine, at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and President of Mentoring in Medicine, Inc., Dr. Lynne Holden, hopes to make our program a national model for other schools. View the segment [HERE](#)



Iona Prep Opens New Fine Arts Center Expansion

Iona Preparatory School opened a new 21,000-square-foot expansion to its Paul Verni Fine Arts Center back in September, highlighted by a 409-seat auditorium with professional-grade lighting and sound to accommodate the latest musical and theatrical productions. The building unofficially opened on the first full day of classes, was formally rededicated during an October ribbon-cutting ceremony, and hosted its inaugural productions in December, with "Footloose" slated for May 3-4. The new edifice also includes additional classroom space that has paved the way for additional electives such as Broadcast Journalism, Sporks Marketing, and Introduction to Philosophy, along with a workshop for the school's Engineering course.



Bronx Borough President Speaks to Preston HS Students

On Wednesday, February 14th, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson visited Preston High School and addressed the entire student body. She spoke about the mentors she had along her journey that led to her current position. Bronx Borough President Gibson also encouraged the students to become more involved in public service by joining their local Community Boards



Albertus Magnus's Student Performs at Carnegie Hall

Albertus Magnus High School (Bardonia, NY) student Chloe Karamitsos '24 performed at Carnegie Hall as part of the Honors Performance Series. This program, after a very rigorous audition process, gives musically gifted students from around the world the unique opportunity to perform at one of the world's great concert halls. At Albertus Magnus, Chloe is Captain of the Varsity Cheerleading Team, in Veritas Honors Choir, in the student-led Underground Theater Alliance, in the Performing Arts, the Music Honor Society and serves as a Senior Mentor.



Winterfest at St. Barnabas HS

On Friday, January 12th, the Saint Barnabas High School student body put on their annual Winterfest. The fun-filled evening featured the diverse talents of the student body. Students performed popular and classical music, put on comedic skits, and participated in multicultural dances. The night was filled with music from Soca to Bachata to Albanian, Indian, and Italian traditional dance. A wonderful time was had by all.



Stepinac SOUPer Bowl

Stepinac High School students today concluded their successful, month-long 2024 **SOUPer Bowl**, the school's single largest annual food drive, to help Feeding Westchester meet its critically important mission of addressing the region's food insecurity crisis. They collected and donated more than **20,000** cans of soup and other non-perishable, nutritional food items—exceeding the campaign's goal of **15,000** food items



Sacred Heart HS Volpe Classic

The Centennial celebrations continue at Sacred Heart High School! On Thursday, February 8th, the Sacred Heart Irish hosted the Gorton Wolves in the Annual Volpe Classic. This was an extra special event as both schools are celebrating their centennial this academic year! Coach Volpe coached the varsity teams at Sacred Heart and Gorton over the course of his 40-year career. His 522 career wins have earned him the distinction of having the most wins of any coach in any sport in Yonkers history. This year, the Irish took home the Volpe trophy after a strong team win led by senior captain, Isaac John, who scored 25 points. **Go Irish!**

ORANGE COUNTY NY ARTS COUNCIL
Art Builds Confidence
2024 STUDENT ART SHOWCASE
 Saturday, February 10th, 10am to 4pm - Galleria at Crystal Run
 FEATURING AN EXHIBIT OF ORANGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ARTWORK, A DIGITAL DISPLAY OF K-8TH GRADE ARTWORK, LIVE PERFORMANCES BY HIGH SCHOOL THEATER GROUPS, AND NEW THIS YEAR - LITERARY ART AND FASHION & WEARABLE ART, TO INCLUDE A STUDENT FASHION SHOW!

GALLERIA AT CRYSTAL RUN
 ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Burke Catholic Seniors Participate in Orange All-County Festival

The Orange County Arts Council hosted the Arts Build Confidence showcase this year on Saturday February 10th in which five Burke Catholic High School students had their art displayed.

Congratulations to BC Seniors Siobhan Lahiff, Annabella Langley, Aileen Byrons, Maya Tudrej and Sumin Hong.



Salesian Senior Receives George LeGrand Janvier Foundation Scholarship

Salesian High School is thrilled to announce that Silas Gonzales '24 has been bestowed with the George LeGrand Janvier Foundation Scholarship for the academic year 2023-2024. This esteemed award honors the legacy of George Janvier and recognizes Silas's outstanding accomplishments and dedication. The Janvier family's commitment to education and youth mentoring perfectly aligns with the values of Salesian, making this scholarship a fitting tribute. Silas, embodying the essence of this prestigious honor, stands as a testament to Salesian's commitment to nurturing excellence in every student. Congratulations, Silas, on this well-deserved achievement!



Fordham Junior Leaves NY for Senate Page Program

At the end of January 2024, Fordham Prep student Isaiah Emerson '25 left his life in NY behind for the [Senate Page Program](#) in Washington, DC.

Emerson has loved politics for as long as he can remember and hopes to pursue a career in government. "I think that politics are a great way to make large-scale positive impacts on the communities that we all live in," he said.

The Senate Page Program will allow Emerson to experience life in DC for a semester while developing communications, compromise, and public service skills. He is one of thirty students in this semester's program.

[More information is available here](#)



St. Joseph by the Sea Makes History

On Friday, January 26th St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School made history alongside Staten Island a non-profit organization The GRACE Foundation for the formation of the World's Largest Human Infinity Symbol in an effort to raise awareness and empower those with autism. On hand were local leaders, Sea's student body and faculty, local elected officials, and a Guinness Book of Records Adjudicator who made the official call that a World Record had been broken. Sea became the first Catholic High School in the region to attain a world record, and the record marks the third for the borough. The official count came in at 1540 participants, shattering the previous record of 998 people.

Link to media coverage: <https://www.silive.com/news/2024/01/grace-foundation-breaks-its-second-world-record-largest-human-infinity-sign.html>



Cardinal Hayes Football Champs Visit Gov. Hochul

Cardinal Hayes High School football team was invited by Assemblywoman Amada Septimo to visit the Capitol. The team and staff were greeted by Assemblywoman Septimo, State Senator Jose Serrano (Hayes alum class of 90) and Governor Hochul. They gave the students a tour of the Capitol and acknowledged the team victory on the Assembly and Senate Floors. **Up Hayes and all its Loyal Men!**



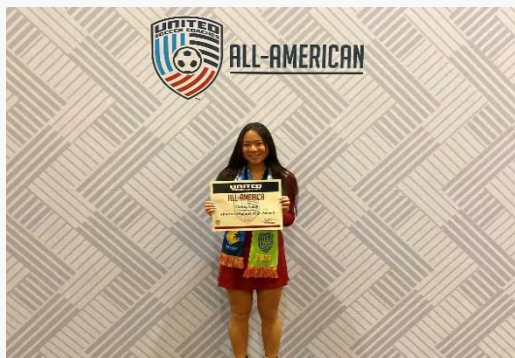
Maria Regina Foroige Club on the Today Show

As part of Maria Regina High School's celebration of Catholic Schools Week, members of the school's Foroige Leadership Club early this morning gathered outside the windows of the famed NBC News TODAY Show broadcast studio to give a nationally televised shout out. Today's co-anchor **Savannah Guthrie** joined the students for a photo op as well.



St. Raymond HS for Boys Introduces New Symphonic Winds Band!

This year St. Raymond's Music Department experienced tremendous growth and are pleased to announce the formation of the new St. Raymond Symphonic Winds, a traditional wind ensemble that meets on Monday and Wednesday after school. The band is comprised of 9-12th grade students from both the boy's and girl's high schools. Students play the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone. The Symphonic Winds had a successful winter concert in January and are hard at work learning their instruments and preparing to perform at the annual Spring Arts Festival in April.



Albertus Magnus's Gabby Chan – All-American

Albertus Magnus High School (Bardonia, NY) student-athlete Gabby Chan '24 is a 2023 High School All-American. Gabby is the only player in the country to receive this honor for a third consecutive year. Gabby is also the only girls' soccer player in the history of Section One soccer to be named a 3x All-American. At Albertus Magnus, Gabby is a member of the National Honor Society, Seat of Wisdom Chapter, as well as English, Spanish, Mathematics Mu Alpha Theta, Science and Social Studies Honor Societies. Gabby will continue her athletic career at Columbia University this Fall and major in Economics.



Lourdes Athletics Retires Maddy Siegrist Jersey

Friday, January 5, 2024, was a significant evening for Our Lady of Lourdes High School as they welcomed home 2018 graduate Madison (Maddy) Siegrist. The house was packed with her family, friends, coaches, former teammates, and fans as they officially retired jersey #20! Amongst her numerous accomplishments during her four years on the Lourdes Varsity Girls Basketball team, Maddy went on to play for the Villanova University Wildcats where she blossomed into one of the country's best college basketball players. After leading the Wildcats to one of their best seasons in history Maddy was selected third overall in the WNBA draft to the Dallas Wings. Maddy saw significant time in her rookie campaign and helped the Wings make the WNBA playoffs this past season.



La Salle Seniors Perform Brilliantly at Poetry Out Loud Competition

Congratulations to La Salle Academy seniors, Rowan Torres, and Keith Orleans, who performed brilliantly at the Poetry Out Loud 2024 New York Semifinal competition at the SUNY Global Center on February 2, 2024, after placing first and second in the school competition in April 2023.

Rowan and Keith competed with eight other contestants from schools around NYC. The judges praised them for their physical presence, voice and articulation, dramatic appropriateness, and outstanding understanding of their poems.



St. Catharine Academy Robotics Team Making Strides

The St. Catharine Academy Robotics team has qualified for States after winning the Design Award at the Vex Competition on Feb. 10 at Kennedy Catholic High School. They have also won three Judges Awards during this season's competitions.



St. Barnabas HS Students Intern at Montefiore Hospital

A group of SBHS girls enjoy the hands-on learning through their internships at Montefiore Medical Center. Barnabites are busy at work throughout the hospital. They especially enjoy working with the babies in the NICU!



In Memory of Sean Sullivan



Gone But Never Forgotten!
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