

THE SCOOP



Newsletter for Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of New York



Cover Photo: ADNY Students Meet Pope Francis

“Scholas USA sponsored two students to go to Rome for an encounter with Pope Francis at the First International Meeting of Meaning.” (Seen in photo from left to right, second, Angelica Almanza from Maria Regina HS, and Danielle Contes from Cathedral HS, at the end.)

BULLETIN



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



Sacred Heart High School teamed up with the New York Blood Center to host a blood drive. Sacred Heart students worked the event, welcoming donors and assisting the Blood Center's employees



Saint Raymond HS for Boys Graduation consisted of 103 graduates gathered at the Msgr. Tierney Auditorium to receive their diplomas.
Congratulations Class of 2024!



Congratulations to St. Catharine Academy's Maryam A. honored as the valedictorian and Brianna R. salutatorian.



Iona Preparatory's Gael Sacraments program continues to grow as 20 Upper School students crossed faith milestones in making their Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults.



Notre Dame School of Manhattan's 67th Annual Chez Nous Benefit brought together alumnae, parents, and friends in support of our Scholarship and Financial Aid programs where they surpassed their fundraising goal.



Cardinal Spellman's Class of 2024 joined over 1,500 Seniors in the Annual Cardinal's Senior Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

ABOUT

The Office of Secondary Schools serves forty-two high schools with over 21,000 students within the Archdiocese of New York including The Bronx, Manhattan, Staten Island, Westchester, and Upper Counties.

We welcome Linda Dougherty, the New Associate Superintendent of Secondary Schools, who along with Carmen Leon, Secondary Schools 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 <https://catholicschoolsnyc.org/secondary/>

Maria Regina HS Student Meets Pope Francis



Angelica Almanza, a senior at Maria Regina High School, was one of a select group of four from the U.S. by Scholas USA who had the honor of meeting Pope Francis, when she recently participated in the Inaugural Scholas Summit of Meaning held at the Vatican. In addition to Angelica, the group comprised one other student from the Archdiocese of New York, Danielle Contes from Cathedral HS and a student and teacher from Los Angeles. "Meeting Pope Francis at the Inaugural Scholas Summit of Meaning in Rome was a surreal and profoundly moving experience that filled me with immense gratitude," said Angelica about her inspiring encounter with His Holiness, adding: "Connecting with students from around the world and receiving the Pope's blessing is a cherished memory, filling me with deep appreciation and reminding me of the extraordinary blessings life holds."

Lady Raven's Historic NYC CHSAA Tier 4 Win



Congratulations to the Lady Ravens of St. Raymond Academy for their first historic win in the NYC CHSAA tier 4 Championship Basketball Tournament. From zero wins last year to a Championship season!

Kennedy Catholic's Prep Senior's -Sew Kind



Senior Gabriella Rado has learned that many sisters in the archdiocese have been living with collars and coifs that are fraying and falling apart, since nearly all the manufacturing companies that once made these items for nuns have gone out of business. Gabriella is an Ambassador Girl Scout, pursuing her Gold Award through a project she began during the pandemic called Sew Kind. With the help of her sewing mentor, Debbie Fela, and former Kennedy Catholic school nurse, Barbara Rendich, Gabriella has delivered her first batch of 20 collars to the Sisters of the Oblates to the Blessed Trinity of Hopewell Junction. Sister Shyne Mathai, OBT, expressed the need for the collars and coifs after reading about Sew Kind in a local parish bulletin. To learn more about how you can help, visit SewKind.org, Facebook or follow on [Instagram@SewKindNY](https://www.instagram.com/SewKindNY).



Stepinac's E-Sports Team in First National Championship

Stepinac High School's Esports team, which was established three years ago, celebrated its impressive third-place finish in its first Electronics Gaming Federal Overwatch National Championship held recently in Orlando. The outstanding electronic game players of the renowned all-boys Catholic high school were Riley Colon, Dylan Fox, and Anthony LeBlanc of Yonkers; Chris Nugent of Hartsdale and Michael Robles of the Bronx.



Preston HS Senior Traveling to Berlin for 2024 EF Summit

After an intense and selective interview process, Preston High School senior Briana Cherubino '24 will travel to Berlin, Germany this summer to serve as emcee for the 2024 EF Global Leadership Summit. After attending the EF Global Leadership Summit last summer with the Preston Scholars Program thanks to a generous donor, Cherubino knew that she wanted to be next year's emcee. She worked closely with Ms. Eugenia Wolovich and Mr. Craig Youngren to work on her application and stand out among the pool of worldwide applicants. This year's theme is The Impact of Water on Society and participants from all over the world will explore ways to harness its full potential. EF Global Leadership Summit is a three-day leadership conference for youth to hear from world-renowned keynote speakers, work with local and global experts, and collaborate with peers in small international teams.



SCA Robotics Team's Winning Season

The St. Catharine Academy Robotics Team was awarded the Design Award at the VEX competition held at Kennedy Catholic High School in February. At the States competition they placed 27th for unique skills. The team also won the Judges Award three times in competition this year.



St. Jean Baptiste Senior Speaks on Panel in Albany

St. Jean Baptiste High School senior Amber Perez recently served as a panelist at the 2024 SOMOS, Inc. Conference in Albany. SOMOS is a nonpartisan organization committed to uniting and empowering the Latino community through dialogue, debates, civic service, and cultural preservation. Amber was invited to participate on a panel on Food Policies to Curb Predatory Marketing in New York because of her work as an Advocacy Intern at Altagracia Faith and Justice Works. Amber was introduced to Altagracia, a Catholic, woman-led, non-profit with an education and social justice ministry by her sophomore guidance counselor at St. Jean's.



Dominican Academy Senior and Queens Native Wins 2024 Shakespeare State Final

Dominican Academy's Margaret Schumacher '24 won the English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition State Finals. Margaret performed Sonnet 116 and a monologue from "Twelfth Night." She was the sole Catholic school competitor out of 10 NYC finalists. "I owe so much to the unending support and encouragement of the entire D.A. community," she said, citing Psalm 23 calmed her nerves. Margaret's English teacher, Ms. Zoe Spelman, said it was "one of the most beautiful moments of my 28-year teaching career to hear Maggie recite her monologue and sonnet."



Three Salesian Students Commit to Northeastern University

Three outstanding students from Salesian High School, Joey Roman '24, Bladmil Almonte '24, and Alex Alvarado Pinto '24, have secured impressive scholarships and will attend Northeastern University. Their commitment to excellence and dedication to their studies have earned them prestigious recognition. Salesian High School congratulates these students on their achievements and wishes them continued success as they embark on their academic journey at Northeastern with confidence and determination.



Moore Catholic HS Dedication to Msgr. Bergin

Members of the Moore Catholic High School family played host to a special dedication ceremony on April 13 when the gymnasium at the Graniteville school was named for former Principal Monsignor Thomas J. Bergin. Alumni from the Classes of 1966 and subsequent graduating classes were in attendance to celebrate Monsignor Bergin's lasting impact on the school community.

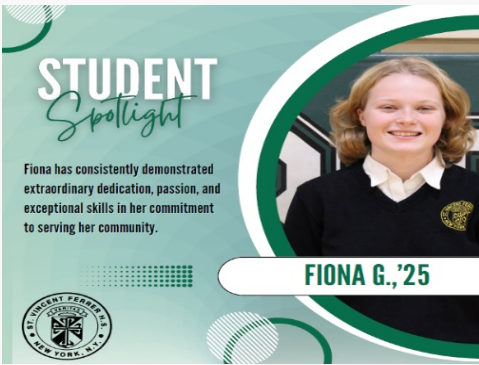
Msgr. Bergin passed away on Wednesday, May 2, 2024. May he rest in eternal peace.

[In Honor of Monsignor Bergin](#)



KCPS Varsity Basketball Champions

Kennedy Catholic Prep School Girl's Varsity Basketball earned both the League and City title for the first time in program history since joining the CHSAA a decade ago. The Gaels defeated Moore Catholic, the 36th ranked team in NYS, for the League and Fontbonne Academy for the City title. Go Gaels!!



St. Vincent Ferrer Student Feature

Fiona is no stranger to serving her community. Since her first year at Ferrer, she has gone the extra mile and embodies the key pillars of our Dominican tradition (Community, Service, Study, and Prayer). Fiona is actively engaged in numerous services ministries including helping in her parish's religious education program and running her own youth community service group called Service of Salvation, which Fiona founded when she was 11 years old.

Recently, Fiona undertook a massive project to help support her local community through her Parish of the Church of the Epiphany. Along with her friends, and one other Falcon, Lucy S., '25, Fiona and her team of volunteers were able to build a greenhouse that will be used to grow various vegetables. The vegetables will be used to help offset the costs of fresh produce in producing meals for those in need. We asked Fiona if she had any advice for people her age who want to engage in more service opportunities and she stated " Invite your friends to come with you! It becomes fun for all of you involved in doing good."

Our Lady of Lourdes HS Girls Varsity Basketball Team Secures State Championship Victory

In a thrilling culmination of dedication and teamwork, the Our Lady of Lourdes High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team emerged victorious as the NYSPHSAA Class AAA Champions on Sunday, March 17, 2024. The game against Liverpool High School was played at Hudson Valley Community College.

From the opening tip-off to the final buzzer, the team displayed exceptional skill, determination, and sportsmanship. Led by Coach Al Viani, the players demonstrated the team's unity and cohesion as they worked together seamlessly to secure the win. This is the program's first state championship in 20 years.

Congratulations to the team on their well-deserved victory!



St. Raymond HS for Boys Students Visit State Capitol

On April 9th, 2024, the Raven's Advanced Placement Government & Politics class (and AP United States History Class) visited the State Capitol Building in Albany, NY. They were invited and hosted by State Assembly Member Michael R. Benedetto (82nd Assembly District) and his Deputy Chief of Staff, Matthew McKay, Jr. '16. In addition, they were also joined by Assembly Member Kenny Burgos (Assembly District 85), State Senator Nathalia Fernandez (34th Senate District), and Kathleen McCarty, Director of the Albany Intern Committee.

Students received a private tour of the Capitol and were able to sit on the Assembly floor for session before being hosted for lunch. Students were introduced to the legislation making process and various themes of local government and its impact. Following the morning at the Capitol, the group visited The Corning Tower Observation Deck to view the city and had the opportunity to visit the New York State Museum.





Hayes at Bronx Banker’s Breakfast

The Bronx Banker’s Breakfast held as part of Bronx Week at the Villa Barone in Throggs Neck invited members of the Cardinal Hayes Choral Group to sing the National Anthem. In addition, members of our Financial Empowerment Class also attended this invitation only event. Students posed with Congressman Ritchie Torres of the 15th CD and teacher, Mr. Steve Celin, moderator of the Finance Club.



All Hallows rings the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange

Through their partnership with Education Through Music, All Hallows senior Justin Munoz '24, Mr. Alfredo Hernandez, and members of the All Hallows Band rang the opening bell at the @nyse New York Stock Exchange. Special thanks and congratulations to @etmonline for this honor and their continued support for All Hallows High School!!



Mount’s Kymani Powell '25 is a 2024 Thrive Scholar

Thrive Scholars Program - Exceptional Minds. Extraordinary Futures, “provides high-achieving students of color from economically under-resourced communities the opportunities they need to thrive at top colleges and in meaningful careers.”

Of the thousands of students from across the nation who applied, Kymani is one of only 220 students accepted in 2024. Kymani’s acceptance into the 6-Year Program includes 2 years of Summer Academy and 4 years of college guidance as well as career development. He will spend 6 weeks this summer immersing himself in the full college experience (classes, college prep, and career exploration, all while living on-campus) at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.



Iona Prep Students ‘Awakened’ to Social Stranglehold

The hands shot up as Social Awakening’s Max Stossel, a former social media strategist, asked how many students were on SnapChat. Hands stayed up when Stossel wondered how many active streaks students had, but only a few remained to a follow-up about enjoying the effort to maintain them. “Isn’t that interesting,” said the man who once helped craft the very notifications that keep us tethered, “that so many of us are actively participating in something most of us don’t even like.” Over a series of presentations, Stossel provided insight into social media platforms and tricks to help Iona Prep students (and parents) break free from their hold.



The Catholic High Schools of the Archdiocese of New York announce the...

2024 Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools

WHO: Eighth-grade students applying for Fall 2024 admissions to Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of New York.

WHAT: The test is designed to measure school aptitude and scholastic achievements in reading, mathematics, and language.

WHEN: Archdiocese of New York: Friday, November 8, 2024—Online, remote at home test.

HOW: Register for the exam via internet or telephone beginning at 9:00 AM on Monday, August 26, 2024, through Wednesday, October 30, 2024, until 11:59 PM at www.tachsinfo.com or call **1-866-61TACHS (1-866-618-2247)**. Once registration is completed, you will receive an email. **Read the email thoroughly for other essential information and “next steps.”**

- **Extended Time Applications-** The deadline for submitting an extended testing time accommodation form and supporting documentation to Carmen Leon at Secondary.Schools@adnyeducation.org by **Friday, October 4, 2024**. The form can be found online at: www.tachsinfo.com
 - **The Student Handbook is available via a PDF on the website.** Please read it thoroughly.

FEE: \$71

Please refer to the TACHS 2024 website for all program details and deadlines at: www.tachsinfo.com

***** Visit Catholic high school Open Houses and Fairs for more information. *****



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