

THE TABLET

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BACK TO

SCHOOL
Fall 2018

Back-to-School: What's Inside

The first day of classes is less than two weeks away, so The Tablet offers this special supplement to help families gear up for the new school year. Created in collaboration with local Catholic academies and schools and the Office of the Superintendent ~ Catholic School Support Services as well as community partners, here is a sampling of what this section holds in store:

– Catholic academies and schools have made great accomplishments in the past year, but challenges lay ahead. Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C, explains on Page 5A.

– iPads, Chromebooks and Google, oh my! Learn more about the Diocesan Technology Institute on Page 9A.

– What day does school start? When are the TerraNova tests? How soon is the first day off? Check the official Academic Calendar at right. (Insider tip: Cut out and post on your fridge for easy reference.)

– Eighth graders: If you want to attend Catholic high school, you need to take the TACHS exam and you'll want to go to the upcoming Catholic high school expos. See Page 12A.

– Pop Quiz: Do you know what Catholic academies and schools are in your area? (For the answers, flip to the map in the centerfold. Share with the other students.)

– With lunches to pack, homework to check and activities to coordinate, parents can get overwhelmed. Mom and Dad, turn to Page 10A for a survival guide just for you.

– Preserving the spirit and charism of the religious sisters who founded Catholic schools does not just happen; it has to be intentional. See Page 18A.

– Your children have left the nest and have lives of their own, but you still want to support the mission of Catholic education? Become an Angel. Msgr. Jamie Gigantiello will tell you how on Page 11A.

Brooklyn and Queens Catholic Schools

- Combine Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence
- Partner with parents in the faith formation of their children
- Set high standards for student achievement – and help students succeed
- Provide a balanced academic curriculum integrating faith, culture and life
 - Use technology effectively in education
 - Instill the value of service to others
 - Teach children respect of self and others
- Emphasize moral development and self-discipline
- Prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders
 - Provide a safe and welcoming environment for all

Brooklyn and Queens Catholic Elementary Schools

2018-2019 Academic Calendar

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| SEPTEMBER 2018 | (18 Instructional Days) |
| 4 Tuesday | Faculty and Staff Planning Day |
| 5 Wednesday | First Day of Classes for Students |
| 16 Sunday | Catechetical Sunday |
| 28 Friday | St. John Neumann Day |
| OCTOBER | (22 Instructional Days) |
| 3 Wednesday | Rosary Rally at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph |
| 8 Monday | Columbus Day – Schools Closed |
| 9 Tuesday | TerraNova Standardized Testing Program Begins |
| 19 Friday | TerraNova Standardized Testing Program Ends |
| NOVEMBER | (18 Instructional Days + 1 Professional Day) |
| 1 Thursday | All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation – Schools Open |
| 3 Saturday | TACHS – Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools |
| 9 Friday | EPAC Deanery PD Day – Schools Closed |
| 10 Saturday | TACHS Make-Up |
| 12 Monday | Veterans' Day Observance – Schools Closed |
| 22-23 Thurs. – Fri. | Thanksgiving Recess – Schools Closed |
| 30 Friday | St. John Neumann Day |
| DECEMBER | (15 Instructional Days) |
| 3 Monday | First Trimester Ends |
| 4 Tuesday | Second Trimester Begins |
| 4-10 Tues.-Mon. | Report Card Distribution Period |
| 8 Saturday | Feast of the Immaculate Conception- Holy Day of Obligation |
| 21 Friday | Christmas Recess Begins at Dismissal |
| 24 Monday | Christmas Eve |
| 25 Tuesday | Christmas Day |
| JANUARY 2019 | (20 Instructional Days + 1 Professional Day) |
| 2 Wednesday | Classes resume |
| 9-11 Wed.-Fri. | Principals' Convocation |
| 18 Friday | EPAC Deanery PD Day – Schools Closed |
| 21 Monday | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Schools Closed |
| 27 Sunday | National Catholic Schools Week begins |
| 28 Monday | Bishops Begin Visits for Catholic Schools Week |
| FEBRUARY | (15 Instructional Days) |
| 18-22 Mon.-Fri. | Mid-Winter Recess – Schools Closed |
| 25 Monday | Classes resume |
| MARCH | (20 Instructional Days + 1 Professional Day) |
| 6 Wednesday | Ash Wednesday |
| 8 Friday | EPAC Deanery PD Day – Schools Closed |
| 14 Thursday | Second Trimester Ends |
| 15 Friday | Third Trimester Begins |
| 15-21 Fri.-Thurs. | Report Card Distribution Period |
| APRIL | (15 Instructional Days) |
| 2-3 Tues.-Wed. | NYS Grades 4, 6 & 8 English Language Arts Tests |
| 12 Friday | St. John Neumann Principals' Professional Development Day |
| 17 Wednesday | Easter Recess Begins at Dismissal |
| 18 Thursday | Holy Thursday |
| 19 Friday | Good Friday |
| 20 Saturday | Holy Saturday |
| 21 Sunday | Easter Sunday |
| 22-26 Mon.-Fri. | Easter Recess |
| 29 Monday | Classes resume |
| MAY | (22 Instructional Days) |
| 1-2 Wed.-Thurs. | NYS Grades 4, 6 & 8 Mathematics Tests |
| 3 Friday | Deadline for submission of Preliminary Budgets for 2019-2020 |
| 22 Wednesday | NYS Grades 4 & 8 Science Performance Tests May Begin |
| 27 Monday | Memorial Day – Schools Closed |
| 30 Thursday | Ascension Thursday – Schools Open |
| 31 Friday | Last day to administer the NYS Grades 4 & 8 Science Performance Tests |
| JUNE | (12 Instructional Days) |
| 3 Monday | NYS Grades 4 & 8 Science Written Tests |
| 7 Friday | Teachers' Recognition Day |
| 13 Thursday | First Possible Day for "Step-up" Ceremonies |
| 14 Friday | First Possible Day for 8th Grade Graduation |
| 18 Tuesday | Earliest Possible Day for School Closing |
| 25 Tuesday | Latest Day for School Closing |

180 Days: 176 Instructional + 3 Professional Days Designated + 1 Floating Professional Day + 5 Emergency Days

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Advancing the Mission

Catholic Education Is a Team Effort

▲ by Dr. Thomas Chadzutko

Many recall the visit of Pope Francis to Our Lady Queen of Angels School in East Harlem in September of 2015. While he was intrigued by the use of the SMART Board, he also used this time to reflect on the importance of Catholic education.

Pope Francis stated: "School then ends up being one big family, a family, where together with our mothers and fathers, our grandparents, our teachers and friends, we learn to help one another, to share our good qualities, to give the best of ourselves, to work together and to pursue our dreams."

The mission of Catholic education within the Diocese of Brooklyn shares in this important vision. Through the leadership of Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, Catholic education is made a priority and everyone associated with the Catholic academies and parish schools plays a vital role in advancing this mission.

Quality Catholic education is built upon a strong foundation of those who have gone before us and we continue to build for the future. Essential to our continued growth are: sustaining the mission of Catholic education for generations to come, providing students with the necessary skills to be successful in the future, the quest for academic excellence, supportive parish priests, dedicated principals, teachers and staff and the commitment of parents.

Reflecting on Catholic education, one of the first essential elements is the role that the Catholic faith plays in advancing the mission. Academies and parish schools are places for the new evangelization, which includes complete formation and service to others. Striving to follow the Gospel and creating learning environments based on values and virtues is an essential part of the Catholic identity of each academy and parish school.

Living the Gospel

Upon entering an academy or parish school, one is reminded that the reason it exists is to infuse the Gospel message into academic programs, learning environments and into the culture within the learning environment. People can experience the

Catholic identity of an academy and parish school as soon as one enters the doors.

I enjoy visiting academies and parish schools throughout the year. What strikes me often are the conversations that I have with the pastors, parish priests, principals, teachers and students. They all share in enhancing the mission of Catholic education within the academy and parish school community. The students often share their experiences, whether it be in providing service to others, working with their classmates, participating in regular Mass and prayer experiences. All of this is fostered on a regular basis by our parish priests. The academy and parish schools are an essential element in the life of the parish.

Parents, as the first teachers, are partners in Catholic education. By choosing Catholic education, parents want not only a quality Catholic education, but also want for their children to have a full understanding of the Catholic faith.

The Catholic faith is the cornerstone of academies and parish schools in the diocese, and the students are the future of the Catholic Church. Through our Catholic Identity, we must continue to encourage them to be bearers of the Good News.

Academic Excellence

Catholic academies and parish schools are charged with infusing the curriculum with strong Catholic values and virtues, while striving to provide academic excellence. It is not Catholic identity or academic excellence – it "both and" – and each is equally important to the success of each individual student.

Academic excellence is achieved through the instructional leadership of principals. Through their efforts to guide teachers, they ensure that the necessary resources are available to them. In addition, through the efforts of various benefactors and partnerships with the colleges and universities, principals and teachers are provided with extensive professional development in all academic areas.

The academies and parish schools in the Brooklyn Diocese have been the recipients of the generosity of the St. Elizabeth Seton Trust. Through its financial support, several programs have been established:

- Artist in Residency – a fine arts program for fourth, sixth and eighth graders infused with play writing, the literary classics and production of plays
- Greek and Latin Roots Challenge –



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▲ Dr. Keith Verner, founder of LabLearner, instructs students using LabLearner STEM Lab equipment at Salve Regina Catholic Academy, East New York, in this 2017 file photo.

a program providing all students with an understanding of the English language based upon Latin and Greek words

- STEM Labs – providing 30 academies and parish schools with a state-of-the-art science, technology, engineering and math lab for use students in all grades.

Over \$3 million has been contributed by the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust for these efforts.

DeSales Media Group continues to provide academies and parish schools with the latest technology and infrastructure. Through the generosity of DeSales Media, academies and parish schools have received iPads and Chromebooks for teachers and students, internal wiring and professional development for teachers and principals.

Through partnerships with Catholic colleges and universities, academies and parish schools have been provided programs in math and English language arts.

The goal of academic excellence is to ensure that all students are provided with a well-rounded academic program allowing them to develop their critical thinking skills and apply what they have learned to real-life situations. Dedicated teachers make this happen each and every day. It is important to show true appreciation for everything teachers do for the students entrusted to them. This appreciation is also extended to administrators who work tirelessly in a striving to provide each student with a quality Catholic education.

Partners in Catholic Education

In the academy governance model, academies have found true partners in the Board of Directors. These volunteers work tirelessly to support the efforts of the principal. The Board of Directors provide their time, talent and expertise to enhance the mission of Catholic education. Their contributions in development, finances, marketing and recruitment are essential to the

success of the academy governance model.

As partners, the Board of Directors support the pastor as spiritual moderator of the academy and the principal as the chief catechist and instructional leader.

Catholic academies and parish schools receive great support from parents who sacrifice each day for their children to be provided with a quality Catholic education. This is never easy, but parents continue to make Catholic education a priority for their children.

Skills for Future Success

Catholic education within the Diocese of Brooklyn is focused on providing each student with a quality Catholic education. By everyone working together, the students will be provided with the necessary skills to be successful in the future.

Catholic education is a true "team" effort and when everyone communicates, cooperates and concentrates on the needs of the students, we will be successful in forming the whole child: spiritually, emotionally, educationally and physically.

As we prepare for this new academic year, let us all work together for the students enrolled in academies and parish schools. They are the future and they need support, encouragement and attention.

As Pope Francis has reminded us, "Catholic education allows us to celebrate the opportunities which enable each of us all, not to lose hope of a better world with greater possibilities. Catholic education allows us to dream and to move ahead in our lives. Everyone has a role in attaining those dreams and we all must work together to ensure that dreams are met."

May the Holy Spirit inspire everyone for a successful 2018-2019 academic year!

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St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Academy

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St. Frances Cabrini Academy

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Thousands of boys and girls have walked the halls of St. Frances Cabrini since the school opened almost 100 years ago.

Located in Bushwick, St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Academy offers a community of faith and learning for children in nursery through grade eight, and strives to provide a quality Catholic education and formation for children.

Children begin their days with prayer and the encouragement to take responsibility for themselves, respect others and do their personal best. Within an atmosphere that promotes inquiry and self-expression, faculty and staff provide skills and competencies necessary for students to achieve academic excellence and function as faithful citizens advancing the common good.

Students are engaged in critical reasoning and problem-solving, taught to make positive and ethical choices and to develop right relationships in order to grow into capable, inquisitive and faith-filled young men and women. Recognizing that parents are the first educators, the academy welcomes continued participation and partnership from families in the

education of their children.

The educational vision of the academy is to provide a solid foundation for children of multicultural communities, so that they may grow into young people exemplifying excellence in character, competence, critical thinking and creativity.

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Academy strives to maintain an academically challenging, inclusive, safe and caring environment where students will encounter the person of Jesus Christ and embrace Him intellectually, spiritually and emotionally. Furthermore, faculty and staff seek to instill within each student the desire to embrace lifelong learning.

A newly installed LabLearner Stem Lab is utilized by all students, grades one through eight. In order to maximize small-group instruction, 4K LED IQ technology boards are also used in grades one through eight. Students can connect both iPads and lesson content seamlessly with each other and the teacher.

An after-school program is offered five days a week, through 6 p.m., to help working parents.

St. Mark Catholic Academy

Honor the Past ~ Celebrate the Present ~ Champion the Future

This past June, St. Mark Catholic Academy (SMCA) celebrated its 90th graduation ceremony.

SMCA has been a steadfast part of the Sheepshead Bay community because it remains current in methodologies and practices while preserving its commitment to Catholic education.

It is in this spirit that SCMA begins the 2018-19 school year: Honoring the past, celebrating the present and championing the future.

Honoring the Past

This new year is indeed special because alumni will be welcomed back to St. Mark's for the second annual Homecoming. Set for Saturday, Nov. 3, this event provides graduates with an opportunity to reconnect and share fond memories. Moreover, it lets current students see the rewards of a St. Mark education firsthand!

Celebrating the Present

There is much to celebrate! The Class of 2018 received thousands of dollars in scholarships as they begin their high school

careers at NYC's renowned college-preparatory schools!

Enrollment has been steadily increasing, and SMCA is elated to welcome a second kindergarten class. Everyone is eager to meet some of youngest students who will be a part of the school community for many years!

Championing the Future

Significant enhancements to the school will help ensure the continued success of students for years to come.

WiFi has been upgraded throughout the building, with access points in each classroom, office – and even the gym!

A set of Chromebooks is ready for the fourth graders, which means each class in the building now has a personal device, making St. Mark a 1:1 school! Current SmartBoards have also been upgraded, and they're ready for September.

Thanks to a diocesan grant, the science lab is being transformed into a state-of-the-art STEM lab by LabLearner. Kindergarten through eighth grade will be engaged in hands-on-learning!



Saint Mark Catholic Academy

Very Rev. Robert V. Mucci, Pastor of Saint Mark Parish
Sara Gozo, Esq., Chair of the Board of Directors • Mrs. Carol Donnelly, Principal



"Honoring The Past"

Our special Alumni Homecoming event will take place on Saturday, November 3, 2018. All alumni are invited to return home, visit their childhood classroom, and relive fond memories. Visit smcaonthebay.org/alumni for more info!



"Celebrating The Present"

We are so proud of our graduates, the Class of 2018. Many of our students were accepted to college-preparatory private and public high schools including, but not limited to, Xavier, Brooklyn Tech, Notre Dame School of Manhattan, Xaverian, La Salle Academy, St. Joseph, and Leon M. Goldstein.

They were also were the recipients of thousands of dollars in scholarship funds!



"Championing The Future"

Thanks to a grant from De Sales Media, our Wi-Fi is being upgraded, with access points in every classroom!

Did you know? We are a 1:1 school! Every student—from nursery to grade 8—has a personal device to use in the classroom!

STEM learning has come to Saint Mark! Our new lab will be installed on August 20th. K-8 students will be engaged in hands-on-learning! Science can be so much fun!

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Blessings and Challenges For Academies and Schools

▲ by Brother Ralph J. Darmento, F.S.C.

In a couple of weeks, the most wonderful time of the year commences, to quote a recent Staples commercial heralding the start of the academic year. What better time to assess the accomplishments of the previous academic year and consider the challenges of the future?

Catholic academies and schools in the diocese graduated a total of 2,332 students this year. These young people are headed to secondary schools across the metropolitan area this fall; 69 percent enrolling in Catholic secondary schools within the diocese, and the remainder to Catholic and private schools throughout the city as well as specialized, magnet, charter and public schools.

The Class of 2018 earned more than



Brother Ralph

\$4.3 million in scholarships and their education has prepared them to enroll in rigorous honors programs, advanced placement courses and the International Baccalaureate program to name just a few. Students who sat for the Regents examination in algebra and/or living environment and earned the required grade now move onto other courses.

Graduates have received recognition and commendation from numerous agencies, schools and sponsors of academic competitions: the NYC STEM Expo, Art and Poetry Contest of the NYC Environmental Protection Agency (Water Resources), Mathletics, Pax Christi, Propagation of the Faith, the Senator Martin Golden Essay Contest. All of these experiences testify to the accomplishments of the students.

During the past year, academy/school students experienced education outside the classroom walls as they journeyed to Broadway, local cinemas, the NYPD and FDNY sites, Shakespeare festival, MOMA,

the National Museum of Mathematics, NY Hall of Science, the United Nations and St. Patrick's Cathedral to name a few.

Of course, to nurture students' faith formation, academies/schools collaborate with their aligned parishes for weekly liturgies, prayer services, sacramental preparation programs and an education in the Catholic faith. Putting faith into action means providing service and care for the elderly, poor and those most in need.

Similarly, the Catholic secondary schools are proud of the accomplishments of their students. Graduates in the Class of 2018, who numbered 2,812, will be attending colleges and universities across the country. There are graduates moving onto US military academies, each of the Ivy League colleges, most of the "Seven Sister Colleges," and the top tier colleges as named by the major ranking organizations. The class has earned a total of over \$560 million in scholarships. Truly the future belongs to these students!

The secondary schools, with their array of coveted partnerships with colleges and universities, have provided an education for these students in the competencies and skills found necessary for success: adaptive thinking, critical thinking and problem solving competencies, communication and collaboration skills, inquiry and technology skills. Of course, and most importantly, students learn moral and eth-

ical decision-making and are grounded in the Catholic faith teaching and practice.

As we look back on the year, we can say it has been good, thanks be to God.

Declining Population

Yet there are challenges that our Catholic academies/schools, on both levels, must face. A recent study by Richard Murnane of Harvard University and Sean Reardon of Stanford University reveals that the market share of students has declined in Catholic schools. Citing demographic shifts, the decline of Catholics living in the northeast, the cost of an education, and the priorities of families facing financial constraints, the researchers present an opportunity to reflect on and address moving forward.

The Diocese of Brooklyn commissioned a comprehensive study of the academies/schools, called Generation in 2016. This study revealed that current parents rate "structure/discipline/respect for others as the most important consideration in school selection;" prospective parents emphasize an "affordable, high quality education." Further conclusions found that "state of the art facilities/equipment/technology and curricular innovation were least likely to be identified with all Catholic academies/schools. Note the dis-

► See Page 42A

St. Francis of Assisi Academy

Nurturing Peaceful Leaders for Over 100 Years

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy is located in the Prospect/Lefferts Gardens area of Flatbush. St. Francis has educated children for more than 100 years in the Catholic tradition of excellence. The faith formation program enables students to develop a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus. The academy believes that the intellectual, affective, social and physical spheres are woven together in the fabric of the whole person.

The school follows the N.Y.S. curriculum for core subjects (math, ELA, science and social studies) and is committed to including physical education, art and music to enhance the educational program.

The academy participates in the Performing Arts School Residency Program, which teaches film making to fourth graders, play writing and producing to sixth graders, and Shakespeare study and performance to eighth graders. Students' also display their talents at the annual Christmas and Spring shows. Faculty and staff organize and run various afterschool clubs, including dance, basketball, baking, martial arts, and arts and crafts.

Technology is provided and updated to enhance the learning experience. Weekly technology classes are held in a computer room equipped with PCs, and classrooms have interactive whiteboards. Grades four through eight are equipped with one-to-one Chromebooks used in class. Google Education is used on a daily basis.

Students graduate St. Francis equipped with strong study skills, time-management and note-taking techniques that prepare them for high school, college and careers. Graduates who move on to Catholic high schools often receive scholarships.

The school's staff consists of dedicated educators and is blessed with the continual presence of the Sisters of St. Joseph since the school opened in 1909. Dedicated to our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, peace education is integral to the program. Students are instructed to act as peer mediators, classes include a focus on conflict resolution and non-violent behavior.

Tuition assistance is available through programs sponsored by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the St. Francis of Assisi Alumni Scholarship Program.



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St. Patrick Catholic Academy

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When St. Patrick Catholic Academy opens this fall, students will be delighted to see the transformation that took place in their school over the summer, including receiving accreditation by AdvancED.

Renovations at the Bay Ridge school include the creation of a new nursery classroom and the freshening-up of other classrooms, offices and hallways. In the past year, St. Patrick completed a long-needed renovation of the school's library and installed air conditioning in all of its classrooms. The library has continued to be updated, and is now fully-automated with the Follett Destiny program, giving students a greater opportunity to learn and conduct research.

Last year, an \$85,000 grant from the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust funded the installation of a LabLearner STEM lab, an in-school laboratory for physical, earth and life science experimental activities for kindergarten through eighth grade. The grant funded the installation of five work stations and storage equipment, the STEM curriculum, workbooks and professional development.

"We are very grateful to the St.

Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust Foundation," said Principal Kathleen Curatolo.

"The use of the LabLearner STEM Lab, coupled with our outstanding STEM teacher, resulted in exemplary scores on New York State fourth and eighth grade science exams and the Living Environment Regents."

St. Patrick has also expanded its academic, enrichment and arts programs. Stages on the Sound, an arts residency program, teaches filmmaking in grade four, persuasive speaking in grade six and Shakespeare in the eighth grade. Nursery to fifth grade study Italian, and students in the upper grades have the choice of studying Spanish, Italian, Latin or Arabic.

New York State Regents courses are also offered in algebra, living environment and earth science. Last school year, 100 percent of the eighth grade class passed the New York State Algebra I Regents Exam, and 90 percent of the seventh and eighth grade passed the Living Environment Regents Exam.

Limited spaces are still available for this school year, starting at the nursery level, which offers half- and full-day options.



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Our Lady of Grace Academy

Stronger Than Ever

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy (OLGCA), Gravesend, is looking forward to a year of new beginnings and old traditions.

Kelly Wolf is starting her second year as principal. Her background as a STREAM coordinator and director of religious education has brought a fresh look to the school. Her goal is to empower students with technological skills and a quality education all within a faith-based environment. Since she has joined the school as principal, the academy has added:

- a new science curriculum with a STEM Lab
- an updated play yard
- a new farm-to-table greenhouse
- integrated one-to-one technology
- Makers Empire 3-D Printing
- Go Math curriculum
- a new nursery curriculum
- Toddler Time on Mondays
- new Italian textbooks
- robotics club
- drawing club
- puzzle club
- parish community service projects
- and a fresh facelift to the school

Wolf has been careful to make changes that help to move OLGCA's curriculum and students into the ever-changing world of technology, all while maintaining its traditions. OLGCA maintains its mission of providing a nurturing, Catholic, academic, safe environment where students are encouraged and challenged to develop and grow spiritually, intellectually, morally and socially.

The academy continually scores above the national average on standardized tests. This past year, eighth graders received \$334,400 in scholarships. It is not only an incredible academic achievement of the students, but also shows the strength and dedication of OLGCA's committed faculty.

The academy's board has remained very strong in its efforts to fundraise. The board's and principal's primary goal is to make a well-rounded academy and Catholic education a possibility for every child.

Wolf strives to make scholarships available for any student who might not otherwise be able to attend OLGCA. For more information and a school tour, contact the principal at 718-375-2081.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

A Smart Educational Investment

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy is nestled in the heart of Sunset Park – a vibrant and rich multicultural community. Students and faculty come from various parts of the world, which makes the academy community an extremely diverse learning environment.

The academy is proud to have a dedicated faculty and staff that has a combined total of more than 200 years of teaching experience.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy is committed to providing students with all the tools and experiences they need to become active members of an ever-changing global society.

The academy uses Chromebooks as part of its curriculum and has STEM program for fifth through eighth-grade class-



es. Students also understand the importance of serving others and are actively involved in monthly school service projects to help those in need.

A Roman Catholic school under the auspices of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy endeavors to develop the gifts, talents and abilities within each individual child by allowing them to explore their own uniqueness.

Committed to developing the whole person, the academy strives to instruct students in the Catholic faith, instill Gospel values and provide a quality education that fosters the spiritual, moral and intellectual growth of each student so that they may grow to meet their fullest potential. It is the academy's goal to graduate students who are living examples of



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their faith and who value the gift of a keen mind and curious intellect.

Ethical, Responsible, Productive

Our Lady of Perpetual Help exists to provide a Christ-centered education that will empower its students to become ethical, responsible, productive Catholic men and women. Through the integration of spirituality, prayerfulness and the practice

of Catholic tradition, the faculty of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is dedicated to the moral, intellectual, social and cultural development of students.

The academy challenges students to strive for personal excellence and sends them forth to witness Jesus' values in this ever-changing, multicultural society.

Registration is currently underway for nursery through grade eight.



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Grades 1 through 5

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- Classroom Technology – SMART Boards, Internet Access, iPads

Junior High School Program – Grades 6 through 8

- NYS Common Core Curriculum – Math, Science, English, History
- STEM Program – Science, Technology, Engineering, Math Integrated Studies grades 3 through 8
- Art, Physical Education, Music, Spanish & Computer Classes
- Faith and Service Based Religious Education
- Classroom Technology – SMART Boards, Sharp monitors, Internet access, iPads & Lab Tops
- Students in grades 5 through 8 have Chromebooks
- Dedicated Library Media Center, Science Center, STEM Center
- Preparatory Classes for TACHS & NYSDOE High School Entrance Exams

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Academy

Cultivating Leadership with
a Strong Catholic Faith



- Strong Catholic Identity
- Team Tots Program (2yr old)
- 3 & 4 Year Old Programs
- Project -Based Learning
- Italian Language Taught in grades K-8
- Latin-Greek Roots Challenge Program
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Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Academy (OLGCA) in Dyker Heights offers an excellent well-rounded education in accordance with the New York State Common Core Standards. Last year's graduating class was awarded over \$265,000 in high school scholarships. Talented, fully-dedicated faculty, work diligently to meet the needs of each and every student.

OLGCA provides a safe and caring environment in which children can excel. Recently, students have been recognized for success in regional math bees, art competitions, poetry submissions, essay contests, as well as for top marks on both New York State and Terra Nova Standardized Exams. The new Latin and Greek Roots Challenge for students in pre-kindergarten through grade eight has already proven to advance language arts skills and increase test scores.

This year, the STEM-enhanced curriculum will stress project-based learning which will develop the students' communication skills, collaborative learning, critical thinking skills and creativity.

The Team Tots Program for two-year-olds will meet twice a week from October to May and feature a curriculum of singing, playing, craft activities, story time

and socialization exercises.

OLGCA believes a sound education requires a close relationship with students' parents and caretakers. Family involvement is welcomed and encouraged. The Option C system offers parents constant access to their child's grades and alerts regarding school closings and upcoming events.

With a steadfast commitment to offer students the best education for the changing world, OLGCA has invested largely in the technology and science departments. Junior high students are taught computer programming skills and will have access to a 3-D printer. Fourth through eighth graders will leverage a new interactive science software program, which combines hands-on learning with increased exposure to new technology.

OLGCA places great importance on instilling in children the key pillars of a Catholic education, inside and outside of the classroom. The academy hosts special student-focused liturgies, prepares children for First Friday, and promotes volunteering, community service and gift-giving through its Mission Club. With a strong connection to the surrounding community, Italian is offered starting in kindergarten.

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Learn about our unique collaboration with St. Edmund Prep

The instructional program of St. Edmund Elementary School is designed to develop skills that will empower students to achieve success in high, college and future careers.

The Science STEM Lab, along with its Lab Learners instructional program, provides students from nursery to grade eight with hands-on learning experiences in biology, physics and chemistry while employing math and engineering and concepts.

Recently, St. Edmund Elementary School received an Embassy School Grant from the Diocese of Brooklyn for the installation of a new computer lab. This academic year, students on all grade levels will hone technological and research skills by participating in a weekly Genius Hour, working cooperative and creatively on a school-wide interdisciplinary project, "Around the World in 180 Days." Students will explore historical, economic, cultural, religious, environmental, geographical and architectural aspects of the countries of their choice.

St. Edmund Elementary School shares a unique and collaborative relationship with St. Edmund Preparatory High School. Students participate in high school-level

math and science Regents classes. Spanish instruction prepares students for a workplace that is now global in nature. First Lego League Robotics Competition Team, Junior High Aquinas Enrichment, Band, Choir and Student Council cultivate students' technological, academic, creative and leadership talents and abilities.

St. Edmund Elementary offers an early arrival program at 7 a.m. An after school program runs until 6 p.m. and provides homework assistance. Students are also invited to participate in after school art club, math club, Junior Robotics, dance club, cooking club and speech and debate.

The distinctive architectural style of the school building, housing St. Edmund Church, creates a charming and peaceful environment that enhances the spirituality that is integral to all school programs and activities.

At St. Edmund Elementary School, the goal is to nurture each student's spiritual, social, emotional and academic development in a caring and intellectually stimulating learning environment. Families are invited to join the vibrant community that is St. Edmund Elementary School.

Students Get Nearly 4,300 iPads Through DeSales Tech Grant

▲ by Gina Krainchich

The Catholic Telemedia Network (CTN) welcomes a new school year and the varied opportunities to work directly with teachers, facilitating good integration of technology.

As DeSales Media Group continues its grant program to schools, building on the nearly 4,300 iPads presently in the hands of students attending academies and religious education programs, CTN will continue to be out and about, visiting schools, meeting with coaches and principals and conducting professional development sessions.

We continue to subscribe to three award-winning digital learning services on behalf of every diocesan academy. What makes our service to academies stand out it is the professional development training conducted to support teachers in curriculum integration of these resources.

Training includes Google Classroom, Apple SchoolWorks and device management systems because we know that using one of our services effectively

means integrating with a collaborative learning platform.

We are most excited to continue the Diocesan Technology Institute (DTI), a collaborative initiative with Dr. Thomas Chadzutko, diocesan superintendent of Catholic Schools. This cohort of nominated teachers completed six months with CTN Instructional Media Specialists, Angela Russell and Laura Hickey, honing their skills to act as peer coaches in their academies. For the next five months, the group will reconvene to focus on their individually developed academy technology plan.

The plans were accepted by Dr. Chadzutko, who felt the new focus of the DTI was to provide support as these coaches begin the practical implementation of those plans. CTN media specialists will largely step aside to provide opportunities for the members to collaborate and model what is working for them.

The manner and frequency of digital reliance is constantly changing in daily life and classrooms are no exception. There is



Photo courtesy Catholic Telemedia Network

a great need to keep teachers fully informed and supported so that the process of using technology becomes invisible and learning outcomes are in full sight. DTI coaches will be a significant source of that support as they mentor and coach their peers.

Learn360 video streaming services, EducationCity and Mathletics are the

three CTN services that students access on their iPads, Chromebooks or laptops.

To learn more, visit CTN's website, ctnbq.org, and follow on Facebook, [facebook.com/ctnbrooklyn](https://www.facebook.com/ctnbrooklyn), and Twitter [@ctnbrooklyn](https://twitter.com/ctnbrooklyn).

Krainchich is the director of educational media services for DeSales Media Group.

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Underage Gambling FACT SHEET

39.5% of NYS youth between the ages of 12 and 17 have gambled in the past year. Nearly 30% of these youth state they began gambling at age 10 or younger. Past 30 day use of alcohol, being drunk, use of marijuana, and drinking energy drinks is higher among youth who are

GAMBLING

Source: OASAS, 2014-15

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*Source: OASAS, 2014-15

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- Increased risk for ADDICTION
- DAMAGED RELATIONSHIPS
- Poor academic performance
- Mental health issues including DEPRESSION & ANXIETY
- Overall, POOR GENERAL HEALTH

*Source:s: Wynne, et. al. (1996); Haroon, et. al. (2002); Gupta & Derevensky (1998); Potenza, et. al. (2002).

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Back to School: A Parent's Survival Guide

(StatePoint) Parenthood is a demanding and busy job, particularly during back-to-school season. With lunches to pack, homework to check, projects to oversee and activities to drive the kids to and from, it's no wonder many parents find it challenging to squeeze in time for self-care.

But, if you want to keep up with your kids, it's important to carve out time for healthy eating and exercise. Here are some ways to make more time for your own health, according to Courtney McCormick, dietitian for Nutrisystem.

Be an Early Riser

Relish early morning peace by getting moving an hour or two before the kids start stirring. Work in your morning fitness routine, meditate to mentally prepare for the day, do yoga and prepare a healthy breakfast. The earlier you rise, the more such daily habits you can adapt.

Schedule It

Schedule exercise the same you would a trip to the doctor's office or hair salon. If it's on a daily task list or calendar, you're more likely to follow through. If positive reinforcement is a good motivator for you, use colored markers to record appointments and give yourself a big check mark or smiley face when you've completed a workout.

Get Prepped

Nothing makes mornings more chaotic than having to pack lunches while trying to get everyone out the door. And packing lunch in a pinch can leave you susceptible to making hasty choices. Take about 10 minutes in the evening to prepare the next

day's lunches; you will thank yourself in the morning when you have healthy meals and snacks packed and ready to roll for yourself and your kiddos.

Other meal prep ideas:

- Put together a bunch of meals on Sunday to simply pull out of the fridge and heat for quick, yet wholesome dinners on busy week nights.

- Boil a dozen eggs for an easy protein-rich snack. Create baggie-sized portions of nuts and fruit. Prepping nourishing grab-and-go snacks for the afternoon crunch will help you stay on track.

Walk on Your Lunch Break

If you find yourself really strapped for workout time, try taking a 30-minute walk before eating your lunch. Even doing light cardiovascular exercise for a half hour can help you stay in shape and shed some pounds.

Get the Kids Moving

If you weren't able to squeeze in a sweat session sans kids, round up the family and take a long, after-dinner stroll. Encourage your children to keep up a moderate pace, while sharing stories and highlights from the day and playing games like "I Spy."

More health and wellness tips can be found at leaf.nutrisystem.com.

While it sounds counter-intuitive or even impossible to put yourself first when you're a parent, prioritizing your health and fitness is essential to keeping up with parental demands. This back-to-school season, stay focused on the fact that you still need time for you.

Angels Keep the Catholic School Experience Alive

▲ by Msgr. Jamie Gigantiello

The start of a new school year stirs many different emotions for all – students, parents, teachers, principals and staff. There is excitement, hope and maybe even some nervousness as a new year of opportunities begins with the first ringing of the school bell.

Among those many emotions is a sense of gratitude. The Catholic school experience is one like no other and those who are fortunate to be a part of that experience are truly blessed.

As the doors open at our parish schools and Catholic academies throughout Brooklyn and Queens, one thing is for sure – we are all grateful for the joy, the academic challenge, the sense of community and the nurturing environment stu-



Msgr. Gigantiello

dents realize every day.

At Futures in Education, there is a special group of people who get to participate in every moment of the emotions from the first to the last day of school. They are our angels – generous donors who give the gift of a Catholic education by funding a partial scholarship to families who need financial assistance to cover the Catholic school tuition.

Sacrificial Support

At this time of year, our angels learn the name and grade of the student they will be supporting for the academic year. They see their picture and learn their story. They join in the joy of the Catholic school experience from day one. And they are showered with expressions of gratitude from the students, the families and the staff of the parish schools and Catholic academies who all benefit from their generous and sacrificial support.

As the prior school year drew to a

close, I was moved by the hundreds of thank-you letters written by our parents and students to their Angel donors.

'Dear Angel' Letters

Allow me to share with you some excerpts from those letters, which all start with "Dear Angel":

"Your support for my daughter's education has been a blessing. I am grateful that God is her foundation and her education teaches a strong faith in God." – *Parent to Ashely, second grade at Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy*

"As a single parent, you worry about your child and always want the very best for them. Every day when I drop her off I'm able to rest knowing she's in good hands. It's especially significant to me having my child attend a Catholic school because as a child I wanted to attend Catholic school but because of financial restraints, it was not possible.

"So, every day I am grateful for my daughter's Catholic education, the foundation she is building with our Lord and Saviour and for Angels like you." – *Parent to Julianna, third grade at Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy*

"Thank you for all the support and kindness, without your help it would be

impossible to continue with Catholic education. I want you to know you are always in my prayers, may God keep blessing you always so you are able to bless others." – *Daniel, fifth grade at St Athanasius Catholic Academy*

Reading these letters stirs up my own feelings of gratitude. I am grateful to each and every one of our Angels. Their support keeps the Catholic school experience alive for students and their parents, who would otherwise not be able to afford the full cost of tuition.

I also thank Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, the Board of Trustees and the staff of Futures in Education for their unwavering support and continuous efforts to preserve Catholic education in our diocese.

Join me in praying for a successful school year for our students, teachers, principals and staff. And join me in a special way in praying for the continued support of our Angels and in thanking them for all they do for Catholic education in Brooklyn and Queens.

For information on how to become an Angel to a student in Brooklyn or Queens, visit www.futuresineducation.org or call 718-965-7308.

Msgr. Gigantiello is the diocesan vicar for Development and the pastor of the Shrine Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Williamsburg.

St. Athanasius Academy

Developing Students' Intellect and Talents

The mission of St. Athanasius Catholic Academy in Bensonhurst, working in partnership with its parents and community, is to provide academy students with a safe and caring environment to foster a sound academic education while instilling and nurturing a solid sense of Catholic identity.

The Way of Jesus

As a Catholic school, St. Athanasius' most outstanding quality is its Catholic identity. It is the underlying theme in all that the school community does each day. By actions, as well as words, the school teaches the ways of Jesus Christ, the Master Teacher, to its students.

The student body prays together through morning prayer, decades of the Rosary and dedication to saints. The school attends Mass, prayer services in classrooms and church, and special events centered on the faith formation of the students. Priests conduct weekly classes for students and are very present to the children every day.

Offering grades nursery through eight, St. Athanasius Catholic Academy,

serves children from Brooklyn, Staten Island and even from Queens.

The school excels because it has strong, dedicated teachers, priests and staff. The academy follows New York State Common Core Standards with New York State-certified teachers.

The facility also has a new technology lab, SMART Boards, laptops, a full gymnasium, auditorium and outdoor recreation area. All classrooms are air conditioned.

The school offers free full-day Pre-K, Italian classes, art classes, a full-time academic intervention room, Title I services five days a week, SETSS teachers, speech intervention services, two school psychologists and a guidance counselor.

Students enjoy extracurricular classes in STEM activities at Bishop Kearney High School and the academy is looking forward to expanding that program. English as a Second Language is also offered on Saturdays for Spanish-speaking families in the community.

Additional extracurricular activities include basketball and baseball, Boy Scouts and a music program.



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On the Road to Catholic HS, TACHS Exam Is the First Step

▲ by Diane Phelan

During the fall of 2018, eighth grade students in the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Archdiocese of New York will be taking the Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS). The TACHS will test current eighth-grade students who are interested in attending a Catholic high school beginning in September 2019.

In order to be admitted into Catholic high schools, an eighth grader who attends school within the Diocese of Brooklyn should take the TACHS admissions exam on Saturday, Nov. 3.

The test results from TACHS, along with school records on the applicant record, are then sent to the high school principals to assist them in making Catholic high schools' admission decisions. Each student's information will be sent to three high schools of his/her choice.

High schools release admission notices to students beginning Jan. 16, 2019. The registration fee for the 2018 TACHS exam is \$63 per student. Registration opened Aug. 20 and students can register either online at www.tachsinfo.com or by calling 1-866-61TACHS (1-866-618-2247).

The TACHS exam is only offered to students currently attending eighth grade in the 2018-19 academic year. Students who are interested in applying to a Catholic high school in other grades should contact the high school admissions director.

The TACHS exam measures academic achievement in reading, written expression and mathematics, along with an ability section on general reasoning abilities.

It is a norm-referenced standardized test. Scores are based on a national sample that compares the students' scores to the scores of other eighth graders measured at the same time of year that the TACHS is administered. Scores are also compared to the scores of all students tested this fall.

The TACHS exam is a secure exam; therefore, students are encouraged to review the TACHS Student Handbook for information concerning this exam. One way to prepare for the exam is to answer the practice questions in the handbook, which is available online and will be available at Catholic elementary and high schools, and public schools with eighth grade classes in early September.

The handbook contains sample test questions as well as information regarding the TACHS program, including an event calendar, registration details, high school expo dates and an eligibility form for students requesting extended testing time. The

program adheres to all deadlines as outlined in the handbook and on the website.

Scholarship and financial aid decisions are made by each individual high school. Questions regarding scholarships and financial aid should be directed to the high schools that conduct their individual open houses beginning in September.

For more information and deadlines, and a listing of Catholic high school open houses, visit www.tachsinfo.com.

High School Expos

There are two major Catholic High School Expos, or information nights, that students and parents may attend to speak with high school representatives and learn about their exciting programs and plans for the freshman class of 2019. These expos will also be distributing some high school gifts for attendees.

The Catholic High School Expos for the Diocese of Brooklyn will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6-8 p.m. in the D'Angelo Ballroom at St. John's University, Jamaica, and Thursday, Sept. 27, 6-8 p.m. in the Genovesi Center at St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights.

TACHS Timeline

August

Registration opens. Go to www.tachsinfo.com or call 1-866-61TACHS (1-866-618-2247)

Oct. 15

Registration deadline

Oct. 23-24

Admit Cards are distributed for admission to testing site

Oct. 29

Call 1-866-61TACHS (1-866-618-2247) if Admit Cards are not yet received

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St. Bernadette Catholic Academy in Dyker Heights is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence that thrives both spiritually and academically, while offering a strong Catholic academic environment.

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The academy facilitates two amazing state-of-the-art science labs and STEM curriculum that offers hands-on learning experiences for students. The academy is extremely proud to offer eighth-grade students the opportunity to participate in honors math and history courses and exams which will apply New York State Regents credit to their high school academic records.

Extracurricular activities provide students with opportunities to develop leadership skills, interests, and personal talent. Students can participate in various clubs,

including; band, violin, robotics, Mathletics, book club, photography and more.

Gifted students who thrive on academic challenge engage in math, history, geography, and spelling bees, in addition to be recognized via the John Hopkins Search for Talented Youth and the Junior National Young Leaders Conference. A dynamic Student Council organizes events and gatherings and our stellar Home Academy Association provides families with parent volunteer opportunities and amazing social events throughout the school year.

The academy is very proud of its Class of 2018! Graduates earned over \$663,000 in high school scholarships and have been accepted to these schools: Bishop Kearney, Bishop Moore Catholic (Fla.), Brooklyn Technical, Chaminade, Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Fontbonne Hall Academy, Joffrey Ballet Dance Academy, Msgr. Farrell, Moore Catholic, Notre Dame School of Manhattan, St. Edmund Preparatory, St. Joseph by the Sea, St. Joseph Hill, St. Saviour, Staten Island Technical, Leon M. Goldstein, Xaverian and Xavier.

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Kearney's Medical Program encourages students through science laboratories, internships and participation in college



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credit-bearing courses. The school is excited about the newest addition of an engineer-in-residence who will contribute to the student experience.

Bishop Kearney also encourages career planning through internship opportunities focused on set design and photography as well as performance through chorus, band, piano, theater and art classes. Through its commitment to develop students as women of the world, Kearney's newly integrated Global Certificate will utilize an interdisciplinary approach with a 2018-2019 focus on South Africa.



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St. Saviour High School

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St. Saviour High School in Park Slope is excited to announce the creation of a new science technology lab with an indoor hydroponic garden, where students will learn science and sustainability, be connected with state-of-the-art STEM tools and engage with the broader local community.

The lab was constructed on the school's second floor in July and will be ready for use in the 2018-19 school year.

Innovative, Hands-on Learning

St. Saviour High School believes that hydroponic farming technology is a unique innovation in learning and will provide students with the resources they need to meet the challenges of the future. The school recognizes the growing importance of plant-based sustainable agriculture and the impact it will have on the future.

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"This is an exciting time for St.

Saviour High School," said Dr. Paula McKeown, principal.

"As we enter our second century of educating young women to achieve the highest levels of success, our students will now have the opportunity to participate in a ground-breaking, unique STEM initiative that will be cross-curricular. This will provide even more opportunities for them to become agents of change in an ever-changing world."

Science of Sustainability

New York Sun Works, founded in 2004, is a non-profit organization that uses hydroponic farming (soil-less planting) technology to educate students and teachers about the science of sustainability.

NY Sun Works created The Greenhouse Project as an initiative dedicated to improving kindergarten through 12th grade environmental science education through integrated facilities, hands-on learning and the lens of urban agriculture, empowering children to make educated choices about their impact on the environment, today and tomorrow.



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Nazareth Regional High School

Where Bright Futures Begin

Nazareth Regional High School is a family learning environment that prides itself on educating the whole child. The school embraces and cares for each student's spiritual, academic and athletic maturity, and teaches students to grow. A Nazareth education is enriched by a wide range of experiences and perspectives that encourage students to excel at their individual pace as well as explore, embrace and develop all of their many talents.

Nazareth's academic focus over the past five years has grown in two distinct ways. First, the college preparatory program has grown to include over 50 college credits through a variety of affiliations at the college/university level. This means seniors regularly graduate with as many as two semesters of college already completed.

Secondly, students have the ability to engage and explore the world in emerging technology such as in the school's Virtual

Reality Lab, 3D printing and the Engineering Club in a cutting-edge learning environment.

With that experience, graduates enter college a step ahead in terms of their preparedness in a world where technology is a driving factor in all professional fields.

Manifesting God's Presence

All students are expected to complete service hours in order to graduate. Those hours are filled with a variety of local causes and more are added every year. Nazareth students hold a special place among the community and representing their school by giving back is an essential part of the high school experience.

This year, a group of Nazareth students, along with the campus minister and a teacher, packed up their bags during the break and flew to Jamaica, where they volunteered their services for three major projects. The students assisted in refurbishing a learning center in a basic school and they worked as tutors in the school house.

Nazareth students also spent time at the local orphanage for boys, where they assisted with homework help, and engaged in sports training activities.

For their third project, because the students were in a rural area, they were taught the importance of farming and how it is a leading economic contributor for the local and Jamaican economy.

The program was designed to challenge students emotionally and to help them treasure and manifest the presence of God in the world around us. They were also able to enjoy their free time playing soccer with the local students and experiencing the culture.

Success in Sports

Nazareth's competitive athletic program has a legacy of producing student athletes who consistently play at the collegiate level. Many students play multiple sports throughout the school year and student-athletes are often leaders among the student body.

With competitive teams in baseball, softball, football, cheerleading and track, club teams in soccer and step and six basketball teams, there is room for everyone to play a sport at Nazareth. The faculty and staff fully support the athletic programs, often pushing to add sports and clubs as they find interest among students.

Nazareth has a tremendous history of success in sports, boasting many professional athletes among its alumni and countless more who received college scholarships through athletics.

The pride of former Kingsmen can be seen by the many alumni who come back to visit the school to watch games, coach students and donate the mission of Nazareth, "where bright futures begin."

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IPAX Allows Students to Reach New Heights

The Internship Program at Xaverian (IPAX) is a dynamic opportunity for rising juniors in the Honors Program to learn about a wide variety of careers in hands-on, real-world experiences with talented professionals.

Designed to help students make well-informed decisions about their future majors in college and investigate potential career paths, IPAX places students with mentors (who are quite often Xaverian alumni) in their desired professional areas of interest.

Partners in Every Field

The list of partner organizations is constantly growing, and includes the areas of architecture and engineering, journalism, law, business, medicine and dentistry, arts and culture, politics, military and law enforcement.

Class of 2017 graduate, and Cornell University sophomore, Stefano Priante, reflected on his experience interning with Major League Baseball.

"My internship in marketing with Major League Baseball was more than a home run – it was a life-changing experience," he said. "I was able to make connections I never thought possible, in a field I never thought 17-year-old me would be involved in."

"I was an integral player in the conception of MLB's social media campaign for the World Baseball Classic. I was able to learn the skills necessary to achieve my goals through day to day work experience, lectures from the commissioner of baseball himself, and meaningful conversations with my mentor, Dominick Balsamo, a Xaverian Alum who took me under his wing."

Balsamo, a graduate of the Class of 1994, said: "The IPAX program provides the invaluable opportunity for students to experience a living, breathing professional work environment in their areas of interest."

"As Xaverian students begin the exciting, yet daunting, task of choosing a career direction, this program offers them a great head start. I strongly encourage all stu-



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dents to take advantage of this great benefit that Xaverian offers."

Getting Serious About Numbers

Members of Xaverian's junior class, the Class of 2020, have already started to think about and plan their internships with IPAX director and college coordinator, Ana Loposky.

"After my freshman and sophomore math classes, I have begun to really enjoy

all things numbers," said Selma Markisic, junior. "Hearing about all the amazing internships that Clippers have gone on has made me that much more excited about moving along with my studies."

"I know that whether I decide on accounting, engineering, or something in the finance world – Xaverian will allow me to experience it in a real-world setting!"

To learn more about the IPAX internship program, visit www.xaverian.org/ipax.



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Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School in Fort Green/Clinton Hill is an opportunity gateway for students as evident through its:

- 99 graduation rate and a 97 percent college matriculation rate. The school proudly boasts college acceptances that run from highly selective colleges and universities to quality community colleges.
- More than \$15,000,000 in college scholarships are awarded each year – the majority of seniors will receive a scholarship offer.
- Loughlin is committed to providing a broad range of educational opportunity to students at different levels of academic ability.
- Real-world readiness – students are prepared to succeed in college. At Loughlin, they have been equipped with strong character, 21st-century leadership capabilities and exposure to rigorous and engaging coursework like AP and Honors courses, first-class Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs and access state-of-the-art technology.
- Leadership opportunities for all students. Loughlin employs a unique House System of Student Government that provides nearly 100 leadership positions for students.
- Alumni Network representing a wide range of professions. Alumni support students in various ways including scholarship support.
- Loughlin is a diverse community that welcomes peoples of all races and beliefs to become students, faculty and staff. Students and families represent more than 30 nationalities.
- Safe and vibrant neighborhood with outstanding public transportation options.

Academic Excellence, Innovation and Progress

- New labs for engineering, biomedical science and computer science programs, a new performing arts center and music studio, fine arts studio, track and field, campus ministry and gymnasium renovations including new gym floor in 2018.
 - Loughlin is committed to innovation and has established PLTW@Loughlin. Project Lead The Way is the leading STEM education program in the country, and partnering with them has enabled nearly 200 students to participate in engineering and biomedical science courses.
 - Advanced Placement courses in calculus, English, environmental science, music, physics, Spanish, US history and world history. A 52 percent increase in students taking AP exams over the past four years.
 - A technology-rich environment with school-wide WiFi, SMART classrooms and mobile devices available to all students.
 - Programs that support the school's Lasallian, Catholic Mission, such as Lasallian Youth, campus ministry and many volunteer opportunities.
 - Many sports programs for both girls and boys, featuring 16 different sports, including the newest varsity offerings: rugby, soccer, and lacrosse.
 - More than 50 percent of all students are involved in the award-winning performing arts program.
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Preserving Catholic Schools' Charism 'Has to Be Intentional'

▲ by Katie Rutter

OLDENBURG, Ind. (CNS) — Although women religious — once synonymous with Catholic education — have been disappearing from U.S. classrooms in recent decades, many Catholic schools are taking extra steps to make sure that even as these sisters age or their numbers decrease, the charisms that infused the schools they founded will not be lost.

This was the challenge faced by the Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception, located in Oldenburg, Ind. The school, founded by the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg in 1852, came under laity supervision in 1994 and no longer has any women religious on staff.

And yet, their spirit still lives within the walls they established 166 years ago.

"The Franciscan values have helped me to understand my role in this world," said outgoing senior Rachel Stoll, one of the more than 200 students at the academy. She readily reeled off three of the values held dear to the Oldenburg Franciscans: care of creation, prayer and dignity of the human person.

"One of the unique values that the religious men and women brought to their Catholic schools was a distinct charism in addition to their catechetical formation," said John Schoenig, senior director of teacher formation and education policy for the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education.

"Your life would have been much different as a Catholic school student

if you were in a school run by the Daughters of Charity than if you were in a school run by Benedictines," he said. "It's because the charism would have been there."

That notion of charism in the schools eroded as religious vocations declined and Catholic schools were staffed by lay teachers who came from many different universities, worshipped in many different parishes and had many different approaches to education, Schoenig said.

Rediscovering Founding Ideals

But in recent years Catholic schools nationwide have recognized the need to rediscover the charisms of their founding religious orders.

Barbara McGraw Edmondson, chief leadership and program officer at the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), said this understanding is emphasized each year at annual NCEA conventions when speakers stress: "We stand on shoulders of giants."

"And we really do," she added, noting that it's crucial for schools to keep that alive in any way they can because the founding orders are "such a gift and a legacy of Catholic education."

At Oldenburg Academy, values of the Franciscan charism are emblazoned on a huge black-and-white mural of smiling women religious that graces the front hallway.

But as this school has discovered, preserving the legacy of its founding order requires a commitment deeper

than slogans or photographic displays.

"It has to be intentional. It isn't just going to happen. You have to make a decision to work on it," said Oldenburg president Diane Laake, who added that the school is "doing a better job at claiming and naming and identifying the charism than we did 30 and 40 years ago."

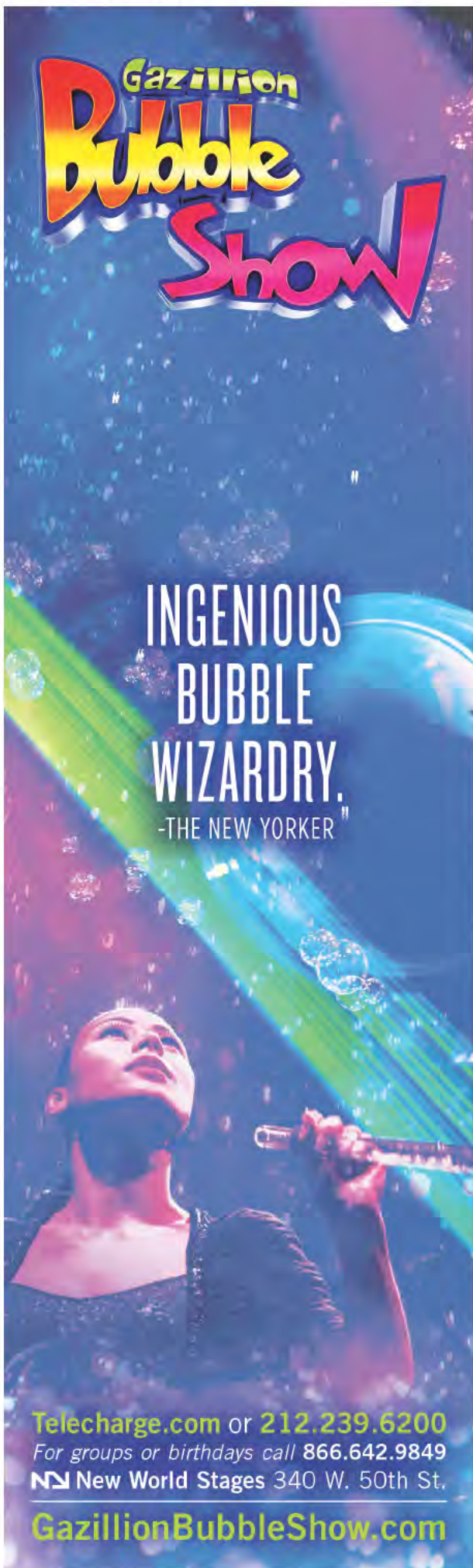
Now the school has a specific Franciscan curriculum in religion classes and group trips to Assisi, the Italian hometown of St. Francis. A Franciscan value is also chosen each year to define school activities.

"It is truly a Franciscan school," said Franciscan Sister Marjorie Niemer, who acts as a liaison between the academy and the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg. "We are extremely proud of what the administration and the board of directors has been able to do to promote Catholic education, Franciscan education."

The school's Franciscan identity is bolstered by the close proximity of the sisters, since the academy is on the same campus as the Oldenburg motherhouse, where about 120 of the 183 remaining sisters still live. Students pass sisters in the halls, lending an arm at times to help a sister's unsteady feet.

The students also have the opportunity to "adopt" a sister and eat lunch with her once every two weeks, in a school-sponsored program called "Adopt-a-Sis."

"I feel like I'm really close to them," said Nicholas Hoff, an incoming sophomore. "They almost seem like family to me."



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Located in historic Downtown Brooklyn, the school was founded over a century ago by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, L.I. Nationally recognized leaders in the education of young women, the Sisters believed then – as they do now – that if you educate a woman, you educate a nation.

Today, St. Joseph High School provides academic rigor and excellent college and career preparation for young women of diverse backgrounds and faiths, hailing from all five boroughs of New York City.

At St. Joseph High School, young women experience a strong academic and values-based curriculum in a safe, dynamic environment where they are motivated to be responsible for their actions, rise above peer pressure and learn to be true to themselves.

The faculty understands how girls learn and creates a climate with high

expectations for academic achievement and mutual respect. Faculty and students form an extraordinary bond that often lasts a lifetime.

Building STEAM

State-of-the-art technology across the curriculum, combined with new engineering core courses, introduce all students to the basics of measurement, spatial reasoning, design and building using hands-on and digital learning tools.

Emerging from MIT's Center for Bits and Atoms, the school's new Fab Lab Connect Program provides a platform for education and innovation using technology and digital fabrication.

The visual and performing arts program allows students to expand their imaginations through theater, dance, speech, music and video production. Developing technical abilities and personal vision, the school's young women build confidence and self-discipline while enhancing analytical and communication skills.

Schools all over the country are get-

ting on board with STEAM education, so what sets St. Joseph High School apart?

As a Catholic school, it is not simply focused on technological and scientific innovation for its own sake, but rather so that students may be of service to the world. The school community has the opportunity to explore the rich tradition of Catholic social teaching together, considering how faith and values can shape everything from medical ethics, to labor, to economic development, to the use of natural resources.

Each student is prepared to make informed judgments regarding how to apply her knowledge and abilities in STEAM fields, or any professional occupation, in a manner that respects human dignity and the dignity of the natural world.

Furthermore, driven by growing student interest in civic engagement and political participation, St. Joseph High School has joined a growing coalition of Catholic and Jewish independent schools in the NYC area committed to delving into their ethical traditions and the foundations of the U.S. government, in order to teach civic virtues and build civic leadership in their educational communities.

This program, Civic Spirit, supports teachers and students in their quest to understand and respond to local, community-based needs.

Choosing an All-Girls School

A study by the National Coalition of Girls Schools analyzes the responses to the High School Survey of Student Engagement, which was taken by 13,000 girls attending all-girls schools, co-ed independent schools and co-ed public schools.

The responses provide overwhelming support for the value of an all-girls educational environment.

Students attending all-girls schools were shown to:

- Have higher aspirations and greater motivation.
- Feel more comfortable being themselves and expressing their ideas.
- Show greater gains on core academic and life skills.

Admissions and Financial Aid

St. Joseph High School is committed to every student with intellectual promise regardless of her economic situation. Tuition assistance is available based on need. Each student receives individual consideration based on information provided by her parents or guardians. Decisions are made on a rolling basis.

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Ultimately, Xavier forms young men who will go forth to transform the world for God's greater glory.

Xavier's mission is deeply rooted in Jesuit educational methods and Catholic values, yet adaptive to today's ever-changing world. Opened in September 2016, Fernandez-Duminuco Hall's state-of-the-art facilities include a robotics classroom, a performing arts space and music suite replete with a recording studio. These facilities broaden students' ability to demonstrate and create their own learning.

Fernandez-Duminuco Hall enhances Xavier's ability to offer young men a first-rate education and instill in them the habits of mind and heart that prepare

them for some of the best colleges and universities in the country and equip them to be tomorrow's leaders in the city, Church, nation and throughout the world.

How else does Xavier fulfill this promise to transform young men to become 'persons for and with others'? Teachers, coaches, counselors and administrators embody the Jesuit principle of Cura Personalis – care of the whole person – and strive daily to challenge, instruct and mentor each student.

In addition to rigorous academic coursework, and successful athletic, campus ministry, and co-curricular activities, Xavier offers students tremendous leadership and service opportunities through an award-winning Military Science program and an impactful Companions of St. Francis Xavier service and immersion trips.

Sons of Xavier discover their hidden talents and abilities so that they may put them in service to God and others.

Come discover how Xavier delivers on its promise of sending forth young men of competence, conscience, compassion, commitment and creativity!

La Salle Academy

Educating Young Men Since 1848

La Salle Academy is one of the oldest all-boys Catholic high schools in Manhattan, educating young men in the Lasallian tradition for over 170 years.

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, La Salle is rich in tradition and service, and offers a host of innovative programming that provides the rigorous academic curriculum needed to advance our students to America's finest colleges and universities.

Innovative Programs

- **La Salle Abroad** – Study abroad program took students to Spain this summer. Subsequent trips are planned for Rome, London, Paris and Vienna.

- **La Salle in the City** – Action-based learning, uses sites around NYC and beyond as the classroom.

- **La Salle Mentors** – Mentorship program to expand relationships, networking and promote overall academic success.

- **La Salle Reads** – Incentivized summer reading program, encourages students to keep their minds sharp year-round.

- **La Salle Works** – Internship pro-

gram, drives upperclassmen into real-world work environments.

- **La Salle @2:30** – Features more than 30 extracurricular after-school activities, including the La Salle Academy Band.

- **Digital Learning** – Every student is equipped with a tablet.

- **Athletics** – A rich history complete with numerous city championships!

- **Ministry** – The Office of Campus Ministry and the new chapel encourage spiritual growth and participation in the sacramental life of the Church through liturgy, community service and education.

- **Partnerships** – Include academic initiatives with The Cooper Union and dual-credit offerings through La Salle University, Manhattan College and St. John's University.

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Year-Round Marketing for Recruitment and Retention

▲ by Briana Podlovits

As the summer months come to an end, we reflect on our accomplishments from the past academic year, and prepare for what lies ahead.

Marketing within the Diocese of Brooklyn at one point in time was seasonal. With demographics rapidly changing, technology advancing and the extensive diversity within Brooklyn and Queens, recruitment and retention requires year-round marketing.

The ongoing collaborative efforts between the Office of the Superintendent, Futures in Education, DeSales Media and Change Strategies, have produced various avenues of marketing. These efforts not only include principals, but also the support from all aligned pastors and board members. Ongoing marketing efforts from this past academic year have been very proactive with digital and print.

Success stories play a vital role in spreading the good news happening within academies and schools. Principals are

always encouraged to share their academy's success stories, proving how strong Catholic education in the Diocese of Brooklyn truly is.

From September 2017 through June 2018, over 125 success stories have been submitted and published on the diocesan website, covered on NET-TV and on social media accounts.

To read the success stories, visit: <https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/category/schools-blog/>

Social Media Campaigns

Change Strategies and DeSales Media play a significant role in Facebook campaigns. Change Strategies generates ads for individual academies, their aligned pastors and for social media usage. Depending on demographics and the cultures within the parish, ads are translated into the appropriate languages.

Campaigns are geared toward enrollment, recruitment and retention. The social

media campaigns are always a "call to action" and monitored by DeSales Media.

Futures In Education's collaborative effort with the Office of the Superintendent is geared toward assisting those in need financial help. The "We're Saving a Seat for You" campaign was created as a helping hand to encourage families, those currently enrolled as well as prospective families to reach out to Futures In Education.

DeSales Media has not only partnered with the Office of the Superintendent for social media, but also NET-TV, Nuestra Voz and the Tablet. The production crew has covered several success stories that aired on NET-TV commercials, and produced promotional videos highlighting STEM Labs, music programs and technology.

With September right around the corner, new campaigns and marketing strategies are arising. All partnerships will continue to put forth their best efforts to ensure that Catholic education within the Diocese of Brooklyn thrives.

We look forward to successful and collaborative marketing for the upcoming academic year.

Podlovits is marketing coordinator in the diocesan Office of the Superintendent-Catholic School Support Services. She may be reached at 718-965-7300 ext. 1022 or bpodlovits@diobrook.org.

Marketing Toolbox: Free Resources for Academies/Schools

A wide array of marketing resources are available online for Catholic academies and schools from the diocesan Office of the Superintendent-Catholic School Support Services.

Meant to serve as a general guide for each academy or school's marketing team, the offerings include a marketing plan reference guide, a marketing strategy self-assessment, a month-to-month planning guide and webinars on branding and social media.

Learn more about creating brochures and writing press releases, preparing written content for parish bulletin promotion, requesting press coverage and paid promotional materials and opportunities, including Facebook ads.

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OLMCA is fully accredited by the Diocese of Brooklyn, the State of New York and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Through its religious education program, the academy aims to develop a well-rounded Christian personality to its students, which is reflected in respect toward self and others as exemplified by Jesus in the Gospels.

The academy's staff, in cooperation with students' families, works to assist children in developing a system by which to judge the use of values and skills.

The academy's mission flows from the Church's participation in the mission of Jesus. OLMCA is committed to academic excellence that is rooted in the Catholic faith, affirmed by the teachings of Jesus Christ, and based on our service to God,

family and community.

Students participate in a full and rigorous academic program, which includes library, technology, art, music, enrichment and physical education. Children learn Spanish as a foreign language. Reading comprehension is a cornerstone of an OLMCA education. Children in kindergarten to second grade participate in the Super Kids reading program where they receive phonics instruction and build a strong foundation for language comprehension.

Third through fifth grades participate in Reading Street, and students in grades six through eight continue to sharpen their reading skills with the Code X program. Math, science and social studies are equally as important as religious education. Students in all grade levels participate in the Sadlier: We Believe program provided by the school.

OLMCA believes in the importance of the arts: Listen to the stellar band and glee club. See fifth and eighth graders ballroom dancing! The academy additionally offers before-school and after-school programs, as well as chess, golf, soccer, art and yearbook.



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Aviator Sports and Events

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The fun doesn't have to stop once school starts back up. Classes at Aviator Sports and Events Center will complement your children's education and improve their ability to work alongside others.

Classes work around your schedule no matter if it's after school or on the weekends with programs that your child could already have interest in or ones that have peaked their curiosity. Aviator Sports includes introductory and advanced courses in gymnastics, soccer, basketball, volleyball, hockey, ice skating and acting/improv.

Sports classes ensure that your child will be fulfilling their daily recommended 60 minutes of exercise. Not only that, but they will be learning under accomplished coaches who have years of experience, with even some coaches who have competed at the highest level in the Olympics!

Programs at Aviator Sports promote social development and boost their self-confidence. Children will learn to succeed by giving their best efforts during friendly competition along with being placed in situations where their perseverance will grow. Acting and improv classes are a highlight for when it comes to exercising your child's creative thinking.

Sports programs are an essential role in building relationships throughout their lives introducing them to different types of cultures and personalities. Not only do sports programs develop social skills but playing sports with friends is a fun way to alleviate stress associated with academic pressures.

Playing team sports and working on cooperative acting teaches children how to share the responsibility and credit for the group's performance. Children experi-

ence a sense of accomplishment when teammates celebrate essential milestones and victories.

Trial classes for all of Aviator's programs are available. Directors and coaches are always willing to speak with parents and children before and after class to make sure parents are adequately informed of their child's performance and development.

Weekend Family Fun

Aviator Sports isn't just for classes there are plenty of open activities for the whole family to enjoy on weekends. Families can challenge themselves by conquering Aviator's 35-foot rock wall, carve up the ice in our NHL-sized skating rink, test your composure with new obstacles at our mini-golf course and so much more. For affordable family fun, there is the Aviator Day Pass.

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- 10 Arcade credits
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- Unlimited Sky Jump
- One Session of Open Basketball or Open Volleyball (basketball for ages 11 and older; volleyball for ages 18 and older)

To get into the spirit of the season, this autumn Aviator will present Haunted Mini-Golf at the Aviator Golf Center. All October the course will feature unique obstacles, decorations that will light up the course at night. Featuring staples like spider webs, ghosts and pumpkins alongside ghouls and goblins that roam the course.

To further the festivities, every fall

Aviator Sports hosts Green Meadows Farm, bringing pumpkin picking, hay rides, fall activities and a petting zoo. You can fill an entire day with farm fun at Green Meadows alongside the myriad of indoor and outdoor activities Aviator provides.

Chow down at Aviator Eats as we partner with Legends Hospitality to bring a diverse selection of meals, snacks, and desserts. The brick oven is frequently rotating specialty pizza pies in conjunction to the new grill and deli station. The cherry on top quite literally is an ice cream bar serving frozen treats like popsicles, soft-serve cones and Italian ices.

Aviator After School Program

The Aviator After School Program offers professional homework aide and helps to develop positive study habits and problem-solving skills. It also helps relieve the stress of cramming in homework and family time after pickup. Once homework is finished, campers have full use of Aviator's 175,000 sq. foot facility providing specialized recreation activities in ice skating, gymnastics, rock climbing, sky jump,



arts and crafts, dance and a variety of sports. Bus transportation under the supervision of Aviator Youth Department staff is available from schools, making travel safe and easy.

Field Trips and Group Outings

Whether it be organizations such as schools, scouts and more, Aviator Sports and Events Center features customizable field trips and group outings. There are 11 different activities to choose from including ice skating, rock climbing, and so much more. Aviator Sports also features discounted food vouchers for groups.

Birthday Parties

Celebrate your child's birthday at Aviator and find out what makes it one of the best Brooklyn birthday venues. Birthday parties at Aviator Sports have something for everyone. With a wide range

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All packages include:

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- Online invitations
- Paper goods and utensils
- Gift certificate for each participant

- T-shirt for birthday child

In-house catering features delicious options for adults such as heroes, wing platters, salads, entrees and more.

Holiday Parties

From small department celebrations, charity events and company functions, Aviator Sports and Events Center has a variety of spaces and options to provide the perfect setting for your holiday party.

All catering is done in-house and features customizable options to meet all tastes. Party packages are designed to meet your needs and can include a cocktail hour, and a buffet dinner service. Aviator offers a wide variety of activities that can be added to your holiday event to entertain all ages. Activities can include basketball, a bouncy house, ice skating, rock climbing, soccer, and more.

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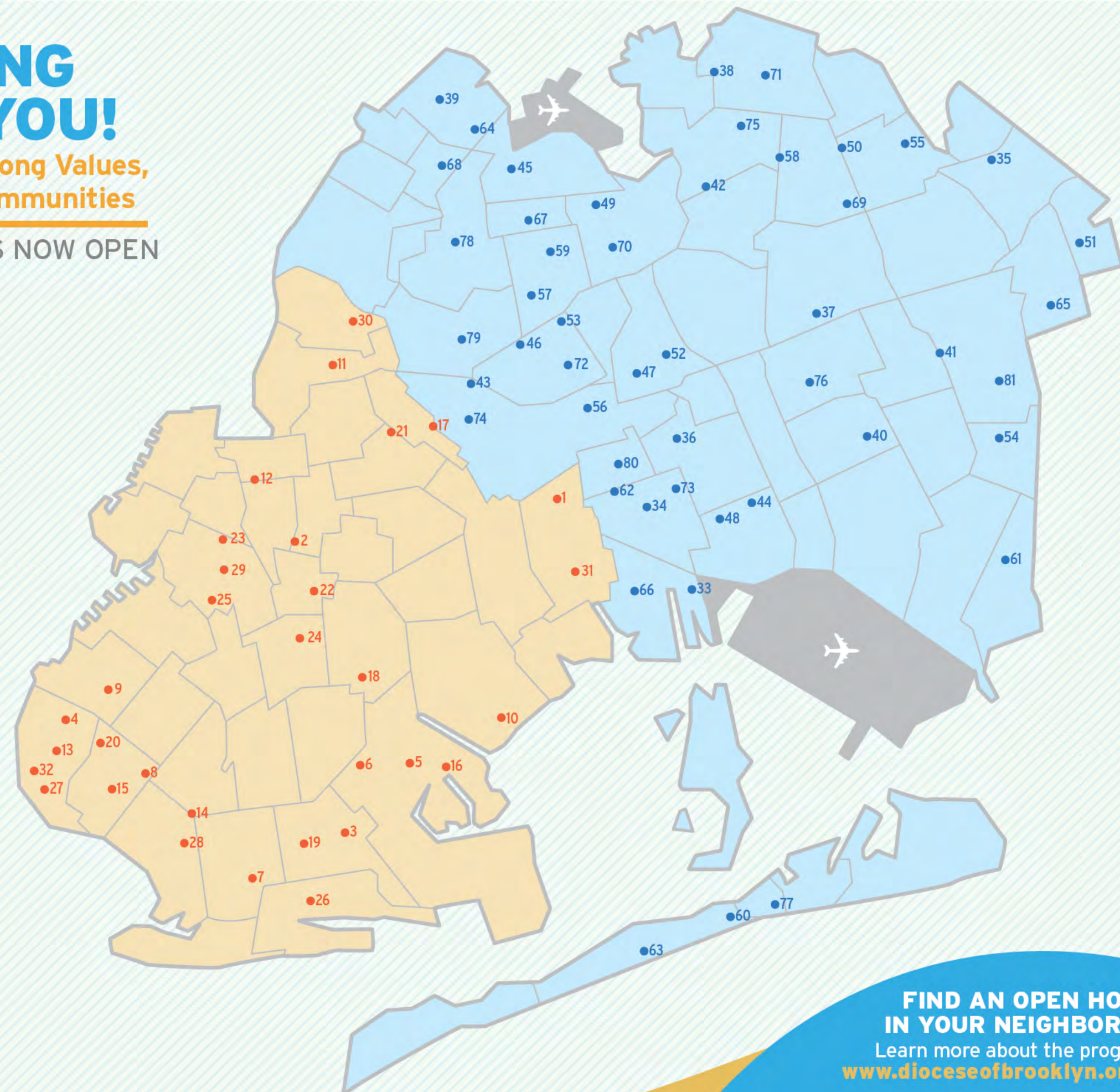
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Incarnation Catholic Academy in Queens Village is dedicated to providing an excellent academic education for each of its students while imparting a strong Catholic education as well.

Incarnation Catholic Academy encompasses the parishes of Incarnation of Queens Village and the Shrine Church of St. Gerard Majella of Hollis.

Incarnation Catholic Academy is proud to offer:

- Small classes
- An early morning drop-in program starting at 7:15 a.m.
- An after-school care program regularly until 5:50 p.m.
- Enriched academic offerings with the newest innovative teaching methods:
 - Library, art, math, science labs, health, foreign language (Spanish), computer, class sets of iPads
 - Wireless Internet and SMART Boards
 - LabLearner, a comprehensive, hands-on science system

The laboratory set-up, curriculum integration and teacher training are all steps in the process of making science meaningful

and enjoyable. Teachers at Incarnation Catholic Academy have embraced and embarked on a journey into a new way of teaching and learning science.

LabLearner Founder, Dr. Keith Verner, states, "It is not enough to prepare our students for the future. We must prepare them to change it."

Incarnation Catholic Academy is preparing its students to change the world.

Rounding out the formal curriculum, students also take part in the academy's:

- Multicultural Day celebration
- Christmas Concert
- Community service projects

Additionally, all eligible students receive free tutoring and test preparation assistance as needed.

Parents, community residents and all interested persons are encouraged to call the academy to learn more about what it has to offer. Guided tours can be arranged. Call 718-465-5066, visit the academy website, www.incarnationqv.org.

Follow Incarnation Catholic Academy on social media: Facebook, [www.incarnationqv.org](https://www.facebook.com/incarnationqv.org), and Twitter: [@incarnationqv](https://twitter.com/incarnationqv).

St. Margaret Catholic Academy

Shaping Minds for the Future

St. Margaret Catholic Academy in Middle Village, aims to share the minds of the future in a Catholic community. The academy's mission is to educate and form young people in light of the Gospel.

The academy recognizes the unique talents of each student and helps all students attain their full potential through an integrated academic curriculum, rooted in Gospel values and Catholic teachings. In addition, a cooperative partnership with family, parish and community forms young people for the future. This academy excels because of dedicated teachers, staff, board members and parish staff.

As a Catholic academy, St. Margaret's provides an outstanding and high-quality education in Catholic teachings. Nursery through eighth graders begin each day with prayer lead by Student Council members. Classes attend Mass weekly, participate in prayer services and participate in community service monthly,

recognizing the needs of the global community.

Instruction is based on New York State Common Core Standards in all subject areas. The academy is proud to offer a newly renovated STEM lab using the spiraling curriculum from LabLearner and the Repole Tech Center where students will begin learning coding this year.

The academy is proud to announce that Girls Who Code will be added to the ever-growing array of after-school activities for the 2018-19 school year.

As a plus for working parents, St. Margaret's offers a free early bird program which begins at 7 a.m. everyday.

The Early Childhood Program offers a quality foundation for the youngest members of the school community, who enjoy learning in a nurturing, caring environment which includes an indoor playroom.

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Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy

Empowering Students to Reach Their Full Potential

With the recent completion of a 4,000 square foot extension dedicated to science, technology, arts and its youngest learners, Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy in Douglaston ensures students continue to receive an academically rigorous education designed to promote 21st century skills.

The extension includes a warm, nurturing nursery classroom, music conservatory, and dedicated space for STEM, robotics and a teaching planetarium.

This complements an already innovative academic program incorporating rich, diverse enrichment programs in art, music, computer, physical education, Spanish, and middle school electives.

The academy provides high quality, student centered, differentiated educational programs stressing integration of teaching across the curriculum, achieved through individualized and small group classroom instruction.

Literacy is promoted through a balanced literacy approach directed at each student's "just right" level supported by the Wilson "Foundations" program in kindergarten, leveled libraries in all classrooms, accelerated reader and a literacy coach. The Go Math program pro-

vides a consistent, integrated math program from kindergarten through grade eighth that culminates in the eighth grade when students take the Regents exam in integrated algebra.

Technology abounds with a newly renovated, state-of-the-art computer lab, Chromebooks, iPads, SMART Boards, SMART Table and a 3D printer.

Extracurricular programs, including Mad Science, Bricks for Kidz, Paul Effman Band, Adventures in Acting, chess, Aquinas, Leo's Service, NBA Math Hoops, Tiger Tennis, dance, and CYO sports, round out the academic experience.

A commitment to vertical integration of Catholic education, fostered through affiliations with St. John's University and St. Francis Preparatory School, promotes science research, music, robotics, digital



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drawing and service projects for our middle school students.

Start Early and Start Right

The academy sponsors Free Full Day Pre-K for All Programs, equipped with new furnishings and technology, designed to promote academic, social, fine and gross motor skills development of four-year old students. The academy also offers half-day and full-day nursery programs for three-year old students in an intimate and nurturing setting.

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St. Clare Catholic Academy

Safe and Compassionate Environment for Learning

St. Clare Catholic Academy, located right off the Belt and Southern State Parkway in Rosedale, has created an educational environment that is child centered and challenging. The newly accredited academy from AdvancED employs teachers and staff who are devoted to assisting students to grow academically, spiritually and socially.

Dedicated teachers plan and execute lessons that are hands-on and engaging, keeping students on task and wanting to learn more. With Smartboards in every classroom, a newly installed WiFi infrastructure, a state of the art STEM Lab, and a Technology Lab equipped with iPads, Nooks and tablets, the sky is the limit as to the academic information afforded to the students.

Classes follow a broad academic program which includes computer lab, STEM lab, second language, music, health and physical education. Students can enhance their personal gifts while participating in several extracurricular activities that include a step team, dance clubs, drama club, piano lessons, a choir, sports program and a band. The academy also provides

after school remedial and enrichment programs as well as additional preparatory classes for state exams. With so many different programs, the academy consistently employs innovative ways to reach and teach students based on their individual needs.

St. Clare Catholic Academy not only offers scholarships for students in kindergarten through grade eight and a free Pre-K for All Program, it also offers an affordable extended daycare which includes an early morning and after school program.

Parents feel confident, each day, that their children are in the best place to achieve academic excellence. A pleased parent stated: "When investing in your child's education, St. Clare Catholic Academy is where you want your child!"

The academy is governed by a dedicated board made up of respected members in the community, who work tirelessly to ensure the success of the students and the vitality of the academy.

Visit St. Clare Catholic academy's website at stclarecatholicacademy.org, or friend SCCARosedale on Facebook.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy

Work Hard and Serve the Lord Enthusiastically

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy (SFACA), located in the vibrant and culturally diverse neighborhood of Astoria, is proud to be opening its doors to Learn, Serve, Lead, and Succeed during this 2018-2019 academic year.

SFACA is deeply motivated to exist in a caring community that is firmly committed to its mission of developing a way of life rooted in Christ and a Catholic vision that provides inspiration and identity to all its members. This desire has led academy partners to choose and embrace the academy's 2018-2019 theme to Work Hard and Serve the Lord enthusiastically.

The academy's goal of success for all inspires a curriculum that supports students' strengths and helps them maximize their full potential. By modeling and instilling commitment, passion, and perseverance, students are set for success. Through progressive instructional practices and a solid work ethic, the academy supports Carol Dweck's idea of a growth mindset that suggests children's basic

intellectual abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work.

Students are actively engaged in cognitively challenging tasks in order to gain mastery and proficiency of required skills necessary for success in postsecondary education and in the global arena.

The rapidly changing world requires students to be creative, innovative, inventive, artistic, tech-savvy, and resourceful. Therefore, SFACA programs are designed to educate the whole child in academia, STEM and the arts.

The teachers and faculty at the academy know that the spiritual, emotional and social well-being of each child is essential to healthy growth and is reflected in every aspect of the SFACA educational journey.

It is the mission of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy in Astoria to model its patron saint as it forms, informs, and transforms students in the image of the Creator. SFACA strives to reach students' hearts, so that their life and the lives of all those they touch may be better.



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St. Mel's Catholic Academy

Christ ~ Academics ~ Community

St. Mel's Catholic Academy enjoys a legacy of excellence, serving the Flushing, Whitestone, College Point and Bayside areas since 1960.

The academy offers free, full-day Pre-K for All, early childhood programs for children ages six months to three-years-old, which include Mommy and Me, Toddler Time and nursery, and education through eighth grade.

The academy's mission is to foster the spiritual, social, emotional and academic growth of students in a nurturing Christ-

centered environment.

St. Mel's promotes strong Catholic identity in children, emphasizing core values such as kindness, integrity and respect to guide these future leaders of tomorrow.

Academics and Extracurriculars

Students develop a strong foundation of excellence through comprehensive academic and extracurricular programs. The academy offers Spanish, art, music, physical education and religious studies, with additional math instruction after school

to prepare students for the TACHS and New York State exams.

St. Mel's graduates are consistently accepted into both Catholic high schools and highly competitive, specialized high school programs in New York City. Graduates have received more than \$350,000 in full and partial scholarships.

St. Mel's teams have achieved championships in baseball, soccer, volleyball and basketball. Other programs include Girl Scouts, photography club, fitness and yoga, student council, yearbook, youth ministry and a debate club.

Technology and Innovation

As the first elementary school in the Diocese of Brooklyn to offer a 1:1 take-home Chromebook for each child in grades five through eight, St. Mel's Catholic Academy has a strong reputation

for technology and innovation.

The building is equipped with fast-speed WiFi, SMART Boards in every classroom and iPads and laptops in the computer lab.

St. Mel's has also recently launched its state-of-the-art STEM lab, which features a 3D printer and 50" televisions for mirroring/projecting lessons from iPads and Chromebooks directly to the television.

The LEGO Enrichment Program focuses on engineering and creative thinking and a brand-new PAINT C.A.N. Art Studio allows creativity to flow right onto the students' papers and canvases.

To learn more about St. Mel's Catholic Academy, or to schedule a private tour, call 718-539-8211 or email Principal Erin Schneider (eschneider@stmelsacademy.org) or Assistant Principal Daniela Volpe (dvolpe@stmelsacademy.org).



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Divine Mercy Catholic Academy children are educated in a caring family atmosphere that is committed to excellence in education. The Ozone Park school prepares children of all ethnic and religious backgrounds with Christian moral values, knowledge, skills and appreciative attitudes that will empower them in life.

Students actively participate in monthly Mass and daily prayers. Students are aware of the needs of others and provide service through participation in drives for the victims of natural disasters and charitable programs including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and St. Jude Children's Research and Hospital.

The academy offers a nursery (3-year-old) and Pre-K for All (4-year-old) program as well as kindergarten through eighth grade in a safe (CCTV) and structured environment.

The nursery program uses Sadlier's Alligator Club reading program. Eligible seventh- and eighth-grade students are offered Honors math classes to prepare them for the Algebra I Regents at the end of eighth grade. Spanish is part of the cur-

riculum for grades five through eight. Students from nursery through grade eight use SMART Board technology.

The school offers early drop off from 7:15 a.m., and an afterschool program until 6 p.m. Bus transportation and the free/reduced lunch program are available for eligible students. Title I math, reading and counseling are offered for qualified students. Students score higher in state test and TerraNova tests compared to city and state results. The scores increase the longer a student is in the school.

Programs such as student council, choir, twirling, yearbook and band are available. The student council plans activities for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Catholic Schools Week, which are fun for both young and old, and often of service to others. Parents have the opportunity to help the school and meet other parents at events such as car washes, carnivals, Christmas wreath sales and the annual student fashion show.

For registration or information, the school office will be open Aug. 27-30, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., and Sept. 4, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Resurrection Ascension Academy

Rise...Aspire...Challenge...Achieve

Resurrection Ascension Catholic Academy in Rego Park has been educating children for over 75 years.

The academy's motto, "Rise...Aspire...Challenge...Achieve," exemplifies the school's high expectations and belief in the abilities and talents of each student. The diverse student population represents over 50 different countries. Resurrection Ascension provides a well-rounded academic education, rooted in the gospel message of Jesus.

Access to technology is a hallmark of the academy. The sixth, seventh and eighth graders participate in a 1:1 Chromebook program that allows students to utilize this technology both in school and at home. Utilizing Google Classroom allows students to collaborate while in their own homes. Feedback from teachers is immediate.

Primary students have access to iPads, and utilize them in a group setting. A weekly computer class rounds out the students' technology education.

This year, the academy is implementing the Lab Learner STEM program for

grades kindergarten through eighth grade in a new state of the art STEM lab. Students will perform hands-on inquiries and experiments weekly, using research quality equipment.

In addition to an outstanding academic education, Resurrection Ascension students are given the opportunity to explore their talents in the arts.

Third graders are introduced to the violin through a 15 week program through Midori & Friends. Fourth and fifth graders explore the world of ballroom dancing during 20 week course from Dancing Classrooms.

Stages on the Sound provides fourth, sixth and eighth graders an experience that includes film making, playwriting and Shakespeare. Each student from pre-k through grade eight have weekly art and music classes.

The basis of all work at the academy is a love of God and dedication to service. Students learn to give of their time and talent to improve the lives of others through food drives, fundraisers and in-school service.

"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
- Matthew 19:14



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Now entering its 10th year of proudly serving South Ozone Park and its surrounding communities, Our Lady's Catholic Academy has become a cornerstone for Catholic Education in southern Queens.

Established under the leadership of founding board of directors chairwoman, Katherine Loughran, the academy has continued to grow and flourish under the direction of its current chairman, Bruno Bianchi. Productive partnerships with St. Teresa of Avila-St. Anthony of Padua parish and St. Clement Pope parish help create a vibrant Catholic environment in the classrooms and meaningful liturgical celebrations and activities throughout the year.

Our Lady's Catholic Academy recently completed a major transitional year, consolidating to one building during the 2017-18 school year. Being at one site has made it possible for OLCA to launch an accelerated program for its students in grades five through eight, and to open a dedicated early childhood center for the youngest students.

OLCA also earned accreditation from AdvancED International Registry for Accreditation, following months of in-

depth preparation and an onsite visit from educational experts from across the nation. The visiting team noted in their final report that "the leadership, faculty, and staff have created and maintain a safe, culturally diverse and responsive learning community. Mutual respect permeates the entire atmosphere and is highly praised by all members of the school community."

New Investments, New Upgrades

This summer, new investments have included security upgrades throughout the building, including a new alarm system and safety locks for every classroom; air conditioning in the first floor classrooms; renovations of the lower playground and the auditorium bathrooms; and a new robotics program that will launch during the first trimester of the school year.

The leadership committee of the Home Academy Association is now available to meet the needs of new and returning families, and are working to secure additional funding for OLCA programs and activities, with special events for students in all grades and an after-school



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karate program currently in the works. Parent workshops will also be made available for free throughout the year, including an evening focused on helping junior high students with anxiety and depression.

Meanwhile, the programs students and parents depend on the most will continue, including the free early drop off program which begins at 6 a.m. every day; the extended day program, which provides homework help, snack and activities for a small fee and ends at 7 p.m.; and all sup-

port services to meet the individual needs of all of our children, including speech therapy, SETSS, ESL and counseling.

OLCA is proud to meet the needs of all of its children while keeping tuition and fees lower than most Catholic elementary schools in the New York City area. Scholarship application assistance to families to reduce out of pocket costs is made available when possible. This year, families have already been awarded more than \$125,000 in scholarship assistance.



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A dynamic new STEM lab will debut at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Academy in Astoria this fall.

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"Our new STEM Lab will take science out of the books and put it in the children's hands," said Julia Frank, second-grade teacher. "Looking forward to an exciting year of exploring science 'Hands-On!'"

"The new STEM Lab will greatly assist our students in meeting the rigorous demands of the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards)," said Linda Attard, middle school science teacher. "The chil-

dren's experiences with hands-on activities and team collaboration will enable them to be more successful in science and better prepared for high school and college."

Stages on the Sound Performing Arts Program for fourth, sixth and eighth graders engages students' creativity and imagination. Students learn to create stop-motion animation films, write their plays and act out the works of William Shakespeare, culminating in a presentation for the school community.

"This exciting program does something wonderful for students outside the traditional classroom setting," said Principal Eileen Harnischfeger. "It inspires a love of the arts, builds confidence and ignites a spark of creativity so students can express themselves in an imaginative and unique way."

Artistic talents are further nourished through the academy's music program. Students perform at the Christmas Show and the choir performs annually at St. John's Preparatory School's Spring Concert. Piano and voice lessons are avail-

able and this year Paul Effman's Band and Violin Program will be introduced for after school instruction.

The integration of music, physical education, Spanish, visual arts and technology, such as SMART Boards, iPads, Chromebooks and Google Classrooms, creates a cohesive learning experience.

The academy's goal is to develop and shape students into passionate, confident, lifelong learners who have competence, strength of character and are prepared to contribute to a diverse and ever changing world.

The early childhood program includes "Just the Two of Us" for toddlers 18-30 months and their caregivers, nursery for three-year-olds, and Pre-K for All for four-year-olds.

Dedicated teachers make learning fun by organizing enlightening classroom activities and adventurous field trips.

"She is learning something new every day, everything from celebrating Chinese New Year and its traditions to science and art projects to learning about Abraham Lincoln and Jackie Robinson," said Ms.

Lavoie, nursery parent. "She wakes up happy to go to school."

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) program includes basketball, volleyball and track. Before-school, after-school and summer programs are also available.

In a testament to Immaculate Conception's academic excellence, over \$250,000 in scholarships were awarded to the academy's 2018 graduates to attend Catholic high schools.

As the student population continues to grow and change, the academy remains committed to maintaining a safe, nurturing environment and promoting intellectual curiosity, personal growth and faith.

Educating students since 1924, Immaculate Conception School transitioned to an academy in the fall of 2017. The academy welcomes students of all faiths and reflects the rich diversity of our surrounding community.

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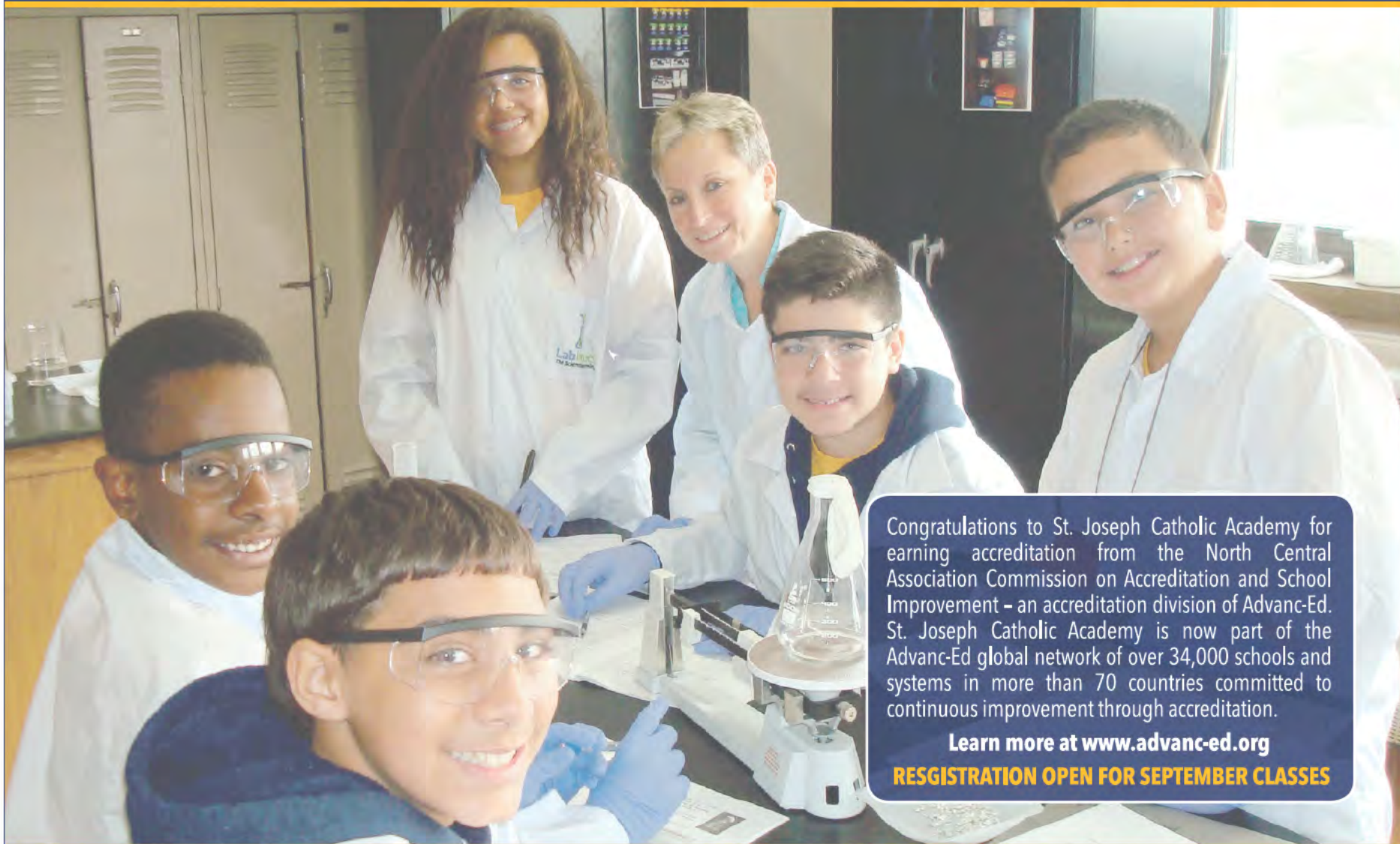
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Located in the culturally diverse neighborhood of Woodside, St. Sebastian Catholic Academy offers a values-centered curriculum and an academically challenging environment where students develop spiritually, intellectually, physically and socially.

Students experience a variety of learning experiences including computer technology, art, music, foreign language, physical education/health and library. The school also boasts a newly renovated media center, as well as Wi-Fi and Smart boards in all classrooms. Students in grades fifth through eighth are issued an iPad. A new STEM lab has recently been installed and will be ready for students in grades kindergarten through eighth in September.

St. Sebastian has a partnership with Msgr. McClancy High School for advanced classes in algebra and earth science for eligible eighth grade students. Title I services in reading and math are available for students

who need additional academic support. SETSS, Speech and OT are also provided.

The Maspeth Town Hall After-School Program is offered to students in sixth through eighth grade. This innovative and educational program is offered for free in the school Monday through Friday, 3-6 p.m.

Pre-K for All is a free program that is available to all students born in 2014. Children have access to an indoor gym and a newly renovated outdoor on-site play-space with state-of-the-art equipment. As part of the program, students also receive a nourishing breakfast and a hot lunch.

For all students in nursery through fifth grade, the extended day program is offered from 3 to 6 p.m. daily. This fee-based program provides a safe haven for students to play and complete homework assignments under the supervision of St. Sebastian staff.

As a testament to St. Sebastian School's academic excellence, the 2018 graduating class collectively earned more than \$530,000 in Catholic high school scholarships, and students were accepted to the finest public high schools in New York City.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Academy

Respecting Each Student as a Unique Individual

"Happy to be at St. Stan's!"

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St. Stanislaus Kostka teachers are warm and caring professionals who enjoy working with children to help each one reach his or her highest potential.

The Home-Academy Association works together with staff to coordinate activities for the physical, educational, social and spiritual enrichment of the students, which help create the warm family atmosphere that is characteristic of our school.

The students are unique individuals with abilities, gifts and talents that they willingly share with others. Each student knows that he or she is valued and respected.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Academy graduates get accepted into all Brooklyn and Queens Catholic high schools in addition to Regis, Xavier, Dominican Academy, St. Vincent Ferrer, Bard, Stuyvesant and many more.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic

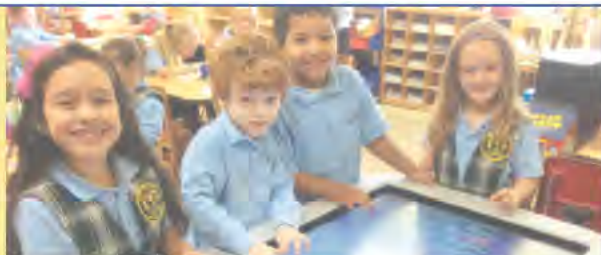
Academy in Maspeth is a co-ed Catholic academy serving nursery through eighth grade. The academy's curriculum is designed to meet the New York State Common Core and Brooklyn diocesan guidelines, and to be responsive to the needs of the individual student.

The academy strives to develop a firm foundation in Christian doctrine and values in all students.

The students education is also supplemented with a state-of-the-art technology lab, iPads and interactive boards in all classes.

St. Stanislaus Kostka has a before school program that begins at 7 a.m., and an afterschool program that operates from dismissal until 6 p.m. Under adult supervision, the children in this program have an opportunity to work on their homework and socialize with peers through a variety of organized activities.

The St. Stan's Players is a cause of great pride for our academy. Their yearly musical production is one of the highlights of the year for students who choose to participate, and is enjoyed by members of the school, parishes and local community.



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Holy Child Jesus Academy

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Holy Child Jesus Catholic Academy (HCJCA) is located in a beautifully diverse residential area of northern Richmond Hill, near the idyllic and country-like setting of Forest Park and the "Triangle" area convergence of Myrtle, Hillside and Jamaica avenues, where the famous Triangle Hofbrau restaurant once stood for more than 100 years.

Likewise, Holy Child Jesus has provided Catholic education to the parishes of Holy Child Jesus and Our Lady of the Cenacle for over 100 years.

Located on a 86th Avenue between Myrtle and Jamaica avenues, HCJCA consists of two inter-connected buildings housing 20 classrooms, library, Innovation and STEM labs, art and faculty rooms, cafeteria and gymnasium serving UPK through grade eight.

The academy is a family in Jesus Christ where the program includes religion as a major subject. There are many opportunities for students to learn about their faith, including monthly liturgies and preparation for the sacraments.

HCJCA students are taught in a nurturing and loving atmosphere where the

Gospel message is a reality on a daily basis.

The academy provides an environment of academic excellence where the program adheres to the call for rigor and relevance according to the Common Core State Standards.

Teaching is appropriately student-centered, with an emphasis on students thinking deeply and applying knowledge in a wide range of formative and summative assessment opportunities.

HCJCA follows NY State curriculum and Diocese of Brooklyn standards. In addition to traditional subjects, HCJCA offers Spanish, art, physical education, music, technology classes and an Aquinas Program for gifted and talented students in seventh and eighth grades.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students also have an opportunity to qualify for the National Junior Honor Society. Students in eighth grade may participate in Algebra Regents leading to high school credit. This year, 100 percent of students sitting for the Regents passed the exam.

HCJCA also offers an after school band program, art club, choir, test prep, yearbook and a LEGO and Robotics Club.

Our Lady of Hope Academy

Inspiring a Love of Learning in Middle Village

The mission of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Academy in Middle Village is to provide a Catholic education that fosters the spiritual and academic development of each child. The responsibility for academic and spiritual growth is a shared endeavor among students, parents, faculty and administration.

Encouraged to Excel

Academically, Our Lady of Hope focuses on inspiring a love of learning in its students. It strives to meet the intellectual needs of all its pupils, from nursery school through eighth grade, and creates a challenging atmosphere where all are encouraged to reach their fullest potential.

Our Lady of Hope continually updates its academic curriculum, reading programs and standards in accordance with New York State regulations to keep its students learning at a rigorous and advanced level. Each classroom is equipped with SMART Board technology.

Arts, Foreign Language, Clubs

The school offers art, music and for-

eign language classes as well as a variety of academic and social development clubs after school. Our Lady of Hope also offers National Junior Honor Society and a Siena Club (part of the Aquinas Society of the Diocese of Brooklyn) as enrichment programs for hardworking and conscientious students in seventh and/or eighth grade.

It also sponsors a Catholic Youth Organization sports program and a Youth Ministry Group.

Early Childhood Programs

Aside from a full academic and religious program for kindergarten through eighth grade, the school also has nursery and pre-kindergarten programs, as well as affordable morning care and after school programs to assist parents with child care.

The school enrolls over 600 students and benefits from a diverse national population. Class sizes range from 18 to 30 students, and 90 percent of Our Lady of Hope graduates started as pre-kindergarten or kindergarten students.

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St. Joan of Arc School uses the Common-Core State Standards, takes N.Y.S. tests in fourth, sixth, and eighth grades, while also taking the Terra Nova tests in the fall. Kindergarten to second graders even take Terra Nova tests in the spring.

According to Antoniette Balzano, a graduate herself: "Children transform into young women and men who value education and learn to care for others. They become responsible."

At the beginning of the day, after reciting the school's mission statement, Principal Fruner said that students recite



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these two phrases:

"I as a student am responsible for my actions and accept that it takes self-control, self-reliance, no excuses, no laying blame on others, and no expecting a free ride to achieve my academic success;" and "Scholarship is a lifelong willingness to learn and the recognition that with knowledge comes moral responsibilities."

Pre-kindergarten teacher Susanne May, who is also the mother of two graduates, tells families who tour her classroom: "If you are up for the challenge, I invite you to become part of a 97-year tradition of education in Jackson Heights! You won't be disappointed."



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The name St. Michael's brings fond memories of a strong academic curriculum enriched by the cultural diversity of the parishes of St. Michael's and St. John Vianney in Flushing.

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The total program of St. Michael's promotes each student's intellectual and spiritual growth grounded in a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. As an original member of the Two-Way Immersion Network of Catholic Schools (TWIN-CS) sponsored by the Roche Center for Catholic Education at Boston College, the academy provides bilingual education in English and Mandarin from kindergarten through fifth grade giving students a strong academic foundation to succeed in a global environment.

Academic programs meeting NYS Common Core standards are supported by St. John's University Project TIE (Training Innovative Educators) and Curriculum Leaders Training (CLT's) programs. The fac-

ulty is well prepared to pursue higher academic standards integrated with Catholic identity as part of the daily curriculum.

Qualifying students receive support through Title I in ESL, math, reading and counseling. A learning lab, resource room and speech therapy are also available on site.

Enrichment in math and science is offered with STEM classes. In addition to a Gifted and Talented program, merit scholarships are awarded to high-achieving seventh grade students who exhibit a commitment to community service. A fully equipped science lab, state-of-the-art Media Center and new Wi-Fi throughout the academy is also provided.

The academy is open year-around with a six-week summer program available. A free meal program and low-cost early drop-off and after school programs are available for all students. A free full Pre-K For All is available for 4-year-olds.

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Service Leadership Prepares Today's Students to Succeed

(StatePoint) – Students are more successful when they practice leadership outside of the classroom. A recent survey conducted by Harris Poll found that 91 percent of respondents agreed with this statement.

This survey was conducted on behalf of Lead2Feed, a free student leadership program attracting more than a million students and over 6,000 educators across all 50 states.

There's already real-world evidence supporting the survey data's sentiment. Participants in Lead2Feed thought critically about their role in their communities, and say they gained the following benefits:

Engaged Teachers

The Lead2Feed Student Leadership Program takes students through the steps to design and implement an effective, relevant service project. Teachers and advisers can enter their student teams into the Lead2Feed Challenge, where they can win grants for their school and charity.

When teachers participate alongside students, the entire classroom is given an opportunity to transform their way of thinking.

"What I realized was that the leadership principles I was trying to teach my students had actually begun to transform me as well," says Allison Silverman, a teacher at Port Chester Middle School where students have earned more than \$50,000 for charity and more than \$15,000 in technology grants for their school over the six years they've been involved in the program. "I gained renewed confidence in my work and in my profession," Silverman said.

Relevant Lessons

Classroom learning can often feel theoretical. When students lead their own community service projects, they have an opportunity to directly engage with real-world issues that have received national attention. Students at Miami's Design and Architecture Senior High (DASH, one of

the winners of the Lead2Feed Challenge), sought to address the issue of mental health that has consumed the nation's psych through a project called "No More Stalling." They created signs for school bathroom stalls with hotlines for tough issues students may be facing.

"The class of 2021 was transformed into problem solvers and they emerged with a vision," says DASH teacher Zudannie Nuñez-Hernandez.

Modern Skills

Working with fellow students to complete a project develops critical thinking, collaboration and communication skills, fostering the necessary attributes for students to become leaders within their classrooms and greater communities.

Before completing the Lead2Feed program, only 27 percent of participating students felt that they could work well with others, only 18 percent believed they could develop effective solutions to problems, and only 16 percent felt they could



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communicate clearly and concisely with their peers. After completing the program, these numbers rose to 55 percent, 49 percent and 48 percent respectively.

"Feeding young minds and local community groups in need are all part of this leadership program where students use 21st century skills, literacy skills and service learning to refine their leadership skills and to benefit local nonprofits," says Diane Barrett, executive director of Lead2Feed's presenting foundation, The Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning.

To learn more, or become part of the Lead2Feed network, visit lead2feed.org.

SS. Joachim and Anne School

Continuing the Notre Dame de Namur Tradition

Established in 1924 in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur – and continuing that legacy of goodness, faith, excellence, integrity, community and service – SS. Joachim and Anne School in Queens Village offers students the support of its pastor, priests, parents, advisory board, faculty, administration, staff, alumni and benefactors.

Students learn in a nurturing, loving and challenging learning environment that develops the whole child, spiritually, emotionally, socially and mentally.

STREAM

This September, each student from grades one through eight will have new trapezoidal, ergonomic desks in their classrooms that can be arranged into multiple configurations to promote collaborative learning activities and enhance STREAM and conventional lessons.

Each student from kindergarten through grade eight has access to the school's premier STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering,

Math) Lab. Made possible through an Embassy Grant, the lab will feature electric wiring beneath a granite tile floor, Chromebooks, a flat-screen TV, a SMART Wall, science equipment, software, cooperative learning tables and many other technological resources.

Programs and Offerings

Additional offerings include Pre-K for All; Samsung tablets in grades seven and eight; Apple iPads for first and second grades; SMART Boards; Title I and SETTS services; ELL; Speech; Spanish in grades four through eight; Renowned Gospel Choir and before- and after-school programs.

SS. Joachim and Anne incorporates the Catholic Common Core initiative with 21st-century learning through rigor, relevance, creativity and intensity.

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cess as they enter high school.

Classrooms are each equipped with SMART Boards and students have access to iPads and one-to-one Chromebook technology. A new STREAM Lab, featuring the LabLearner system, is equipped with resources that allow students to supplement their classroom experiences through problem solving and project-based activities to develop deeper levels of understanding of science, technology, religion, engineering, arts education and mathematics.

Additionally, kindergarten through eighth-grade students are given sacramental preparation, and are encouraged to participate in choir, band, orchestra as well as Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) sports and scouting programs that apply to their age.

The school also offers full- and half-day nursery classes (age 3), and a free, full-day Pre-K for All Program, which includes breakfast and lunch. Before and after-school programs are available for all students.

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Notre Dame Catholic Academy in Ridgewood is a God-centered community where the diversity of each individual child is embraced and respected.

The students from nursery through eighth grade receive a challenging academic and spiritual education that develops the whole child and enables the students to become productive, caring members of Church and society.

Notre Dame is also offers a free Pre-K For All program.

At Notre Dame Catholic Academy, the loving faculty and staff are dedicated to nurturing the mind, body, and soul of all our students. They are committed to providing the highest quality education and to provide each student with the resources to become global citizens based on the tenets of Catholic education. They focus on teaching

and guiding each child according to their individual needs and the core emphasis is to teach as Jesus did and share the Gospel

values with everyone.

Using the new state-of-the-art STEM Lab, the teachers are able to provide students with a rigorous learning environment and advance the students in the areas of



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science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Every student in grades three through eight are issued a tablet or iPad to

use during the school day. With this program, students are provided with enhanced opportunities to develop their innovation and creativity. This program is in addition to the use of SMART Board technology as well as the technology lab.

Many things make Notre Dame Catholic Academy special. The academy proudly offers both Common Core algebra I and earth science Regent courses to eighth graders and administers the Regent exams in June.

Students are also accepted to many prestigious Catholic and public high schools. The most recent graduating class earned more than \$205,000 in Catholic high school scholarships.

Dedication to Catholic education is a strong, driving force at Notre Dame Catholic Academy. It is a community that practices and shares its Catholic faith. Students participate in monthly liturgies, daily prayers, and special prayer services.



Notre Dame Catholic Academy is a school dedicated to service. Throughout the school year students collect food, clothes and money for different charitable organizations. The student government also enables students of all grade levels, kindergarten through eighth grade, to participate and understand the value of school service.

As a community, Notre Dame Catholic Academy aims to be the best it can be. Give your child the gift of a Catholic school education at Notre Dame Catholic Academy.

For more information or to schedule a personalized tour, call 718-821-2221.

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Notre Dame Catholic Academy

WE PROUDLY OFFER:

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Our Lady of Sorrows

Honoring the Blessed Mother in All Things

It is the mission of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Academy to nurture, engage and educate students in their commitment to God, as lifelong learners, and as contributors to society, within the richly diverse community of Corona.

The academy curriculum follows the diocesan religion curriculum, and other subjects are aligned with the New York State Common Core Standards, New York State Social Studies Frameworks, the International Standards for Technology in Education, and New York State Standards for Science and the Arts. Students learn all of these things in a variety of ways, show what they know through tests and performance, and view all of it through the lens of the Catholic faith.

Students participate in the standardized TerraNova tests in grades three through eight, and fourth, sixth and eighth graders participate in the New York State testing program.

The information from these tests ensures that students are being taught what they are expected to know and assists the principal and faculty in developing

instruction that meets students' needs.

Some of the special programs at the academy include a full religion program, Super Kids, STREAM, Catholic Math League, Music and Artists in Residence.

Information technologies are infused into the entire curriculum. Students do internet research and prepare and present videos and other presentations. They participate in curriculum-related webinars and Google Hangouts. SMART Boards and their interactive programs are available in every room, and the academy has laptops, Chrome Books and tablets available for use by every student, and a computer lab equipped with desktops and printers.

Early childhood classes are taught by caring, energetic, well-qualified teachers, supported by bilingual aides. Every day, they pray and learn to grow closer to Jesus, Mary and the Church.

Although it often looks as if they are "just playing," the learning never stops. Construction materials and puzzles develop problem-solving skills and lay the foundation for mathematical thinking and a "maker" mindset.

St. Andrew Avellino Academy

A Home Away from Home in Flushing

St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Academy's mission is dedicated to living the principles of the Catholic tradition, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which allows students to learn to serve God and others, develop their unique talents and skills, strive for academic excellence and become lifelong learners.

St. Andrew Avellino is a Catholic academy in Flushing, and home to over 300 students, ranging from nursery to grade eight, and also includes a Tiny Tot program.

St. Andrew Avellino's Catholic identity is lived daily by the faculty, staff, and students in order to prepare them for a positive spiritual life. Students take pride in attending church on a weekly basis and reaching out to the community and providing service.

The school offers a great education enabling each student to reach his or her highest potential. All of the eighth graders were recently accepted to the Catholic high schools of their choice, and many were accepted to a specialized high school.

The school not only shines academically, scoring high in TerraNova and state test-

ing, but also boasts an excellent art and music program. Students can enjoy both music and art as a part of the daily curriculum or take part in one of the afterschool programs. The students are exposed to afterschool music ensembles such as chorus, percussion, strings, piano, guitar and beginner or advanced band. The art program hosts an exhibit annually where all are welcome to experience works of art created by students of all grades.

A full-size gymnasium allows students to enjoy physical education classes, and offers a home to team sports such as soccer, volleyball and basketball. The afterschool program includes chess, Lego club, debate club and an enhanced science program in a new state-of-the-art STEM lab.

Last month, Principal Debora Hanna was awarded the prestigious Catholic School Administrators Association of New York State's "Lighting the Fire for Catholic Education" Award in Albany.

Faculty and staff along with parents strive to make the school a safe and positive learning environment. St. Andrew Avellino is a home away from home!

St. Mary Gate of Heaven

Montfort Spirituality in Ozone Park

Since 1904, St. Mary Gate of Heaven Catholic Academy has been serving the Queens community.

Started by the Daughters of Wisdom and the Montfort Fathers in Ozone Park, the academy continues to follow the tenets set forth by its founders.

The academy's goal is to provide the children of Ozone Park and surrounding communities with an environment in which to grow as whole persons: spiritually, mentally, and physically in a Catholic context, modeled on Christ's teachings.

Children of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome. The diversity of cultures and religions allows for the exploration and the understanding of the needs of the students. The school commu-



nity understands that each child is special and unique.

St. Mary Gate of Heaven is a learning environment that focuses on teaching and guiding each child individually, with the help of the parents who are a child's primary teachers.

With the grace of the Holy Spirit, St. Mary Gate of Heaven will continue to be a beacon of light for our community.

The academy's mission is to educate students, according to high academic standards, in a safe, nurturing environment that reflects the love of Jesus Christ.

All students are encouraged to develop personal dignity, moral character, love of learning and a sense of responsibility.



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Acknowledging that parents are children's primary educators, St. Mary Gate of Heaven's faculty and staff, cooperate with both parents and students, to guide each child towards the realization of his or her full spiritual, academic, personal and physical potential.

Music Program

Music was introduced into the school in the fall of 2012. The program is run by the Paul Effman Music Service. It is open

to students from third through eighth grades. Practices start in October and are held in school, after school dismisses. There are 30 minute practices every Friday. The last four practices are an hour long. Students demonstrate what they have learned throughout the year in an end-of-year recital.

Prospective families are invited to call to schedule a tour of the academy, and to meet the staff and principal, Philip Heide.



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Blessings and Challenges Facing Catholic Academies and Schools

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parity between the accomplishments cited above and the perceptions expressed by those surveyed in the Generation study.

Bishop DiMarzio and his team of educators, marketers and financial consultants have worked together to develop high-level media/public awareness programs to share the Good News of the Catholic academies/schools. Secondary and university partnerships have enhanced the academic programs of these communities through professional development programs for principals and teachers, creative and innovative approaches to teaching and learning, specific integration of technology within the curriculum and the classroom, summer prep programs as well as the dedication of targeted monies to open Learner Labs integrating STEM within the learning experience for all students.

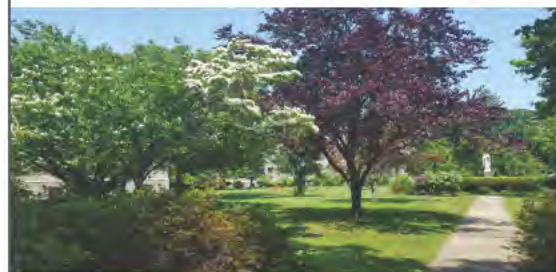
All academies/schools now participate in a special program designed by Change Strategies to build and sustain enrollment by embracing relationships among families, parishes and faith formation programs.

This program has been a boost to enrollment: As of this writing, 25 academies/schools have increased enrollment over the previous year's statistics with another 28 inching closer to this goal.

In September, 30,000 students will be welcomed into our schools/academies at both levels. A total of 44 academies have created strategic plans for the next three years with another 11 engaging in this process for 2018-19. Accreditation through AdvancED, a national accrediting institution continues. Dedicated teachers and principals have been renewed through participation in seminars and workshops designed to focus on student learning and as such enthusiasm runs high.

As we prepare for another academic year, we do so confidently with the hope that it be one of blessings shared and promises fulfilled for families and the academy/school communities.

Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., is the deputy superintendent in the diocesan Office of the Superintendent~Catholic School Support Services.



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Christ the King has reached a level of academic distinction making it one of the most sought-after private high schools in New York City. Each year, students achieve academic excellence that results in millions of dollars of scholarships from colleges and universities across the nation. Christ the King's dedicated teachers and support staff have demonstrated both the knowledge and commitment to make its academic program second to none.

The curriculum and extracurricular offerings at Christ the King are designed to allow each student the opportunity to maximize his or her potential.

The school offers:

- Chromebooks for incoming freshmen
- Honors and Advanced Placement courses in English, math, science, social studies, foreign language and computer science
- An affiliation with St. John's University College Advantage Program
- Campus Ministry and Community Service Program
- A highly acclaimed Theatre Arts Program
- Technology program encouraging students to take Microsoft and Certiport certification exams starting during Intermediate Computer Science course
- A wide array of award-winning clubs and activities, including speech and debate team, which has consistently ranked within the top place winners amongst hundreds of high schools throughout New York State.

Students can choose to join clubs and activities such as art, book, broadcasting, chess, dance, drum corps, forensics, journalism, marching band, math, mock trial, National Honor Society, newspaper, pho-



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tography, prevention leadership, robotics, Technology Student Association, video-yearbook and yearbook.

- A nationally renowned sports program including: basketball, baseball, bowling, cheerleading, football, golf, handball, soccer, step, track and volleyball.

Christ the King High School students have scored as high as the 99th percentile on recent SATs and have gone to nationally ranked colleges and universities, such as MIT, University of Pennsylvania, Duke, Georgetown, NYU, St. John's, Howard, Adelphi, Hofstra, Fordham, St. Francis, Pace, Skidmore, Boston College, The Macaulay Honors Program at CUNY, University of Connecticut and elite US Military Academies, such as West Point and the Air Force Academy.

Christ the King's Board of Trustees recognizes the sacrifices families make in order to ensure a quality, Catholic education for their children.

Along with other measures to keep tuition affordable, the high school offers:

The Christ the King Continuing Education Catholic School Loyalty Award

This award is offered to students who currently attend a Catholic grammar school/academy. It totals \$2,000 over the course of four years.

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Christ the King stands committed to offering students a safe environment, an excellent education, a place to learn personal responsibility, an opportunity to build a strong body as well as a sharp mind, the challenge of competition in a first class sports program and a home that places a premium on spiritual growth.

St. John's Prep School

Tradition ~ Scholarship ~ Service

St. John's Preparatory School in Astoria is dedicated to promoting academic excellence and to instilling the principles and values of the Catholic faith in a positive, nurturing environment.

Inspired by its Vincentian tradition, St. John's Prep, established in 1870, is built upon the profound respect for every individual. A vigorous academic curriculum, an engaging spiritual program, meaningful service experiences and extensive extracurricular opportunities establish a strong foundation for life.

Academic Development

- Honors Program, college-level classes and Advanced Placement courses available in every academic discipline
- A rigorous curriculum individualized to prepare students for success – taught by talented, engaging and certified teachers
- Advanced classes in biology, chemistry and physics complement science electives, such as astronomy, computer coding, forensic science, human health and disease
- Advanced language offerings in French, Italian, Latin, Mandarin and Spanish

- Kaplan SAT and ACT Prep Courses offered throughout the year

- Internships with leading museums, science and medical institutions along with specialized programs in partnership with St. John's University, which include SJU Writing Center, Science Research Workshops and Advanced Laboratory

- A dynamic Performing and Visual Arts Program that provides a wide array of classes, specialized workshops and after-school programs taught by highly qualified teachers, professional artists and musicians

College Preparatory

- 100 percent college acceptance rate. More than 70 percent earn college scholarships totalling more than \$40 million
- Baccalaureate Program with St. John's University enables students to complete high school and college in seven years
- College Advantage Program with St. John's University allows students to earn college credit in a wide variety of courses
- College Fair, on-site college admissions interviews and on-site scholarship offerings



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International Travel

Students discover the world through the International Travel Program, becoming global citizens, experiencing different cultures, learning new languages and performing service in charitable projects

Athletics and Extracurriculars

- Beyond academics, students engage in a rich array of over 50 extracurricular clubs and athletic programs
- A proud and competitive interscholastic sports program in which student athletes succeed at sports and in life
- Science Olympiad, Robotics, Girls Who Code, Math League, Language Clubs, Chess Club, Investors Club and more

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Spiritual

- The religion program is essential to the mission of St. John's Prep and the holistic development of students
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Saturday, October 13, 2018 · 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Agnes Academic
High School



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St. Agnes Academic HS

Proudly Educating Young Women Since 1908

Statistics prove time and time again that girls enrolled in single gender schools set higher educational goals; feel in control of their own choices and achieve at higher levels in math, science and reading.

This is more than a statistic at St. Agnes Academic High School in College Point. 100 percent of the most recent graduates will attend college this fall.

St. Agnes girls thrive in a culture of mutual respect and inclusivity, where diversity of thought is celebrated. They lead in every way, every day gaining a deeper understanding of their own power to change the course of history. Students are encouraged to take risks, develop talents and push boundaries in high school and far beyond.

More than 10,000 alumni have become local and national leaders in education, the health professions and business. Their success stories speak to the school's strong and proud history of educating young women.

For more than a century,

St. Agnes Academic High School has developed independent thinkers through a rigorous curriculum based on active intellectual exploration and integrity. With a rapidly expanding STEM program and exciting new college partnerships, St. Agnes has set the stage for student success. Most importantly, the faculty knows how to educate girls because they have been doing it so well for so long.

For more information about the power of an all-girls school or to arrange a visit, call Ms. Gaughan at 718-353-6276 ext. 11.



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TAKE THE LEAD IN FAITH

We foster a spirit of respect and responsibility.



SACRED HEART ACADEMY FALL OPEN HOUSE Saturday, September 29, 10:00 am–1:00 pm

Steeped in the tradition and spirituality of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood, Sacred Heart students lead with heart. The educational mission of the Sisters of Saint Joseph is rooted in the mission of Jesus to reveal God's inclusive love and desire for unity and reconciliation. Sacred Heart empowers young women with strong academic and leadership potential to make a difference in their communities, in the Church, and in an increasingly interdependent and connected global community.

To learn how we empower young women in a nurturing atmosphere of courage, compassion, and commitment please call (516) 483-7383 or visit www.sacredheartacademyli.org.

Sacred Heart Academy

Living, Learning, Working with Inclusive Love

Sacred Heart Academy in Hempstead, L.I., is an all-girls Catholic college preparatory school, rooted in the spirituality and tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The all-girls environment provides unique learning opportunities that cultivate confidence and leadership skills, and encourage students to "take the lead."

A Sacred Heart education focuses on all dimensions of human growth. The school community is committed to live, learn and work with inclusive love and to bring about unity and reconciliation with God and with one another.

Student achievement is the best indication of Sacred Heart Academy's excellence: 95 percent of the Class of 2018 was awarded college scholarships in the areas of academics, athletics and the arts. Sacred Heart's athletic teams are consistently ranked among the best on Long Island and student-artists and dancers excel in local and national competitions. The school's Bloomberg Finance Lab and state-of-the-art Science Research Lab prepare students for competitive opportunities. Above all, however, students are critical thinkers who

actively integrate education into their lives and routinely find ways to make a difference through a commitment to community service and social justice.

Here are a few fast facts about Sacred Heart Academy:

- On average, 98 percent of graduates attend four-year colleges.
- Graduates routinely take their places among the top echelons of business, government and academia.
- As one aspect of fulfilling Sacred Heart's mission of "bringing about union and reconciliation by awakening in our community an awareness of the unconditional love God has for all people," each student is required to complete at least 20 hours of community service annually. However, most students far exceed this, devoting up to 200 hours of their time each term to helping their neighbors.
- Thanks to an exceptional 15:1 student-teacher ratio, combined with a faculty dedicated to students' success, students routinely surpass state peers in standardized test scores and the majority earn Advanced Designation Regents Diplomas.



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