• FCT: Supporting teachers in their commitment to educating children and fostering the Catholic faith – see page 4 for more
• Plus, meet the best Catholic Schools in your community
Faith, community and academic excellence have always been hallmarks of a Catholic education. These values have remained steadfast throughout the Archdiocese of New York’s long and distinguished history. Our mission hasn’t changed, because it works. Our Christ-centered schools continue to evangelize the students entrusted to our care while also placing a premium on providing a cutting-edge, first-rate education.

Over the past year, the archdiocesan school system has made an unprecedented investment in wireless infrastructure for school buildings to increase technology-based instruction. This capability has paved the way for exciting instructional innovations, like the expansion of blended learning, which not only leverages computers and educational software as tools of instruction, but also facilitates individualized learning to meet every child’s unique needs.

The increased focus on technology has provided data to inform instruction for better educational outcomes and helped transition schools to a more detailed, informative report card, engaging families in their child’s education. Thanks to generous benefactors and supporters, we have engaged programs like Engineering Tomorrow to bolster interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), particularly among young women. All of these efforts highlight the innovative approaches the archdiocese has undertaken and continues to promote throughout our system.

Test scores only tell part of the story in a well-rounded education. Catholic school students are expected to take their studies seriously and are encouraged to use the gifts God has given them to reach their fullest potential, and they do. Their results are impressive: our students have outperformed NY State and City Schools in ELA and Math proficiency scores three years in a row. And over 99% of our high school seniors graduate and 99% of them go on to college. Catholic school graduates have grown to become respected leaders in the fields of law, finance, education, technology, public service, civil service, athletics and just about every other profession imaginable.

Catholic schools celebrate diversity in a community of shared values and welcome children of all faiths and backgrounds. Today, the Archdiocese of New York educates over 67,000 students in 217 elementary and high schools that include excel lent early childhood programs. In fact, the Archdiocese of New York is one of the largest providers of early childhood programs in the metropolitan area with more than 7,500 children in pre-K3, pre-K4 and free Universal Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K for All) programs.

We are committed to maintaining both the quality and affordability of our schools. Financial aid and scholarships are available for eligible students applying for the 2018-19 school year.

Our online application page, www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org, is available 24/7 now and during Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 28-Feb. 3. Parents can find a school and schedule a tour on https://catholicschoolsny.org/visit, or by calling our bilingual hotline, (646) 794-2685, from 9am to 5pm Monday-Friday. We encourage families to come, visit and enroll.
Invest in a Catholic education when it makes the most difference. Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York offer a unique combination of academic and spiritual development that helps children of all backgrounds get the best start in life. Our students learn in an environment where respect, courtesy and service to others are always part of the curriculum— and they are outpacing New York State and New York City public school students in both Math and English Language Arts (ELA) proficiency standards.

We invite you to see the value of a Catholic education: schedule a tour at a nearby school at any time, or attend one of the upcoming TOURING TUESDAY open house events being held at 133 participating Catholic elementary schools. Open Houses: February 13 & March 13 from 9-11am.

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Teaching is a calling. Making the commitment to spend your life helping children develop intellectually, socially and civically requires a willingness to invest in the future and believe in students from all walks of life. Being a Catholic school teacher is an even more profound calling, because it adds the responsibility, among all the other responsibilities that teachers commit to, of helping students with their spiritual development.

“Catholic school teachers are incredibly dedicated,” says Julia Pignataro, president of the Federation of Catholic Teachers. “It’s a culture of service; they participate in extra activities for the students, from sports to the arts. The Federation of Catholic Teachers proudly represents Catholic school teachers across the Archdiocese of New York.”

The Federation of Catholic Teachers, OPEIU Local 153 AFL-CIO, is the collective bargaining representative for the lay faculty in 129 elementary schools and 14 high schools in the Archdiocese of New York. Recently, teachers at LaSalle Academy in Manhattan and John S. Burke Catholic High School in Goshen voted the FCT in as their bargaining representative. Just like teachers in public schools, Catholic school teachers need support advocating for their wages and benefits, especially considering that their salaries are lower than public school teachers.

The Federation of Catholic Teachers was founded in 1970, when the Catholic Lay Teachers Group, a collective bargaining group that had been representing Catholic teachers in New York City since 1963, decided to become affiliated with the National Federation of Teachers. In 1966, Catholic teachers in Philadelphia and Chicago were the first to win collective bargaining agreements and the first to affiliate with NFT, which was the only union offering to work with Catholic teachers at the time. During the 1960s and 1970s, public school teachers in New York City and around the country actively advocated for themselves through teachers unions, for better benefits and higher pay. Catholic school teachers arguably had an even greater need for representation, as Catholic schools began to hire a greater percentage of lay teachers, instructors who are not clergy, and who required a higher wage to live than a priest or a nun who had taken a vow of poverty.

Catholic schools and unions are a natural fit. In his 1891 encyclical, Rerum Novarum, Pope Leo XIII expressly supported the rights of workers to a living wage and union membership to help secure that wage. Pope Francis is a strong advocate for workers’ rights, including the right to unionize. Catholicism and the schools that teach it are community based. They are organized around people coming together to share their faith. Unions are people coming together, as well. The Federation of Catholic Teachers unites teachers in Catholic schools to stand together in defense of the dignity of work and the right of professionals to earn a decent wage. Nationwide, about 10 percent of Catholic lay teachers have union representation. Teachers in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York are better represented than almost anywhere else in the country, with 2,667 teachers in the bargaining unit. Ultimately, the job of the Federation of Catholic Teachers, whose officers are all former Catholic school teachers, is to support teachers so they can follow their calling to educate children and foster the Catholic faith. “In a Catholic education students will go out and continue that work, whether it’s through volunteering, or just by setting their own good example.”

In honor of Catholic Schools Week, the Federation of Catholic Teachers pledges to support teachers as they celebrate this year’s theme: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. Teaching, says Pignataro, may be a difficult job, but it is also incredibly fulfilling. “You go home every day and feel that you did something positive today, you did something to help your students,” she says. “It gives purpose to life.” To learn more about the work the Federation of Catholic Teachers does, visit www.fct153.org.
Saint George Academy

Saint George Academy is a private Catholic college preparatory high school located in the East Village of New York City. Founded in 1968 by the Fathers of the Order of Saint Basil the Great and the Ukrainian congregation of Saint George Ukrainian Catholic Church, the academy is a microcosm of the ethnically diverse community it serves. We spoke with Principal Andrew Stasiw about the benefits of the school.

What is unique about St. George Academy?

We are a very small boutique school that is solely focused on college prep. We give a ton of individualized attention to each student. Our preparation for college begins in freshman year, and we work very closely with student, parents, and our guidance office to insure the best results once the college application process begins.

Are there any new initiatives you would like to share? We are offering scholarships for Academic Merit, sports, and music. Also, through the graciousness of our church, Saint George Ukrainian Catholic Church, and as part of our Catholic mission, we are offering financial aid to families in need.

Please tell me about the class size. Across the board, we can help more students because of our small class size. Whether it is academically or professionally, we know our students and this can make a big difference. For example, last year, two of our top students expressed an interest in law. We were able to get them internships at the NY State Supreme Court. It is no small bonus to have a letter of recommendation from a sitting State Supreme Court Justice when applying for law school four years later.

How do you support the Ukrainian community? More than anything, the Ukrainian community supports us. They donate to our school to help those students who need financial aid. We have several concerts per year where our school chorus performs for the community, including our annual festival in May whereby we close 7th Street in front of our church from 2nd to 3rd avenues and share our culture. The choir learns a few songs to sing in Ukrainian.

Do you need to be Ukrainian or Catholic to attend? Seventy percent of our student body is not Ukrainian. You do not need to be Ukrainian. Being Catholic, or at least Christian, is preferred, but most importantly, being respectful matters. In other words, we are a Catholic school, observe all Catholic holidays, and attend mass every Friday. We expect all students and their parents to respect this.

It looks like you have a lot of extracurricular activities. Could you expand on them? Our extracurricular activities depend on student interest. This year, some students expressed an interest in ballroom dancing, so we now have ballroom dancing every Tuesday night. We have our sports program, basketball, volleyball, and are looking to see if there is enough interest for a soccer and baseball team this year. Students can use our facilities, library, computers, and printers after school until as late as 7 p.m. Currently, we will be starting a Chess Club. Some students will study privately with our resident musicians from our music department, from voice and piano to violin and guitar lessons.

How do you engage students? This is the most important aspect of the Saint George Academy experience. We work individually with every student in various ways. We work with students on critical thinking and moral discipline.

Currently SGA has scholarships available and is meeting daily with interested parents for the 2018–2019 school year.

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Cathedral High School

Careers in medicine, law or STEM start at Cathedral High School.

Located at 350 E. 56th St. (between 1st and 2nd avenues) in New York City, academic success has been synonymous with Cathedral since its founding in 1905. Cathedral has educated generations of young women to meet their scholastic potential. Aside from offering an honors program and 10 Advanced Placement courses, Cathedral also offers programs in medicine, law and business, languages which include Spanish, Mandarin, American Sign Language and Latin, as well as electives such as forensic science and anatomy, women’s studies, broadcasting and journalism, art and music just to name a few.

Cathedral is immensely proud of its Medical Gateways program. Through partnerships with New York’s world-class medical community, students have opportunities to observe medical professionals at work and to participate in internships while still in high school. The students receive first-hand experience in institutions such as Beth Israel and New York Presbyterian.

In the law program students explore careers in the legal system and participate in internships with law firms. Students take special classes and attend Saturday workshops that explore different legal and professional topics.

The STEM curriculum includes classes and clubs such as Robotics, Girls Who Code, technical drawing and STEAM.

A full complement of extracurricular activities keeps the career-minded student body well rounded, including clubs such as the marching band, musical theater and choir to sports, which include basketball, cheerleading, fencing, soccer, softball, lacrosse, cross country, volleyball and more.

Cathedral prepares its students for the world that lies ahead of them. The Class of 2017 received over $29 million in college scholarships and grants and were accepted into schools such as Barnard College, Brandeis University, Columbia University, and New York University.

For more information, please contact Johanna Velez at (212) 688-1545 ext. 224 or jcastex@cathedralhs.org. Visit our website at www.cathedralhs.org.

Sacred Heart High School

Sacred Heart High School has been providing excellent and affordable Catholic education to the young men and women of Westchester County, the Bronx, Manhattan and beyond since 1923. Sacred Heart offers unique opportunities to its students because of its deep alumni relationships, active Advisory Board and proximity to both the revitalized downtown Yonkers Business District and Grand Central Station (forty-minute train ride). It boasts educational opportunities beyond its walls while offering students a challenging academic experience in a family-based environment.

Sacred Heart follows the NYS Regents Curriculum, is accredited by the Middle States Association and offers Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and College Credit courses. We offer a full-range of sports, including Girls Volleyball, Girls and Boys Soccer, Girls and Boys Basketball, Softball and Baseball. All of our teams compete in the competitive CHSAA. Our extracurricular activities include the award-winning Sacred Heart Players, National Honor Society, and Student Council, with new clubs forming every year. Our expanding Campus Ministry Program includes opportunities for communal prayer and service, as well as a youth-group and peer ministry team.

Our graduates achieve success in the colleges of their choice and beyond. Our alumni include Mayors, Police Commissioners, scientists, lawyers, engineers, doctors and nurses, businesspeople, educators and other successful professionals. Most importantly, all graduates leave Sacred Heart with knowledge of their own potential and a commitment to service rooted in the love of God and neighbor.

For more information, visit www.sacredhearts.org, the school at 34 Convent Ave, Yonkers, New York or call (914) 965-3114.


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Xavier offers AP courses in Computer Science; Studio Art; English Language and Literature; Spanish; Italian; World, U.S. and European History; Comparative & U.S. Government and Politics; Calculus; Biology; Chemistry; and Physics. Our students engage in a wide array of fine arts courses, including visual art, instrumental music, acting, stagecraft, and chorus, among others. Xavier’s Ignatian Scholars Program combines rigorous honors-level courses with a variety of enrichment programs, including engaging in collaborative research and attending a variety of cultural events, so that our Ignatian Scholars can build an appreciation for the dynamic opportunities that New York City has to offer.

Nearly 60 percent of Xavier students are involved in one of our 38 Knights athletic teams for at least one season per year. Over 40 percent are involved for two or more seasons, whether on the track, baseball diamond, basketball court, rugby pitch, lacrosse field, or swimming pool. By participating in Xavier’s athletic programs, students learn discipline and leadership. While many student-athletes go on to play sports collegiately, the essence of our athletic programs comes alive when our Knights act with courage and conviction in every aspect of their lives.

Our flexible schedule includes a community period when students can work collaboratively with their peers on an upcoming project, seek out their teachers for one-on-one academic enrichment, speak with their guidance or college counselor or lead a club or activity. The three-sport athlete can also be involved in the Student Leadership Council or the Chess Club. More than 40 clubs and activities are available, including robotics, cartooning and illustration, military history, science fiction podcasts, skiing and snowboarding, and speech and debate. Our JROTC program, our Companions of Xavier service trips, and Campus Ministry programs prepare our students to seek God and serve others.

For more information, visit www.xavierhs.org or call (212) 924-7900.
**St. Raymond High School: pride, tradition, excellence**

Bring your passion and creativity to our dynamic, diverse community and join with others who are motivated to lead, serve and make a difference. Since 1960, over 8,000 students have received a quality education at St. Raymond High School for Boys. The school’s strong academic foundation is based on Catholic beliefs and values, a structured environment for learning, an outstanding academic program, championship athletics and activities that make a well-rounded young man. Rooted in the core principles of a Lasallian Catholic education, St. Raymond High School provides an environment of academic excellence, faith, service and community to each student who enters its doors.

Today, St. Raymond boasts a talented and diverse population of nearly 600 young men who benefit from academic, athletic and co-curricular offerings that are ever-changing and growing in order to prepare them for college and career. As a close-knit, welcoming community, St. Raymond is focused on supporting students and their goals. The administration, faculty and staff, along with the St. Raymond Parish community are committed in their faith and passion for the promotion of excellence among tomorrow’s leaders.

Becoming a Raven, means joining a network of men committed to success, service and a community of leaders who are passionate for a better tomorrow.

**St. Raymond High School at a glance**
- More than 600 students enrolled
- Three top-tier accreditations: AdvancedEd, Board of Regents of the State of New York, Brothers of the Christian Schools
- 100% graduation rate every year
- 100% of students receive college acceptances
- 100% of students receive a NYS Regents diploma
- More than 95% of students attend college
- 55 full-time faculty, all holding advanced degrees
- 13:1 student/faculty ratio
- 26 clubs and organizations
- Nine CHSAA varsity athletics
- Intramural sports program

St. Raymond High School for Boys offers a college preparatory curriculum which is uniquely designed to meet the needs of all students, encouraging critical thinking, creativity and the ability to relate to the world. St. Raymond offers programs to students of varying academic ability levels, placing students in academic classes that are meant to challenge and prepare for college. In addition to New York State Department of Education and Archdiocesan requirements for graduation, St. Raymond students are challenged to select exciting and innovative elective courses offered by the school to meet the ever-changing needs of our society. In 2016, a new and innovative Ravens Edge Technology program was successfully implemented. Utilizing school-issued Chromebooks, students are engaged by the use of technology in their classes as a tool for learning and benefit from classroom teachers who utilize a variety of resources and learning strategies in order to provide a stimulating and creative learning environment. New pathways in Engineering, Design, Video Production and Fine Arts have been implemented that will allow students to experience new fields of study as well as reinforcing and revealing underlying talents.

In addition to outstanding academics, St. Raymond has always been known for its championship athletic teams, extensive intramural sports program and diverse extra-curricular activities. A rich school culture and student involvement in co-curricular activities enable students to explore a world outside of the St. Raymond walls while encouraging personal growth and the formation of lasting friendships.

For more than 50 years, St. Raymond High School has been a dynamic leader in the academic, social, athletic and spiritual growth of young men in the Bronx. St. Raymond High School for Boys graduates have become leaders in the areas of law education, communications, video production, public service, medicine, finance, security, fine arts, food service, accounting and engineering. Become a Raven today. For more information, visit www.straymondhighschool.org or call (718) 824-5050. Attend our annual Fall Open House on October 15th from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm.
Cardinal Hayes High School

The mission of Cardinal Hayes High School is to provide an excellent Catholic education to young men by encouraging their unique talents and fostering self-development.

Located within walking distance of Yankee Stadium, Cardinal Hayes provides students with a first-class learning environment. For the past 76 years, Cardinal Hayes High School has helped form young men, grades 9-12, into leaders. This long tradition has helped foster the creative spirit and hardworking ethos of many noted alumni including Regis Philbin, Martin Scorsese, Jamal Mashburn and Willie Colon (currently playing for the New York Jets).

Through a rigorous program of academics, extracurricular activities, discipline and spiritual growth, Cardinal Hayes High School is able to engender a life-long intellectual curiosity in its students. These skills emerge through the tenets and principles of a faith-based Catholic education.

The closely knit student body and strong faculty and student relationships provide an optimal learning environment, which is why 98% of graduating seniors go on to college. These students are prepared for the rigors of the college experience by faculty who place significant emphasis on diverse interdisciplinary studies while accounting for each student’s unique learning style.

Due to the generosity of our alumni, our students have access to Chromebooks, video-conferencing capabilities in the classroom, Smart Board interactive learning tools and the state-of-the-art Martin Scorsese Media Center where students have access to the latest media production software and equipment.

Our music program gives students the opportunity to participate in band concerts and make public appearances at notable events throughout the New York City area including the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade.

In the field of athletics, Cardinal Hayes High School has garnered numerous accolades in the areas of football, basketball, lacrosse and track and field. Team spirit, academic excellence and respect for your fellow teammates are key components for their success.

Tuition at Cardinal Hayes is still among the lowest in comparison to all other Catholic and private high schools in New York City. Financial assistance is also available to parents who qualify.

Cardinal Hayes High School seeks to inspire students to strive for personal excellence through a strong Catholic framework and traditional gospel values. For more information, call (718) 292-6100 ext. 187, email cjoseph@cardinalhayes.org or visit www.cardinalhayes.org.

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Cardinal Spellman High School
Where boys and girls with dreams become men and women of vision

Cardinal Spellman High School has been educating students from the Bronx and beyond since it was founded in 1959. Our motto of, “Where boys and girls with dreams become men and women of vision,” holds true to this very day. Cardinal Spellman High School boasts an alumni base of over 21,000 graduates. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, former Bronx borough president Fernando Ferrer, current professional football player, Christopher Manhertz, and John M. Fahey, Jr., the president and C.E.O. of the National Geographic Society, are all alumni.

Cardinal Spellman High School’s 13-acre campus offers a program of studies and activities to prepare each of its approximately 1,400 young men and women for personal success in college and in life. Advanced Placement courses and college credit courses are available to qualified students, allowing them the opportunity to earn as much as one year of college credits while still in high school. In addition, Spellman also offers a wide variety of elective courses, affording each student the chance to grow toward his or her full and unique potential.

In addition to providing strong academic preparation for college, Spellman also helps to further develop the social skills necessary for the demands of college life. Since Spellman is a large co-ed school, it offers its students a step forward toward a more college-like environment. This gives Spellman students the opportunity to continue to develop their social skills beyond the small school settings they may have started in, while still receiving the support of a nurturing environment.

Invitations to take Cardinal Spellman’s Academic Scholarship Exam are awarded to the top 10 percent of students who have distinguished elementary school records and who took the Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS) and selected Cardinal Spellman as one of their choices (TACHS Code 303). Students meeting these criteria will find a letter of invitation in their acceptance packet. Academic scholarship winners are selected based on the results of the Spellman Academic Scholarship Exam. Merit scholarships are awarded to select individuals based on an essay, student questionnaire and teacher recommendations attesting to leadership, community service and responsibility.

Cardinal Spellman High School offers its students more than 50 clubs and extracurricular activities. In addition, Spellman offers an extensive sports program that includes basketball, football, soccer, track and field, volleyball, lacrosse, baseball, cheerleading, bowling and softball.

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The impressive results of The Mount's approach can be seen in the high graduation rates, scholarship offers and college acceptance selectivity. 100% of The Mount's high school students graduate in four years, compared to 72% of their public school counterparts in NYC and 65% in the Bronx, according to 2016 DOE information. The Class of 2017 were accepted into over 500 colleges and universities, including: Dartmouth, Duke, Wesleyan, Virginia Tech, Penn State and NYU.

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The Academy of Mount St. Ursula (AMSU) has been committed to educating strong female leaders, innovators, and game-changers, for over 160 years. Our young women are taught to create paths where there are none, and dream bigger than anyone imagined. Senior Akua Afari is a great example of one of these young women. Akua is one of only 918 seniors across the country that has been awarded the prestigious QuestBridge Scholarship to Brown University.

QuestBridge is a national program that pairs high-achieving, underrepresented high school seniors with full scholarships to the nation’s top colleges. Students selected for the National College Match are matched to one of QuestBridge’s highly selective college partners, which means they are admitted early with a guaranteed full four-year scholarship, including tuition, room and board, and other expenses. Akua is one of an original pool of almost 16,000 students.

“AMSU has given me the guidance and resources needed to reach my full potential and has helped me get into my dream school,” says Afari.

Akua is the second AMSU QuestBridge scholar in the last few years. Cinthia Ibarra (class of 2016) also received the QuestBridge scholarship, and is currently a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania.

As the oldest continuously operating Catholic girls’ high school in New York State, AMSU was founded on academic excellence, a strong sense of community, and spiritual awareness—and continues to instill that in our students every day. Last year, 100% of our students graduated and were accepted into college, receiving nearly $17.5 million in college scholarships.

In addition to academic achievements, AMSU prides itself on being a noted school for athletics. This year, our Lady Bears volleyball team received our first championship title: Girls Catholic High School Athletic Association’s Division B Champions. Last month, they beat Saint Saviour High School from Brooklyn, the number one team in the Brooklyn/Queens Diocese “B” Division by a score of 3-2.

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Aquinas High School: Educating today’s young women, empowering tomorrow’s leaders

Since its founding in 1923 by the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill in the Belmont section of the Bronx, Aquinas High School has risen to the mission of, “Educating and inspiring young women for a lifetime of faith, learning, and compassionate action for a more just world.”

The Class of 2017 earned more than $18.5 million in academic scholarships and grants to college. Each graduate received an Aquinas High School diploma with Regents endorsement, 42% with Advanced Designation. They included 10 AP Scholars, three AP Scholars with Honors, and one AP Scholar with Distinction. At the end of four years, students may earn thousands of dollars in scholarships and grants, making the ability to attend some of the best colleges and universities a reality.

A few exemplary 2017 graduates include Tiffany Narvaez, who was recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar, Valentina Amate-Perez, who attends Yale University on a full academic scholarship and Michelle Ng Perez, who is enrolled at Johns Hopkins University on a full academic scholarship. Aquinas High School is also the 2017 NYS Catholic High School Athletic Association B Division Champions in Varsity Basketball, and the NYS Catholic High School Athletic Association City A Division Champions in Varsity Softball.

Technology also features very heavily across its entire curriculum, supported by more than 300 computers, Smart Boards in every classroom and Wi-Fi throughout the school. Aquinas High School offers state-of-the-art science labs with PASCO Scientific equipment and an iMac art room where girls learn graphic design as part of the art program. The recently renovated library is a technology hub for student use during the school day. All students have access to eBooks at school and at home.

In addition to the excellent academic instruction, Aquinas High School offers a rich extracurricular program. All students are encouraged to participate in after-school activities which are an important part of their individual development. Programs include a string orchestra, color guard, the marching band, cultural and social awareness clubs, in addition to many others.

Students participate in many enrichment programs such as Bronx Health Opportunities Partnership- Einstein (Bronx HOPE), BridgeUP, STEP, Job Opportunities Program (JOP), PricewaterhouseCoopers Financial Literacy Program, Einstein Enrichment Program (EEP), and Youth Trial Advocacy Program (YTAP), where students are exposed to careers in the medical, science, financial and legal fields.

Many families choose Aquinas High School for the outstanding academic program, respectful environment and opportunities for their daughters to grow into responsible young adults. They should not be limited by their inability to afford private education because financial aid is available to make it possible. Parents are encouraged to apply so that their daughter can receive the best Catholic education in a safe and nurturing environment.

For more information, contact Betsy Davila, Director of Admissions, at (718) 367-2113, ext. 137, email at davilab@aquinashs.org or visit the school website, www.aquinashs.org.
Monsignor Scanlan High School

Located on a beautiful 13-acre campus in the Bronx, Monsignor Scanlan High School is a Catholic, co-educational, college prep high school with a strong emphasis on academics. The school is named after its founder, Msgr. Arthur J. Scanlan and has a rich history with the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill and the Marist Brothers and dedicated lay faculty who have staffed the school over the years. The school is accredited by the Board of Regents of the State of New York and the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges. More than 450 students work in a climate of high academic expectations in a culturally diverse student body. A devoted and professional staff prepare the students for their post-secondary education.

Our vast academic program is organized around a seven-day cycle with three groupings to accommodate the academic needs of the students. Students meet all academic classes every day. The Honors Program rigorously challenges honor students to excel, the Regents Program prepares students to perform successfully on the State Regents exams and the Satellite Program offers students reinforcement in the areas of Math and Reading Skills. Tutoring is available when needed, AP courses in United States History, U.S. Government and Politics, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature and English are offered as part of the Honors Program. Honors courses are offered in all disciplines. We are also partnered with St. John’s University to offer college level courses to Juniors and Seniors with the opportunity to obtain college credits.

Individual academic and career counseling is provided by our guidance counselors. The school uses a number system of grading. Advanced Placement and Honors courses are weighted and 65% is the minimum passing grade. There are four computer labs for course work and student use and all classrooms are equipped with Smartboard technology. Athletic instruction and competition is offered at the varsity and junior varsity levels for boys and girls. Competitive sports include baseball, softball, track, cross country, basketball and volleyball. The campus houses a state-of-the-art baseball field, softball field and soccer field.

Members of our graduating class have been accepted into colleges and universities such as the following: Cornell, University of Rochester, Boston College, Johns Hopkins, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Syracuse University, Columbia, Notre Dame, Old Dominion, University of Virginia, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Buffalo University, New York University, Iona College, St. John Fisher College, Fordham University, St. John’s University, College of New Rochelle and other nationally recognized schools. Honor Societies offered include The National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, National Science Honor Society, Cervantino and Rho Kappa.

The school is located at 915 Hutchinson River Parkway, Bronx, NY 10465. For more information, visit www.scanlanhs.edu or call (718) 430-0100.

Monsignor Scanlan High School emphasizes high academic standards, social awareness & spiritual development.

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• 100% Graduation Rate
• 98% College Bound
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• Middle States Accredited

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Your successful future starts at Scanlan!
St. Raymond Elementary School:
Providing opportunities for students to learn, serve, lead and succeed

St. Raymond Elementary School has come a long way from the four-classroom school house founded in 1868. Today, our school offers full-day academic programs for Pre-K3 through Grade 8. But what hasn’t changed in the last 150 years is our commitment to providing the highest-quality Catholic education available to students in the Bronx and beyond. The Catholic faith remains at the heart of who we are and what we do. We ground our students in the faith through daily religious education and sacramental preparation programs.

Academically, we give our students every advantage necessary to learn and succeed in today’s society. St. Raymond provides a personalized setting in which each student is recognized as an individual whose unique talents and strengths are encouraged.

“At St. Raymond, teaching isn’t just a job; it’s a ministry,” says Principal Eugene Scanlon. “Our teachers are here because they love learning and want to inspire our students to love it as well. Our faculty and administration really care about our children, not only academically, but also personally. We go the extra mile.”

St. Raymond’s administration, faculty and staff work together to provide a friendly, family-oriented environment in which students are nurtured and can thrive. “Once you enter the building, it feels like you are home,” says one of our eighth grade students. “The atmosphere is so welcoming and the staff treats you like family.” Eighth grade teacher Patricia Hughes echoes her student’s feeling. “We’re a big school, but a very welcoming one,” she says. “Our kids love it here.”

In addition to full-day academic programs for Pre-K3 through Grade 8, St. Raymond’s offerings include advanced level math and science, Honors classes, remediation and enrichment, Italian, two computer labs, two science labs, two libraries, sports, and a fitness center. We also have a free breakfast program with early drop off, a hot lunch program, and an after-school program that includes a variety of activities, in addition to home-work help. Students have their choice of extracurricular activities including bell and junior choirs; checkers, chess, Scrabble and art clubs; basketball; altar servers and service programs. Tuition is moderately priced and scholarships are available.

For more information, visit www.straymondelementary.org; call (718) 597-3232 or stop by. Come visit St. Raymond Elementary School and see how your child can thrive in the St. Raymond family.

St. Raymond Elementary School
Excellence in Catholic Education for 150 Years
Christ-Centered Education in a Safe, Nurturing and Academically Motivating Environment

OPEN HOUSE
January 30.........................9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION*
February 22.......................6:00 PM

REGISTRATION* & INFORMATION
February 13, 16,
20, 23 & 27.........................9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
*Children must be present at registration. Student interviews may be required.

TOURING TUESDAYS
January 30
February 13
March 13
April 24

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:
• Faith-Centered Education
• Full-Day Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 Programs
• SMART Boards in Every Classroom
• State-of-the-Art Library, Computer & Science Labs
• Math Initiative
• Honors & Enrichment Programs
• Advanced Level Math & Science
• Remediation Program
• Fitness Center, Sports & Physical Education
• Extended Day Academic Programs
• Extracurricular Activities
• Fully Air-conditioned Classrooms

AFFORDABLE FULL-DAY PRE-K 3 PROGRAM
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Limited Seating for All Grades. Register Early!

Affordable Tuition
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St. Raymond Elementary School
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Saint Raymond Academy for Girls

Saint Raymond Academy for Girls is a small school where your will not get lost, where your successes will be rewarded and your individualized needs will be addressed.

SRA works very hard to keep tuition reasonable and remains the most affordable girls high school in the Bronx and Manhattan.

Scholarships and financial aid available
- Sibling-parent discount
- Parish support
- Academic scholarships
- The St. Raymond’s Catholic Scholar Award

Outside scholarships
- Private School Aid Service
- Student Sponsor Partners (www.sspync.org)
- Inner City Scholarship Fund/Be a Student’s Friend
- Columbus Citizen Foundation

General information
Academics are a priority at SRA, and as a result of this, 100% of SRA students plan to continue their post-secondary education. The 22 and 40 buses, as well as the 6, 5 and 2 trains provide local transportation to Saint Raymond.

In addition, the clubs and activities that are available at SRA include art club, athletic clubs (volleyball, basketball, softball and cheerleading), book club, debate club, environmental club, fashion club, step club, theatre, National Honor Society, Spanish club, yearbook and academy marching band.

Saint Raymond Academy for Girls is located at 1725 Castle Hill Ave. in the Bronx. For more information, please contact the admissions office at (718) 824-4220 ext. 1052; email lischaller@saintraymondacademy.org or visit www.saintraymondacademy.org.

Open House: Wednesday, January 31
3-5 pm

Salesian High School:
A home, a school, a parish and a playground

A college preparatory, all-boys high school in New Rochelle, Salesian High School gets every student to apply to, and be admitted to, college. The school places a strong emphasis on college prep and academics, as well as on skills that will serve each student for life.

Salesian offers rigorous academics. As a Gilder Lehman American History Academy, Salesian integrates four years of American history and culture into the curriculum. Math Leaders, a unique, alumni-funded program, provides six freshmen with a full scholarship and dedicated math class based on their math aptitude. Approximately 30% of the students at Salesian are enrolled in Advanced Placement courses, and the school offers classes that earn students college credits through Iona College.

Students can also participate in marching band, orchestra, intramural and interscholastic sports. They have basketball, golf, soccer, baseball, tennis, volleyball, cross-country, track, handball, and wrestling. Salesian requires service hours to be completed before graduation. The Youth Ministry office offers opportunities to earn service hours through participation in Midnight Runs, Soup Kitchens, Food Drives, Toy Drives, etc.

When it comes time to apply to college, students are in good hands. From the very first day students walk through the door, Salesian’s dedicated guidance staff is there to make sure that everyone is taking the proper course load, prep tests and everything else that goes into a successful admissions experience. The school has three full-time and two part-time guidance counselors for a student body of 525.

Salesian’s young alumni are currently attending Boston College, Cornell, Columbia University, Dartmouth, Duke, New York University, Notre Dame and Rochester Institute of Technology among many other great schools.

In addition to academics, Salesian focuses on character development, athletics, activities and faith. The school’s mission is to make Salesian a home that welcomes, a school that prepares for life, a parish where Christian values shape character and a family where lasting friendships are formed.

For more information, call (914) 632-0248 or visit www.salesianhigh.org.

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Holy Cross School is a parochial, Catholic school located in the Soundview and Clason Point section of the Bronx. It is a multicultural, faith-based school dedicated to educating children of all races, colors and creeds, pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

“We create a nurturing environment where each child’s ability and ethnic background is treated with respect and dignity. “Academic program is superior, supervision is excellent, student performance is celebrated, and children with difficulties are assisted,” says Principal Ernie A. Zalamea.

The co-ed, Roman Catholic school had been accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools from the early 1990s–2012. Accreditation continues with the AdvancEd Commission beginning in April 2012. The school focuses on a Catholic values-infused curriculum, which has helped the faculty and staff create a safe and nurturing environment focused on superior academic programs that follow New York State and Archdiocesan standards. Apart from rigorous, state-mandated curricula in math, language arts, science and social studies, the school offers art, computer education, music and sports programs aligned with its physical education standard. All classrooms in kindergarten through grade 8 have interactive whiteboards. The entire school has access to the internet.

Holy Cross School is licensed by the City of New York to offer a Pre-K for All Program (UPK). UPK is an outstanding, full-day, early childhood program offered to children four years of age—free of charge. The school has made an effort to expand the early childhood program facilities by redesigning its classrooms and providing new bathrooms and water fountains.

In the most recent survey conducted by the NYC Department of Education, families rated the UPK program at Holy Cross as “excellent” in providing emotional support to children and “excellent” in the management of time, behavior, and child involvement.

“Our families have faith in our school,” explains Zalamea. “We are partners in the education of their children. Many cultures and backgrounds are represented in our curriculum, which is the strength of our school. School leaders and staff work hard to create a sense of community.”

Sensitive to the needs of the community, the Holy Cross early drop-off program is open as early at 7 am and its after-school program is open until 6 pm. Both programs provide excellent supervision, homework assistance, nutritious snacks, arts and crafts, sports and lots of educational recreation. Applications for September are now being accepted. To apply for UPK (children born in 2014), visit www.nyc.gov/prek. To be considered for Holy Cross School, pick choice No. 1 - 08XABK (Holy Cross). For all other applications in kindergarten to grade 8, please visit or call us, tour our school, and pick up an application.

First Choice - Holy Cross School - 08XABK

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- **Safe and Clean Environment**

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January 30, 9:00-11:00 AM
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With five locations—four in the Bronx and one in Washington Heights—Cohen’s Gentle Dental has been serving New York City with quality dental care for over 15 years. All of the doctors at Cohen’s are highly trained and well-skilled in the art of dentistry. As a family dental practice, Cohen’s does everything from first-time visits for toddlers to regular checkups for the whole family. Cohen’s specializes in cleanings, fillings, Invisalign, root canals and implants and everything in between. “We have all specialists here,” says Ron Ambalu, Cohen’s manager.

Cohen’s values your time, and each office prides itself on making sure that every patient is seen on schedule, and the highly skilled staff is always friendly and caring. One of the ways that they serve patients is by providing in-house specialists for periodontics and oral surgery — that way you don’t have to travel to an unfamiliar office for, say, a root canal or a wisdom tooth extraction. “Here, patients don’t have to be referred out for difficult procedures,” Ambalu says.

The skilled doctors at Cohen’s perform many dental implants, and many more patients are good candidates for the procedure. Cohen’s specializes in implant overdentures, in which patients have the convenience of having their dentures stay in place. Cohen’s even has an in-house lab, and can provide same-day dentures.

The goal at Cohen’s is to provide a lifetime of oral health for you, your family and friends. They understand that each patient has unique needs and concerns. Your complete dental health care is their No. 1 priority.

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Coop City, (718) 585-4400; White Plains Road, (718) 597-6314; Fordham Road, (718) 365-0990; Fort Washington Avenue, (212) 923-7644; and on West 231st Street, (718) 543-1123, are close to a train line. For more information, visit www.cohensgentledental.com.

Saint Gabriel School

Saint Gabriel School provides students with a full educational program in religious knowledge of the Roman Catholic faith and practice, and prepares students for the reception of the sacraments of the Roman Catholic faith. This New York State-accredited institution also provides a full program of academic subjects for students in pre-kindergarten through grade 8.

Principal Anthony P. Naccari explains what makes the school special. “Saint Gabriel offers differentiated, student-centered instruction to meet the academic needs and styles of all of our students. The school provides social, moral and spiritual development in a Catholic environment that welcomes students of all faiths,” he says.

When asked what new initiatives have been instituted at the school, Naccari says, “One of the features I am proud of is technology integration. Students from grades 1-8 have their own Chromebooks and students participate in online academic programs that enhance instruction. “Achieve 3.000” is an online reading program that allows children to move at their own pace while mastering Common Core standards. Blended Learning, is an online instructional enhancement tool for literacy, math, science and social studies,” he says.

Parents are an important part of this vibrant community. Naccari says, “Our active and supportive home school association supports our academic, extracurricular and social activities. It was through their generosity that we were able to buy the Smart Board technology additional classrooms, library books, and air conditioning for the classrooms,” he says. Financial aid and scholarships are available for families who qualify. One hundred percent of eighth grade graduates are admitted to the high school of their choice.

Naccari says the best way to understand the school is to visit during Touring Tuesdays (January 30, February 13, March 13 and April 24) and view our newly designed classroom library books, and air conditioning for the classrooms,” he says. Financial aid and scholarships are available for families who qualify. One hundred percent of eighth grade graduates are admitted to the high school of their choice.

The school is located at 590 W 235th St, Bronx, NY 10463. For more information, call (718) 548-0444 or email stgabeschoolbx@aol.com.
St. Theresa School
Part of a complete parish community

Christ is the unseen but ever present teacher at St. Theresa School. The children who pass through our doors are eager to learn and are challenged by a stimulating academic, social and athletic curriculum infused with Catholic values. The program reflects an integrated learning experience for pre-kindergarten three-year-olds, universal pre-kindergarten four-year-olds, kindergarten-ers and students in grades 1-8. Our students regularly score at or above grade level on standardized tests. All our students registered in accelerated math passed the New York State Regents exam.

Teachers, administrators, aides and other professionals who also pass through our doors impart their knowledge and extensive experience with enthusiasm and a truly caring respect for the children in their charge.

St. Theresa School offers children a place to grow and blossom.

A parent could ask for no more when the education, safety and future of their child are at stake.

To create a total learning experience for students, St. Theresa School provides an early morning drop-off and breakfast program, afterschool programs, breakfast and lunch programs, children’s choir, art, music, Italian language studies, computer/technology classes, physical education and an accelerated math program, as well as chess club, science club, Boy and Girl Scouts groups, CYO basketball, cheerleading and track. An active and devoted Parent Home School Association rounds out the St. Theresa School experience. St. Theresa School offers children a place to grow and blossom with discipline and guidance in a caring nurturing environment.

For more information, call (718) 792-3688 or visit www.sttheresaschoolbrxon.org.

St. Francis Xavier
A school you can believe in

St. Francis Xavier is a vibrant, joyful place with a real family atmosphere.

Our children receive the highest quality education, rooted and centered in the tradition and values of our Catholic faith in a safe and respectful environment.

St. Francis Xavier provides its students with the very best Catholic education and experience. The school has been a vital part of Morris Park in the Bronx for over 75 years. The challenging curriculum at St. Francis Xavier, as well as a variety of enrichment programs, keeps students active and engaged.

Our school offers free UPK for all four year olds. Our students in kindergarten to grade 8 are actively involved in all aspects of school life and enjoy their learning environment.

Our eighth graders receive numerous scholarships from Bronx and Westchester Catholic High Schools.

Through St. Francis Xavier’s Home School Association, parents create fun activities for all children. At St. Francis Xavier all families enjoy a sense of belonging.

Since technology is the key to the future, St. Francis Xavier’s principal, Mrs. Deegan, is happy to announce that every classroom has a Smart Board and grades 4 through 8 work on brand-new Chromebooks – she dreams of having a Chromebook for every child. These tools will enhance the curriculum and learning environment.

Please join us Jan. 28 for our open house from 12:30–2 p.m.

We hope that you will join our family here at St. Francis Xavier. For more information, call (718) 863-0531 or visit www.sfxschool.net.
What is the Villa Maria Academy?

The Villa Maria Academy is a Catholic, private, independent, co-educational elementary school in the Country Club section of the Bronx. Owned and operated by the Congregation of Notre Dame, the Villa provides a liberating education that develops the full potential of students. For more than 130 years, the Villa has established a reputation for academic excellence, a robust faith life and an abiding sense of family and community.

The Villa Maria Academy features:

- A centuries-long tradition of teaching like Jesus did
- Consistently above-average standardized test scores
- A verdant, waterfront campus with modern facilities
- A holistic education addressing mind, body and soul
- A welcoming community of believers in a family of faith

Class sizes are small so teachers develop a sense of students’ strengths and weaknesses and tailor their instruction to maximize abilities. Standardized test scores exceed national and local averages in both public and Catholic school systems. A rigorous study of fundamentals, in conjunction with Common Core standards, equips students to delve deeper with subjects like honors math, STEM and Italian.

The Villa Mary Academy is nestled on eight waterfront acres along Eastchester Bay. Facilities include a fully equipped science lab, technology lab, music and art studios and library. A regulation-sized gym is used for classes, leagues, and tournaments and as a theater for performances. Large, grassy lawns surround a colorful playground and teaching garden.

A Villa education builds the physical, emotional and spiritual lives of students. Faith education is central to the curriculum. The school community has a special dedication to peace, justice and service. Physical education, music and art are taught in every grade and are included in a wide range of extracurricular activities like competitive sports, performing arts and leadership development. The Villa supports families with Universal Pre-K, after care, summer camp and social events.

Interested families are welcome for a tour to see what life is like at the Villa Maria Academy. Call (718) 824-3260 or email chennessy@vma-ny.org.

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 28th
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Preston High School

Preston High School enjoys a long-standing tradition of academic excellence. Our curriculum encourages the development of the whole person by enabling students to grow in body, mind and spirit. Our mission is to empower young women as they discover their own potential and value through a broad and challenging education, active participation in community and a commitment to Christian service, so that they may become compassionate leaders for change in the world.

Our vision is to change the world through compassion. Because change matters.

If you believe in a school that challenges its students to excel academically and offers the support needed to succeed; if you believe Christian charism enlivens an education, shapes a young woman into a 21st century citizen, and prizes civic and personal responsibility; if you believe creating life-long learners is the best path to college and career readiness, then you believe in change.

Ask a Preston student. Ask her about the Reach for Excellence summer programs: Preston Boot Camp that fasttracks students into freshman life, and Project Prep, a skill-building program for motivated rising seventh and eighth graders.

This is how we change the world: one Preston graduate at a time.

Come. Join us. No matter what life journeys our students undertake, they will always have Preston sisters. As part of an extraordinary tradition, our women of vision and compassion are out to change the world.

For more information visit www.prestonhs.org or call (718) 863-9134 ext. 132.
Saint Peter's Prep is an all-male, Catholic, Jesuit college preparatory school, which seeks to form young men of competence, conscience and compassion. Both enriched and challenged by its diversity, Prep is a community of learners seeking to find God in all things. The academic, athletic, co-curricular, spiritual and service programs aim to foster in students an understanding of the world and the courage to advance the common good.

Saint Peter's is located in the historic Paulus Hook section of Jersey City. Easily reachable by several PATH and Light Rail stations, Prep draws students from over 135 towns in New Jersey, as well as students from the five boroughs of New York. Hailing from a variety of public, private, catholic, religious, and home-school backgrounds, the school is a melting pot of many different nationalities, religious traditions, and cultural experiences. It is a reflection of the diversity of Jersey City itself.

Campus Ministry is the heart of Saint Peter’s, offering a variety of retreat and service programs. Co-curricular activities are essential in forming the complete Prep student and the offerings include Vox, an award-winning chorale, drama, robotics, student government, and many other clubs. Prep offers 19 varsity sports, many with freshman, JV, and varsity levels, in addition to a vibrant and exciting intramural program. There is truly something for everyone at Saint Peter’s Prep.

As a Jesuit school, Saint Peter’s Prep is immersed in the 450 year-old vision of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, whose Spiritual Exercises affirm the ultimate goodness of the world as created, loved and redeemed by God. From the foundation of the first Jesuit school at Messina, Italy, the Society of Jesus has focused the goal of education on developing the whole person.

The purpose of a Jesuit education, in contemporary language, is to develop leaders who are intellectually competent, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice.

As one of the member-schools of the Jesuit Schools Network (JSN), Saint Peter’s Prep shares its Ignatian heritage with a diverse family of schools that stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, numbering more than 40,000 young men and women. Approximately 99% of all Jesuit high school graduates go on to pursue college education in some of the best colleges and universities in the United States and the world. Our affiliation with the JSN provides us with precious resources for identity formation, leadership development, and faith/justice commitment. Growing more firmly rooted in the Jesuit network is a constitutive part of our strategic planning and Middle States accreditation. Saint Peter’s is also a member of the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools.

Those interested in more information about Saint Peter’s Prep may visit our website at www.spprep.org and consider attending an Open House on May 6, 2018 from 1pm-3pm.

“Prep didn’t just help me on my path to excellence – it was my path to excellence.”

– Dimas Sanchez, ’16

Spring Open House | Sunday, May 6 | 1 to 3 p.m.  
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Saint Peter’s Prep
New Jersey’s Jesuit High School Since 1872

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Don Bosco Prep empowers young men for life

Don Bosco Prep is a private Catholic college preparatory high school for young men in grades 9 through 12. Administered by the Salesians of St. John Bosco, a religious order of priests and brothers, Don Bosco Prep is located in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark on a 35-acre campus in Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey.

For over 100 years, Don Bosco Prep has been empowering young men for life by promoting academic excellence through intellectual reasoning, developing a mature character and sense of responsibility, encouraging artistic and physical talents, nurturing a sense of community and fostering faith and love. The school provides rigorous academics at the AP, honors and college prep levels, and encourages participation in extracurricular activities, clubs and athletics. The dedicated faculty fosters a culture of academic excellence in which the student is challenged intellectually in a supportive environment.

Don Bosco Prep’s curriculum challenges the minds of young men to meet and to excel beyond the required standards of institutions of higher education. Various academic pathways are available including engineering, robotics, leadership and business. A unique offering is the L.E.O Program (leadership, entrepreneurship, opportunity), a selective opportunity within the Business Pathway. Students learn how to transform their ideas into a business model, establish a business, and fully develop and execute their own product or service while being guided by entrepreneurs and business experts. The Engineering Pathway centers around robotics, using the technology to develop problem solving in an interactive, fun way.

The school offers a range of academic, service and extracurricular options for its 850 students. With 115 courses, 12 AP classes, 60+ activities and clubs, 19 varsity sports and mentorship programs, there is an option for every interest. Technology is integrated throughout the campus and curriculum with SmartBoards in every room, wireless connectivity and an iPad for every student.

When asked what’s unique about the school, Jennifer Passerino, Office of Advancement & Alumni Relations, says it’s having Salesian priests and brothers in residence. “The constancy of having the Salesians living here is unique and really benefits the boys. They teach, coach, lead the clubs and are in administration,” she says.

The school’s students are accepted to the finest colleges and universities in the country and go on to make significant contributions to their families, congregations and communities. College guidance is a four-year process in which the counselor gets to know the child’s strengths and weaknesses, finding the right fit for each child.

The Don Bosco Prep experience lasts long after graduation. When alumni are asked what they liked most about the school, the answer is frequently, “the Bosco brotherhood, the friendship and sense of community.”

The school is located at 492 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ 07446. For more information, visit www.donboscoprep.org or call (201) 327-8003.

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For 57 years, Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA) has prided itself on being an excellent choice for those interested in attending a Catholic, all-girls regional high school in Bergen County, New Jersey. At IHA, young women learn in an atmosphere that encourages academic excellence, artistic immersion, athletic competition, and Christian Service. By cultivating both the traditional Christian values of the Roman Catholic Church and upholding exceptional college preparatory standards, IHA offers a unique and unmatched private educational experience.

IHA is a regional high school under the Archdiocese of Newark which accepts students of all faiths from Bergen, Passaic, Morris and several other counties in New Jersey as well as from Orange and Rockland counties in New York. IHA incorporates faith-based learning in a variety of ways. Mrs. Tara Hopfenspirger, Director of Communications, explains, “All students take classes as part of our Religious Studies curriculum. Additionally, students attend school-wide Masses and liturgies during celebrations throughout the year. Our girls are also incredibly involved in our Christian Service and Campus Ministry programs, growing their relationship with Jesus outside of the classroom with various volunteer opportunities, Catholic conferences, and more.”

The school is designed specifically to address the needs and talents of young women. All of IHA’s classes, programs, and policies reflect its commitment to empowering young women. By instilling in its students a sense of responsibility, confidence, justice, peace, and compassion, IHA prepares students for life throughout the twenty-first century.

IHA has a rich curriculum, well-outfitted classrooms, an array of extracurricular offerings and a small class size, averaging 18-20 students. IHA’s STEM@theheart program includes more than just the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and math. With the school’s liberal arts education and commitment to Christian values, STEM students use world language, social studies, language arts, and science to understand the world they live in; math and technology to harness, chronicle, and make sense of that information; and critical thinking skills to engineer solutions for the betterment of the human experience.

IHA has a fully developed arts program with a beautiful, new art studio that includes state-of-the-art materials and technology. Additionally, it is known for its fall musical productions and spring dramas which IHA has been offering local audiences for decades. Future journalists and filmmakers can take advantage of IHA’s state-of-the-art television studio and courses in broadcast journalism, TV and film production and editing. All teachers and students have MacBooks, and all classes utilize technology in instruction and class activities. Students also have access to iPads and various computer programs, available in the beautiful Information Commons (IHA’s library).

Students can participate in a variety of activities including a highly acclaimed athletic program, robust theater and drama offerings, and a wide variety of honor societies, service clubs, and social activities based on special interests and talents. “We have everything from Book Club, Wellness Walkers, and Culture Club to Fashion Merchandising & Design, Go Green club and Peer Mentoring,” says Hopfenspirger.

Hopfenspirger notes, “Another aspect that sets us apart is the recent introduction of our College Counseling Department. This department has, as its sole purpose, to guide students through the sometimes-daunting college admissions process beginning their freshman year.”

President Patricia Molloy explains the IHA benefit: “Immaculate Heart Academy provides young women with an experience of Christian community, an excellent academic curriculum, and a variety of positive experiences grounded in our commitment to Gospel values. Our students share a sisterhood that is life-long.”

IHA is still accepting students for the 2018-19 school year and will host a Spring Open House on May 2 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Interested parents and students can register online at www.ihanj.com and walk-ins are also welcome.

For more information on Immaculate Heart Academy, visit www.ihanj.com, or call (201) 445-6800.
T he Academy of the Holy Angels is an independent college preparatory school for young women, located on a 24-acre campus in Demarest, New Jersey — just 10 miles from New York City. Founded in 1879, Holy Angels serves grades 9-12 and welcomes students from many different communities, ethnic backgrounds and religious affiliations.

Rooted in the conviction of the School Sisters of Notre Dame that “the world can be changed through the transformation of persons,” education at the Academy empowers each young woman to reach the fullness of her potential so that she, in turn, may share her gifts with others. Principal Jean Mullooly explains, “Holy Angels is a genuine learning community where teachers and students strive for effective growth in all areas of their lives. We are supportive, creative, forward-thinking and driven by boundless opportunity.”

The school boasts a 12:1 student faculty ratio, 17 AP classes offered and 100% student participation in one of the 90 activities and clubs. Holy Angels offers a fully articulated academic program where students of all abilities come to improve their thinking and learning abilities, to find their voice and to become responsible for their learning and personal growth, to become responsible citizens and to develop a strong work ethic. Principal Jean Mullooly explains the school’s point of difference, saying, “Our commitment to academic excellence and our ability to empower young women to reach their potential. Our students leave the Academy equipped with skills that will enable them to be successful in the real world.”

In their four years at the academy, students are immersed in a global curriculum, and have countless opportunities to pair their academic work with service endeavors that complement one another. “Daily, you will find our students thinking critically, asking essential questions, problem solving, working collaboratively, using innovative technologies, praying, effectively communicating, being creative, developing time management skills; in short: honing the tools and skills they need to effect change in the 21st century.”

The innovative and recently instituted STREAM curriculum incorporates science, technology, religion, engineering, arts and math. “We have just completed our brand new STREAM Lab, a state-of-the-art maker-space, where students learn to fuse creativity, ethical decision making, engineering, math, art and science in a space that supports their needs,” says Principal Mullooly.

When asked how student success is measured, President Melinda Hanlon says, “At AHA, we measure the success of our students in many ways, by their achievements in the classroom and beyond. Holy Angels students excel academically and after graduation continue to meet with success in college and careers. Our students excel on the athletic fields and courts, on the performing arts stage and in concert halls. We are very proud of the contributions our Angels make to their communities both locally and globally as they work to live the charism of the School Sisters of Notre Dame to transform the world through education.”

Registration information, along with information about open houses and other visitor opportunities, is available at www.holyangels.org by emailing admissions@holyangels.org or by calling (201) 768-7822 x216.

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