We are back!

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021
Dear Cathedral Family,

I always look forward to sharing with you the amazing accomplishments of our community and I continue to be heartened by the way everyone at Cathedral – our faculty, staff, trustees, students, parents, alumnae, and friends – has come together during these trying times.

I am happy to report, Cathedral is thriving! Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year remains constant. On September 13th, for the first time in more than 18 months, all our students began the school year in person, and together on September 17th, we celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

We are enjoying getting back to our daily school routine and celebrating our shared milestones and fall events - Class Pictures, Open House, the White Coat Ceremony, and Costume Day just to name a few. Our young women continue to thrive in a robust educational and spiritual environment, and we greatly appreciate the part you play in making an outstanding Cathedral High School education possible. As you know, a great many of our students would be unable to attend our beloved school without your philanthropy.

When I look back at the last school year, I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the Cathedral High School community. Your support continues to be a source of great comfort and is more important now than ever. Please consider making a gift to Cathedral today, and when planning your future, I’d be honored to have you join the Sr. Mary Raymond Legacy Society. Our long history, tradition, and culture of Cathedral alumnae giving back to their beloved alma mater continues to be a source of great pride.

Blessings and Peace to you and your families during this holiday season and know that you are in my heart and prayers.

Maria Spagnuolo
Principal
We opened our doors for the 2021-2022 school year on September 8th. It was so exciting to see our halls full of our students in person, eager to enjoy all that Cathedral High School has to offer!

Our Club Fair on September 20th was buzzing with students signing up for one of the more than 35 clubs including Art, Book Club, Knitting, Billiards, Campus Ministry, Futures Business Leader of America and so much more!

Our gym is full once again with students participating in our seven varsity sports or eight teams of various levels. Fall Sports, which include volleyball, cross-country and soccer, are in full swing. Students eager to connect and be a part of our community are taking full advantage of all the available opportunities.

CHS truly has something for everyone!

We are back!

CHS Reunion 2022


SAVE THE DATE to join with us as we reconnect with friends for the 2022 Reunion at Cathedral High School on Saturday, April 9, 2022. All are welcome!
Your support of Cathedral High School helps us continue our goal of a truly transformative education. Our Academies are instrumental in preparing our students for the challenging and ever-changing world we live in. Below are some highlights of our programs:

**Business and Law Academy**

Our Business and Law Academy is starting the year strong with a 50% increase in student enrollment from the 2020-2021 school year. This two-year program for Juniors and Seniors has an expansive and rich curriculum which includes Organization and Management, Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Business Law, Criminal and Civil Law. Our long standing partnership with St. Francis College with the Bridge Plus program allows students to earn three college credits transferable to most colleges. Our partnership with Girls Rule the Law provides our students with access to lectures on employment law, entertainment law and high profile cases by top lawyers. Our students’ involvement with the Innocence Project, where they research and report on cases of wrongly accused and currently incarcerated people, is always a popular part of the Academy. We are also so thankful to our volunteers and alumnae who inspire our students and open them up to opportunities by participating in career days and seminars.

We are particularly proud of our students who completed BlackRock’s competitive Summer Excellence Program and students Lyla Velez, Anais Molina, Florangel Munoz and Nicole Arcentales who entered the Business Plan Competition of Junior Achievement and made it to the semifinals. Lyla and Anais were also chosen to be Junior Achievement Ambassadors, as well as being involved with Future Business Leaders of America!

**Medical Gateways**

Our Medical Gateways Program attracts many of our students interested in the healthcare profession. Classes include Health, Health Careers, Anatomy and Physiology and Global Issues in Healthcare. The capstone of this four-year program is the Science Enrichment Program (SEP). This ten-month program for Juniors provides behind-the-scenes access to approximately 15 healthcare professionals including a nurse, physician, surgeon, radiologist, oncologist, anesthesiologist, dentist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech therapist, social worker, dietitian, respiratory therapist, surgical technician, physician assistant and pharmacist. Students are assigned case studies followed by research and a course
of treatment determination. Students gain a thorough knowledge of these healthcare career paths as well as the daily responsibilities.

We are so grateful to our many partners, which include Memorial Sloan Kettering, the Mount Sinai Cancer Research Lab, The Body Project, Rockefeller University and the National Alliance on Mental Illness, for enhancing our students’ educational experience.

**White Coat Ceremony**

Following a year of remote learning and internships, the Medical Gateways Academy returned this year as an in-school program with increased enrollment. Junior participation increased from 29 students in 2020-21 to 42 this year. 51 seniors are currently registered, up from 44 seniors who followed the program last year. On October 22, Cathedral High School recognized these 51 seniors who have successfully completed three years of this competitive program. We were thrilled to have been able to celebrate this tradition in person this year and we wish them future success as they pursue their goals.

**STEM Academy (Design and Engineering Technology)**

Very popular with our students with almost 40% participation, our STEM Program has a four-year hands-on curriculum that begins with exposing students to the history, practices and impact of technology, design and engineering, continues with learning to use industry standard software and other basics of design techniques and concludes with applying knowledge in an autonomous way with real world applications and creative problem solving.

The Ursula M. Burns MakerSpace and our computer lab with state of the art equipment ensures that our students will leave this program with practical skills such as modeling, 3D printing, coding, fabrication, modeling and design. The STEM program encourages students to become true critical thinkers!
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STUDENT PROFILE

496 YOUNG WOMEN ATTENDING
72 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS

- 56% HISPANIC
- 28% AFRICAN AMERICAN/ CARIBBEAN
- 9% MULTIRACIAL
- 3% CAUCASIAN
- 4% ASIAN

RESIDENTS OF ALL 5 BOROUGHS
NJ, PA, WESTCHESTER, LONG ISLAND

61% ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR DISCOUNTED MEALS
63% FROM SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES
34% ARE ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TUITION & IMPACT

100% RECEIVE TUITION SUBSIDY
85% RECEIVE AID OR SCHOLARSHIPS

TUITION IS JUST $10,000

Although the actual cost to educate each student is $17,000

IN COMPARISON, PUBLIC SCHOOL COST-PER-STEMENT $25,000

100% OF CHS SENIORS GRADUATE

CLASS OF 2021 RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING $27M

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