

CATHOLIC *High School* **INFORMATION**



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Catholic high school admissions process at a glance

High school application process for parents and guardians of 7th graders (2020-2021)

1. On Wednesday, Dec. 9, the Admissions Application will be posted online (<https://nolacatholic.schools.org/secondary-admissions>). Only one application is permitted per student.
2. On the last line of this application form, identify the Selected High School your child hopes to attend for the 2021-22 school year. Student may select only ONE high school.
3. Parental/Guardian signature(s) on the back

of the application form authorizes and permits other Catholic high schools (that may have openings) to review the student records in the event that the Selected High School does not accept the student application.

4. Return completed form to Catholic elementary school principal by Friday, Dec. 11. The Catholic elementary schools will send the application forms and the student records to the Selected High School by Tuesday, Dec. 15.

5. Students in non-Catholic elementary schools are required to send forms and student records by Tuesday, Dec. 15. Student records include:

school records to include cumulative record, copy of birth certificate, copy of social security, any standardized test scores, immunization records, copies of all report cards (including the first quarter of seventh grade), copy of baptismal certificate, discipline reports and attendance records.

6. Students are required to attend Testing Day at the Selected High School on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021. A \$30 one-time, non-refundable, non-transferable application fee will be collected from each student upon arrival at the high school. Exact starting times are determined by each individual school. Although

all records are taken into consideration, results of testing administered on this day may be used not only to determine high school placement, but also to determine admission.

7. In the event that a student is not going to be accepted, the parent/guardian of the student will be notified by the high school as soon as the determination is made. At that point, the parent/guardian may pick up the original application from the school and bring it to another school to apply there. If the folder is not picked up, it will be turned in to the Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation.

8. All folders of non-accepted students will be forwarded by the high schools to the Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation. Unless otherwise indicated, all high schools will have the opportunity to review the folders at OCS.

9. Non-accepted students may receive invitations to apply from schools that have reviewed those folders. It is not a guarantee of acceptance. It just notes that the student may be a good fit at that school.

10. Acceptance notifications will take place on Feb. 26, 2021.

Catholic high schools provide best in academics, faith

Girls schools

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY, 5501 Westbank Expressway – The Academy of Our Lady, the innovative Catholic high school of New Orleans, serves young women in grades 8-12. Centrally located on the West Bank of New Orleans, the state-of-the-art campus is easily accessible from both the Crescent City Connection and Huey P. Long Bridge.

The Academy of Our Lady introduces young women to innovative curricula, highly focused teachers, forward-thinking leadership and the most modern high school environment in New Orleans. The Academy

of Our Lady fundamentally redefines what a Catholic girls' school can be.

A rigorous college-preparatory curriculum that surpasses state requirements establishes a firm foundation for college academics, professional success and lifelong learning. With a strong belief that every student can learn, faculty and staff are committed to helping students reach their full potential.

Beginning in the pre-freshman program, the Academy of Our Lady provides students with a learning experience that is continuously adapting to new thinking and best practices in education and teaching, opening students' minds and igniting their imaginations through

dynamically delivered courses.

The Academy of Our Lady offers more than 100 courses, including electives in art, theater and music. Dual-enrollment courses are offered in English, history, science, health science, psychology and television production, allowing students to earn college credit while in high school.

Unique to the Academy of Our Lady is the program of academic majors. In conjunction with the college-preparatory curriculum offered, the program of academic majors affords students the opportunity to gain real-world experience in the following fields: health science; law and civil leadership; science, technology, engineering and math (STEM); culinary arts and fine arts.

By participating in the program of academic majors, students are able to shadow experts in their desired field and receive the foundation needed to succeed in college.

"Learning about the advancements in health care, taking someone's blood pressure and temperature, and shadowing nurses at the hospital are just a few of the many opportunities I experience," said one student participating in the health science major.

In February 2015, the Academy of Our Lady opened the doors to its newly constructed campus housing seven buildings. Students have the chance to learn and excel in classrooms

that encompass every component of the latest technology complementing the 1:1 iPad program, allowing them to flourish in the digital age.

"The 22-acre, effective and attractive learning environment includes technologically advanced classrooms, STEM-centered science labs, a 1,000-seat gymnasium and a softball field, which opened in 2017," said Salesian Sister Michelle Geiger, the school's principal. "The campus assists in the continuation of cultivating innovative learning and teaching."

Under the direction of the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco, the Academy of Our Lady is devoted to the Salesian spirit of reason, religion and loving kindness. Living the Salesian charism of bringing Christ to the young and the young to Christ, the Academy of Our Lady believes the young can make a positive contribution to society. This belief is carried out through an active service-learning community.

With more than 30 clubs focusing on academics, service and spirit, the Academy of Our Lady has an activity to match every girl's interest. The school is a member of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association, and athletic teams compete in Class 4A. Academy performance teams include the award-winning Academy of Our Lady cheerleaders as well as Archbishop Shaw's band, color guard and dance teams, as well

as the nationally ranked Shaw cheerleaders.

Prospective students and families are invited to attend open house on Dec. 3 from 2-7 p.m. Please continue to check our website, theacademyofourlady.org, for updates or changes to the event due to COVID-19 as the date approaches. For more information, contact Mallory Matute in the Institutional Advancement Office at (504) 341-6217, ext. 212, or email mmatute@theacademyofourlady.org.

ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART, 4521 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans – At the Academy of the Sacred Heart, we are committed to the development of our students' faith, knowledge, skills and character required for global leadership. Our school is a community where girls from age 1 through 12th grade grow through relationships, create lasting connections with others and benefit from an international network of more than 150 Sacred Heart schools in 41 countries.

Religious Sister of the Sacred Heart Janet Erskine Stuart, one of the architects of our educational philosophy, once observed: "Epochs of transition must keep us on the alert. They ask us to keep our eyes open upon the distant horizons, our minds listening to seize every indication that can enlighten us; reading, reflection, search-

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Save the Date!

De La Salle High School

Open House

Tuesday, December 1st

4:00-7:00 PM

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ing, must never stop; the mind must keep flexible in order to lose nothing..."

Guided by this insight, the Academy of the Sacred Heart prepares young women as persons of deep faith and transformational leaders. Today, we understand that leadership for the future will require the critical competencies of cultural and digital citizenship, collaboration and partnership, ethical decision-making and dialogue, an entrepreneurial and growth mindset, and attitudes of self-efficacy and agency.

During this time of unprecedented change, the world challenges us to evaluate some of our deepest beliefs about what it actually means to be human and how to act as people of conscience and courage. Thus, our educational and instructional methodology must be realigned to reflect these fundamental shifts in the human, social, economic and civic community. We must not only change the "way" that we teach, but we must change the places in which we teach and learn. Walls must come down – literally and metaphorically – as engaged learning occurs within widening circles of community. In newly designed spaces on both campuses, learning is differentiated with collaboration and active "design-thinking" approaches integrated into the learning experience.

"All of this is happening through the intersection of mission, academic rigor and innovation and the power of efficacious partnerships with so many others in a network of over 150 Sacred Heart schools in 41 countries of the world," said Religious Sister of the Sacred Heart Melanie A. Guste, headmistress, who holds a Ph.D. in human and organizational systems and master's degrees in educational administration and applied spirituality.

Sacred Heart's educational program includes a strong faith formation, a rigorous curriculum suited to each student's needs, service learning, leadership development at every level and support for each student's social, emotional and interpersonal growth. Students have access to a wide variety of courses, including nearly 20 AP options. The effectiveness of Sacred Heart's academic program is underscored with the recent announcement of Sacred Heart's three National

Merit Semifinalists and 19 AP Scholars.

At Sacred Heart, each student discovers her unique path for making a positive difference in the world. By participating in our arts program, joining our athletic teams, experimenting in our innovation lab and taking advantage of many other extracurricular offerings, our students are developing confidence, courage, creativity and commitment. From the mock trial team advancing to the state

finals; to the environmental science team winning a national award for its documentary on microplastics; to the individual students who have created their own fundraisers for our community, Sacred Heart students are encouraged to explore many interests and pursue their passion.

We are proud of how they are living their faith, their impressive scholastic accomplishments, and their ability to build community within the school,

the city and throughout the global network of Sacred Heart schools.

Sacred Heart is marked by its mission to "discover and make known the love of God through the heart of Jesus." Our all-school liturgies, campus ministry programs, and celebrations of Catholic feast days nurture the spiritual child so that she grows in her faith and Catholic identity. Last year, we commissioned 13 extraordinary ministers of holy Communion,

reflecting the efficacy of our religious formation – a genuine desire by students to share in the sacramental life of the church.

Our foundress said that "for the sake of one child she would have founded the Society of the Sacred Heart." After more than 150 years in New Orleans, this significant work of mission continues on St. Charles Avenue, as we look toward the "distant horizons" of the future together.

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St. Scholastica Academy OPEN HOUSE

explore SSA!



New Date!

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 3

SSA Campus - Covington, LA

4 - 6:30 PM

Open House details updated at
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Open house at Sacred Heart will be Nov. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m.

ARCHBISHOP CHAPELLE HIGH SCHOOL, 8800 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Metairie – Archbishop Chapelle High School is a private, Catholic high school for girls in grades 8-12 located on the east bank of Jefferson Parish offering exceptional academics alongside spiritual formation and leadership development. Chapelle inspires its students to learn, grow and thrive as well-rounded young women ready to become leaders of tomorrow while trusting in the motto “Deus Providebit (God Will Provide).”

Founded in 1962, Archbishop Chapelle High School is a model

of academic excellence and innovation. Chapelle's educational program, based on the Catholic philosophy of education, exceeds the requirements of the Louisiana State Department of Education and the general entrance requirements of colleges and universities. Students from all over the New Orleans metropolitan area are drawn to and connected by Chapelle's welcoming family atmosphere and fervent school spirit.

Archbishop Chapelle High School's top priority is the religious education and spiritual development of its students. Chapelle is blessed to have two co-chaplains and one assistant chaplain to help in the faith formation of our students. Masses and Communion services are offered daily, school Masses are

offered monthly and confessions and prayer opportunities are offered every Monday throughout the year.

Through religion classes, liturgies and various campus ministry programs, Chapelle students are encouraged to deepen their faith, advance in the wisdom and truths of Catholicism and witness Catholicity in virtuous behavior. Chapelle's Campus Ministry program encourages student leadership and empowers students to reach out to their classmates, their church parishes and members of the community regarding faith formation and acts of service.

With Advanced Placement and dual-enrollment classes, along with a STEM initiative and innovative virtual reality lab, Archbishop Chapelle offers students a challenging college-preparatory curriculum that is rich in its use of technology and attuned to each student's educational needs. Chapelle's 1:1 student technology initiative integrates technology into every subject through the use of individualized Google Chromebooks and multipurpose labs for interdisciplinary and collaborative learning. Chapelle's newest course offerings, AP Seminar and Research, develops students' skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing and presenting. Chapelle is one of only 20 schools in the state of Louisiana to offer this course.

Archbishop Chapelle High School proudly offers academic scholarships to incoming eighth graders who have succeeded in elementary school, achieving 90% or higher on qualifying entrance exams along with both strong academic and disciplinary records. These scholarships range in value from \$500 to full tuition for all five years based on student performance and recommendations.

Chapelle faculty members are dedicated and talented professionals who embrace the opportunity to educate the young minds entrusted to them. In addition to qualified educators, Chapelle also employs a team of supportive guidance counselors committed to helping students cope with the transition to high school and assist with their academic success. Chapelle's “Big Sis, Little Sis” program, pairing seniors with incoming eighth graders, ensures that all students feel welcomed and supported as they begin their high school years.

To complement impressive academics, Chapelle's com-

petitive athletics and an array of student activities ensure a well-rounded educational experience within a nurturing family environment. There are more than 50 clubs and sports teams available to help each student find her voice, develop her leadership skills, and make lifelong friends. Archbishop Chapelle High School is a member of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) and offers 10 competitive sports teams that continually prove Chapelle's excellence in the arena of high school athletics.

Chapelle prides itself on honoring its long-standing traditions while creating new ones that continue to strengthen the green-and-white legacy for future generations. Our goal is that each graduate of Chapelle will journey on with an engaged mind, stimulated spirit, strong sense of self, and the courage and desire to be a light in the world.

The current student body and more than 13,500 alumnae invite you to find out more information about Chapelle's academic programs, initiatives and activities. www.archbishopchappelle.org.

CABRINI HIGH SCHOOL, 1400 Moss St., New Orleans – Cabrini High School, located between Bayou St. John and historic Esplanade Avenue, is the ideal atmosphere for a young woman to spend the most important years of her life. Adolescence is a time of self-discovery. Cabrini works to make this discovery positive and beneficial. Cabrini is where you find yourself!

Cabrini is a place where young girls grow into successful, talented and driven women. At Cabrini High School, we not only educate the minds but also the hearts of our students.

Cabrini Crescents learn that hard work and effective effort yield success in and out of the classroom. Academically, the college-preparatory program at Cabrini provides students with a well-rounded foundation for college and their future. With 17 AP courses, nearly 20 honors courses, and four dual-enrollment courses offered, Cabrini is nationally recognized as a leading school in Louisiana offering open-enrollment AP courses. In 2019-20, 37% of Cabrini students enrolled in AP or dual-enrollment classes. The Class of 2020 earned 402 college credit hours through AP and dual enrollment before leaving Cabrini's campus.

Students learn to take per-

sonal responsibility for their work and actions and develop critical thinking skills. A Cabrini student enjoys a broad, challenging curriculum designed to develop the whole woman. Course work includes participation in nationally recognized, award-winning science and fine arts programs, in addition to exemplary core courses.

A forerunner in bringing technology into secondary education, Cabrini's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program ensures one-to-one, state-of-the-art technology for all students to support and enhance learning. Additional Mac computers are available in the library and computer lab. A mobile 3-D printer encourages design thinking and problem solving across the curriculum. Filtered wireless internet is provided throughout campus for all computers and personal devices.

Faculty members have instant access to student records and the ability to keep all students' grading current for parental online access through the iNow portal.


With Cabrini's mid-size school population, faculty members work with students on a professional level but also get to know them on a personal level. Through Cabrini's Advisory Team, faculty members support student growth through small groups of underclassmen to give students the structure to understand themselves, build relationships and develop skills within the context of a diverse Cabrini school community.

Through organized co-curricular activities and an exciting Student Life program, Cabrini students discover their talents and make new friendships. With more than 40 co-curricular activities plus athletics, there is an offering to fulfill the interests of every student.



As a member of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA), Cabrini competes in 12 individual and team sports on the sub-varsity and varsity levels. Championship athletic teams are motivated to value teamwork and work toward common goals, all while balancing academic expectations. As evidence, Cabrini athletics boasts multiple state, regional and district championship titles, while numerous Cabrini athletes have been named LHSAA All-Academic athletes.

For more than 60 years, the young women of Cabrini High School have emulated St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. Built on a

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St. Mary's Academy is a Catholic, college-preparatory co-educational elementary and middle school and an all-girls' high school. It admits qualified students regardless of race, color, religious preference, national or ethnic origin.

Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans (2020-2021)

Name (Year Established) Address	Tuition, registration and all required fees	Students/ Faculty (in grades 8-12)	Student body	Telephone/Web address/ Email	President/Head of School/Principal
Academy of Our Lady (2007) 5501 Westbank Expressway Marrero 70072	\$9,225 (12th grade) \$9,075 (8th-11th grades)	501 42	Girls	341-6217 www.theacademyofourlady.org ourlady@theacademyofourlady.org	Sr. Michelle Geiger, E.M.A. Principal
Academy of the Sacred Heart (1867) 4521 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70115-4831	\$20,625 (12th grade) \$20,450 (9th-11th grades) \$20,275 (8th grade)	206 57	Girls	891-1943 www.ashrosary.org communications@ashrosary.org	Sr. Melanie A. Guste, R.S.C.J., Ph.D. Headmistress Mrs. Julie Boyd High School Principal
Archbishop Chapelle (1962) 8800 Veterans Blvd. Metairie 70003-5235	\$9,800 (8th-12th grades)	575 77	Girls	467-3105 www.archbishopchapelle.org achs@archbishopchapelle.org	Mrs. Connie Dantagnan Head of School Mrs. Susan Panzavecchia Associate Head of School
Archbishop Hannan (1987) 71324 Hwy. 1077 Covington 70433	\$11,195 (12th grade) \$10,795 (8th-11th grades)	620 57	Coed	(985) 249-6363 www.hannanhigh.org communications@hannanhigh.org	Mr. Chad Barwick Head of School
Archbishop Rummel (1962) 1901 Severn Ave. Metairie 70001-2893	\$10,950 (12th grade) \$10,650 (8th-11th grades)	665 75	Boys	834-5592 www.rummelraiders.com info@rummelraiders.com	Mr. Marc Milano President/Principal
Archbishop Shaw (1962) 1000 Salesian Lane Marrero 70072-3052	\$10,500 (12th grade) \$10,300 (8th-11th grades)	425 46	Boys	340-6727 www.archbishopshaw.org admissions@archbishopshaw.us	Rev. Louis Molinelli, S.D.B. Director Dr. Mark Williams Principal
Brother Martin (1869) 4401 Elysian Fields Ave. New Orleans 70122-3898	\$10,810* (8th-12th grades) (*interest-free tuition)	1,100 102	Boys	283-1561 www.brothermartin.com admissions@brothermartin.com	Mr. Greg Rando President Mr. Ryan Gallagher Principal
Cabrini (1959) 1400 Moss St. New Orleans 70119-2997	\$11,150 (8th-12th grades)	375 39	Girls	482-1193 www.cabrinihigh.com admin@cabrinihigh.com	Mr. Jack S. Truxillo President Mrs. Yvonne L. Hrapmann Principal
De La Salle (1949) 5300 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70115-4999	\$12,130 (12th grade) \$12,005 (8th & 11th grades) \$11,905 (9th & 10th grades)	560 40	Coed	895-5717 www.delasallenola.com admissions@delasallenola.com	Mr. Paul Kelly President Ms. Perry Rogers Principal
Holy Cross (1849) 5500 Paris Ave. New Orleans 70122	\$11,350 (12th grade) \$11,150 (8th-11th grades)	582 66	Boys	942-3100 www.holycrosstigers.com contactHC@holycrosstigers.com	Mr. Sean P. Martin Headmaster Mr. Eric DesOrmeaux Principal
Jesuit (1847) 4133 Banks St. New Orleans 70119-6883	\$9,950 (9th-12th grades) \$10,150 (8th grade)	1,293 118	Boys	486-6631 www.jesuitnola.org info@jesuitnola.org	Rev. John L. Brown, S.J. President Mr. Peter S. Kernion Principal
Mount Carmel Academy (1896) 7027 Milne Blvd. New Orleans 70124-2395	\$9,600 (8th-12th grades) *\$800 (one-time enrollment fee; new students only)	1,232 150	Girls	288-7626 www.mcacubs.com mca@mcacubs.org	Sr. Camille Anne Campbell, O.Carm. President Ms. Beth Ann Simno Principal
Pope John Paul II (1980) 1901 Jaguar Drive Slidell 70461-9098	\$10,075 (12th grade) \$9,950 (11th grade) \$9,750 (8th-10th grades)	308 27	Coed	(985) 649-0914 www.pjp.org pjp2@pjp.org	Mr. Douglas V. Triche President/Principal
St. Augustine (1951) 2600 A.P. Tureaud Ave. New Orleans 70119-1299	\$10,150 (12th grade) \$9,850 (8th & 11th grades) \$9,750 (9th & 10th grades)	539 65	Boys 8-12	944-2424 www.StAugNola.org staug@purpleknights.com	Dr. Kenneth A. St. Charles President/CEO Mr. Gerald DeBose Principal
St. Charles Catholic (1948) 100 Dominican Drive LaPlace 70068-3499	\$9,570 (12th grade) \$9,420 (9th-11th grades) \$8,925 (8th grade)	390 40	Coed	(985) 652-3809 www.stcharlescatholic.org info@stcharlescatholic.org	Dr. Courtney P. Millet Principal
St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory (1915) 5116 Magazine St. New Orleans 70115-1899	\$9,350 (12th grade) \$9,000 (11th grade) \$8,750 (8th-10th grades)	135 17	Girls	899-6061 www.drexelprep.com admissions@drexelprep.com	Sr. Margaret Mary Friesenhahn, S.S.N.D. President Mr. Eric J. Smith Principal
St. Mary's Academy (1867) 6905 Chef Menteur Hwy. New Orleans 70126-5215	\$8,599 (12th grade) \$7,919 (11th grade) \$7,717 (8th-10th grades)	279 24	Girls	245-0200 www.smaneworleans.com smaoffice@archdiocese-no.org	Sr. Jennie Jones, S.S.F. Principal
St. Mary's Dominican (1860) 7701 Walmsley Ave. New Orleans 70125-3494	\$10,340 (8th-12th grades)	888 68	Girls	865-9401 www.stmarysdominican.org dhsp01@stmarysdominican.org	Dr. Cynthia A. Thomas President Mrs. Carolyn F. Favre, M.Ed. Principal/Vice President
St. Michael Special (1965) 1522 Chippewa St. New Orleans 70130-4513	\$6,025	72 18	Coed	524-7285 www.stmichaelspecialschool.com stmichspecial@archdiocese-no.org	Dr. Elizabeth C. LaForge Head of School Ms. Romaine McCarthy President/Principal
The St. Paul's School (1911) 917 South Jahncke Ave. Covington 70433-3724	\$10,525 (12th grade) \$10,125 (8th-11th grades)	850 90	Boys	(985) 892-3200 www.stpauls.com stpauls@stpauls.com	Bro. Raymond Bulliard, F.S.C. President Mr. Trevor C. Watkins Principal
St. Scholastica Academy (1903) 122 S. Massachusetts St. Covington 70433	\$11,175 (12th grade) \$10,775 (8th-11th grades)	500 42	Girls	(985) 892-2540 www.ssacad.org info@ssacad.org	Mrs. Sheri H. Gillio Head of School
St. Thérèse Academy 917 N. Atlanta St. Metairie 70003	\$12,615 (11th & 12th grades) \$12,360 (8th-10th grades)	64 23	Coed	513-4400 www.sttheresenola.org office@sttheresenola.org	Mrs. Shannon Bland Head of School
Ursuline Academy (1727) 2635 State St. New Orleans 70118-6399	\$14,185* (* lunch and technology included)	291 33	Girls	866-5292 go.uanola.org admissions@uanola.org	Dr. Margarita O'Byrne Curtis President Dr. Tracy Bonday Head of High School

The information in this chart was provided by the individual schools. The money figures include tuition, registration and all required fees for the 2020-2021 school year. There may be certain expenses, such as book fees, which are not included in the total. Please check with individual schools about possible financial assistance.

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foundation infused with her faith, every student is an extension of Mother Cabrini's legacy. She embodies what we expect of our students. She refused to let anything come between her goals and what she was called to achieve. She traveled the globe and established 67 hospitals, care centers, schools and orphanages to help those less fortunate. She rejected what others saw as limitations and achieved astonishing results.

Cabrini High School is blessed by surroundings that not only had sacred beginnings, but were also lived in, worked in, served in and prayed in by a saint. Cabrini students often share how Cabrini feels like home to them, a feeling that is easily sensed because Cabrini quite simply is a second home to them and was home to Mother Cabrini.

When a young woman makes the decision to attend Cabrini High School, she makes a decision that will change her life forever. She accepts and

adheres to the core values of respect, excellence and service. She embraces lifelong learning and realizes that excellence in academics and co-curricular activities takes dedication and discipline that will prepare her for the next chapter of her life and beyond.

Find friendship. Find faith. Find your future. Find yourself at Cabrini!

MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY, 7027 Milne Blvd., New Orleans – “These days and weeks are not easy, but one thing we do know is that we will all be better on the other side. ... So be the best student, daughter, sister and friend. Love and prayers.”

This text was one of the daily messages of inspiration that our principal, Ms. Beth Ann Simno, sent during our remote learning experience last spring. But, the message of perseverance and being the best women we can be is no different than the message students hear daily on campus.

Remote learning was stressful; still, we knew that, as always, the administration and teachers were there to support us. This global pandemic that sent us away from the school we love was a reminder, not only of

what Mount Carmel Academy (MCA) is capable of accomplishing in times of difficulty but also that the character of the school always has been one that fights for its students and has their best interests in mind.

The empathy and preparedness we experienced during remote learning was nothing new to us: Mount Carmel is far beyond prepared not only in caring for its staff and students but also in its academics and spirituality. MCA has always prioritized the needs of its students and offers the resources of a small school, despite its large student population. With an average class size of nine, we have the ability to get the help needed in order to thrive.

MCA also provides superior technology to all faculty and students and teaches us how to use it; MacBooks and technology training are a priority. Our curriculum has been transformed by the faculty's knowledge of technology and the incorporation of cutting-edge tools like zSpace, which utilizes virtual and augmented reality for STEM classes. Our Design Cycle Experiences, or DCEs, challenge us to creatively solve large- and small-scale

problems by working through a design process. Through the students' abilities to creatively and meaningfully use all of the technological resources that MCA offers, we are able to more efficiently learn our curriculum, both through in-person classes and during remote learning.

Just as we are prepared to encounter unique challenges academically, we are prepared spiritually through learning the importance of daily prayer, with intentions spanning the personal needs of the Carmel community and those of the world. Students understand the value of spiritual J.O.Y. – finding it as the Carmelites did in the little ways but also in serving “Jesus, Others and Yourself.”

Mass is celebrated monthly schoolwide and weekly for anyone who would like to attend. Another opportunity to normalize talking about our faith, the stresses of high school and how we can better relate to those around us is the “Come, Lord Jesus” prayer group for spiritual reflection. MCA teaches us that God is the one constant in our lives and that he will take care of us.

That same message of God's love and protection, which radi-

ates throughout MCA, is needed most during this time of crisis; we students recognized God's love when, after 160 days apart, our entire school community was able to gather on campus again this August. As a senior, I have seen the administration's compassion as it seeks diligently to give us the experiences that we have looked forward to. The administration proves, time and again, that it will provide everything it can – spiritually, academically and even remotely.

As I think about what “last” experiences we will be able to have, I remind myself that every person at MCA cares immensely for us and has always given us everything we have dreamed of and more.

Robert McKee once said, “True character is revealed in the choices a human being makes under pressure.” Throughout this time of immense pressure, Mount Carmel's true character – a character of perseverance, selflessness and faith in God – is one that I have seen, known and loved since the first day I arrived on campus.

That model of character has shaped me into the woman I am today. As we move forward

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in this world of uncertainty, the stability in the resources and love that Mount Carmel has offered will give us the confidence to face these challenges head-on.

— By Samantha Carriere, Class of 2021

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PREPARATORY SCHOOL, 5116 Magazine St., New Orleans — St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory School is a college-preparatory school offering a quality Catholic education to female students in grades 8-12.

St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory, formerly Xavier University Preparatory, was sponsored by the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for 98 years. In 2013,

the school was adopted by a non-profit supporter and a group of dedicated Xavier Prep graduates. Drexel Prep continues to uphold the legacy of its foundress, St. Katharine Drexel, of providing students with an excellent academic program.

Drexel Prep students are given individualized attention in a well-disciplined environment. The administration, faculty and staff are committed to preparing students to enter college and career programs. Drexel Prep students are cultivated to develop academically, spiritually and socially. Monthly liturgies, retreats and other religious activities foster spiritual growth within the student body.

The administrative team is led by the president and religious head of the school, School Sister of Notre Dame Margaret Mary

Friesenhahn, and the principal and head of operations, Eric J. Smith. The theme for this school year is "Synergy through Education."

With the continued incorporation of integrated technology, 21st-century learning combined with the recent increase in standardized test scores, the cultivation of creating brilliant classroom learners is quite conceivable. The high-tech Google Suite for Education and Google Classroom tools have enhanced the overall learning experience.

The dedicated faculty and staff consist of certified and highly qualified professionals, many with advanced degrees. Students are prepared to achieve their college and career aspirations. Each year, the success of St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory is evident, as our graduating seniors are awarded millions of dollars in academic scholarships to colleges and universities throughout the United States.

All Drexel Prep students and teachers have been given Chromebooks to use for their assignments throughout the year. These computer notebooks were provided by the late Kenneth "Ken" Carter Memorial Fund.

Drexel Prep offers its students the required core curriculum courses, honors and Advanced Placement coursework.

Qualified seniors are able to participate in the dual-enrollment programs at Xavier University of Louisiana, Dillard University, Southern University at New Orleans and Delgado Community College. Graduating seniors can earn up to 12 hours of college credit by the end of their senior year. The academic program offered at Drexel Prep prepares students to become outstanding community leaders, innovators, educa-

tors and career professionals.

The cultural arts department offers band, chorus, dance, theater and creative art. The athletic program offers volleyball, basketball, softball, cross country, indoor and outdoor track. Recently, Drexel Prep earned state championship titles in basketball and track.

Drexel Prep also offers a wide variety of extracurricular programs and activities, the National Honor Society, student government, Key Club, Diversity Club, Technology Club, robotics, Art Club, Speech and Debate Team and other student clubs, organizations and activities. Each year, the school hosts art exhibits, theatrical productions and musical performances to showcase students' talents and gifts.

St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory School is proud of its foundress, St. Katharine Drexel — the first American-born Roman Catholic canonized as a saint — and of the rich legacy of providing a quality education to students in the New Orleans community. The board of directors, administration, alumni, faculty and staff are committed to ensuring the "Tradition of Excellence" continues.

Open House will be Dec. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY, 6905 Chef Menteur Blvd., New Orleans — St. Mary's Academy provides a superior Catholic education in a loving and nurturing environment. Founded and administered by the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1867, the private Catholic school serves students in grades pre-K3 through 12. While the elementary school is coeducational, the middle school serves both male and female students, with boys taking classes together in the school's St. Mary's Male Acad-

emy. The high school division continues its tradition as an all-girls' school.

Fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for more than 50 years, St. Mary's Academy is at the forefront of education. The school's 100,000-square-foot campus features 31 state-of-the-art classrooms and connecting wings. Each classroom is equipped with SMART Boards, DVDs and touch-enabled computers. All of the buildings are eco-friendly and energy efficient.

For 153 years, St. Mary's has maintained its commitment to educating the whole person — spiritually, academically, socially and culturally. Members of the Sisters of the Holy Family serve as administrators, faculty, staff and resource personnel, while dedicated and professional lay faculty and staff serve as an integral part of the institution. In addition to its qualified educators, St. Mary's also employs a team of caring and committed guidance and mental health counselors.

St. Mary's is a well-disciplined, Christian-based school, and students are encouraged to establish a close relationship with Jesus. Daily religion classes in all grades, monthly eucharistic celebrations, annual retreats, daily prayers, required service hours and encouragement to follow their call to holiness and service further enhance students' spiritual development.

St. Mary's offers its students an academically challenging, college-preparatory curriculum in academics, which features honors, Advanced Placement courses and college-preparatory classes.

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extracurricular activities from which to choose. St. Mary's was the first all-girls' school in Orleans Parish to win the state basketball championship. Additionally, the school has produced many students who have garnered college athletic scholarships, as well as one WNBA star.

Participating as a member

of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association, St. Mary's also competes in volleyball, softball, cross country and track. Its record in these areas also has been outstanding.

The vibrant blue and gold of the marching unit, made up of band, color guards, flag carriers, drill team, majorettes and cheerleaders, elicits favorable comments as it marches in parades and performs in other events in the city and beyond. The choruses – senior, junior

and Resurrection Singers – make their presence known and appreciated with many special appearances.

Another central part of the St. Mary's family that brings distinction and honor are its many alumnae. These women are effective, contributing members of their communities. St. Mary's graduates are positioned in almost every facet of the business world and are elected officials, nurses, teachers, doctors, lawyers, religious, judges,

engineers, entrepreneurs, administrators and, most of all, devoted, loving, Christian mothers. Several alumnae currently serve as members of the school's faculty and administration.

St. Mary's plans to be around for a long time and is a great place with much to offer every student who enjoys a safe, caring, loving and challenging environment.

ST. MARY'S DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL, 7701 Walmsley Ave., New Orleans – St.

Mary's Dominican High School traces its roots to seven Dominican sisters from St. Mary's Convent in Cabra, Ireland who arrived in Louisiana on Nov. 5, 1860. Venturing into new horizons, they brought a heritage. Like their founder, St. Dominic, they possessed the intellect, vision, and leadership qualities to be missionaries and educators. Their vision and faithfulness to the preaching mission of the Dominican order formed the foundation for St. Mary's Dominican High School to be Catholic education leader in the New Orleans region for 160 years.

This legacy, rooted in the pillars of prayer, study, community and service, is the foundation for each student's experience. Dominican educates the whole person; ministering to what is in the student's mind and her heart. Students integrate prayer and study, community and service, peace and a love for life. Gospel values, academic excellence, tradition and spirit are hallmarks of a Dominican education. Students build foundations for life, encouraged to be women of integrity who seek truth ("veritas").

Students are vital members of a diverse community of critical thinkers, spiritual leaders and independent explorers. Rooted in "veritas," Dominican's college-preparatory curriculum fosters a love of learning within the four pillars. Through curriculum and instruction, as well as faculty and student formation, students are engaged in the Dominican preaching mission. Academically, they not only learn subject content, but they also learn how to love learning. Structured, engaging lessons produce creative thinkers and problem solvers, where faith informs reason.

Spiritual growth and development are fostered in student-led daily prayers, school liturgies and community service opportunities with 100 agencies. Mass is celebrated as a school community. The annual living rosary celebrates Jesus' ministry through prayer, song and dance. Retreats foster students' spiritual growth, individually and as a class.

Through service, students connect with the community through a range of opportunities – a canned food drive with Second Harvest Food Bank, Thanksgiving baskets for neighbors, the Adopting Families program in December. The Class of 2020 completed 28,845 com-

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munity service hours, many in addition to the students' service requirements, highlighting a common interest in serving one's local and global communities.

Dominican's STREAM(tm) initiative, marking its eighth year, continues Dominican's unique role in the formation of students into believing thinkers and thinking believers, exploring the relationship between faith and reason by integrating Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math. Faculty, staff and administration are engaged in exploring and discussing academic disciplines, and how faith informs reason.

The Gayle and Tom Ben-

son Science and Technology Complex features the Erminia Wadsworth|Azby Fund Technology Center, where Microsoft Teams connects faculty and students beyond the classrooms. The Disputatio Room is dedicated for students, faculty, alumnae, visiting educators and professionals across disciplines who come together for in-depth discussions through the light of faith.

As BEST (Bioscience Enrichment for Students and Teachers) Science! participants, students conduct experiments ranging from chromosome analysis to gel electrophoresis. The SynDaver(tm), a sophisticated full-body surgical simulator, brings another learning dimension to human anatomy classes. Dominican was the first high school in the nation to acquire it. Students earn college credits

through dual enrollments in humanities and science. An engineering curriculum offers concepts and equations in several engineering fields. This fall, Dominican became the first Catholic high school in the area to have dual enrollment for introduction to engineering with University of New Orleans.

Forty-plus student organizations give students several ways to expand their experience beyond the classroom. The fine arts department showcases student art, and musical production. Students earn regional and national honors in music, dance and cheer. A Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) member, Dominican competes in basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, and volleyball. Teams captured All-Academic and All-District honors.

A Dominican graduate is encouraged to be a woman of integrity who seeks "veritas." The Class of 2020 earned 391 scholarships and awards totaling more than \$11.5 million. They earned 244 semester hours of college credit, with admission offers from 92 colleges and universities. Embarking on their next life chapter, they follow the school's founders who shared their intellect, vision and leadership to improve the world and celebrate the uniqueness of everyone.

ST. SCHOLASTICA ACADEMY, 122 S. Massachusetts St., Covington – Founded in 1903, St. Scholastica Academy (SSA) is the only all-girls, college-preparatory Catholic school on the northshore of Lake Pontchartrain for girls in grades 8-12. For more than 115 years, the school has educated young women throughout the area

on a foundation of Benedictine spirituality.

In the late 1960s, SSA became an archdiocesan high school, and the Benedictine charism of balance in prayer, work, study and community continued to thrive, as it does to this day. SSA celebrates 117 years of a tradition where students are proud of the St. Scholastica heritage, which embraces the present and prepares them to take leadership roles in the future.

St. Scholastica Academy is accredited by Cognia (advancED) and currently serves approximately 500 young women. SSA's 38 innovative and enthusiastic faculty members actively engage students in the learning process.

Now is an exciting time to be a part of St. Scholastica Academy. Angelus Hall, the newest of our campus landmarks, was blessed and dedicated in October 2019. Angelus Hall is home to SSA's theology, science and math departments. It also houses our first TV production studio, where students broadcast weekly news from their own anchor desk. Angelus Hall joins Benedictine Hall in linking all of our theology and STEM disciplines.

The Academy offers integrated science and math programs, real-world learning opportunities, Advanced Placement courses, second-level STEM electives and dual-enrollment classes through LSU, SLU, Louisiana Tech and the University of Texas at Austin. In addition to our STEM classes, the Academy offers a number of electives in the creative arts such as studio art, digital media, ceramics, introduction to film and choir/glee, as well as electives in law studies and creative writing.

SSA has continually been in

the forefront of technology. Students at the Academy utilize laptops as a tool for their learning process. The Creativity Center for Digital Media has enhanced the curriculum for visual arts, yearbook and film production using industry-grade software.

In addition to a rigorous academic program, SSA students are immersed in their Catholic faith through the study of Catholic beliefs and values. These Catholic principles are demonstrated on a daily basis through prayer, liturgies, retreats and faith in action through service. The Academy's comprehensive program is designed to educate the mind, body and spirit of the young women it nurtures and educates.

Academically, SSA's young women consistently outscore students across the state and the nation on standardized tests. The Class of 2020, with 76 graduates, was accepted to 55 universities in 21 states and the District of Columbia, and received \$11 million in scholarship money (including TOPS). Ninety-two percent of the class qualified for the TOPS scholarship.

Since 2010, SSA has produced more than 30 National Merit Scholars, Finalists and Commended Students as well as five National Hispanic Recognition Scholars, one U.S. Presidential Scholar, One National AP Scholar, 173 AP Scholars, 97 AP Scholars with Honors and 62 AP Scholars with Distinction.

SSA's extracurricular and sports programs form an essential part of school life. Students can choose from 22 activities and 16 team sports, including choir and theater productions. The 10-acre SSA athletic com-

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plex houses an all-weather track and softball and soccer fields. Last year, St. Scholastica won its ninth consecutive state title in swimming. The cross country and swim team were district and metro champions, respectively.

The young women who graduate from St. Scholastica Academy return to campus as faculty members, mothers and alumnae association members eager to give back to the school that gave them so much. SSA students continually credit the faculty for giving them the tools needed to have success in their college classes. The Academy's college-preparatory curriculum, when combined with the Benedictine tradition of prayer, work, study and community, prepare young women for success in a college environment and beyond.

URSULINE ACADEMY, 2635 State St., New Orleans – Founded in 1727, Ursuline Academy is the first all-girls' Catholic school in the nation. Ursuline offers a diverse educational environment from early childhood (Toddler 1) through

a college-prep secondary program (grade 12). The Academy's highly interactive approach exposes students to increasingly complex concepts in STEM and the arts that go beyond learning the material. Ursuline girls learn to think creatively, articulate their ideas confidently and compassionately, and solve problems collaboratively.

The tradition of Ursuline education in the city of New Orleans has, at its core, the values of courtesy, loyalty, courage and Serviam ("I will serve"). Ursuline Academy connects with young women during critical moments in their development and seeks to help them explore their religious experiences in an environment where Catholic values are understood and experienced.

The Academy offers an extensive curriculum, which includes rigorous academic coursework and incorporates honors, accelerated and Advanced Placement offerings for students. A comprehensive and diverse curriculum provides every Ursuline student with the opportunity to develop her unique skills and talents. The fine arts program includes theater, drama, choral music, orchestra, piano, dance

and a wide variety of visual arts classes. STEM initiatives begin as early as kindergarten, and students are encouraged to explore many academic and career paths throughout their time at Ursuline. Specialty programs, such as entrepreneurship, provide opportunities for students to learn from professional mentors while engaging in coursework relevant to real life.

The Academy's brand new Jane Gisevius Leadership Center houses a SmartLab, a state-of-the-art learning environment where students explore STEM and media arts through applied technology and project-based learning. With teachers as the facilitators, students lead their own learning in engineering, graphic arts, robotics, computer science, video production and much more. Inside the leadership center, an entrepreneurship space allows students to think deeper, communicate clearly and solve problems independently and collaboratively.

Ursuline also offers students the opportunity to grow outside of the classroom through participation in 11 varsity sports, which include numerous state championships. Ursuline's large

variety of clubs and extracurricular activities are designed to satisfy the needs and interests of any girl, at any age, in the Academy. As part of our 1:1 program, each student in grades 4-12 has her own Chromebook. Integrating this technology in the classroom helps engage students, offers powerful collaborative and in-class possibilities, and enhances 21st-century skills.

Ursuline Academy maintains a dedicated faculty, whose members contribute positively to the Christian growth of students by their example of Christian living, personal care of students, rigorous attention to the style of their teaching, concern for moral values and conduct, and support and encouragement of a variety of school activities. Smaller class sizes at every level guarantees a personal connection with faculty, helps foster academic growth and encourages students to explore topics with deeper understanding.

An education at Ursuline Academy enables and challenges students to grow in their faith, serving both in the school community and also beyond our very borders. Ursuline's service programs provide enriching opportunities to integrate and

expand the student's understanding of herself in relation to God, her community and the world. Students are encouraged to deepen their spirituality, to lead in a diverse school community and to develop a lifelong sisterhood. The Academy develops leaders of confidence and compassion and prepares them for life in a global society.

From the first female law professor at Loyola University New Orleans to a U.S. Senator and a U.S. Army colonel, Ursuline women lead fearlessly. The Class of 2020 is currently attending a diverse portfolio of colleges from Michigan State University to the University of Southern California, from LSU and Tulane to Howard University. Included in the 69 graduates are two National Merit Finalists and a perfect ACT score. From its present location on State Street, Ursuline Academy has graduated more than 5,000 young women. The diverse Ursuline community fuels every girl's success.

The Academy is accredited by AdvancED – a division of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) – the National Association

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of Independent Schools, the National Coalition of Girls' Schools, and the National Catholic Educational Association. It is approved by the Louisiana Department of Education and is recognized as a member of the Ursuline Education Network (UEN).

Coed Schools

ARCHBISHOP HANNAN HIGH SCHOOL, 71324 Hwy. 1077, Covington – Chad Barwick, Archbishop Hannan's new head of school, has immersed himself into campus life.

"It took a little bit of time for God's plan to reveal itself, but I'm glad I was patient and that God was patient with me, because this is an incredible opportunity," said Barwick, who has been welcomed by all in the Hannan community as it looks to build on the legacy of Archbishop Hannan.

Catholic, coed and college prep: Archbishop Hannan High School takes inspiration from the life and ministry of Archbishop Philip M. Hannan to foster faith, inspire academic excellence and develop character. Founded in 1987 in St. Bernard Parish, Archbishop Hannan relocated to Covington in 2008 after Hurricane Katrina devastated the original campus in Meraux. With an enrollment of 620 students, Hannan offers a broad curriculum and several extracurricular opportunities.

FORMING FAITH: Archbishop Hannan left an indelible imprint on the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Modeled on his lifelong dedication to broadening both minds and hearts, Archbishop Hannan High School prepares students to be Christ-focused citizens and leaders who understand the past and feel confident in their ability to face the future. Campus ministry, service learning and theology coursework afford students a deeper understanding of the Gospel, engaging them to live out the message of Christ. The school's Christian service program encourages students to move beyond volunteerism to a deeper understanding of authentic charity. Campus ministry provides opportunities for students to personally experience faith in God and Jesus Christ through liturgy, worship experiences and annual retreats.

INSPIRING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: The Archbishop Hannan STEM program helps prepare students for leadership in the 21st century

workplace. Through a rigorous project-based curriculum in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), students develop necessary skills in key areas such as critical thinking, effective oral and written communication and group collaboration. This real-world-centered approach to learning ignites within the Hannan student his or her natural desires to engage, explore and understand the world around them. We strongly believe that by providing students with early, hands-on experiences in science, technology, engineering and math, they develop confidence in seeking solutions to new problems and discover how to become effective problem solvers in and out of the classroom. Course offerings include robotics, biomedical science and introduction to engineering, web design, computer science, coding and graphic design.

Archbishop Hannan High School is proud to partner with and incorporate the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) STEM Curriculum. This four-year engineering and biomedical program begins in the ninth grade and continues through the student's senior year. The PLTW curriculum immerses the student in the skills necessary for success in the 21st century: communication, critical thinking, creativity and collaboration. Giving students early experiences in the world of science, technology, engineering and math helps them gain confidence in seeking solutions to new problems and connecting classroom lessons to the world around them, while discovering how to become effective problem solvers.

DEVELOPING SCHOLAR ATHLETES: Archbishop Hannan athletics promote the physical, mental, moral, social, spiritual and emotional well-being of the student-athlete. Our athletic program consists of 23 coed varsity sports and has earned district and state titles throughout its history. The Hannan Hawks are known throughout the state as excellent athletes, fair competitors and champions, both on and off the field. Through competition, student-athletes hone the qualities that define an Archbishop Hannan graduate – fair play, sportsmanship, maturity, respect, commitment to excellence, generosity and integrity.

BUILDING CHARACTER: We believe education is more than textbooks, exams and report cards. Archbishop Hannan devoted his life to broadening minds and hearts. Our goal is

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to promote each student's spiritual, intellectual, emotional, physical and social growth. Student activities are designed toward that end and offer something for everyone. The school encourages every student to find the activity that suits him or her, whether through clubs, sports, arts, music, band and/or theater programs.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, STRIVING FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS, REACHING FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, SEEKING NEW CHALLENGES: It is the philosophical foundation of Archbishop Hannan High School to educate the entire student. We offer service for the soul, rigorous academics for the mind, athletic competition for the body and the arts for the human spirit.

DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL, 5300 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans – As the Lasallian legacy continues at 5300 St. Charles Ave., it is important to remember that God's presence has guided De La Salle High School for more than 70 years.

There is a genuine excitement about De La Salle, both

on campus and in the New Orleans area. The excitement is justified and relates directly to the school's commitment to excellence. In the De La Salle classroom, one finds dynamic teachers who inspire young minds to grow and develop.

Great schools are built by great teachers, and the De La Salle faculty is highly credentialed. More than half of the faculty have advanced degrees.

Serving students in grades 8 to 12, De La Salle presents a comprehensive academic program that challenges students to reach their full potential. The De La Salle curriculum follows a college-model, 4-by-4 schedule, anchored by a 90-minute class schedule for each semester.

De La Salle is structured to foster the transformative power of personal relationships while meeting the needs and abilities of students. The curriculum incorporates active student participation. De La Salle's class sizes are intentionally small in an effort to provide a student-centered and differentiated education.

In keeping with its commitment to technological advancement and innovation,

De La Salle has completely reimaged and renovated its library space in order to provide a new learning environment that aligns with De La Salle's commitment to guide its students in the 21st-century skills of critical thinking, creativity, communication, collaboration and computer learning.

Like the call of De La Salle's founder and namesake, St. John Baptist de La Salle, the school has transformed from a school serving one neighborhood and one kind of student to a school serving the entire city, drawing from every zip code, every neighborhood and every one of the city's diverse peoples and cultures.

POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL, 1901 Jaguar Drive, Slidell – Pope John Paul II High School (PJP) in eastern St. Tammany Parish is in its 40th anniversary year as a coeducational, college-preparatory school (grades 8-12) that provides a Catholic academic setting for young men and women through a standards-based educational curriculum infused with Catholic identity standards.

As a school dedicated to the pillars of academic excellence,

faith development and leadership, students are challenged to excel while growing in self-confidence, self-worth and thoughtful inquiry.

The administration helps make Pope John Paul II's campus an environment for academic excellence. The school administrators are Douglas Triche, president/principal; Lise Bremond, assistant principal of academics; Kimberlie Kilroy, assistant principal of operations and personnel; and Fran Taylor, dean of students. They are complemented by an administrative team that includes Andrew Cowan, counselor; Calandra Corder, college guidance director; Richard Dieudonne, athletic director; Daniel Lacourge, campus minister; Father Travis Clark, chaplain; Danny Clavier, development; Robin Mangano, advancement; Pam Lisotta, admissions; and Christian Blocker, technology.

A dedicated faculty and staff, more than half of whom possess master's degrees, foster a quality Catholic education. PJP's enthusiastic and involved Parent/Teacher and Men's clubs contribute to an active campus life that enhances

leadership and provides each student with numerous opportunities to stay active.

This summer the Executive Leadership Team put in place general procedures and guidelines that are followed while school is in session in the traditional school setting. In addition, three different schedules have been developed to adapt to the phased guidelines and requirements that the school must follow per local/state authority guidelines during the pandemic.

"My goal as president/principal is to empower the students, parents, faculty and staff to experience the fullness of life so that we can create our life on earth as it is in heaven," Triche said.

Ninety-eight percent of graduates from the Class of 2020 continued on to schools of higher learning or enlisted in the armed forces. PJP's college-prep curriculum exceeds all requirements for the Louisiana TOPS scholarship program.

A challenging honors curriculum also is available to students who qualify. Additionally, upperclassmen may choose electives from more than 50 virtual

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course options. These classes extend dual-enrollment availability and Advanced Placement opportunities.

Faith development is an essential part of the Pope John Paul II school community. Leadership from a strong theology department helps the student body and staff form a Christ-centered community. In addition to a five-year theology curriculum, students live out their faith through a volunteer service program, dedicating 50 percent of their required service hours to their church parishes and the remainder to the local community and school. Students organize and facilitate school Masses and eucharistic prayer services.

A Praise and Worship team ensures students' daily access to the chapel for Mass, adoration and other liturgical worship.

Leadership opportunities are plentiful at Pope John Paul II. The small-school atmosphere allows students to assume leadership roles in a variety of extracurriculars. National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society students provide tutoring, and the student council coordinates a busy calendar of activities for the entire student body.

A full range of athletics is offered, including a five-time state champion volleyball program, football, baseball, softball, boys and girls basketball, swimming, tennis, golf, cross country, soccer, powerlifting and track teams. Other extracurricular organizations include HOSA, media, math and history clubs,

band and choir, Student Ambassadors, drama, Sanctity of Life, liturgy team and more.

Technology at Pope John Paul II enhances the curriculum and students' educational experience. Every student is equipped with an iPad2 featuring Pages, Keynote and Mac-equivalent software. Students can access Google Classroom and thousands of educational apps and study aids. The campus features wireless network access. Every classroom is equipped with SMART, wide-screen Apple TV and the latest in presentation technology, allowing faculty to better integrate technology into their daily lesson plans.

Expect to see more from Pope John Paul II, based on an ongoing implementation of its strategic visioning process. School leaders have been working with architects on a facilities master plan that has the ability to transform the campus. With the expertise and guidance of Bernard Dumond, president and CEO of the consulting group Development Innovations 360, a steering committee has been formed to conduct a discovery feasibility study. Over the course of the next six months, the school will present its facilities master plan to the community for input and determining the level of support.

ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC, 100 Dominican Drive, LaPlace – St. Charles Catholic High School (SCC), is the only Catholic, coeducational, college-preparatory school in the St. John, St. Charles and St. James civil parishes. It is also the only school in the region to provide students with Apple devices in a 1:1 technology program. Teachers are also provided interactive panels, MacBook Pros and iPads for use in daily instruction. SCC knows consistency and is

ready to meet all the needs of the students in any educational circumstances.

As the educational and spiritual leader of the River Parishes, SCC maintains a well-balanced curriculum, developing the total student – spiritually, academically, physically and socially. Maintaining its status as a technology leader in the River Parishes, SCC students utilize the many applications that Apple offers in order to enhance curriculum but also to enhance student access to extracurricular and spiritual formation.

SCC began the 2020-21 school year on a blended model, with half the student body on campus at a time on a rotating schedule. Two other modes of learning are also prepared, including the traditional campus mode and the fully remote mode. Teachers, parents and students have all been informed of the procedures and expectations that each model requires, and the technology given to each teacher and student allows for continuous learning throughout the year regardless of possible transitioning between modes of learning.

The Comet family represents more than 20 church parishes, and even in these various learning modes, spirituality remains at the forefront of SCC's culture and curriculum. Daily religion classes and prayer in all classes encourage the spiritual development of the students. Masses and liturgical services are held periodically, with schoolwide celebrations occurring once a month, virtually when necessary. St. Charles Catholic begins the school year with both faculty and grade-level retreats, honoring capacity guidelines and offering virtual options through which students can participate in retreat activities

and prayer.

The academic development of the student is accomplished through three programs of study: an honors program (including Advanced Placement courses in English, civics, American History, language and composition); an academic program; and a standard program. Students are assigned to the program that is best for them based on their individual academic abilities and on the results of the standard high school placement test. Various electives are offered to Comets, including digital design, code design, robotics, theater, studio art, medical terminology and more.

In the last four years, more than 80% of SCC graduates earned college scholarships, with the Class of 2020 earning more than \$12 million in scholarships. SCC's composite ACT score ranks above both the state and national averages, and the dual-enrollment program at SCC offers students an opportunity to earn high school and college credit simultaneously, with many students earning enough credits to equal a traditional full semester. More than 1,500 college credit hours have been earned during the past five years by SCC students through the dual-enrollment partnership with Southeastern Louisiana University.

The physical development of the student is maintained by a required two years of physical education. All students are encouraged to participate in the many interscholastic athletic programs offered at SCC, including baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, dance team, cheerleading and volleyball. Last year, 93% of

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the student body was involved in one or more extracurricular activities. Comet student athletes excel both on the field and in the classroom, as evidenced by the fact that more than a dozen students have scored a 30 or higher on the ACT during the past three years while remaining involved on campus.

The social development of

the student seeks to involve the adolescent in the many extracurricular activities at St. Charles Catholic. SCC offers a variety of academic clubs, service organizations and spirit groups, which meet the interests of the students and supplement classroom learning.

The administration and staff consist of 35 religious laymen and laywomen, as well as a school chaplain. Dr. Courtney P. Millet is the principal of St. Charles Catholic; Christine

Creppel and Michael Scalco serve as the assistant principals.

For more information about St. Charles Catholic High School, please visit the website www.stcharlescatholic.org or contact director of admissions, Carly Flynn at (504) 487-7881.

ST. MICHAEL SPECIAL SCHOOL, 1522 Chippewa St., New Orleans – St. Michael Special School has an Upper School program that assists students, ages 16 to 21, with the transition to adulthood.

Students continue to progress in academics while further developing independence, life skills and proper work habits. Students attend weekly Mass and daily religion classes. In addition, classes are offered in the areas of reading/writing, mathematics, science, social studies, computer, community-based instruction, life skills, culinary science, visual art, industrial arts, health and physical education.

Class schedules are based

on individual student needs and elective choices. Skills fostered include: improving academic knowledge, using effective decision-making skills, engaging in positive interpersonal relationships, choosing and maintaining employment when applicable, participating in community activities and developing life skills, which foster independence.

Additional courses offered are the PAES (Practical Assessment Exploration System) Lab, a simulated work environment curriculum, and HiSET (High School Equivalency Test) Preparation.

Students taking part in the PAES Lab are trained in basic career, vocational and life skills. Student interest and competitiveness in specific areas are identified. Work assessment entails five areas: consumer/service, processing/production, construction/industrial, business/marketing and computer/technology. Students progress through various skill levels in the five areas of instruction.

The HiSet program (formerly referred to as the General Education Development or GED) is an instructional program designed for students who, while unable to earn a regular high school diploma, demonstrate the ability and motivation to address the skills required for a HiSET diploma. To be successful in the program, a student must have adequate academic abilities and be self-motivated. To be eligible for the HiSet program, a student must be 16 years of age or older and must attain a grade 4 equivalency level on a given achievement test in the five core areas of language arts/reading, language arts/writing, mathematics, science and social studies.

The Upper School program also provides students the opportunity to participate in several extracurricular activities. Students join one of several clubs, which meet weekly during the school day. Intramural sports tournaments are offered off-campus throughout the year. Students may audition for the performing Bell Choir or Vocal Choir.

A partnership with local high schools offers inclusive extracurricular activities after school in our Buddy Program. Students wishing to participate in cheerleading perform several times a year and participate in mini-cheer clinics. Students have the opportunity to become Student Council officers. Elections are

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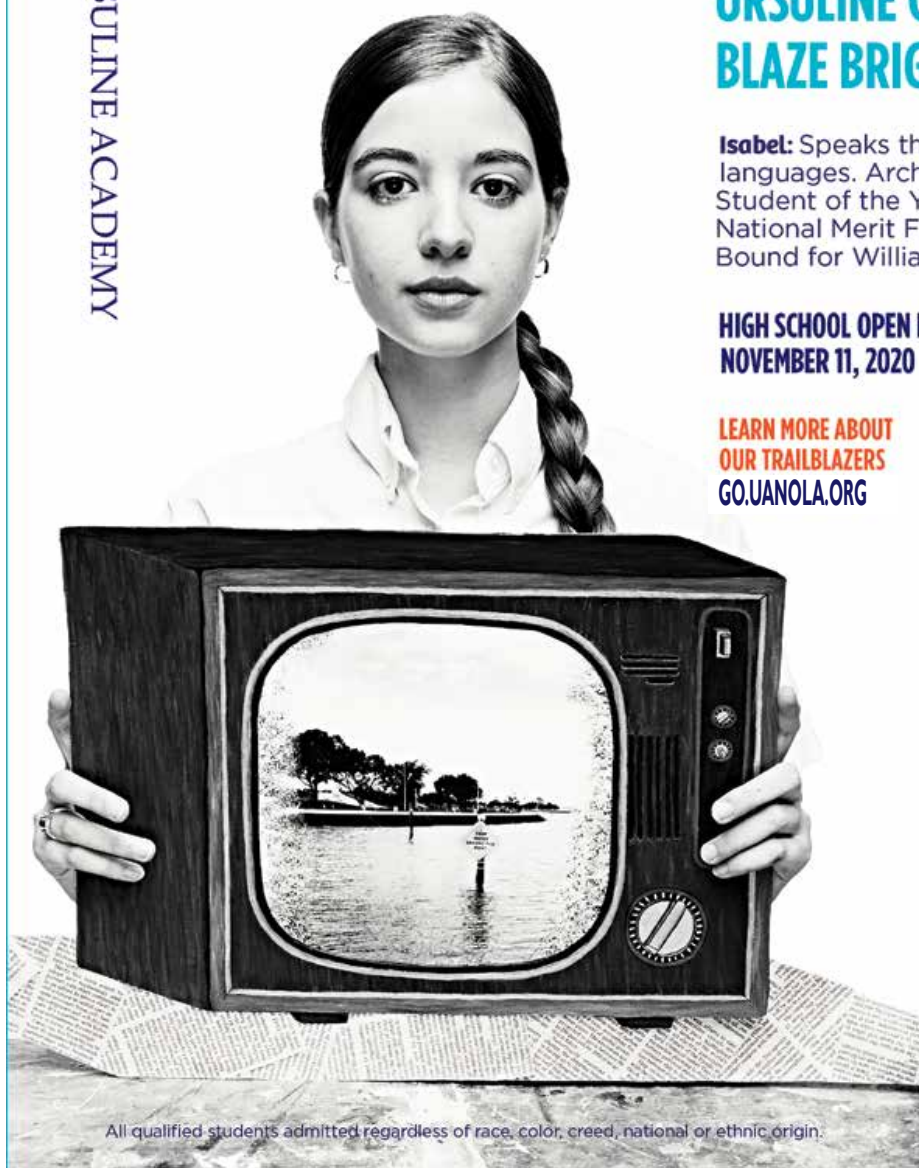
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held including campaigning, speeches and ballot voting. All Upper School students are members of Student Council.

ST. THÉRÈSE ACADEMY, 917 N. Atlanta Street in Metairie, is a K-12 school for exceptional learners. St. Thérèse Academy, a school of excellence rooted in Catholic values, attracts a diverse student body with a range of learning disabilities who desire an individualized education focused on the spiritual, personal, physical, social and emotional aspects of the human person.

Education steeped in Gospel values is made accessible to every child, offering diplomas to prepare them for their path in life including college and career readiness. It is a place where students are not identified by a disability. Rather, they are recognized for their God-given gifts and talents. Students are afforded the opportunity to cultivate their gifts, achieving optimum benefits for both our students and our community.

Our mission states, "Together we will teach children to model

their lives after Jesus Christ, strive for academic excellence and develop their personal and physical selves to become positive contributing members of the communities in which they live."

St. Thérèse Academy is led by Shannon Bland, head of school, who is a native of the New Orleans area with three decades of education experience. She has a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Loyola University New Orleans, a master's in educational administration from the University of Scranton; and a master's in dyslexia therapy from the University of Southern Mississippi. She also received her bachelor's degree from Loyola and is a graduate of the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

In its second year, St. Thérèse Academy opened with 135 students from kindergarten to 12th grade, adding more than 30 new families from the previous year. St. Thérèse has 20 teachers and a three-person administrative and office team. Class sizes cap at no more than 16 students for high school and 12 in the elementary classes. Each class gets between one

and three teachers.

In addition to small class sizes, the school offers a variety of curricula and courses, including music therapy, Advanced Placement courses, online classes and sports such as track, bowling and gaming.

St. Thérèse is also one of the few Catholic schools in the area to offer Jump Start, a career and technical education program that allows students to earn certifications to pursue careers in various fields after they finish their high school classes.

Boys' Schools

ARCHBISHOP RUMMEL HIGH SCHOOL, 1901 Severn Ave., Metairie – With the implementation of its multimillion-dollar campus renovation plan, Archbishop Rummel High School provides young men, grades 8 through 12, with a faith-based Lasallian education while maintaining state-of-the-art facilities.

Opened in 1962 by the Brothers of the Christian Schools, Archbishop Rummel High School continues to serve the students of the New Orleans metropolitan area and has an

alumni population of more than 13,000 members. Archbishop Rummel is proud of its association with the Lasallian network around the globe, covering more than 900 schools in over 80 countries.

With a rich history of alumni who are involved in every profession imaginable, the school establishes a standard for its current students to approach their lives following the traditions and morals set forth during their time at the school.

The addition of three pre-professional courses evidences the school's commitment to excellence. Engineering, BioMedical Studies, and Law programs are four-year courses that move the classroom into the real-world environment. Through alumni and numerous community networks, Archbishop Rummel High School students can experience the medical, engineering and law fields in practice.

As an indication of the school's strong commitment to academic excellence, Archbishop Rummel offers an impressive academic scholarship program for eighth- and ninth-grade students. In addition to academic scholarships, the school offers

scholarships for the arts valued at \$2,500. Students interested in participating in the band or theater program at Archbishop Rummel and who have A/B averages in middle school can complete an application after they have received admission to the school.

Extracurricular activities are provided to appeal to the interests and needs of the student body. Organizations and clubs include participation in academic activities, athletic events, fine arts, literary work and Lasallian service projects. With all students eating lunch during the same period each day, students can take advantage of extra time for club meetings, tutorial sessions or one-on-one meetings with teachers.

Archbishop Rummel High School has also expanded its student service program. Students in all grade levels volunteer more than 23,000 hours at over 50 different service partners across the metropolitan area. Living the school's mission statement of social awareness and service, students select projects that benefit others in need and give fulfillment to the

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student.

"Touching Hearts, Teaching Minds and Cultivating Leaders" is not just Archbishop Rummel's motto; it is the foundation by which its faculty, staff and stakeholders base their decisions and actions. By touching hearts and teaching minds, Archbishop Rummel is cultivating future leaders who will impact the community and beyond for years to come.

Archbishop Rummel's Open House plans will be announced at a later date and time. For more information, go to www.rummelraiders.com, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (@ArchRummel).

ARCHBISHOP SHAW HIGH SCHOOL, 1000 Sale-

sian Lane, Marrero – Archbishop Shaw High School is rapidly evolving – academically, spiritually and physically.

Archbishop Shaw has continued to increase its academic offerings in each of the past five years. This year, the Eagles have launched a forensic science class, which has attracted interest from many students as it is part of their evolution to embrace 21st-century learning. The college-style course goes beyond the textbook to require hands-on work in solving fictional crimes by studying and analyzing data.

Classes and labs like this are why Shaw's ACT scores are continuing to soar. The Eagles also have implemented an advanced film class, which helps run commercials, ads, films and promos at Shaw's new stadium. Shaw has been able to provide these

innovative classes by keeping a low student-to-faculty ratio (9:1).

As the Eagles are soaring academically, they also are embracing spiritual development. They are led by the Salesians of Don Bosco. Salesian Father Louis Molinelli is the president of Archbishop Shaw. The school currently has seven Salesians on campus, the most religious of any all-boys' school in the New Orleans area.

The Salesians have laid the foundation at Archbishop Shaw since 1962 with the focus on developing the entire man – spiritually, physically and emotionally. The Salesians follow the teachings of Don Bosco, implementing reason, religion and loving kindness through the Preventive System.

Don Bosco believed it was extremely important to develop the whole person, which is exactly what the Eagles are doing on the West Bank.

Shaw alumni describe their alma mater as the place where a boy is transformed into a man. Archbishop Shaw puts great effort into developing both character and leadership traits that translate to the next state of life.

Character and leadership are developed in multiple ways. Dr. Mark Williams '85, principal, understands the vast importance that co-curricular activities serve in a young man's life. He is constantly explaining to students the importance of getting involved in different activities. Shaw currently offers an array of co-curricular activities, including band, football, baseball, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, wrestling, chess, Culture Club, Dead Theologians Society, peer ministry, student government, bass fishing and many more.

The school has worked with the Eagles Athletics Facilities L3C to construct a 2,500-seat multipurpose facility on Shaw's 72-acre campus. The facility is meant to serve the entire West Bank community. The facility has been a blessing to the school as a state-of-the-art facility used for both academics and athletics.

The upgraded facility has portable lights, making it usable for night-time athletic events, with the goal of bringing the community together. Once the \$2.5 million facility is finished, the money raised will go directly back to the school to offset the cost of Catholic education on the West Bank.

Archbishop Shaw has even joined forces with Academy of

Our Lady as the swim team and Theatre Club are coeducational programs. Shaw has vowed to be an anchor to the West Bank community, continuing to offer academic scholarships to the brightest students on the West Bank. Funds from its "Excelsior Scholarship" are designated for students scoring in the 90th percentile who currently attend West Bank parochial schools.

Archbishop Shaw is committed to funding a \$9,000 tuition reduction for first-year students who achieve these scores and demonstrate Excelsior character.

BROTHER MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL, 4401 Elysian Fields Ave., New Orleans – Brother Martin High School, located in the Gentilly/Lakefront area of New Orleans, is a private Catholic school offering a college-preparatory curriculum for young men in grades 8 through 12.

The Brothers of the Sacred Heart, founded in Lyon, France, in 1821, arrived in New Orleans in 1869 and opened St. Aloysius High School. In 1954, the Brothers established Cor Jesu High School, and in 1969, on the 100th anniversary of the brothers' arrival in New Orleans, these schools were consolidated as Brother Martin High School.

The school is named after Brother of the Sacred Heart Brother Martin Hernandez in honor of his service to the youth of New Orleans. In 1869, the Brothers' school attracted young men from New Orleans neighborhoods; currently, Brother Martin continues to expand, attracting a diverse population of students from the entire Greater New Orleans area, including the West Bank, the Northshore, St. Bernard the River Parishes and more.

"At Brother Martin High School, our faculty and students work together as a community united by the power of the Sacred Heart of Jesus," said principal Ryan Gallagher '00. "With an emphasis on religious values, academic excellence, personal attention and friendly discipline, we believe our students will learn to use their gifts, granted by God, to make our school and our community a better place."

The integration of faith and life is nurtured in students through an array of experiences, including retreats and service-learning programs, school-wide liturgies and communal celebrations of the sacrament of reconciliation. More than 100 faculty members, including six

full-time guidance counselors and a formation director, serve with personal attention our ever-growing student body during their eight-period schedules. The AP honors programs and dual-enrollment classes allow students to earn college credits in English, math and social science courses. ACT and PSAT test preparation is held weekly for all students. A variety of state-of-the-art technology allows students to engage in on-campus and remote learning, while using personal electronic devices and taking advantage of the school's advanced wireless network.


More than 70 extracurricular clubs and athletic teams are crucial to Brother Martin's holistic formation. Activities include nationally recognized Academic Games teams; a Student Ministry team; extraordinary ministers of holy Communion; chorus; Drama Club; Student Council; concert, marching, symphonic, pep and stage bands; Key Club; Mu Alpha Theta; Student Ambassadors; and the Crusader Streaming & Programming Network (CSPN).

As a District 9-5A school, Brother Martin offers a full range of athletics at the eighth-grade, ninth-grade, junior-high, junior-varsity and varsity levels. Baseball, basketball, bowling, cross country, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field and wrestling are offered to students. Additionally, Brother Martin offers club sports such as beach volleyball, cheerleading, lacrosse, rugby and sailing.

Parents are an integral part of the Brother Martin community. An active Parents' Club sponsors various events throughout the school year. Parents are strongly encouraged to volunteer and have a presence on campus.

Brother Martin recently completed Phase III of its capital campaign, continuing the commitment the Brothers made to the youth of the New Orleans area more than 150 years ago. Projects included a complete renovation and expansion of food services, the Tom and Gayle Benson Mall and the Robert M. Conlin Gymnasium entrance. Recently, air conditioning was added to the historic Robert M. Conlin Gymnasium. Facility improvements also included the relocation and renovations of the library and formation center to the second floor, classroom renovations, Cor Jesu wing improvements,

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In the words of Brother Martin Hernandez, our school's namesake, "We are not here to teach boys how to make a living but how to make a life."

For information or to schedule a tour, please visit www.brothermartin.com. Open House will be held Dec. 3 from 4 to 7

p.m.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, 5500 Paris Ave., New Orleans – Founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1849, Holy Cross School has as its mission educating the whole student – mind and heart, body and soul.

Blessed Basile Moreau, C.S.C., the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, wrote: "We shall always place education side by side with instruction; the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart. While we prepare useful citizens for society, we shall likewise do our utmost to prepare citizens for eternal life."

For 170 years, this mission has been accomplished through a challenging, yet nurturing, college-preparatory academic regimen that is supplemented by an extensive athletic and extracurricular program for young men. Holy Cross School is proud to be the only Catholic School in New Orleans serving boys in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, with two campuses located in the Gentilly neighborhood.

Holy Cross is deeply rooted in New Orleans' history, and you will find Holy Cross students

and alumni residing in all parts of this great city and beyond. Holy Cross men benefit from the distinctive elements of a Holy Cross education – "Excellence of the Mind, Excellence of the Heart, Excellence of the Body and Excellence of the Soul."

It's an expectation that Holy Cross graduates will attend college. A full-time college placement counselor assists in finding the right fit and helping students secure academic scholarships that open opportunities for them at both in-state and out-of-state public and private universities. The Holy Cross Class of 2019 received more than \$15 million in scholarship offers and acceptances from more than 108 colleges throughout the country, including the University of Notre Dame, the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy.

Holy Cross' approach to academic achievement is to focus on helping each student discover his own inner genius, and we gauge success by looking at an individual's growth toward reaching his God-given potential. Our college-preparatory

curriculum is augmented by a full range of challenging honors courses, including 14 Advanced Placement and seven college dual-enrollment courses. In addition, our Brother James McDonnell, C.S.C. Scholars Program offers an interdisciplinary course of studies rooted in the humanities. Holy Cross faculty members come from a variety of educational backgrounds that enrich the classroom experience and ensure students are well prepared for their college years. Being family is a key concept in Holy Cross values. By managing the number of students in each grade and maintaining an ideal class size, students and teachers build a positive rapport and mutual respect. As the Holy Cross family sings the school's alma mater, the index finger is raised to signify "One Family," a continual reminder of what's truly important in life. Through community outreach and immersion programs, students are challenged to think and act globally while finding solutions to improve the world around them.

Fully developing talents outside the classroom leads to real-life learning opportunities.

From the nationally recognized speech and debate society to the state championship soccer and robotics teams, students are able to find their passion and discover their true inner genius. Supported co-curriculars in STEM, faith development the arts and athletics allow our students to fully develop their God-given talents. Former members of the robotics team, debate team and Tiger band are succeeding in mechanical engineering, law school and symphonic music. Members of our athletic teams are finding success in college and beyond because they are fully prepared.

Enlightening the soul is the cornerstone of the Holy Cross mission. Theology classes challenge our students to become men of faith. Peer-led retreat programs break down barriers and build up trust. And our weekly Mass and confession opportunities provide valuable time to build a relationship with God. Holy Cross has a full-time priest from the Congregation of Holy Cross, who serves as Chaplain, counselor and theology teacher.

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Holy Cross School continues Blessed Basile Moreau's philosophy through our school code: "The Holy Cross man is a man of faith and honesty, of strength of character through self-mastery, of respect for the Christian family and lawful authority, of leadership in the pursuit of the true, the good and the beautiful – that is the Holy Cross Man."

JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL, 4133 Banks St., New Orleans – Jesuit is a Catholic, college-preparatory high school whose mission is to develop in its students the competence, conscience and compassion that enables them to be men of faith and men for others.

Located in the heart of Mid-City at Carrollton and Banks, Jesuit provides a challenging curriculum and nurturing culture that is steeped in tradition, academic excellence, spiritual reflection and personal responsibility.

Jesuit's environment reflects the values of St. Ignatius of Loyola, who founded the So-

ciety of Jesus (the Jesuits). At Jesuit, education is not an end in itself but a means to a greater end – our knowing, loving and serving God.

Jesuit's 1,293 current students, along with the school's 14,000 alumni, are known as "Blue Jays." Thousands of Blue Jay alumni – fathers, grandfathers, brothers, cousins, and uncles – live, work and raise their families in the New Orleans metro region. Blue Jays come from all walks of life and live by the motto "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam" ("For the Greater Glory of God").

"Choosing a high school is an important decision that you and your son will make together," said Peter Kernion '90. "The school should not only be a good fit for both of you, but also an environment where your son will grow academically, spiritually, socially and physically."

The courses offered at Jesuit are challenging and primarily directed toward providing the student with a well-founded preparation for college and for life. While Jesuit's academic curricula more than fulfill the entrance requirements of col-

leges, the school also strives to develop the will and intellect of each student.

Blue Jays are expected to think, inquire, discuss and apply – all within a broad scope of subjects.

A Jesuit student's academic experience is enhanced by access to state-of-the-art technology and abundant library resources, all set within an extraordinary campus.

The Class of 2020 had 253 graduates, including 26 National Merit Scholars (semifinalists and commended) and two National Hispanic Scholars. While the most recent graduates are attending some 54 universities throughout the country, approximately 110 are moving on to LSU, the state's flagship university.

A day at Jesuit entails more than just the classroom and homework. Interacting as a community is essential to the "Blue Jay experience." Whether it is daily or monthly Mass, morning assemblies, pep rallies, lunch periods or involvement in any of the school's 70 co-curricular organizations and 34 athletic teams, Blue Jays participate together.

Discover Blue Jay Spirit on the "Student Life" page of the school's website – www.jesuitnola.org. Open House is Wednesday, Nov. 4, but prospective students and their parents are also encouraged to sign up for a personalized "morning tour." Contact the admissions office at (504) 483-3936 or at admissions@jesuitnola.org.

Jesuit teachers are distinguished by a passion for their profession and their commitment to the formation of young men. They assume many roles – instructors, advisers, moderators, coaches, mentors and role models.

Of the 118 teachers, 56 have earned master's or higher degrees. There are five Jesuits working on campus, and more than 55 teachers have taught 10 years or longer at the school.

Tuition is \$9,950 for the 2020-21 year, one of the least expensive among private and Catholic high schools in the region. Jesuit has never refused to admit a student because of his family's inability to pay all or part of the tuition. Tuition assistance is available and is based strictly on financial need. Last year, Jesuit families received

more than \$1 million in financial aid.

The school flourishes because of the generosity of its alumni and parents, who recognize the importance of a Jesuit education and donate more than \$2 million each year to offset operating expenses.

John Ryan Stadium, a superb off-campus athletic facility that is five minutes from Jesuit's campus, is home to the Blue Jay baseball and soccer teams. Many other Jesuit teams practice on Alumni Field at the stadium.

For all these reasons, and more, Jesuit High School is the school that will change a young man's life.

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL, 2600 A.P. Tureaud Ave., New Orleans – St. Augustine High School's enduring commitment to excellence calls young men to noble ideals that equip them to learn, serve and lead, to honor God and to make a positive difference in the world.

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to providing a challenging yet nurturing academic experience that prepares future leaders of character.

We are a community of brotherhood in which every young man is invited to discover and pursue many ideas, talents and passions. A rigorous academic curriculum challenges every young man. Outstanding faculty, small class sizes and comprehensive teaching techniques are all essential components of the academic program.

St. Augustine graduates are confident, dedicated, have high moral values and a great work ethic. The school is committed to accepting young men, many who face daunting economic circumstances, and instilling in them a sense of purpose that impacts not only the students and their families but also the leadership of our city and nation.

Located in the historic and culturally rich 7th Ward neighborhood that continues to undergo many positive changes, St. Augustine remains committed to ensuring that students receive a solid and relevant educational experience.

The school received national and international recognition on several key academic initiatives. St. Augustine is proud to be the only Catholic school in Louisiana to offer Mandarin Chinese through the prestigious Confucius Institute. The St. Augustine Mandarin program is a rigorous learning program noted for its depth, challenge and international perspective. The program is recognized worldwide as one of the finest foreign language programs for high school students and is widely considered the gold standard for the study of Mandarin.

In addition to ensuring that the core courses are competitive and challenging, St. Augustine continuously offers innovative programs in business, fine arts, theology, robotics and STEM. Multiple dual-enrollment opportunities allow students to prepare for post-secondary studies while earning college credits. Students are also excited about the STEM robotics program that provides upper-level math students an innovative approach to understanding and solving complex problems.

The award-winning St. Augustine Film and Digital Media

Crew is a popular extracurricular activity. The members train students to capture, edit and create multimedia productions. Through the film and digital media crew, students explore their creativity through video, while building a professional multimedia portfolio to showcase their best work to college recruiters.

St. Augustine received a \$150,000 grant from the Daughters of Charity's Mission and Ministries Institute (MMI) to create the St. Augustine Gifted Academy. The academy identifies boys with talent in mathematics, science and music beginning in the fifth grade. The boys are involved in after-school, Saturday and summer enrichment classes until they enter high school.

Offering a technology-rich environment that supports learning, St. Augustine provides Apple iPads to every student, dramatically changing the quality of the learning experience, given the rapid upgrades in computer technology.

Spiritual growth remains a top priority at St. Augustine. Mass is offered twice a day for all students. The school's popular campus ministry program sponsors school-wide spiritual retreats, community service initiatives and an annual excursion to participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

The school's music education curriculum offers an award-winning music program for beginners as well as seasoned student musicians. The St. Augustine music program includes the famed Marching 100, the symphonic concert band, the jazz band and the popular brass band. The Marching 100 boasts more than 140 members and stresses not only discipline and teamwork but also teaches music fundamentals, precision marching and music appreciation. Each year, all senior Marching 100 members are recruited by the nation's top music programs, with nearly two-thirds earning music scholarships.

St. Augustine High School is an ever-evolving story written by our Josephite founders and the thousands of alumni who attended this historic and legendary institution. Our ultimate goal is to instill in students an unwavering and solid sense of excellence, discipline, Catholic values and pride.

Parents looking for a first-class secondary education for their sons, supported by a proud and noble tradition of

excellence, are invited to visit St. Augustine High School to learn more. For more information, please visit www.staugnola.org or call (504) 944-2424.

THE ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, 917 South Jahncke Ave., Covington – Since 1680, educational institutions worldwide have been influenced by the vision and innovative spirit of St. John Baptist de La Salle, the founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the patron saint of teachers.

De La Salle transformed education by forming a community of educators with whom he developed a spirituality of teaching and learning to give a human and Christian education to young people, especially the poor.

The De La Salle Christian Brothers and their Lasallian partners educate more than one million students in 80 countries as they continue to respond to students through advancements in teaching, technology and scholarship.

In Lasallian communities, educators touch hearts, stimulate minds and cultivate leadership to prepare students for life, work and community service.

Situated on 40 beautifully landscaped, wooded acres in a residential neighborhood, St. Paul's campus includes academic buildings, media and presentation center, chapel, theatre, two gymnasiums, Field Turf football, lacrosse and soccer field, track and baseball facilities, including an indoor batting facility, and a camera system on the field for replay and training. A vegetable garden supplies produce to the local food bank and a butterfly garden and wetlands area form an outdoor science classroom.

The Briggs Assembly Center

is a large activity space on the century-old campus. The Gene Bennett Sports Complex includes two gymnasiums: an air-conditioned structure for physical education with a state-of-the-art classroom, basketball and physical education facilities. The second gym has been renovated to include new facilities for locker rooms, weight room, training room and large wrestling facility.

Benilde Hall, once a dorm, renovated in 2018, provides new classrooms, faculty office space for the language, religion and social studies departments. The first floor is a gathering space with a coffee and media presentation, and research area. Campus-wide wireless access and mobile computer labs facilitate modern teaching technology and immediate access to data for faculty, parents and students.

St. Paul's is a fully accredited, all-male high school for grades 8-12 that addresses the academic needs of its population. Honors, Advanced Placement and dual-enrollment courses are offered in core subjects to those students who are willing to accept the challenge.

A wide range of electives is available to the student body. The STEM programs for biomedical sciences, computer science and engineering have been added to the traditional college-preparatory curriculum. A complete business elective program adds another dimension to both life and college preparedness. Five years of art, Spanish, and music bring an additional dimension to the program.

As Lasallian doctrine prescribes the importance of educating the whole student, the school participates in 17 sports

at the junior high, junior varsity and varsity levels. In addition to an award-winning athletic program, St. Paul's extracurricular activities encompass many interests and talents, including student council, band (marching, concert, jazz), drama, Eco-Car competition team, Habitat for Humanity, Lasallian Youth, robotics, underwater robotics, Student Hosts, Quiz Bowl and many more.

Significantly, most students are involved in extracurricular activities. In accord with the Lasallian core principles, service to school and community is a requirement for each student.

The St. Paul's family not only attends to the needs of students but also welcomes the participation of parents with an active Mothers' Club, Dads' Club and booster organizations for the many clubs and teams. It is truly a place where everyone can and does feel welcome.

The success of the school is best measured in the hearts and faces of the students and alumni; however, the millions of dollars in scholarships and the acceptance of the graduates into prominent colleges and universities across the nation demonstrate the excellence of St. Paul's School.

Each day, St. Paul's continues the spirit of St. La Salle with the application of the five core principles: faith in the presence of God; quality education; respect for all persons; inclusive community; and concern for the poor and social justice.

St. Paul's embraces movement into the second century of Lasallian education by encouraging each young man to live the vision of St. La Salle and to "rise up" as men of God. It pledges to provide an excellent education and a "good place to grow."



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St. Mary's Dominican High School is a Catholic, college-preparatory school for girls and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin.

Are you ready for some prep football in New Orleans?

By Ron Brocato
Clarion Herald

There will be a high school football season, and games can be played in New Orleans stadiums.

The director of the city of New Orleans' Health Department, Dr. Jennifer Avegno, announced at a press conference Sept. 21 that the mayor's office has authorized high school football teams in Orleans Parish to begin preparations for the season. In addition, playgrounds will also be allowed to reopen.

Avegno said Mayor LaToya Cantrell has given approval for contact sports to take place at the city's stadiums and schools' gymnasiums if strict, comprehensive protocols for all students, coaches and staff are practiced to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Under a Gov. John Bel Edwards decree, high schools in other parts of Louisiana had been permitted by the LHSAA to hold full-contact football practices for the previous two weeks in advance of a shortened, eight-week football season that begins Oct. 1-3.

City's case rate has fallen

Cantrell did not apply those protocols to schools within Orleans Parish because the number of COVID-19 cases had not fallen to a level she felt was safe. Thus, the city remained in Phase 2 of the recovery.

That changed on Monday with Avegno's noon announcement.



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The city of New Orleans will allow football to be played this season if strict health protocols are practiced.

nouncement.

"Understanding the social (and) emotional benefits that athletics provide, we really wanted to do our due diligence to make sure we could make this safe for everyone," Avegno said. "We have worked alongside public health experts, with the medical experts at the state and those with the LHSAA, and we created a task force of local high school leaders, coaches and (representatives of) facilities to as-

semble a comprehensive set of protocols to reduce risk."

The LHSAA has released a list of regulations that are statewide, not just applicable to New Orleans. They include student and coach screening protocols and restrictions on play; strict regulations for on-field activities, including masking, distancing, limiting personnel, benches, locker rooms and team transportation; strict sanitizing and hygiene practices; and isolation

and quarantine protocols for athletes and their contacts. Those guidelines mirror those of the federal Centers for Disease Control.

"It's very important to us to keep our athletes and their families safe," Avegno said.

There also is an athlete's code of conduct to help limit high-risk behavior off the field, and there is access to testing.

"It is our hope that these restrictions help prevent the

spread of COVID-19 among our student athletes, and most importantly, the people that care for them and the family members they go home to," she said.

LHSAA protocols are strict

In accordance with the LHSAA guidelines for conducting athletic events in a safe environment, spectators will be limited. Stadiums will be restricted to 25% of normal occupancy or 250 individuals, whichever is fewer.

For volleyball matches, indoor gymnasiums will also be limited to 25% of permitted occupancy or 100 individuals, whichever is fewer.

LHSAA executive director Eddie Bonine said working media does not count against the limited number of attendees. Avegno warned that everyone attending a game must wear a mask and socially distance. LHSAA guidelines cover protocols that pertain to the fall sports of football, volleyball, cross country, swimming and cheerleading.

Last week, the Jefferson Parish Public School Board approved requests by some Orleans Parish public and Catholic schools to move their home games to 8,000-seat stadiums at East Jefferson and West Jefferson high schools.

But, with the restrictions lifted in Orleans Parish, games may be played at City Park's Tad Gormley Stadium (24,500 capacity) and Pan American Stadium (4,000).

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES 2020

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY
THURS. DEC. 3 | 2-7 PM

ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART
TUES. NOV. 10 | 5-7 PM

ARCHBISHOP CHAPELLE
THURS. DEC. 3 | 6:30 PM

ARCHBISHOP HANNAN
THURS. NOV. 19 | 4:30-7 PM

ARCHBISHOP RUMMEL
THURS. NOV. 19 | 6 PM

ARCHBISHOP SHAW
THURS. NOV. 12 | 6-8 PM

BROTHER MARTIN
THURS. DEC. 3 | 4-7 PM

CABRINI HIGH SCHOOL
MON. NOV. 2 | 3:30-6:30 PM

DE LA SALLE
TUE. DEC. 1 | 4-7 PM

HOLY CROSS
MON. NOV. 2 | 6-8 PM

JESUIT
WED. DEC. 2 | 4:30, 5:30 & 6:30 PM

MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY
THURS. NOV. 5 | 2-7:30 PM

POPE JOHN PAUL II
WED. NOV. 18 | 6:30-9 PM

ST. AUGUSTINE
MON. DEC. 7 | 4-7 PM

ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC
WED. NOV. 18 | 5-7:30 PM

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL
THURS. DEC. 3 | 5-7 PM

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
WED. DEC. 2 | 6-8 PM

ST. MARY'S DOMINICAN
THUR. NOV. 12 | 3:30-6:30 PM

ST. MICHAEL SPECIAL SCHOOL
THUR. NOV. 12 | 9-11 AM

ST. PAUL'S
SAT. OCT. 31 | 1-3 PM

ST. SCHOLASTICA ACADEMY
THUR. DEC. 3 | 4-6:30 PM

ST. THERESE ACADEMY
TUE. NOV. 17 | 5-7 PM

URSULINE ACADEMY
WED. NOV. 11 | 5-7 PM