



ARCHBISHOP MOLLOY HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter



Not for school but for life

September/October 2012

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new academic year. I pray that you and your family had an enjoyable and restful summer. We at Archbishop Molloy High School are working diligently to make this year a success for you and your children.

The new academic year generates a great deal of energy and excitement. We all share a renewed sense of dedication and resolution as we begin the new year. The beginning of the new year challenges all of us to focus on our goals. What exactly do we want our children to learn? The simplest answer comes from the Gospel. I'm reminded of the occasion when a lawyer asked Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to have eternal life?" Jesus answered, "What is written in the Scriptures? How do you understand them?" The man replied, "The Scriptures say, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind.' They also say, 'Love your neighbors as much as you love yourself.'" Jesus responds, "You have given the right answer. If you do this, you will have eternal life." (Luke 10:25-28) If we can teach our students to love God, themselves and others over the next year, we will accomplish a great deal.

One of the functions of an education is to help students discover and then maximize all of their potential. It should also empower them to develop a thought learning process that will enable them to understand and function in the world around them. Talents and education have no moral value in and of themselves, however, it is what we do with them that give them value. I would suggest that it is what we do with them that defines us as people.

The Molloy Catholic Mission statement says, "individuals recognize their self-worth and develop a lifetime of Christian values, critical thinking, leadership skills and service to others." While Molloy is focused on academic excellence, it is equally as important for us to stay focused on our other two goals of faith development and social consciousness.

As we look forward to a new school year we are all challenged to help our young men and women grow not only intellectually and physically, but also spiritually and morally. It is only when they can experience God's love for them in their lives that they can learn to honestly love themselves and others.

Once again, welcome to our new academic year. We pray that God will bless you and your family throughout the year and we ask that you pray for all of us.

May God bless you all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brother Thomas Schady, F.M.S.".

Brother Thomas Schady F.M.S.
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Joseph R. Ingrassia, Aislinn M. Messina, Manpreet K. Sachdev and Mario S. Stefanidis! They have been named *Commended Students* in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, has been presented to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2013 competition by taking the 2011 Preliminary SAT/Nation Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Recognizing academically talented students plays a fundamental role in the advancement of educational excellence within our nation," commented an NMSC spokesperson. "The young people recognized as Commended Students represent some of the best and brightest minds in the country as demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program. We sincerely hope this recognition will provide them with additional educational outlets and motivate them in their pursuit of academic achievement."

Single Parents' Support Group

The next Single Parents' Support Group meeting will be on October 6th at 7:30pm in the school library. These informal meetings consist of sharing conversations, stories, hopes and fears over coffee.

All are welcome!

Attendance

All student absences should be phoned into the school office no later than 10:00 AM each day your son or daughter is absent. When calling school about your child's absence please give: **Name, ID # and reason for absence.**

Upon returning to school each student is required by NYS and Molloy to present a signed parent/guardian note explaining the reason for the absence. Any questions regarding health related absence should be directed to Ms. Kathleen Forgione at ext. 123.

Parking Lot

Parents who drive their sons or daughters to school in the morning are reminded that they should drop off passengers at the curbside on Main Street or Manton Street.



Please **DO NOT** drive into the parking lot to leave them off at the back doors. Also, do not block the driveways or bus stop while stopping at the curbside.

These rules are in place to prevent accidents. We are sure that you agree that the safety of all students is of the utmost concern, and we appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Open House

On Sunday, October 14th an informative program for middle school boys and girls and their families will be held from 11 AM to 4 PM. A short video, tour of the campus, and exhibits on every aspect of school life will be presented. Please let your neighbors know about this opportunity.



Special Schedule: Oct. 17th

On Wednesday, Oct. 17th all sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT test to help them assess their readiness for college admissions. The PSAT is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT. It also gives students a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

Because of this special testing program, freshmen and seniors will not have school that day.

Andrew Harvey Memorial 5k Fun Run



On Sunday, October 7th Archbishop Molloy will host the annual Andrew Harvey Memorial Run. This is a “Fun Run” open to all students, their families and friends. Race time is 9:00 am. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am that morning. If you are interested in participating in

this fun day ask your son or daughter to pick up an entry form in the school office.

Recommendations For 8th Graders

Admission to Molloy is based primarily on marks earned in elementary school and the TACHS (Test for Admission to Catholic High School.) Additional consideration is extended to family members of students and alumni. If there is an 8th grader in your family applying to Molloy, please have your son or daughter complete a recommendation form, available in the general office.

From Our School Nurse

Flu season will soon be upon us. It is important that we work together to keep our students healthy. We recommend speaking with your doctor about getting the flu shot. It is your best protection against the flu.



Remember when calling the school about your child’s absence, please give your child’s name, ID number and a brief description of their symptoms. Students should remain home until their temperature is normal for 24 hrs. w/o medication. If you have any questions please contact our school nurse, Mrs. K. Forgione, at ext. 123.

Walk-A-Thon

Here at Molloy, we have only one fundraising activity each year for our students, our annual Walk-A-thon. The Walk-A-thon will take place on Friday, October 19th.

Parents will receive information under a separate heading with details, and



all students will receive more information and a pledge card in school.

Thanks to the enthusiasm and support of our students for the Walk-A-thon, we have been able to provide improvements in the school that directly affect every student. Your support means that we can continue to provide important improvements while keeping our tuition and fees among the lowest in the diocese.



Our History

Father Marcellin Champagnat, a young parish priest in 19th century rural France, was called to the bedside of a dying fifteen year old boy. When he discovered that the boy knew nothing of the faith, not even the sign of the cross, Father Champagnat understood the great need for education in post-Revolutionary France. In 1917, he founded the Marist Brothers to establish a school in his parish.

By the time of Father Champagnat's death in 1840, there were two hundred brothers, and within ten more years, over two thousand. Today, five thousand Marist Brothers work to educate youth in sixty-three countries. The mission of the Marist Brothers is to make Jesus Christ known and loved through the Christian education of youth, especially the most neglected.

In 1892, the Marist Brothers opened St. Ann's Academy on Lexington Avenue at 76th Street. After sixty-five years, the school's enrollment had grown beyond the capacity of all available building space. The Bishop of Brooklyn and Queens, Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy, was challenged by the postwar baby boom in Queens county. He asked the Brothers to move their high school to his diocese, and donated the present six-acre site.

In 1957, the Brothers and their students moved to this building, and soon the enrollment grew from 800 to over 1500 students. The archbishop died while the building was under construction, and the Brothers decided to honor his memory by renaming the school.



Our Mission

Archbishop Molloy High School is a Catholic Marist school which fosters an exemplary education in mind, body and spirit for a diverse college-bound population.

Molloy offers a unique, challenging and comprehensive program of instruction, guidance and activities. Thus individuals recognize their own self-worth and develop a lifetime of Christian values, critical thinking, leadership skills and service to others.

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September 2012

Dear Parents, Guardian, and School Staff,

New York Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and non public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

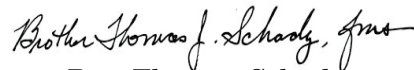
Archbishop Molloy High School is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that occur at school, please complete the form below and return it to Mrs. Rooney at school or e-mail her at school at Crooney@molloys.org Please feel free to contact Mrs. Rooney for further information. Every attempt will be made by the school to use applications that are listed above.

Respectfully,



Bro. Thomas Schady
Principal

Archbishop Molloy High School Request for Pesticide Application Notification (please print)		
Name:		Address:
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	E-Mail Address:



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SINGLE PARENT GROUP

Dear Parents:

Each year we run a series of meetings for single parents of students at Archbishop Molloy High School. The meetings are informal, and consist of sharing conversation on topics relevant to you over refreshments and snacks. We would love to have you join us.

All meetings take place in the school library at 7:30pm. You must use the cafeteria entrance to get into the building. The library is on the main floor, Rm. 122. The dates of the meetings are as follows:

Wednesday, October 3, 2012 – Welcome to the 2012/13 School Year

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 – Thanksgiving Theme

Wednesday, December 5, 2012 - Christmas Dinner Celebration

Wednesday, February 6, 2013 – Handling Stress

Wednesday, April 10 2013 - Spring Celebration Dinner

Please tear off the bottom of this page and send it to my attention at the above address to tell me if you plan to attend the first meeting. If more convenient, you can e-mail me at djdenoto@molloyhs.org with your response. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Truly,

Dorothy E. DeNoto

To: Dorothy DeNoto

Name _____ Child or Children's Grade(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail address _____

____ I can attend the first meeting on October 3, 2012



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