

**Lay Faculty Association
Local 1261
Newsletter**

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Congratulations to the **Nazareth High School** Boys Varsity team for winning the 'A' Division Championship with their 58-48 victory! Go Kingsmen!

St Johns the Baptist High School Varsity Hockey clinched a playoff spot tonight beating West Islip 5-0. Rob Vereline scored 3 goals and James Zulli scored his first goal. Senior night was a huge success tonight for the SJB Hockey Team.

Xaverian High School Alumni Soccer Game is scheduled for May 20th at Aviator, Field #1, at 12:30pm!

Join your fellow teammates, Clippers, and past coaches for a day on the field! You and your families are invited to join us for a tournament with a reception to follow. The game will begin at 12:30pm sharp. Bleacher seating is available, but feel free to bring a chair if you would like to sit on the field.

For more information, please contact Molly Shortall, Assistant Director of Advancement, at mshortall@xaverian.org or by calling 718-836-7100 ext. 106

The President's Message.....

Bargaining Teams at Bishop Kearney and Archbishop Molloy High Schools are ready to meet. Negotiations at these two schools are schedule to commence this month. LFA all the way!

On Behalf of the Executive Board I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Easter and a Happy Passover to our Jewish brothers and sisters!

Ciro Quattrocchi

Come and support our students at the *March for Our Lives* on March 24th at 11:00am to 1:00pm at Heckscher Park in Huntington, New York.

The Heckscher Park is just east of the town of Huntington off of Main Street Route 25A

Retirees, thank you for the email addresses.

23 Key Benefits of Catholic Schools

By John Connolly

1. Parents choose Catholic schools for their children because of high academic standards; values-added education and a safe school environment.
2. Catholic Schools stress the value of self-discipline and commitment.
3. Catholic Schools encourage family input and involvement in the ongoing education of their children. Research shows that such a partnership results in higher attendance rates and lower dropout rates.
4. Catholic School students score significantly above the national averages on standardized testing.
5. Research shows that because of a greater emphasis on homework and study, Catholic School students develop more effective writing skills.
6. Catholic School faculty members are qualified professionals committed to bringing out the best in their students as they grow in knowledge, skills, and values.
7. Faculty and staff are role models who share their faith, their talents, and their time.
8. The Catholic School curriculum normally meets state regulations and guidelines.
9. Association and accrediting agencies help provide programs and instruments for internal and external evaluations on an ongoing basis
10. Catholic Schools have an excellent success rate in educating minority students.
11. Catholic Schools encourage each student to accept the challenges of being a better person in tomorrow's world.
12. The emphasis is on participation by all students.
13. Standardized test scores and a high college acceptance rate reflect that the Catholic School students are self-disciplined, self-motivated, responsible, and creative.
14. Appropriate social and cultural activities, under school sponsorship, provide relaxation and creative outlets.
15. Catholic Schools represent affordable excellence; there is an emphasis on efficiency and accountability.
16. Tuition cost is often supplemented by the parish, so the Catholic community shares the cost of education.
17. In addition to a strong program in the "basics," as well as challenging programs for gifted students, Catholic Schools add the significant "plus" of religious, moral, and spiritual development.
18. Catholic Schools help students understand that each person is unique and valuable.
19. Catholic Schools strive to create a special bond among the students, the home, the school, and the church, so that all share the strong sense of community.
20. In Catholic Schools there is a mutual respect among students, faculty, and administrators which generates an atmosphere of care and concern.
21. Catholic Schools join with the family to help students understand their special place in the family, the Church, and society.
22. Students explore their faith through classes and activities in Scripture, Sacraments, Church, and morality.
23. While not all students who come to Catholic Schools are Catholic, all share experiences of faith and values.