



DIVINE WISDOM CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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**Principal: Douglaston
Campus**

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Dear Parents,

Margaret E. McGlynn, Ed.D.
Principal: Bayside Campus

Now that you've had several weeks to get into your summer routines, I hope you are taking time to enjoy your families. After we said goodbye to all our students, the crew got to work on the extension at the Douglaston campus. They have assured us that construction will be completed by September. It is so exciting to see the rooms take shape!

Linda Keppel
Associate Principal

The third floor will feature a new Learning Commons - the home for the new STEM lab/maker space. Academy students, from both campuses, will have the opportunity to delve into STEM activities. This area will feature a Design lab for 3D printing and designing using Sketch-Up, MakerBot software and hardware on 12 new laptop and desktop computers. There will also be an emphasis on woodworking, electronics, circuit boarding including soldering and programming - all of which will lead to designing and building robots in the new Maker lab. Along with the new programming, the lab will also house all the STEM curricular needs for grades 3-8 with an enhanced lab space for doing hands-on science experiments as well as a new permanent home for the StarLab portable planetarium. Our younger scientists will be able to work on projects connected with their units of study.

Sylvia Roccia
Early Childhood Director

On the second floor, the Music Conservatory will also be a special space for Academy students, from both campuses, to gather to make beautiful music. The room will provide ample space for the Academy's music classes and ensembles. With the newly provided space various programs such as classroom music lessons, Paul Effman Band, and Jazz Band will be able to maximize their instruction. The room will feature riser seating, a large pull-down projector screen, and large windows. The Conservatory will also be equipped with upgraded musical resources such as new percussion instruments and music stands.

Frank Signorello
STEM Program Director

The nursery room is going to be an inviting space for our youngest learners. The room will have plenty of storage space for center activities, read alouds, crafts, toys and books. There will be a bathroom suite with fixtures for just their size.

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We are looking forward to an exciting school year. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

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With appreciation,

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