

# DIVINE WISDOM CATHOLIC ACADEMY

*Inspiring a Standard of Excellence  
for All Students*

Annual State of Academy

May 3, 2018



# Agenda

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# Mission Statement

*Educational  
Direction Promotes  
Excellence*

Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy endeavors to provide a Christ-centered education that is academically rigorous and empowers students to reach their full potential – spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically, and socially. Our goal is to nurture each student's ability in developing their gifts to be used in life-long service, following Jesus' example through prayer, service, and love.

# Academy Governance Structure

*Effective  
Management is the  
Key to Success*

## Members

Bishop Massa, Auxiliary Bishop  
Msgr. Sherman, Pastor St. Anastasia  
Fr. Kim, Pastor St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang  
Fr. Lee, Pastor St. Robert Bellarmine  
Thomas Chadzutko Ed.D, Superintendent  
Brother Ralph Darmento, Deputy Superintendent

## Board of Directors

Suzanne Karl – Chairperson	Peter Ermish – Vice Chairperson
Robert Schirling – Treasurer	Kathleen Furlong – Secretary
Robert Coccia – Director	Edward D’Agostino – Director
Carolyn Meenan – Director	James Peveraro – Director

## Administration

Miriam Bonici – Principal Douglaston  
Margaret McGlynn Ed.D – Principal Bayside  
Linda Keppel – Associate Principal  
Sylvia Roccia – Early Childhood Director  
Frank Signorello – STEM Director

## Faculty and Staff

# Unique Academic Programs

*Well Rounded  
Rigorous Programs  
Enable All Students  
to Reach their  
Potential*

- **Renaissance Learning/Accelerated Reader** provide assessment and progress reports on student learning
- Frank Signorello, **STEM** Director, promotes interdisciplinary learning, hands on exploration, and problem solving skills in a state of the art lab
- **Literacy Coach**, Matthew Buxton, provides support on curriculum development and enhances continuity and rigor of instruction
- **Enrichment Programs** including art, music, computer, physical education, Spanish, and middle school electives develop well rounded students
- **St. Francis Preparatory middle school programs** in Science Research, Art, Music, and Drama provide a glimpse of high school
- **Math 9 Integrated Algebra** for qualified 8<sup>th</sup> grade students challenges students to reach a higher level
- Aquinas, Mad-Science, Chess Nuts, Paul Effman Band, Bricks for Kidz, Adventures in Acting, and Dance provide **after school enrichment** opportunities
- **Learning Lab** provides support as needed to ensure all students succeed

# Technology

*Developing 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century Skills for  
High School and  
Beyond*

- **Technology classes** with one to one desktops provide students with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills including coding, website navigation, powerpoint, microsoft word, file management, and web design
- **SMART Board technology** and **WiFi** connectivity in all classrooms promotes interactive learning
- Four **Chromebook carts** provide ready access to technology for research, exploration, accelerated reader testing, and presentations
- **STEM lab desktops and 3D printer** facilitate research, coding, and the design process
- **Desktops in our Kindergarten** classrooms provide support during literacy centers
- **I-pads in our PreK classrooms** provide our youngest learners with access to technology to enhance their literacy and math skills
- **Laptops for all Faculty** promote use of technology
- **Interactive website** serves as a strong family communication tool

# Security

*Protecting our Most  
Precious Assets*

- **Security Guard** from Wisdom Security on duty daily from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- **New security system** installed in Douglaston includes 14 emergency pull switches directly tied in to police department; approximately 40 cameras recording activity at all doorways, playground, hallways, stairwells, STEM, and computer labs; video screens located by main entrance and school office to monitor cameras
- **Lock-Down and Fire Drills** conducted throughout school year; written procedures in place
- **NYPD School Safety Division Training** Program for all faculty
- **Security committee** comprised of individuals with law enforcement expertise review procedures

# Enrollment

*Optimizing  
Education and  
Affordability*

- **Enrollment** for 2018-2019 Academic Year **439**; anticipated to grow to approx 460
- Approximately **57% of students from Bayside have registered** for September, including students from every grade level
- **Three 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes** in September
- **Average Class Size of 19**
- **Class size is capped** at 25 for K-5 and 27 for 6-8



# Financial Highlights

*Stability and  
Investment Ensure  
Long Term Success*

- **Strong Enrollment**
- **Consolidation** into one building results in significant operating **cost savings**
- **Freeze on tuition** for 2018/2019 academic year
- Continue to **invest in our infrastructure** through generous supporters as evidenced by 4,000 square foot addition completed in September (over \$3 million invested since 2009)
- **Operating revenues** from four major sources: tuition and fees 80%, PreK for All, 10%, fundraising 5%, and other 5% principally mandated services and Elizabeth Ann Seton Fund donations

# Strategic Plans

*Long Range  
Planning Sustains  
Continued Growth*

- New **Heating and Air Conditioning** System for Church and Academy
- **Increased** use of **technology** throughout the curriculum to promote differentiation of instruction and develop 21<sup>st</sup> century skills
- **Faculty investments** including enhanced professional development, compensation, and benefits to promote retention

# Family Involvement

*Working Together  
for a Common Goal*

- **Join a Board committee**
- **Volunteer** your talents and services
- **Promote Divine Wisdom** to family, friends, and neighbors
- **Support Academy** and **Parish** functions
- **Foster** an atmosphere that reinforces **religious values**
- **Partner with faculty** on the joint mission of education