

# OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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May 10, 2020  
Mother's Day

*"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness." – Proverbs 31:25-28*

Dear Catholic School Community,

As always, I pray you and your loved ones are healthy and safe. This Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day in very nontraditional ways. Likely, we will only be able to send our love to many of the moms in our lives from a distance, waving into a camera, promising a raincheck for a proper brunch someday soon. In reality, none of us will be thinking about food, it will be the hugs we long for. We love our moms because they have helped us become who we are today!

Over the past weeks we have all been called upon to be brave, patient and calm. Each of us has had to dig deep to find the wherewithal to be creative, resilient and optimistic. Now, who in our lives tends to be the very living definition of each of those qualities? I think you see where I'm going...

Catholic schools, just like our Mother Church, rightfully hold women in great regard, acknowledging the indispensable roles they have played throughout history, in today's society and within our own lives. Our great shepherd Timothy Cardinal Dolan rarely speaks about our schools or his own education without heaping praise upon the sisters who taught him everything knows. He also talks about his mom all the time!

Indeed, the Catholic schools we know today would not exist were it not for the wisdom, knowledge and selfless work of generations of religious women who have populated our schools since the days of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini. All of those women, like the Ursuline Sisters, the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, Sisters of the Divine Compassion and all of their sister religious who provide a maternal presence in society in the image of the Blessed Mother, Mary.

Now, in the age of the coronavirus crisis, school has come into our homes. This, just as everything has come into our homes. At the same time parents are adapting to working from home, children have been attending school at home, and they can't do that on their own. The entire family unit and their routines have been thrown into disarray, while the outside world is gripped in fear and uncertainty.

How do we keep the gloom at bay? How do we make sure the kids complete their lessons while careers are maintained? Like Mary at the foot of Jesus's cross, as others panic, wail and shout, we must be calm. We must be brave and resilient knowing that this too shall pass. We must look to the women in our lives.

As we focus on the dynamic of the home, now more than ever we must remember and honor the thousands of Catholic school parents who cannot work from home because their careers are on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please join me in saying a Hail Mary for all of our parents -especially the mothers- who are doctors, firefighters, nurses, police officers and EMTs. Please also pray for all our parents who are keeping supply lines moving, stocking shelves and proving all the services our society needs to get to the other side of this crisis. God bless them all.

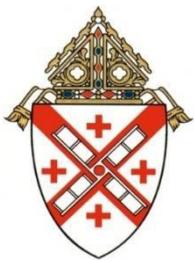
We love you mom. Happy Mother's Day

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Deegan".

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Superintendent of Schools  
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10 mayo de 2020  
Día de la Madre

*"Está revestida de fortaleza y dignidad, y afronta confiada el porvenir. Abre su boca con sabiduría y hay en sus labios una enseñanza fiel. Vigila la marcha de su casa y no come el pan ociosamente". — Proverbios 31, 25-27*

Querida comunidad de escuelas católicas:

Como siempre, ruego que usted y sus seres queridos estén saludables y seguros. Este domingo celebramos el Día de la Madre de maneras muy poco tradicionales. Probablemente, solo seremos capaces de hacer llegar nuestro amor a muchas de las madres en nuestras vidas desde la distancia, saludando a una cámara y prometiendo un vale para un brunch adecuado algún día pronto. En realidad, ninguno de nosotros estará pensando en la comida, serán los abrazos lo que anhelamos. ¡Amamos a nuestras mamás porque nos han ayudado a convertirnos en quienes somos hoy!

En las últimas semanas todos hemos sido llamados a ser valientes, tener paciencia y estar tranquilos. Cada uno de nosotros ha tenido que hacer un esfuerzo extra para encontrar la manera de ser creativos, resilientes y optimistas. Ahora, ¿quién en nuestras vidas tiende a ser la definición viviente misma de cada una de esas cualidades? Creo que ya se dan cuenta a qué me refiero...

Las escuelas católicas, al igual que nuestra Madre Iglesia, tienen con razón a las mujeres en gran estima, reconociendo los papeles indispensables que han desempeñado a lo largo de la historia, en la sociedad actual y en nuestras propias vidas. Nuestro gran pastor, el Cardenal Timothy Dolan, rara vez habla de nuestras escuelas o de su propia educación sin elogiar a las hermanas que le enseñaron todo lo que sabe. ¡También habla de su madre todo el tiempo!

En efecto, las escuelas católicas que conocemos hoy no existirían si no fuera por la sabiduría, el conocimiento y el trabajo desinteresado de generaciones de religiosas que han poblado nuestras escuelas desde los días de Santa Isabel Ann Seton y Santa Francisca Javier Cabrini. Todas estas mujeres, como las Hermanas Ursulinas, las Hermanas Dominicas de Sparkill, las Hermanas de la Divina Compasión y todas sus hermanas religiosas, ofrecen su presencia maternal en la sociedad a imagen de la Santísima Madre, María.

Ahora, en la era de la crisis del coronavirus, la escuela ha entrado en nuestros hogares. Esto, así como todo lo demás, ha entrado en nuestros hogares. Al mismo tiempo, los padres se están adaptando a trabajar desde el hogar, los niños han estado asistiendo a la escuela desde el hogar, y no pueden hacerlo solos. Toda la unidad familiar y sus rutinas se han desorganizado, mientras el mundo exterior es presa del miedo y la incertidumbre.

¿Cómo mantenemos el pesimismo a raya? ¿Cómo nos aseguramos de que los niños completen sus lecciones mientras logramos seguir adelante con nuestras carreras profesionales? Como María, al pie de la cruz de Jesús mientras los demás sienten pánico, se lamentan y sollozan, nosotros debemos mantener la calma. Debemos ser valientes y resilientes, sabiendo que esto también pasará. Debemos recurrir a las mujeres en nuestras vidas.

Al centrarnos en la dinámica del hogar, ahora más que nunca debemos recordar y honrar a los miles de padres de las escuelas católicas que no pueden trabajar desde sus hogares porque sus profesiones les han llevado a la primera línea de la pandemia de la COVID-19. Por favor, acompáñenme para rezar un Avemaría para todos nuestros padres — especialmente las madres — que son médicos, bomberos, enfermeros, agentes de policía y técnicos en urgencias

médicas. También recemos por todos nuestros padres y madres que están manteniendo las líneas de suministro en movimiento, aprovisionando estantes y demostrando todos los servicios que nuestra sociedad necesita para llegar al otro lado de esta crisis. Dios los bendiga a todos.

Te queremos, mamá. Feliz Día de la Madre

Atentamente,



Michael J. Deegan  
Superintendente de Escuelas  
Arquidiócesis de Nueva York

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In an effort to reach out and bring a little happiness into people's lives, we are asking our students to draw a picture, color it or send a note to brighten the days of the Sisters of St. Ursula.

These Sisters have dedicated their lives to the Catholic Community and live in a retirement home in isolation due to this virus.

(Some of you may know them from working at KCS, St. Joseph's or Coleman Catholic High School.)

The address to send your message of cheer is:

Sisters Of St. Ursula  
Linwood Spiritual Center  
50 Linwood Road  
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

(Student Council Students – these are the Sisters you visited at Christmas if you would like to send a note.)

**Are you looking for a fun, outdoor activity with your kids?**

**Why not start a garden – how exciting would it be to plant seeds and watch them grow? Or buy plants and plan the garden?**

**You can plant a vegetable garden and eat from it all summer!**



**How about a flower garden and enjoy the beautiful blooms?**



**Or how about something whimsical like a Fairy Garden?**



**Take pictures of you planting, then later on this summer, take more and don't forget to send them to the KCS Facebook page!**





The text "Thank You" is written in a large, elegant, cursive font. The letters are filled with a gradient color scheme, transitioning from purple at the top to teal in the middle, and finally red at the bottom. The "T" in "Thank" has a small flourish at the top.

The KCSFO would like to extend a special "Thank You" to Timely Signs and the Beichert Family, for their help with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade lawn signs. The signs are beautiful and brought a smile to so many!! Thank you for your continued support of our students, our school, and our community.

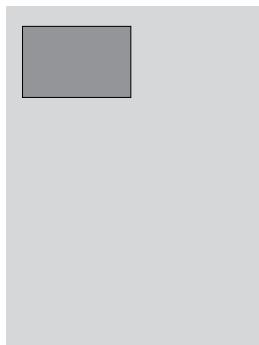
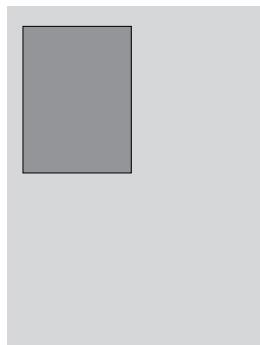
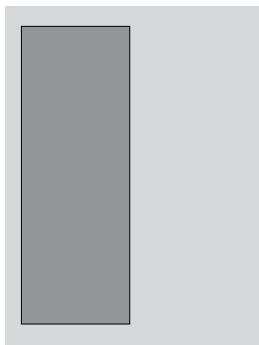
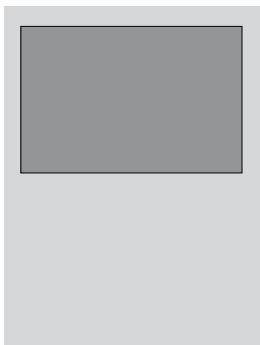
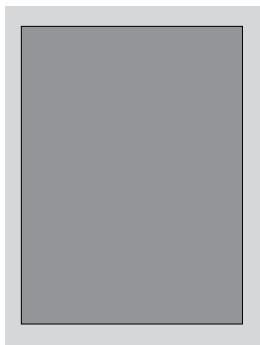
With appreciation,

Melissa Zimmer and the KCSFO

CONGRATULATE YOUR GRAD • SHOW YOUR KCS PRIDE • MAKE A MEMORY

# KINGSTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL YEARBOOK ADS

THANK A TEACHER • SHOW SCHOOL SPIRIT • PROMOTE A BUSINESS • SAY GOODBYE FOR SUMMER



**FULL PAGE**

Cost: \$100

Size: 6.75 x 10

**HALF PAGE HORIZ.**

Cost: \$60

Size: 6.75 x 4.875

**HALF PAGE VERT.**

Cost: \$60

Size: 3.25 x 10

**QUARTER PAGE**

Cost: \$35

Size: 3.25 x 4.875

**BUSINESS CARD**

Cost: \$20

Size: 3.25 x 2.25

**DEADLINE FOR AD PURCHASE AND ARTWORK SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY MAY 22.**

**No charge for design!** Just include desired text and attach any photos or logos.

(Digital files are preferred.) Please send files to [dan.lasecki@gmail.com](mailto:dan.lasecki@gmail.com)

**Designing your own ad?** That's great too! Send camera ready art at exact size (see above) in jpeg or PDF file format. High resolution files only, please. Email to [dan.lasecki@gmail.com](mailto:dan.lasecki@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Ad Size (check one)  Full Page (\$100)  Half Page (\$60)  Quarter Page (\$35)  Business Card (\$20)

I will provide camera ready artwork  Please design my ad and include the following: \_\_\_\_\_

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add additional sheets if necessary.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Kingston Catholic School

Questions? Contact Dan Lasecki (yearbook volunteer) at [dan.lasecki@gmail.com](mailto:dan.lasecki@gmail.com)

# **Re-enrollment**

## *for Next School Year*

These are unusual, trying times.

All of our daily routines have changed dramatically; and we are sure the last thing on everyone's mind, while trying to juggle everyday life, is re-registration for Kingston Catholic's 2020-2021 School year.

This is just a reminder to please take a minute to go on the TADS website and re-register for school for next year if you have not already done so. The re-registration fee of \$125 per student has been extended until June 1<sup>st</sup>. After that date, it goes up to \$225 per student.

Thank you and stay safe and well as we look forward to the next school year!



Traditionally, at this time of year, our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders who embody the ideals of scholastic achievement, community service, and high moral character are invited to apply for membership in the Kingston Catholic National Junior Honor Society. This year, the application and selection process will take place in the fall of 2020.

As in the past, the academic selection will be based on the first three quarters of the 19-20 school year. In the meantime, keep tracking those community service hours (consider service prior to the quarantine, helping at home now, and any outreach or support - cards, letters, etc. during quarantine.) We look forward to Inductions next fall!



## Some of our things were left behind...

When we left on March 13<sup>th</sup> we never imagined we would not be back until September! So, we left some things behind- and many of you still have work from the first week at home to drop off, too!

On Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, students whose last names begin with A-I can pick-up and drop off between 11:00am and 1:00pm.

On Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> students whose last names begin with J-M can pick-up and drop off between 11:00am and 1:00pm.

On Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> students whose last names begin with letters N-Z can drop off and pick up between 11:00am and 1:00pm.

\*A table will be set up in front of the school. Parents are asked to pull up in front of the school and remain in your cars. A runner will come and take your name. Your student's items will be placed on the table and the runner will go back inside the building. At that point, we ask you to get out of your car, pick up your child's belongings, return to your vehicle and drive away.

Please feel free to contact me at [jill.albert@archny.org](mailto:jill.albert@archny.org) with any questions.  
Thank you.



The KCSFO would like to honor the Kingston Catholic Eighth Grade Graduates by putting together a slide presentation.



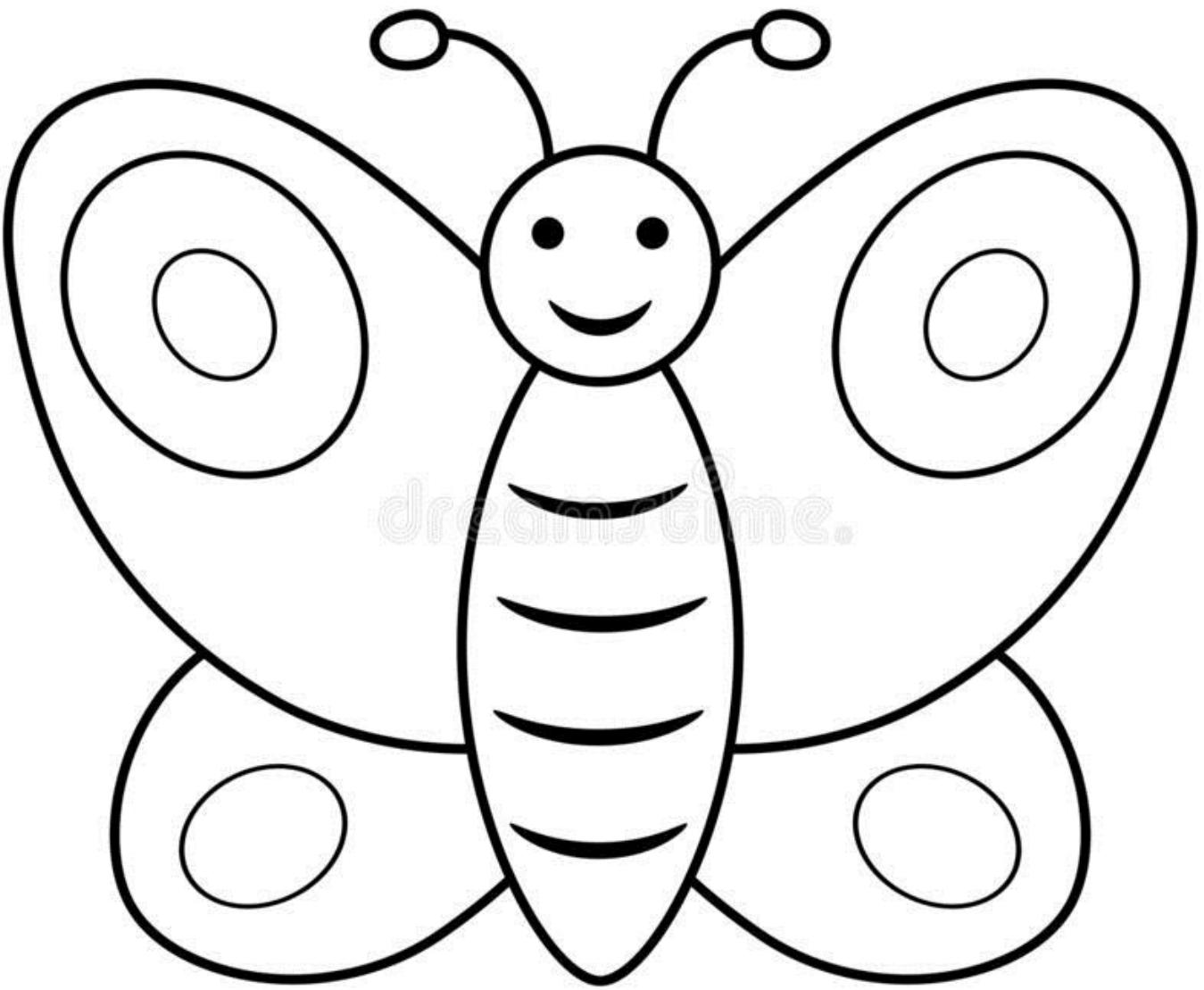
What they need from you (*especially their kindergarten buddies*) is a photo of you holding a sign that has a special wish for the graduates (i.e., "I miss you", Good luck in high school, etc.)



We are hoping for the whole school to participate!

Send your photo to  
[mazimmer@hotmail.com](mailto:mazimmer@hotmail.com)

by  
May 29<sup>th</sup>



## Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of the Ascension

Traditionally, KCS attends Mass on this day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade dresses up in their First Holy Communion finery, the Eighth Grade crowns Mary and the Pre-k releases butterflies.

Since we are unable to do this, Fr. Bill will be saying Mass via Facebook at 2pm on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

We are asking students to color a butterfly or use the one on this flyer and send it to Fr. Bill by Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and he will place them on the altar when he says Mass.

Send your colored butterfly to:

St. Mary's Church, 160 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401

Visit St. Mary's, St. Peter's, Holy Name Parish – Kingston, NY on Facebook on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm to hear Mass and see all the butterflies that you sent in!