

SPECIAL ADVERTISING FEATURE

Getting the Most Out of Your Catholic Schools Week Tour

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE

Catholic Schools Week (January 27 - February 2, 2019) has been an annual tradition since 1974. Sponsored by National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), Catholic schools across the nation commemorate Catholic Schools Week with celebrations, Masses, open houses, and activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. For parents considering a Catholic education for their children, Catholic Schools Week is the ideal time to learn more about the Catholic schools across Long Island.



Choosing a Catholic education is an immersive experience for you and your children. Our high expectations of every student and the individualized attention students receive helps each achieve academic success, and guides them as they carry the message of Jesus throughout their lives.

You are an important part of the reason that your children will love their school and enjoy academic, social and spiritual success. This Insider's Guide to Catholic Schools Week will give you a sense for what you are likely to see, the questions you should ask, and the people you should talk to during your Open House tour.

We look forward to meeting you and showing you why Catholic school students succeed.

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OPEN HOUSE TOUR TIPS FROM THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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Do Your Homework!

Visit licatholicelementaryschools.org to get a preview of the schools in the area. Each school web site is a great resource to stay connected with the school, the calendar and class assignments.

Attend the Family Mass

Many Open Houses are scheduled after the Parish Family Mass. You'll see and hear from current families from the school, and see some of the students in action.

BENEFITS OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

99% of the Long Island Catholic high school graduates go on to college (so if you choose a Catholic school education, start your 529 plan now.)

Be Sure to Register

Registering gets you into the queue for a tour that is often student- or parent-led, and gets your child invited to other age-appropriate school events, like concerts, plays and sporting events.

Talk to Visiting Families

While each family has its own reasons for visiting, most have given serious consideration to the options available in your area and many are willing to share their opinions and experiences.

INSIDER TIP

Ask a current parent how much easier their mornings are thanks to school uniforms.

Ask About School Security

Your children's safety is #1. We've invested in video security, two-way radios and intercoms. Our buildings are single entrance. We run fire and lockdown drills and are part of all municipal safety initiatives.

Pick Your Tour Guide's Brain

Tour leaders have a great deal of knowledge beyond knowing where everything is. Ask them to share their experiences at the school, and any activities and sports they participate in.

INSIDER TIP

Did you meet the nurse? The schools all have nurse's offices to deal with the occasional bumps, bruises and tummy aches.

Spend Time with the Teacher

Other than you, no one's more important in your student's life. Ask about their certifications, qualifications and educational philosophy. Will their kind and nurturing way support your child's spirit?

Visit the Classrooms

Is it a warm and welcoming place? Is it neat, organized and safe? Can you picture your child being happy there?

See How Neat & Clean We Are

We take great pride in our facilities and believe that being neat and organized can eliminate stress. It's one reason our schools are better environments for learning.

INSIDER TIP

Ask about how the school prepares graduates for the rigors of a prestigious Catholic high school, which high schools they attend, and how the past graduates from the school have done in high school.

Visit the "Specials" Classrooms

Art, Music, Language and Technology classes and labs are part of every student's life in Catholic school. Take a look at the great spaces allocated for these activities.

BENEFITS OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

90% or more of the students from Catholic Elementary Schools choose to attend a prestigious Catholic high school, many of them with scholarships that reduce the cost of high school.

PE, Lunch & Play Time

Building relationships inside and outside the classroom is important for whole child development. Long Island Catholic schools offer a variety of programs to engage young minds, bodies and souls.

BENEFITS OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

Almost twice as many students from Catholic high schools go on to achieve their degrees in college versus their public high school graduate counterparts.*

The Faith & Values Difference

Find out how religion is taught. When, where and how often children will attend Mass. Ask about spiritual buddies or mentoring programs. Meet the Pastor or Associate who oversees the school.

INSIDER TIP

Ask the Principal about how the New York State testing policy is addressed in a Catholic school. Also ask about how the school serves students with special learning needs.

Sports & Extra Curriculars

Most Open Houses include a look into all of the clubs, extracurricular activities and sports offered at the school. These activities help children learn what they're good at and interested in.

Meet Current Families

Parents of children currently in the school will be on-hand to talk with you. This is your chance to ask direct questions to the people who really know.

Say Hello to the Principal

The Principals play an important role. They also have a deep commitment to both education and their faith. Is this someone you have confidence in?

SUCCESS!

LONG ISLAND'S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULES

St. Martin of Tours School

Amityville • www.smtschoool.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 10 am – 1 pm after 9 am Mass

St. Christopher School

Baldwin • www.stchris-school.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 10:30 am – 1 pm;
Tues., Jan. 29: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

St. Patrick School

Bay Shore • www.spsbayshore.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm after 9:30 am Mass

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School

Bellmore • www.steas.com
Sun., Jan. 27: 11 am – 1 pm following Opening
Mass at all regional parishes

Our Lady of Providence Regional

Central Islip • www.olprov.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 10 am – 2:30 pm; Tues., Jan. 29: 9:30 am
– 11:30 am; Wed., Jan. 30: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Our Lady Queen of Apostles School

Center Moriches • www.olqany.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 10 am - noon after 9 am Mass
at St. John the Evangelist

Holy Family Regional School

Commack • www.holyfamilyregional.com
Sun., Jan. 27: 10 am – 12:30 pm

S S Cyril and Methodius School

Deer Park • www.sscmweb.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 10:30 am – 1:30 pm after 9:30 am Mass

St. Mary School

East Islip • www.saintmaryschoolei.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 10 am – noon after 8:30 am Mass

Trinity Regional School

East Northport • www.trinityregional.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 9 am – 1 pm; Wed., Jan. 30: 9 am – 11 am

St. Raymond's School

East Rockaway • www.srsny.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 10:30 am – 1 pm after 9 am Mass

Our Lady of Victory School

Floral Park • www.olvfp.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 11:30 am – 1 pm after 10:30 am
Mass; Tues., Jan. 29: 10 am – 11 am

The De La Salle School*

Freeport • www.delasalleschool.org
Visit website for Open House information

St. Anne's School

Garden City • www.stannesgcschool.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 1 pm – 3 pm after 11:45 am Mass

St. Joseph School

Garden City • www.st-josephschool.com
Sun., Jan. 27: 10 am – noon after 9 am Mass

Holy Family School

Hicksville • www.hfsli.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 11:30 am – 2 pm

Our Lady of Mercy School

Hicksville • www.olmshicks.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 11:45am – 2 pm; Wed., Jan. 30:
9:30 am – 10:30 am & 1:15pm – 2 pm

St. Patrick School

Huntington • www.stpathunt.org
Thursday, Jan. 24: 3 pm – 7 pm

Long Beach Catholic Regional School

Long Beach • www.lbcrcs.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 11 am – 12:30 pm; Mon., Jan. 28: 9 am
– 11 am; Tues., Jan. 29: noon – 2 pm; Wed., Jan. 30:
9 am – 11 am; Thurs., Jan. 31: 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Our Lady of Peace School

Lynbrook • www.olpschoollynbrook.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm after 9:30 am
Opening Mass; Mon., Jan. 28: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Malverne • www.olmalverne.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 10:30 am – noon after 9:30 am Mass

Our Lady of Grace Montessori*

Manhasset • www.olgmanhasset.com
Visit website for Open House information

St. Mary's Elementary School

Manhasset • www.stmary11030.org
Sun., Jan. 27 starting at noon

St. Rose of Lima School

Massapequa • www.stroseschool.net
Tues., Jan. 29: 9:30 am – 10:45am & 7 pm – 8 pm

Notre Dame School

New Hyde Park • www.ndsnet.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 10 am – 1 pm after 9 am Mass;
Mon., Jan. 28: 9:30 am – 10:30 am and 1 pm – 2 pm;
Tues., Jan. 29: 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Holy Child Academy*

Old Westbury • www.holychildacademy.org
Visit website for Open House information

St. Dominic Elementary School

Oyster Bay • www.stdomsob.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 11 am – 1 pm; Mon., Jan. 28: 9 am – 1 pm

Holy Angels Regional School

Patchogue • www.holyangelsregional.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Our Lady of Wisdom Regional School

Port Jefferson • www.olowregional.org
Sun., Jan. 27: noon – 2pm; Thurs., Jan. 31
during school day & 6:30 pm – 8 pm; Sat.,
Feb. 2: 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm

St. Peter of Alcantara School

Port Washington • www.stpeterspw.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 11 am – 1 pm;
Kindergarten Info Session: Tues., Jan. 29: 8:30 am

St. John Paul II Regional School

Riverhead • www.sjp2regional.org
Thursday, Jan. 31: 8:30 am – 11:30 am

St. Agnes Cathedral School

Rockville Centre • www.stagnes-school.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 11 am – 12:30 pm after 9:30 am
Mass & 10:30 am refreshments at Parish Center

Sts. Philip and James School

St. James • www.sspjschool.net
Sun., Jan. 27: 11 am – 1:30 pm after 10 am Mass;
Thursday, Jan. 31: 6 pm – 7:30 pm

Maria Regina School

Seaford • www.mariareginaschool.org
Early Childhood (N, Pre-K and K): Thur., Jan. 24: 6 pm
– 8 pm; Open House (N–8) Sun., Jan. 27: noon – 2 pm

St. William the Abbot School

Seaford • www.stwilliamtheabbot.net
Sun., Jan. 27: noon – 2 pm after 10:45am Mass

St. Patrick School

Smithtown • www.spssmith.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 1 pm – 3 pm

Our Lady of the Hamptons Regional School

Southampton • www.olhamptons.org
Sun., Jan. 27: Family Pancake Breakfast/Open
House: 8:30 am – noon

St. Edward the Confessor School

Syosset • www.stewardconfessor.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 10:30 am – 1:30 pm after 9:30 am Mass

St. Martin De Porres Marianist School*

Uniondale • www.stmartinmarianist.org
Visit website for Open House information

St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School

Westbury • www.stbolh.org
Sun., Jan. 27 beginning at 2 pm

St. Thomas the Apostle

West Hempstead • www.stthomasschool.net
Sun., Jan. 27: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm after 10:30 am
Opening Mass; Monday, Jan. 28: 9 am – 11 am

St. Aidan School

Williston Park • www.staidanschool.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 10 am – 12:30 pm after 9 am Mass

Holy Name of Mary School

Valley Stream • www.hnomschool.org
Sun., Jan. 27: 11:30 am – 1 pm; Tues., Jan. 29:
9:30 am – 11 am

Where no Open House information is listed, please check the school's website.

*Private Schools