



CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

At this time the final grades for your son's academic work during the 2017-2018 school year are posted online. Congratulations to those students who, through diligent work, achieved academic success, particularly those whose names appear on the honor roll. For a few students, lack of achievement and even failure, demonstrate the need for increased work, effort and dedication to their studies.

Most students (over 80%) will receive a certificate recognizing excellence of character in September. This certificate is awarded to deserving students who have maintained a 100% character rating, having been assigned no demerits for the school year.

The summer months are a very important time in the maturation of adolescents. It should be a chance for greater recreation and relaxation, but should not be spent in dissipation. We recommend that students engage themselves in some constructive activities. Usually, we find that students who have been employed, enrolled in a summer program or at least done private reading, return in September with a greater self-esteem and self-confidence than those who have spent their time frivolously. Please note the required summer reading information that has already been sent to you. We look forward to the confirmed benefits this reading initiative provides.

This has been a very successful year at Chaminade. We are quite proud of our students' performance both in school and on the playing field. This year's senior class of 374 students received 1,515 scholarships. In addition, one student was named a National Merit Finalist, while eleven others were named Commended Students. Furthermore, there were six appointments to service academies.

The spring athletic teams captured a total of 13 championships in the following sports: golf, junior varsity and varsity lacrosse, varsity tennis, freshman baseball and varsity volleyball. Varsity lacrosse was also crowned the NYSCHSAA State Champions. In crew, Chaminade's Varsity, 2nd Varsity and Freshman were NYS Champions while the Varsity reached the finals in the Stotesbury Cup Regatta. The Varsity and 2nd Varsity boats reached the semifinals in the Scholastic National Championships. In addition to these championships, junior-varsity baseball, varsity and freshman lacrosse teams received Sportsmanship Awards. Congratulations to four of our coaches being selected as Coach of the Year: Mr. Jack Moran (Varsity Lacrosse), Mr. Sal Trentacoste (Varsity Volleyball), Mr. Greg Gerner (Varsity Golf) and Mr. Daniel Petruccio (Varsity Tennis). We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated coaching staff with such outstanding athletes.

During the Activity Awards Assembly held on June 5th, 1,212 students (73% of the student body) were recognized for their participation in after-school activities this year. This number does not include those involved in many volunteer and apostolic activities. In addition, 1,093 students (65%) played on at least one interscholastic athletic team this year. We continue to be very pleased with the degree of competence and

enthusiasm that the students exhibited in these activities, as well as their dedication and service to the school and their classmates. It is amazing to note that over 92% of Chaminade students are involved in at least one activity or sport.

Recently, the Speech and Debate Team took third place in debate at the New York State Championship, including State Champion in Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate. At the National Catholic Forensic League Tournament, Chaminade saw six students win trophies. Fourteen members of the team represented Chaminade in the National Speech and Debate Association National Tournament. Two members finished in the top forty in the country in Lincoln Douglas Debate, five were in the top thirty-two Worlds Debate Team, Michael Bellia finished in the top twenty in Extemporaneous Debate and Rory Mahon was a semi-finalist in Student Congress.

I would like to announce the new officers of the Parents Club for the 2017-2018 school year:

President:	Kirsten and Larry Muccini
Vice President:	Darcy and John Tabako
Treasurer:	Lisa and Lane Maxson
Secretary:	Regina and Robert Pisacani
Hospitality:	Shawn Lisa and Anthony Torres

We thank Nancy and Mike Montelli for their leadership as Presidents this past year and we look forward to having you join us at next year's Parents Club functions.

In compliance with NYS Education Law Section 409-H, we are notifying you that Chaminade High School follows an integrated pest management (IPM) program and may be applying pesticides during the year. For information on specific dates, times, etc., you may call for an appointment to review that information.

I would like to remind you that Chaminade's Comprehensive Attendance Policy is listed in the Student Handbook and can also be found on the school website under Student Resources. Please note the section clarifying excused and unexcused/unlawful absences. Also, please note that there is a standard form that will be required for absence notes. This absence form can be found in the Parent Resource section under "Forms." You can download this form for all absent notes submitted next year.

On behalf of the entire faculty and of the Marianist Community, I wish you and your family a most pleasant and enjoyable summer. May the blessings of Jesus Christ and His Mother be with you always.

Sincerely yours,

Bro. Joseph Bellizzi, S.M. '78
Principal

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