



MOORE CONNECTED

2022 Moore Catholic High School Magazine



Celebrating 60 Years of Excellence





The Nano Nagle Prayer

Lord God, You raise up people
From age to age
To speak anew Your Word to us
And to show us your ways
Such is Nano Nagle.

In days when courage is needed,
You give us this woman of strength
To walk before us with conviction.

In days of great change,
You present us with a prophet
Whose faith is firm.

As the light of her lantern brought hope
Into the lives made wretched
By poverty and oppression,
So may she inspire us
To compassionate action
For those in need around us.

Amen.

“NOT WORDS, BUT DEEDS”

- Honora Nagle

Letter from our President



Greetings all, I am delighted to welcome you to this very special edition of “*Be Moore Connected*” as we celebrate Moore Catholic High School’s 60th Diamond Jubilee. From our “Countessas” of Countess Moore High School, to our current families and friends, we commemorate 60 years of our Mission, grounded in our faith, to provide excellence in academics, athletics, the performing arts and service to our community.

Our school has expanded our programs, upgraded our facilities and has taken the steps necessary to maintain an enviable student to teacher ratio. The Class of 2022 gained acceptance to prestigious colleges such as New York University, The Citadel, Hunter College Macaulay Honors, Stevens Institute of Technology, Barnard College and Columbia. Our students continue to be recognized for their academic achievements by earning millions of dollars in scholarships. Three graduates chose to honor us by committing to the military in service to our country.

Our broadcast studio has expanded as *Lantern Light Media* encompassing daily broadcasts as well as every facet of media production. Our Performing Arts Institute won the top honor at the 2022 Minty Awards for their incredible production of *Shrek: The Musical*.

Moore Catholic is singular in its commitment to support and develop students with a wide array of talents, dreams and aspirations. Through challenges and triumphs, the spirit of Nano Nagle lights the way: “*Not Words, but Deeds.*”

Your continued support of our Mission and ever expanding vision for students allow us to maintain the exceptional educational environment families have come to expect at Moore Catholic High School.

As the newly named President of Moore Catholic High School, I am excited for the future. Thank you all for joining us on this journey. *Onward!*

Best Personal Regards,

Gina DeSantis
President

Letter from our Principal



Since our founding in 1962, Moore Catholic High School (MCHS) has been a leading choice for motivated students seeking a fully-balanced, individualized educational experience. As the only co-educational Catholic high school located in mid-Staten Island, MCHS is in a unique position to offer a student-centered learning environment in the Catholic tradition of excellence in education.

Our academic offerings include Advanced Placement, St. John's University College Advantage courses, and the St. Francis Bridge Program. In accordance with the standards set forth by the New York State Board of Regents, all of our students graduate with either a Regents Diploma or a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation. All of our students receive an iPad, as our school has become a 1:1 device program.

Our Institute for the Performing Arts, led by Mrs. Kristen Pinto, continues to earn multiple awards at the Minty's Gala, including the 2022 "Best Musical winner" Shrek. Under the direction of Michael Ponsiglione, our top-flight athletics program is showing continuous success, including softball and football, as well as adding new sports including lacrosse.

In 2022, our graduates were accepted to top colleges and universities, including Catholic University of America, Clemson, New York University, William E. Macaulay Honors at Hunter College and the College of Staten Island, Penn State University, The Citadel and Temple University, earning over 10 million dollars in scholarships.

Our school continues to take the actions necessary to maintain smaller class sizes with enviable instructor-to-student ratios while retaining superior teaching talent. The actual cost to educate each Moore Catholic student is \$11,715 per year. At the 2022-23 tuition and general fees level of \$8,700, there is a financial gap of \$3,015 per student. The singular experience of a Moore Catholic High School education changes the trajectory of a student's life as they join a community that remains connected well beyond the four years of high school.

Our current and future Mavericks would appreciate any support you can provide. Please contact our Director of Mission Advancement, Mrs. Joey Scarpa Senise '03 with any questions you may have about the various ways to give and how to become MOORE CONNECTED.

All the best,

Scott Gabel
Principal

Horns Up!

Mission Statement

Moore Catholic High School is a co-educational secondary school dedicated to a student-centered learning environment in the Catholic tradition. Moore Catholic is committed to academic excellence as well as to providing a rich and varied curriculum such that all students develop their full intellectual, spiritual, physical, artistic, and moral potential. Moore Catholic students develop as responsible citizens, educated for thoughtful, meaningful participation in society. “Enter as a student; leave as a leader.”

Vision

Moore Catholic High School will be the high school of choice for all students seeking a faith-based education guided by the words Presentation Sister’s founder, the Venerable Honora Nano Nagle, - “With God’s help we will do great things”. Moore Catholic will provide the highest quality programs to nourish the mind, the body and the soul of each student.

Who We Are

Founded in 1962 by the late Francis Cardinal Spellman and the Presentation Sisters of Staten Island, originally as an all-girls school, Moore Catholic was named after Countess Mary Young Moore, an extraordinary benefactress of the Archdiocese of New York.

In 1966, Moore received its official registration from the Board of Regents. In September 1969, Moore became co-ed, and in the course of time, our name was officially changed from Countess Moore High School to Moore Catholic High School.

On July 28, 2009, Moore Catholic High School was granted an Absolute Charter incorporating our Board of Trustees, their associates and successors as an education corporation. Moore Catholic High School is under the educational direction of the Archdiocese of NY, Board of Trustees, and staffed by dedicated lay people and The Sisters of Our Lady of the Garden.

Graduate Profile

The goal of Moore Catholic High School is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, opportunities, and values to be successful and responsible citizens of the world. Graduates of Moore Catholic High School will be characterized as:

- **Leaders** - in their chosen fields, instilled with Catholic values and a commitment to social justice.
- **Life-long Learners** - in order to achieve their personal best, and through which they will create for themselves, others, and their communities, a future that enhances intellectual, artistic and emotional growth.
- **Innovative Thinkers** - capable of thinking creatively and critically to solve problems and make informed decisions.
- **Ambassadors for Christ in the World** - exhibiting empathy, flexibility, service to others, love and hope.

Accreditations

- AdvancED/Cognia Accreditation
- Middle States Association Accreditation



Wellness Center

Thanks to the Staten Island Foundation and the help of our Family Association, our new Wellness Center is in the operational stage, with plans for growth, completing our vision for a physically and emotionally healthy school community tailored for learning with an emphasis on the "well-being of the WHOLE student" intellectually, physically and emotionally.

Our newly redesigned Wellness Center now offers: weight training, cardiovascular training with gender neutral equipment tailored to meet the needs of the entire student population. The introduction of yoga classes and nutritional counseling provided by Staten Island University Hospital. This multilevel program will be one that will grow and produce positive measurable results in the form of long-term engagement.



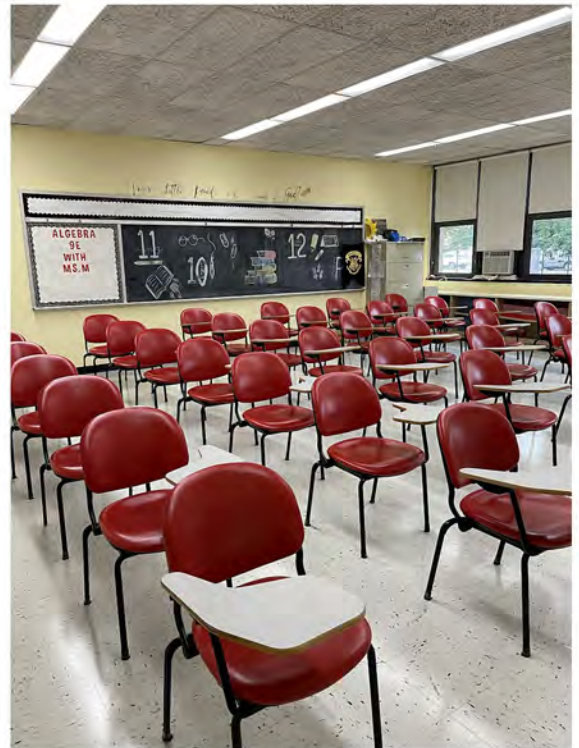
Gym Floor

The home of the Mavericks had a little refresh over the summer, and we are prepared for another great season on the court!



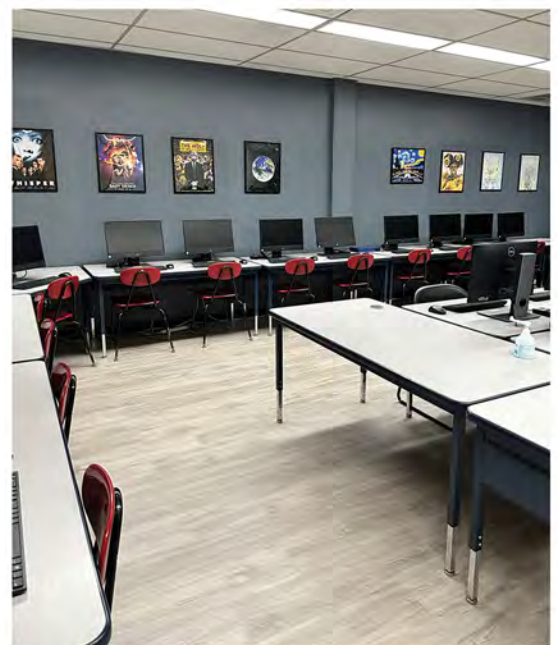
New Lockers & Red Desks

Moore Catholic is happy to announce that we have purchased new red lockers for the first floor and received a generous donation of beautiful red leather desks.



Computer Lab

Over the summer of 2022, the computer lab was painted and updated with new Dell All-in-One desktops that connect to a secure internal network providing access to the internet and numerous applications. Our lab also displays students' artwork projects from our senior elective Digital Art course.



Spotlight on Kyle McAlarney '05

When asked what his greatest challenge transitioning from player to agent was, Kyle said, “as my professional basketball career neared an end, I always knew, at some level, that I wanted to coach others. Working with players was seamless, as it always came naturally to me. However, I would be lying if I said that the mental transition was easy. Playing basketball was my entire life until I was 30 years old. It was my entire identity, and until recently it was difficult to feel fulfilled in anything else. Everywhere I went I was reminded of who I was as a player and giving up that part of me was a huge personal struggle.”

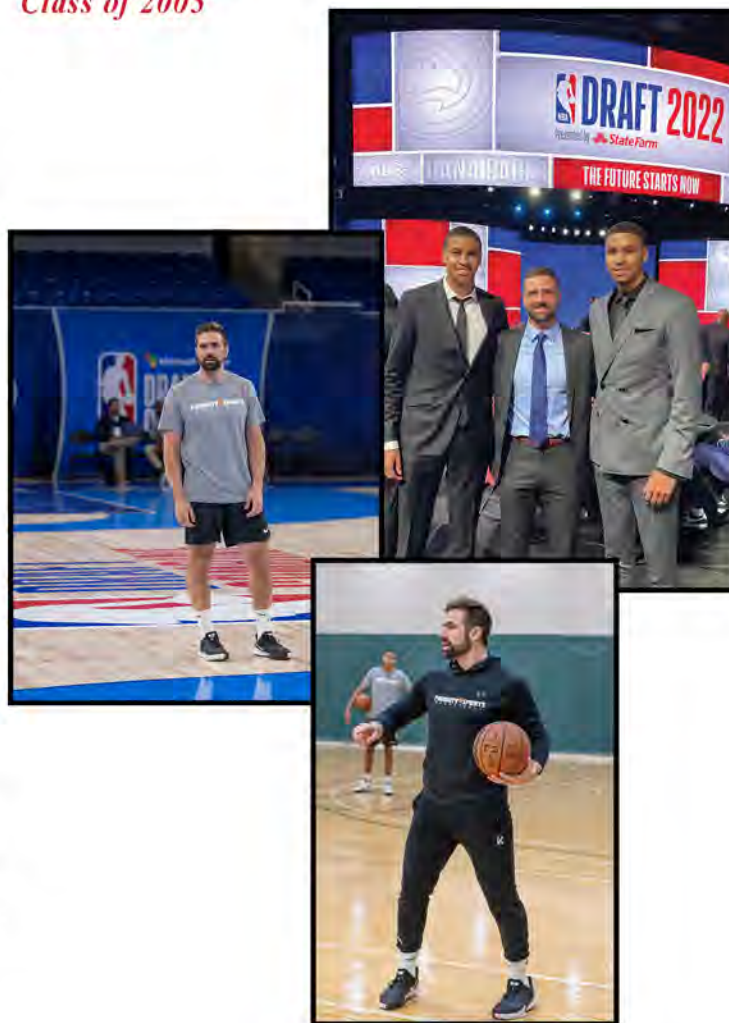
Kyle McAlarney, the now NBA agent, said most of his job is mentoring and advising some of the best basketball players in the world. He would not be able to do so without all of the experiences, both good and bad, in his life.

Kyle was not shy about giving credit to Moore Catholic for the role it played in his basketball career. “I have so many great memories at Moore from being a student, all the way to my time as Athletic Director, and so many lessons learned to share! As a student-athlete, what I remember most is our early morning practices before school and the environment during our basketball games. Morning practices developed a habit of waking up early, allowing me to use the “extra” time to work on my basketball skills. For our games, the Moore Catholic gym would be standing room only, with the stage full of our own students. The “6th men” were our classmates. They would chant, cheer, and even play musical instruments. It mimicked a college basketball atmosphere. Our games were the place to be for everyone in the area, basketball fans or not. Having played all over the world, nothing compares to playing in that environment, with no agenda other than to compete and win for our

school. I learned how to perform under pressure and in front of a crowd, which served me well into the rest of my career.”

McAlarney ended by sharing his advice for future athletes, “the best, most general advice I can give to young athletes is to invest as much time and energy into relationships as you invest in your sport and treat everyone with the same respect you wish to receive in return. I wholeheartedly believe that will serve you well in any endeavor!”

Kyle McAlarney
Class of 2005



Letter from our Athletic Director



Horns Up Mavs!



We at Moore Catholic take tremendous pride in being able to balance education and athletics, in addition to Performing Arts and other extra-curricular activities. As our enrollment continues to grow, we are still able to maintain manageable class sizes and top notch athletic programs.

Together, our administration, faculty, and coaches work hand in hand to ensure a positive experience in the classroom, on the athletic field, and spiritually. We believe what we instill in our Student-Athletes will not only translate in the classroom and in their respective sports, but in their contribution to the community as well.

We are committed to instilling respect, accountability, and empowerment, to ensure a seamless transition into the next phase for all of our students. Our Athletic Department is versed in the NCAA recruitment and eligibility process for Student-Athletes, helping to take some of the burden off the students and their families. As an athletic program committed to success, we make sure to have the resources necessary to assist in the athletic recruiting process.

Don't want to be an athlete, but rather be a fan? We encourage all students and their families to be a part of Maverick Nation. Our home athletic events are high energy experiences that help build school spirit. Don't be afraid to be MOORE involved!

Mike Ponsiglione
Director of Athletics

The 60th Diamond Jubilee Gala

Founded in 1962, we fast forward 60 years, and the college preparatory co-education Catholic secondary school in Bulls Head marks six decades in academics, athletics and performing arts with a celebratory 60th Diamond Jubilee Gala.

The Diamond Jubilee was celebrated on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at LiGreci's Staaten in West Brighton.

Recognized that evening for their commitment to community and for their dedication to Moore Catholic High School are Monsignor Thomas J. Bergin, a former principal at Moore, Ann Marie Henderson, a member of the Class of 1975, and Michael Anicito, Class of 1998. Co-chairs for the gala are Moore grads Kathy Connors, Class of 1980, and Debra Buttermark, Class of 1975.



Countessa Reunion Classes of 1966-1972



On Sunday, the day after the gala, the ladies of Countess Moore gathered for a mega reunion in the home of Laura Vonfrolio, an alum in the Class of 1970, and who is on the Board of Trustees, for a complete celebratory weekend for Moore Catholic.



Giving Back to Moore Catholic

Thank you for your interest in supporting Moore Catholic High School. Your support of our Mission and Vision allows MCHS to continue to provide the highest level of academics, athletics and the arts while keeping our tuition and fees affordable. The investments made by alumni, parents, friends and community partners have sustained Moore Catholic since its founding in 1962. Unrestricted gifts help us maintain and improve our various programs, facilities enhancement, professional development for our faculty and staff, and provide tuition assistance. Of course, your gift may be directed to a specific area. We invite you to consider the following opportunities:

Directed Giving

You may direct your donation to any department you wish. If donating by check, please note your request on the memo line. If donating by credit, please visit our website at MooreCatholicHS.org.

Matching Gifts

Many companies match contributions made by an employee or their spouse. The donor is acknowledged for the original gift plus the amount of the match. Please check with your human resources department to determine if your company participates in a matching gifts program then obtain the proper forms to send to our Finance Office.

Planned Giving

Moore Catholic recognizes those who support our vision for the future by including the school in their estate plans. We welcome individuals who make gifts through bequests, charitable trusts, gifts of life insurance, real-estate, or retirement assets.

Take a Seat Campaign

Our students' desks are in a state of disrepair. With your help, we could make our students' learning environment much more comfortable. Your \$200 tax-deductible donation will go toward the purchase of one new desk and chair set. Each replacement desk will be customized with a personalized plaque, naming the donor, so the students who sit there during the day can keep you in their thoughts and prayers. Please visit our website for more information. Of course, if you choose, you can always mail a check to the school to the attention of the Take a Seat Campaign.

"Investing in the Future" Capital Campaign

This will allow for unrestricted funds to be used to introduce and expand our current programs to include cutting edge new additions such as: Broadcasting, Marine Biology, Digital Art Studio, and Anatomage Table, just to name a few.



James Hughes '75, Karen McKendry Rudick '78, Matthew Gebbia '97, Danielle Santangelo '02, Victoria Kahmann Skonieczny '02, Joey Scarpa Senise '03, James S. Iannizzotto '04, Kyle McAlarney '05, Jennifer Pallister '06, J.C. Albano '07, Stacey Gitto '09, DanaLynn Cutajar Sinodinos '11, Christopher Ghiraldi '15

Mavericks Care

Mavericks Care is an after school organization focused on bringing the very best of the Maverick spirit to our community through organized charity and awareness events. This year our students participated in many community based events including, The Back to School Supplies Drive, Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, and The Autism Speaks Walk.



A Letter to Mr. Gabel:

Dear Principal Gabel,

I am writing to tell you about some of your extraordinary students.

This past summer I spontaneously took my daughter Jordan, who has special needs, to watch the softball team practice. My daughter is very impaired and cannot catch or throw a ball but LOVES softball and watches it every day on YouTube.

During that visit, the Moore Maverick Softball Team demonstrated the greatest values any human individual can possess. Unprompted, they showed my special needs daughter respect, acceptance and love. They made her feel important and happy.

We were then invited to watch a game and when we arrived at the game we were greeted by alumni, given a Moore Jersey for Jordan from Jeanne McManus and a special hello from Lizzie McManus and Jordan, your star pitcher!

I have never been more proud to be a Maverick.

Thank you so much,

Denise Lorelli

Former Maverick Softball 3rd baseman

City All-Star and State Champion

Former Maverick Cheerleader

Moore Class of '88





Moore Catholic High School congratulates the Class of 2022 on their outstanding achievements! In addition to earning 14 million (over \$157,300 per capita) in scholarships, our newest alumni have been accepted to the following colleges and universities:

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| <i>Adelphi University</i> | <i>Hofstra University</i> | <i>Roanoke College</i> |
| <i>American International College</i> | <i>Howard University</i> | <i>Rochester Institute of Technology</i> |
| <i>Barnard College</i> | <i>Hudson Valley Community College</i> | <i>Rowan University</i> |
| <i>Baruch College</i> | <i>Hunter College</i> | <i>Sacred Heart University</i> |
| <i>Bethany College</i> | <i>Iona University</i> | <i>Saint Leo University</i> |
| <i>Binghamton University</i> | <i>John Jay College of Criminal Justice</i> | <i>Saint Peter's University</i> |
| <i>Bloomfield College</i> | <i>Johnson & Wales University</i> | <i>Seton Hall University</i> |
| <i>Brookdale Community College</i> | <i>Kean University</i> | <i>Shippensburg University</i> |
| <i>Caldwell University</i> | <i>LIM College</i> | <i>Siena College</i> |
| <i>Clark Atlanta University</i> | <i>Long Island University</i> | <i>St. Francis University</i> |
| <i>Catholic University of America</i> | <i>Longwood University</i> | <i>St. John's College</i> |
| <i>Clemson University</i> | <i>Lynn University</i> | <i>St. John's University</i> |
| <i>College of Mount Saint Vincent</i> | <i>Manhattan College</i> | <i>St. Joseph's University</i> |
| <i>College of Saint Rose</i> | <i>Marist College</i> | <i>Stevens Institute of Technology</i> |
| <i>College of Staten Island</i> | <i>Medaille University</i> | <i>Stony Brook University</i> |
| <i>CSI Macaulay Honors College</i> | <i>Misericordia University</i> | <i>SUNY New Paltz</i> |
| <i>Columbia University</i> | <i>Monmouth University</i> | <i>SUNY Cobleskill</i> |
| <i>Cornell University</i> | <i>Montclair State University</i> | <i>SUNY Cortland</i> |
| <i>DeSales University</i> | <i>Moravian University</i> | <i>SUNY Korea (Stony Brook Campus)</i> |
| <i>Dillard University</i> | <i>Morgan State University</i> | <i>SUNY Oswego</i> |
| <i>Drexel University</i> | <i>Mount Saint Mary College</i> | <i>Syracuse University</i> |
| <i>Duquesne University</i> | <i>Mount St. Mary's University</i> | <i>Temple University</i> |
| <i>East Coast Prep</i> | <i>Muhlenberg College</i> | <i>University of Northwestern Ohio</i> |
| <i>Emroy & Henry College</i> | <i>Neumann University</i> | <i>University at Albany</i> |
| <i>Fairfield University</i> | <i>New York University</i> | <i>University at Buffalo</i> |
| <i>Fairleigh Dickinson University</i> | <i>New Jersey Institute of Technology</i> | <i>University of Delaware</i> |
| <i>Florida Atlantic University</i> | <i>Pace University</i> | <i>University of New Haven</i> |
| <i>Florida Southern College</i> | <i>Palm Beach University</i> | <i>University of Scranton</i> |
| <i>Florida Institute of Technology</i> | <i>Penn State University</i> | <i>University of Utah</i> |
| <i>Fordham University</i> | <i>Plattsburgh University</i> | <i>Vaughn University of Aeronautics and Technology</i> |
| <i>Georgian Court University</i> | <i>Quinnipiac University</i> | <i>Wagner College</i> |
| <i>Hartford University</i> | <i>Rider University</i> | |

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In Memoriam

Moore Catholic mourns the loss of its fellow Mavericks who have recently passed away. Please note, this information is updated as best as possible.

If you wish to submit information on an alumna or alumnus who has passed away, please email alumni@moorechs.org.

Carol Dzwonkowski '66

Eileen McKeon '66

Carmela Pirozzolo '66

Rosemary Girello Callahan '73

Andrew Hornbuckle '79

Timothy Tracy '79

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A Message from Mission Advancement



Welcome to this very special edition of “Be Moore Connected,” as we celebrate our 60th Diamond Jubilee! It is comforting to know that the spirit in which Countess Mary Young Moore founded Moore Catholic High School is alive and well on Merrill Avenue. Since its foundation in 1962, Moore Catholic has maintained its spiritual cornerstone, high academic standards and unique heritage, while simultaneously and subtly evolving to meet the needs of our Staten Island Community. From the groundbreaking women of Countess Moore High School to the vibrant co-educational experience that is Moore Catholic High School today, the spirit of the Presentation Sisters remains central to our Mission.

The Mission Mavericks, a community of multi-decade alumni that work at MCHS, develop programs and opportunities to engage our alumni community.

We love seeing you, so please know your attendance at alumni events and your continued support in fundraising opportunities are very much appreciated. We welcome you to build an even stronger connection to the Moore Catholic community by volunteering. We are always looking for alumni to get involved; whether it's with the annual fund, planning reunions, spiritual events, professional networking, and to “Be Moore Connected!”

We live our motto, “Once a Maverick, always a Maverick!” We would be delighted to show you around and share the vitality that is Moore Catholic High School!

Joey Scarpa-Senise '03
Director of Mission Advancement

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