

Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School Boarding Program Brooklyn, New York

School Year 2007 / 2008

WHY BISHOP LOUGHLIN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL?

Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School had been educating leaders since 1851. The U.S. Department of Education recognizes Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School as a Blue Ribbon Exemplary High School. The school is chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Loughlin is a community of hope and stability for its students who daily experience the many challenges of urban life. Stability is rooted in good order, clearly proclaimed and justly secured through sound guidelines. Hope is fostered primarily through caring adults sensitive to and keenly aware of the struggles and unique challenges of adolescence. With an enrollment of approximately 850 young men and women, Loughlin is the ideal size for an effective high school program.

WHAT DOES THE BOARDING PROGRAM OFFER?

Students live and board at LaSalle Hall, Loughlin's Boarding Program, Monday through Friday during the school year. The boarders are expected to follow a daily schedule filled with extracurricular activities, a two-hour study hall each night, and various residence responsibilities. Students participate in an after-school program where the emphasis is placed upon academic, physical, and cultural enrichment. Each youth has access to mentoring, tutoring, counseling, and college guidance. The after school program also offers students the opportunity to participate in meaningful workshops and programs that lead to character and academic development. Additionally, there are opportunities for leadership development.

WHAT IS THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT LIKE?

- Students live in single or double rooms.
- The dormitory has its own kitchen and dining area.
- The breakfast and dinner meals are catered and served family style.
- There are several common areas with couches, a television, a VCR, ping pong and pool table, etc.
- The dormitory has a computer lab and telephone and computer kiosks.
- The dormitory has a fitness/recreation room.
- The dormitory is directly adjacent to Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, on the school grounds.

WHO WILL BE LOOKING AFTER THE STUDENTS IN THE BOARDING PROGRAM?

Qualified Program Counselors, the Director of Residential Life, and the Assistant Director of Residential Life, live on-site in the dormitory with the boarding students. During most times of the day, there is generally at least one staff member on duty for every 10 students. The Program Staff are very experienced at working with young men and are responsible for ensuring that every hour is supervised and productive, and for creating an environment where students can flourish.

WHAT WILL A TYPICAL DAY BE LIKE?

7:00 am	Wake-up and prepare for the school day
7:15 am – 7:45 am	Breakfast in the dining area
8:20 am – 2:30 pm	Regular school day – academic classes
2:30 pm – 5:15 pm	After school program activities
5:15 pm – 5:45 pm	Dinner and clean-up
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Study hall
8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	House Meeting / Activity Time
9:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Lights Out by Grade and Level

WHEN DO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS SEE THEIR CHILD?

Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School believes that the family is a vital part of each student's success. Students are expected to return home to their families for the weekend. Parents and guardians are invited to visit their child in the dormitory for scheduled events and activities. Program Counselors and Administrators are willing to meet with parents and guardians throughout the year to discuss the progress of their child.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible, students must have a demonstrated need and desire for the structure of a boarding program. Students must be eligible to attend Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School as a student in grades 9 through 12 in September of 2007 and must be capable of going home on the weekends. Above all, each student must want to participate in this program and must want to make a commitment to the program. Students who can benefit from the structure and support of the program and who will strive for personal growth and greater academic achievement are encouraged to apply. Parents or guardians of students applying must be willing to make the commitment to the program as well. Please know that the number of applicants accepted for next year will be very limited.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

- **The cost to the school:**
The cost to the school for the boarding program is over \$23,000 per student per year. **(This is NOT the amount that the family will be expected to pay.)** In essence, the scholarship attached to this experience is in approximately \$20,000 per student! This includes the cost of tuition at Bishop Loughlin as well as a 5-day boarding program with meals included for the 10 months of a school year. This is a tremendous opportunity!
- **The cost to each family:**
Every family is expected to make a financial contribution that is small in comparison to the overall scholarship their child receives. Parents and Guardians are absolutely expected to invest in their child's education! Scholarships will be provided based upon financial need after consideration by the Admissions Committee at Bishop Loughlin and the Director of Residential Life. Families will be asked to make a contribution towards each child's education and living expenses in the range of \$250 - \$400 per month for ten months of the school year.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- **Applicant and her parent (s) or guardian (s) must complete written application by April 9th, 2007.**
- Call 718-638-5200 or email rwalker@blmhs.org for more information or to request an application.