



Boys Hope Girls Hope
New York



La Salle Hall Boarding Program
Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School
Brooklyn, New York
Information Sheet

WHY A BOARDING PROGRAM AT BISHOP LOUGHLIN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL?

Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School ("BLMHS") has been educating leaders since 1851. The U.S. Department of Education recognizes BLMHS 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. BLMHS has partnered with Boys Hope Girls Hope of New York ("BHGHNY"), a nonprofit organization, to operate an urban boarding school. This boarding program was established to offer underserved youth a powerful alternative to the overwhelming obstacles that jeopardize academic success. Boys Hope Girls Hope of New York opened its doors in 1979 and, since that time, it has offered an innovative educational, residential, outreach program to children from all five boroughs of the City of New York and Long Island. Boys Hope Girls Hope of New York's mission is to help academically capable and motivated children-in-need to meet their full potential and become men and women for others by providing value-centered, family-like homes, opportunities and education through college.

WHAT DOES THE BOARDING PROGRAM OFFER?

Although Bishop Loughlin is a co-ed school, **the boarding program is only open to young men.** The boarding program accommodates a maximum of twenty-five (25) young men from grades 9 through 12 in the former De La Salle Christian Brothers residence, which is located adjacent to BLMHS. Participants in the program reside in the boarding residence Sunday evening through Friday afternoon and attend school with the day students at BLMHS. Students are expected to follow a daily schedule filled with extracurricular activities, a two-hour study hall each night, and various residence hall chores and responsibilities. Students participate in an after-school program where the emphasis is placed upon academic, physical, and cultural enrichment. Each young man 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 developing leadership skills.

WHAT IS THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT LIKE?

- Students live in single or double rooms.
- The dormitory has its own kitchen and dining area. (Students receive a free school lunch in the cafeteria.)
- The breakfast and dinner meals are prepared by Program Staff and students and served family style.
- There are several common areas with couches, a television, a VCR, ping pong, pool table, etc.
- The dormitory has a computer lab, and telephone and computer kiosks.
- There is a fitness/recreation room located in the dormitory.

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

A BHGHNY Program Director, Assistant Program Director and qualified Residential Counselors all live on-site in the dormitory with the boarding students and directly supervise them. The Program Staff is very experienced in working with young men. In addition to ensuring that every hour is supervised, safe, and productive, Program Staff are responsible for creating an environment where students can flourish.

WHAT WILL A TYPICAL DAY BE LIKE?

The typical schedule for a day in the boarding residence is as follows:

7:00 AM – 7:15 AM Wake-up, Daily Chores 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 (Sun/Wed), Evening Chores and Activity Time

9:30 PM – 11:00 PM Lights Out by Privilege Level

WHEN DO PARENTS/GUARDIANS SEE THEIR CHILD?

BLMHS and BHGHNY believe that the family is a vital part of each student's success. Students are expected to return home to their families on Friday afternoons for the weekend. Parents and guardians are invited to visit their child in the dormitory for scheduled events and activities. In addition, Program Staff 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. 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 we only have a few openings each year, and we usually have many more applicants than available spaces.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

• 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 as a participant in the boarding program. Parents and Guardians are absolutely expected to invest in their child's education! **Scholarships are provided based upon financial need** after consideration by the BLMHS Admissions Committee and BHGHNY Program Staff. **Families are asked to make a contribution in the range of \$250 - \$400 per month for ten months of the school year.** This equals approximately \$2,500-\$4,000 per year towards each child's education and living expenses. By contrast, BLMHS' tuition for day students is over \$7,000 per year!

• The cost to BHGHNY:

The cost to **BHGHNY** for the boarding program is over \$23,000 per student per year. (This is NOT the amount that the family is expected to pay.) In essence, the scholarship attached to the residential boarding experience is \$20,000 per student! This includes the \$7,000+ per year cost of tuition at BLMHS as well as a 5-day boarding program with meals included for the 10 months of a school year. The Boarding Program also sponsors various activities, trips, and tutoring during the year and does not ask for additional money from the families of participating youth. This is a tremendous opportunity!

HOW DO I APPLY?

Please call Program Director Jean-Yves Lafond at 718-638-5200 or email him at jlafond@bhgh.org for more information or to request an application.