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Dear Principals,

We hope your school year is off to a safe start during this time of COVID. I wanted to convey our support and serve as a resource for your school community. If you have not received, we recently communicated with the CYO Parish Coordinators and administrators a delayed start to our programming, which you can read [here](#).

Some good news, many of our CYO Programs have incorporated a virtual component to adapt to the start of the 2020 – 2021 academic year. Based on the success of our Virtual Art / Essay / Photo / Poetry contest held this past June (see coverage in Archways Magazine [here](#)), we have added an extra virtual contest for this fall, providing additional opportunities for your students to display their artistic talents. In addition, we have added a direct fundraising platform for your art students to fundraise for your school or art program with the CYO “Paint-a-Thon” Masterpiece Challenge. Take a look [here](#).

On the following pages you will find programming options that offer a virtual component to compliment the traditional in-person for your consideration. Virtual chess, virtual basketball, virtual soccer are a few examples you will find on the following pages. If you are interested in any of the following, please email me directly seth.peloso@archny.org indicating what programs you would like to learn more about. Remember you can always find this information and more on the CYO website at www.cyony.org and find flyers for download and more information.

If there is anything we can do to support you during these challenging times, don’t hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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Virtual Art / Essay / Photo / Poetry Contest & Fundraiser* **Fall & Spring** **Virtual Contest / fundraiser**

Description

We are proud to announce a virtual option for all schools or parishes to enter into the CYO Art & Essay Contest. Due to the success of the Virtual contest this past Spring, this is a natural progression to help the art and school community. It costs nothing to set up and start raising money for your school or art program. All participants are automatically entered into Archdiocese contest and eligible for awards and prizes.

Virtual Art & Essay Contest: <http://www.cyony.org/Page.asp?n=158604&org=cyony.org>

Fundraising Home Page: <https://www.givingzone.com/paint-a-thon-ny-cyo>

Shoot-a-Thon Fundraiser **Full Year** **Virtual option added**

Description

This past year, over \$50K was raised directly for the participating school or parish program. Let's get your school or parish set up to raise funds for your program needs. The majority shot free-throws to earn money for their programs but others customized to fit their needs raising money for physical education and other programs such as volleyball. Gym not available? Not a problem, shoot from your driveway or local park.

Visit Home Page: <https://www.givingzone.com/shoot-a-thon-ny-cyo>

Virtual Chess **Full Year** **Virtual or In-Person**

Description

As the school year begins, the CYO chess program has adapted and prepared to offer virtual or in-person lessons. Options are available for children in grades pre-K through HS. Our chess partners, **Chess at Three** and **Premier Chess**, can teach programs virtually or in-person for semesters of 8+ weeks, in which they will teach the rules, basic strategy and tournament preparation. Virtual classes will be taught on Zoom. One instructor can teach up to 15-20 students.

Chess Page <http://www.cyony.org/Page.asp?n=75212&org=cyony.org>



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Virtual Soccer	Fall and Spring Semester	Virtual options / In-person available
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Description
 Our partner, Super Soccer Stars has adapted to the pandemic with creative and innovative ways. Virtual training is available where coaches work directly with players via screen sharing. Lessons are run. When your school allows in-person instruction, programming is safe with their “Zonal Play”, done in small spaces. Virtual training is also available where coaches work directly with players via screen sharing.

Soccer Page <http://www.cyony.org/Page.asp?n=153637&org=cyony.org>

Virtual Basketball Training	January – May*	Virtual Training added
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Description
 CYO’s largest program, with over 16,000 participants will see the start of the season delayed to January in support of our school and parish communities. But to help the children stay engaged, we have partnered with the Shootin’ School to provide instruction virtually focusing on ball handling and condition. Children can register individually. Want to incorporate into your school programming? We can do that too.

Visit the Virtual page <http://www.cyony.org/Page.asp?n=158790&org=CYONY>
CYO basketball page <http://www.cyony.org/Page.asp?n=75205&org=cyony.org>

Cross Country	Fall	Virtual Training / In-Person
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Description
 CYO Cross Country started on October 4th on Staten Island and in Ossining, NY. Cross Country is deemed a low-risk sport by NYSDOH and can proceed with practice and play while following social distancing guidelines. In addition to the remaining cross country meets through mid-November, we will be offering virtual trainings throughout the winter focusing on in home workouts with guest speakers and lecturers during the winter months. This past spring when forced to remain indoors due to the pandemic, Olympic athletes, college athletes, military families all led our club program in virtual trainings. We are proud to announce that the virtual trainings will be back, complementing our fall program hosted and sponsored by our CYO Club running program. Everyone is welcome to participate, from the beginner to the experienced runner. All ability levels are welcome. Kids can join the Club program and receive training and instruction in a supportive environment both in person or virtually.

Cross Country Page <http://www.cyony.org/Page.asp?n=75210&org=cyony.org>
View Cross Country Video: <https://youtu.be/7EJ1DfPXV7Y>