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St. Dominic Academy Students To Visit PVSC Lab

Newark, NJ – The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) will be hosting students from the St. Dominic Academy (Jersey City) for Lab Day on Thursday, February 1. The primary objective of the event is to showcase various careers within the sciences, raise awareness of the important role labs play in society, and specifically educate the students regarding lab procedures and responsibilities.

Founded in 1878 and in its current location (2572 John F. Kennedy Boulevard) since 1942, St. Dominic Academy is a college preparatory school for girls from Grades 7 through 12. The school boasts a rigorous academic curriculum, including honors and advanced placement courses. Their mission is “empowering young women for leadership.” Many of their students are planning to pursue a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) major in college.

PVSC will provide each student with safety glasses and a lab coat. Students will then break into groups and will visit various work stations that are led by either a chemist or a lab technician. Students will be exposed to what transpires in the lab on a daily basis by observing several wastewater analyses and having the hands-on opportunity to perform the analyses themselves. They will also learn about safety procedures in the laboratory and about the state and federal regulations PVSC observes. In addition to visiting the lab, students will be taken on an extensive, plant-wide tour. They will also hear presentations from several members of the PVSC management team.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The press is welcome to attend. To register for a press visit, please contact Doug Scancarella, dscancarella@pvsc.nj.gov or 973-817-5735.

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In order to protect and preserve local streams and rivers from water pollution, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission operates one of the country's oldest and largest treatment plants for the wastewaters of northern New Jersey, serving nearly 1.5 million people in parts of five counties.