**High School Tips**

* Read through the High School Directory and make a list of all the schools and programs that interest you.
* Check admissions Priorities on each school’s directory page.
* Look at the Selection Criteria listed under each program.
* Take note of each school’s program’s Admission Method.
* As you make your list, consider the following:
* **Selection Method:** make sure you are eligible and find out all necessary requirements.
* **Location**? How far are you willing to travel? Please take a practice run before you put the school down on your application
* **School Size:** Are you looking for a large school with many curricular and extracurricular offerings or a small school with a close-knit community?
* **Interest Areas, Curriculum and Courses**: What are your academic interests and strengths? Are you looking for a high school with any particular focus or specific courses?
* **Safety**: I suggest looking each school up on [www.insideschools.org](http://www.insideschools.org) to read about the school’s environmental climate.
* Do additional research on high schools that interest you.
* Look at the school’s website
* Schedule to attend an open house and/or tour
* Look at reviews on [www.insideschools.org](http://www.insideschools.org)
* Set up an appointment with Mrs. Corvinelli to discuss hs choices ☺.
* Submit your completed High School Application by Wednesday,

**November 27, 2017.**

* Select up to **12 programs** and list them in order of your preference. Generally, your chances of being matched to one of your choices can increase as you choose more programs**. Do NOT list a program if you do not want to attend.** If you list a school on your application, you may be matched to it.
* Remember: You can apply to more than one program within a high school.
* **All Specialized High Schools are separate from the 12 choices.**
* Keep a copy for your records.

**Private Schools:**

Make sure you complete all the steps in the application process. This should include sending the following:

* The school application form, test scores, current school record and teacher recommendation forms.
* Please note that transcript request forms should be submitted to Star Corvinelli and teacher recommendation forms should be submitted directly to the teachers.
* For those forms that must be completed by the Guidance Counselor, please adhere to the following guidelines.
  1. **\*Please have students bring forms to me at least 2 weeks prior to the date that they must be received by the high school.**
  2. **\*Each form you submit to me must be attached to a pre-addressed stamped envelope.**

**Recommendation Requests**

* Due to the overwhelming requests in previous years for recommendation letters, students may only ask fora recommendation if the school requires it (Bard will accept it if the student is granted an interview).
* Students who are applying to such schools need to bring in the forms specifically designated for those high schools.
* Students must also submit a stamped addressed envelope at least two weeks in advance with any recommendation requests.