Dear 8th Grade Families,

I hope this message finds you well! Tomorrow, I will be distributing the MySchools welcome letters, printed on bright pink paper for easy visibility in your child's folder. These letters contain each child's account creation code and essential instructions for navigating the high school application process. Please remember that this system is the same one you used for middle school applications. It's important to note that the welcome letters for high school admissions are different from the letters you received for logging into your NYC Schools Account (NYCSA), which is a separate system not related to high school admissions.

Upcoming Zoom Information Session

I will be hosting a Zoom information session next week. Here are the details:

Date: October 2, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM

Zoom Link: <u>Join the Meeting</u> Meeting ID: 912 4484 1512

Passcode: 009380

Additionally, I will hold an informational assembly for 8th-grade students on October 9 during the school day.

Resources for the High School Admissions Process

- 1. Get Organized: Use this <u>chart</u> to highlight key features when evaluating high schools.
- My Schools High School Directory: Explore the DOE online <u>NYC public school</u> directory to filter schools by size, interest areas, borough, accessibility, admissions method, and early college. Remember, applications must be submitted via MySchools.
- 3. Attend Open Houses: Visit the <u>NYC Sift</u> website, which aggregates information about open houses and updates weekly. It was created by a NYC dad to help families streamline their school visits. For schools not listed, be sure to check their individual websites for the latest information.
- 4. DOE High School Information: Find comprehensive details about the high school admissions process on here.
- 5. Highlights of NYC High Schools: <u>This</u> resource lists NYC high schools organized by focus area.

- 6. Inside Schools: <u>This project</u> offers independent information about NYC public schools, featuring insights from journalists, parents, and advocates who visit schools and engage with the community.
- 7. Parent Exchange: Join the "Applying to High School NYC" Facebook group to exchange resources and experiences with other NYC parents.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm wishes,

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