

October 16, 2024

Dear 8th Grade Families,

I hope your high school research is going well! This is a reminder that **October 18 is the final day to register for the SHSAT**. The test will take place at **MS 447 on October 30, 2024, starting at 9:00 AM**. Students will now receive their tickets on the morning of the test. All students will receive the testing accommodations that are indicated on their 504 and IEP.

Following are the directions to register for the SHSAT

1. Log in to your MySchools account
2. Click Get started on the SHSAT registration
3. Select the specialized high schools you want to be considered for in order of preference
4. Submit your registration

You will receive an email receipt for your registration.

Weekly Parent Office Hours:

I will be holding weekly parent high school office hours on zoom to accommodate different schedules. Here is the upcoming schedule:

Zoom Office Hours

Wednesday, October 16: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Monday, October 21, 8 PM - 9 PM

Thursday, October 24, 4:00 PM - 5 PM

Zoom Information:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 830 8575 8792

Passcode: 615873

Student Office Hours

I will also be available for students on:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 2:50 PM - 3:20 PM in room 332

If you are having trouble logging into MySchools, please reach out to Amy Sirot at asirot@ms447.org.

Resources for the High School Admissions Process:

1. Get Organized: Use this [chart](#) to highlight key features when evaluating high schools.
2. My Schools High School Directory: Explore the DOE online [NYC public school 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 [NYC Sift](#) 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: [This](#) resource lists NYC high schools organized by focus area.
6. Inside Schools: [This project](#) 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.

Warm wishes,

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