

October 21, 2024

Dear 8th Grade Families,

I hope everyone had a pleasant weekend. For students applying to SHSAT schools, you can now mark SHSAT registration off your high school to-do list! The SHSAT will take place at MS 447 on October 30, 2024, starting at 8:30 AM. Students will receive their tickets on the morning of the test.

Weekly Parent Office Hours:

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

Zoom Office Hours

- Monday, October 21, 8 PM - 9 PM
- Thursday, October 24, 4:00 PM - 5 PM
- Monday, October 28, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Information:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 830 8575 8792

Passcode: 615873

Student Office Hours

I will also be available for students on:

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: 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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