

Dear 8th Grade Families,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm excited to announce that the high school application season officially begins today! The application will open on the portal, Myschools after school hours, around 3 PM. You can log in using the welcome letter I sent last week or with the credentials you used for your middle school application.

I will be hosting an information session tomorrow on Zoom to guide you through the high school application process. Here are the details:

- Date: October 2, 2024
- Time: 9:00 AM
- Zoom Link: Join the Meeting
- Meeting ID: 912 4484 1512
- Passcode: 009380

High School Application Timeline:

- October 1: HS Application, LaGuardia Application, and SHSAT Registration Open
- October 18: SHSAT Registration Closes
- October 27: SHSAT Ticket Release
- October 30: SHSAT School Day Testing
- November 16/17: SHSAT Weekend Testing (8th Grade who missed in school exam)
- December 4: Deadline for High School & LaGuardia Application Submission
- December 6: Counselor deadline to submit/update applications and upload additional materials
- December 7/8: SHSAT Weekend Testing (9th Grade)
- March 6: High School Offers Released; Waitlists Open

Resources for the High School Admissions Process:

- Get Organized: Use this chart to evaluate key features of high schools.
- My Schools High School Directory: Explore the NYC public school directory to filter schools by size, interests, borough, accessibility, admissions method, and early college options. Remember, applications must be submitted via MySchools.
- Attend Open Houses: Visit the NYC Sift website for aggregated information about open houses, updated weekly. Check individual school websites for the latest information.
- DOE High School Information: Find comprehensive details about the admissions process here.
- Highlights of NYC High Schools: This resource lists NYC high schools organized by focus area.
- Inside Schools: Access independent information about NYC public schools, featuring insights from journalists, parents, and advocates.
- Parent Exchange: Join the "Applying to High School NYC" Facebook group to share resources and experiences with other parents.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warm wishes,

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