

Subject: Update & Upcoming High School Admissions Workshop #3

Hello Families,

I am reaching out about welcome letters and my upcoming meeting. We were expecting the welcome letters to be available and distributed this week. We have just been informed that they will most likely be made available **early next week**. Please note that families will **not** be able to see their child's **random number** until applications officially open on **October 7th** and the application is started.

Please see below for information on my upcoming **High School Admissions Zoom Meeting**.

During this session, I will walk you through the high school admissions process and provide a detailed overview of **MySchools**, the online platform used to explore high school options and submit applications.

This is a great opportunity to ask questions, get clarity on next steps, and feel more confident about the process.

Workshop Details:

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2025

Time: 6:30PM-7:30PM

Location: Zoom link has been sent to parents.

For further information, please contact me at scorvinelli@ms447.org

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Resources to Help You Navigate the High School Admissions Process:

- **Get organized!** Create a chart that highlights some of the most important features to consider when evaluating high schools. You can use [this chart](#) as a template.
- **[My Schools High School Directory](#):** MySchools features the DOE online NYC public school directory where you can filter your search by size, interest areas, borough, accessibility, admissions method, and early college. Schools will be announcing their **open house** dates soon. These dates are posted on individual school websites and on the **My Schools calendar**.
- **[DOE High School Information](#):** You can find comprehensive information about the high school admissions process on this page.
- **[Highlights of New York City High Schools](#):** Here you can find a list of New York City High schools organized by school focus.
- **[Inside Schools](#):** Inside Schools is a project of the Center for New York City Affairs at The New School. They provide independent information about New York City's public schools. Their staff include journalists, parents and public school advocates. Their staff visits many schools every year and interviews principals, teachers, students, and parents. They observe what's happening in the classrooms, cafeterias, hallways and even the bathrooms.
- **Webinar Recording:** Inside Schools and NYC Admissions Solutions hosted a free webinar that you can watch [here](#).
- **NYC SIFT:** Check out [this](#) amazing resource, another NYC parent created for updates on open houses and high school suggestions. You can also read this [article](#) that explains the history of the tool in more detail.
- **Connect with Other Parents:** Exchange resources with other NYC parents through the "**Applying to High School NYC**" Facebook group.
- **(NEW)** Practice materials are now digital to match the test format. Students can use the tutorial and two full-length online practice exams linked on the **SHSAT** webpage, schools.nyc.gov/SHS. These resources mirror the actual exam in both form and content.
- Families can also access the [NYC SHSAT Portal](#), which includes:
 - The Student Readiness Tool (SRT) tutorial
 - "How to Prepare for the SHSAT" guide
 - Digital practice tests with answer explanations

