High School Process

Your middle school student is on their way to beginning the high school process. Here is some helpful information to make the high school process a little easier. If you have any questions feel free to email or call the guidance counselor at the Neponset Campus.

September 2011

- During this month you will begin to receive information about local catholic high schools. Your child will be attending visits every Monday or Tuesday in school by a different admissions director. Below is the current list of schools visiting the Neponset Annex. More schools will be added.
    - September 27th Cathedral
    - October 3rd Catholic Memorial
    - October 3rd Fontbonne
    - October 4th Cristo Rey
    - October 17th BC High
    - October 18th Archbishop Williams
    - October 24th Xavarian
    - October 24th Steppingstone for 6th grade only
    - October 25th Saint Joseph's Prep. High School 8th grade
    - November 7th Roxbury Latin
- ISEE information will be distributed and returned before September 30th. Students registering for the Independent School Entrance Exam have the opportunity to attend Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy, or the John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science. This exam will take place on November 5th at your registered testing site. The exam schools will contact you with your child's status.

October 2011

- Registration for the High School Placement Exam begins. You must register at one of the participating schools (some schools are listed below). The registration fee is $30.00 at the time of registration. Plan to take the exam at the high school where you have registered and for one of the two dates November 12, 2011 or December 10, 2011 at 8:30 am.
    - Cathedral High School, Cristo Rey, Saint Joseph's Prep. High School, Boston College High School, Elizabeth Seton Academy, Archbishop Williams, Matignon, Xavarian, Fontbonne, Mount Alvernia, Notre Dame, Ursuline, and Catholic Memorial.
- Beginning this month it is also advised to schedule shadowing days for your child at his or her school of interest. It allows students to get a better sense of

the high school. We also advise a visit after acceptance. At Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy Neponset Campus we understand that students will be shadowing and allow up to three shadow days. Please notify the main office of the school and shadow day your child is attending at least two days in advance.

- Open Houses should also be attended throughout this Month. A List of schools and open house days are listed below. For schools not listed please visit the school of choices website and dates and times will be listed.
    - October 13th Cathedral 6-8pm
    - October 15th Roxbury Latin 10-1pm, Boston Trinity Academy 12-3pm
    - October 16th Catholic Memorial 1-3pm, Notre Dame 1-3pm, Cristo Rey 1-3:30pm
    - October 19th Trinity 6-8pm
    - October 23rd Archbishop Williams 12-2pm, Matignon High School 1-3pm, Elizabeth Seton Academy 12-2pm, Woodward School for Girls 12-2pm.
    - October 30th Xavarian 10-1pm, Fontbonne 1-3pm, Mount St. Joseph 12-2:30.
- October 13th- High School Information Night at the Lower Mills Campus. Many Catholic Schools will be in attendance. Listing of participating schools are attached and students are encouraged to attend.

Application Process:

- Gather all application materials from your schools of choice and begin to fill out and complete before Thanksgiving vacation.
- Most applications for the Catholic Schools are due prior to Christmas vacation.
- Please allow ample time in order to complete the application including your essay and recommendations.
    - Please give all teachers and the guidance counselor at least two weeks prior to the due date to complete the recommendations.
    - Please give your completed application with stamps to Ms. Reyes so that your transcripts can be sent over directly to the school prior to the due date.
- If you choose to complete an application online, please print a confirmation page and a transcript request form to Ms. Reyes so that transcripts can be sent over in a timely manner.

Charter Schools:

- Go to website of school to determine how to apply
- For admittance to charter schools, the system utilized is a lottery. Please do not miss deadlines.

Important Application Dates:

Here are a few schools that many students have showed interest in. Below is a list of application due dates in order for your to assist your child in completing the application and submitting it two weeks prior to the due date listed below. All due dates are listed on your school of choices website and application.

1. Elizabeth Seton Academy- Due December 11th
2. Fontbonne- Due December 15th
3. Ursuline- Due December 15th
4. Notre Dame Academy- Due December 1
5. Boston College High School- Due December 31st
6. Archbishop Williams-Due December 15th
7. Matignon- Due December 21st
8. Catholic Memorial-Due December 16th
9. Xavarian-Due December 15th