

A Note from Ms. O'Neill regarding Private, Parochial and Vocational School Applications

Dear Parents/Guardians,

If your child is interested in applying to a private or parochial school for next year, please notify Ms. O'Neill, as soon as possible. Most deadlines are in the fall or early winter. Also, please be aware of all deadlines for your child's school(s). For instance, there is the application deadline, but some private & parochial schools also require students to take an entrance exam that is only given on certain dates. Those dates should be listed on the schools' websites. Letters of recommendation from the students' math and English teachers and sometimes a guidance counselor are also usually required. Please be considerate of your teachers' time and make sure you request a recommendation letter from them well in advance of the deadline. Many schools have an online option for submitting these forms, but if you plan to use a paper application, you must supply Ms. O'Neill with stamped envelopes for mailing.

If your 8th grade student is interested in applying to the vocational high school for next year, please notify Ms. O'Neill of this as well. There will be a presentation from Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School on October 17th at the middle school and there will also be an open house at the vocational school on November 1st from 6-8:30pm. Applications are due on March 1st, and students usually find out if they have been accepted shortly after April vacation. More information on the vocational school can be found here: <https://northeastmetrotech.com/>. Winthrop students may also apply to Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School for the 7 shops they offer that are not offered at Northeast. If your student is interested in agricultural or animal studies, this school may be an option for them. There is an open house on November 18th and pre-registration is required. Applications are due January 10th and students usually find out if they have been accepted shortly after April vacation. More information can be found here: <https://essexnorthshore.org/>.

Please note that private, parochial, and vocational schools will be looking at not only students' grades, but also their discipline and attendance records. Most schools request records from 6th, 7th and 8th grade. So, if your student is currently in the 6th or 7th grade and has an interest in a private, parochial, or vocational school for high school, please make sure they are aware that everything they do this year counts! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Best,

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