

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

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

If your child is interested in applying to a private or parochial school for next year, please notify their guidance counselor, 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 school(s). For instance, there is the application deadline, but 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 as well as 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. Students will also be responsible for providing stamped and addressed envelopes for all materials (report cards, letters of recommendation, etc.) to be sent to the school(s). 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 also notify Ms. O'Neill of this as well. We will have a presentation from Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School within the next month and there will also be an open house at the vocational school on November 8, 2017 from 6-8pm. Applications are usually due at the beginning of March, and students usually find out if they have been accepted over April vacation.

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!

Best,

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