

Dear 8th Grade Families,

Welcome to the Class of 2021! I am your child's Guidance Counselor Ms. Iburg and along with the Assistant Principal, Ms. Movsesian we will be working with you to help guide you through the High School Admissions process. Each child will be receiving a mailed letter from the High School admissions office to your home with a creation code in order to create your **Myschools** account. This letter is forthcoming. Please begin to become familiar with the High School application process. The following is important High School information so please take the time to carefully read through all categories. If you have any further questions please email Ms.Iburg at Ms.Iburg@roccolaurie.com. Every email sent to Ms.Iburg should include your child's full name and class in the subject line.

Electronic Guide for HighSchool

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/2021-high-school-and-specialized-high-schools-admissions-guide---guide-to-the-shsat>

TACHS TEST

If your child is planning to attend a Catholic High School, he/she must take the TACHS test for admission to a Catholic High School. The test date is Friday, November 8, 2020. You must register online @ www.tachsinfo.com by October 23, 2020. The cost for this exam is \$63.00. If your child notified Ms. Iburg that he/she will be taking the test in order to account for their attendance on their testing day. Enter Your High School choices on tachsinfo.com. Your choices may be revised until November 05. Failure to complete this information prior to November 05, will result in scores being unavailable to your high school choices.

If your child gets extended time, fill out an Eligibility Form for students needing extended testing time and send in the documentation to your aligned diocese along with a copy of the IEP, IESP, or 504 . You must mail these forms to the Archdiocese of New York by October 9, 2020. Please fill out an applicant record from tachsinfo.com and return to your advisory teacher in an envelope with ATTN: Ms.Iburg on the front.

SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS- Students are required to take The Specialized High School Exam (SHSAT)

(SHSAT) Admissions Test For:

- * Staten Island Technical High School
- * Stuyvesant High School
- * Brooklyn Technical High School
- * Brooklyn Latin High School
- * Bronx High School of Science
- * High School for Mathematics, Science & Engineering at the City College
- * High School of American Studies at Lehman College

* Queens High School for the Sciences at York College

Guide for SHSAT Exam

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/2021-guide-to-the-shsat---high-school-and-specialized-high-schools-admissions-guide>

Students must register on their MySchools.nyc.gov account for the SHSAT exam (Exam for Specialized HS) as well as schools that require auditions (Example: Laguardia) .Please keep available the weekend of November 7 th and November 8th for the Specialized High School Test. If your child has a commitment of a wedding, religious event or performances in a play, etc., please provide documentation to Ms. Iburg (i.e., an invitation or a program) as soon as possible. Please make sure you receive a confirmation email regarding your registration. Audition tickets/SHSAT locations will be available for late October.

If your child needs special testing accommodations required by an I.E.P. or a 504, please email Ms. Iburg to inform her. These students will take the Specialized Test on Sunday, November 15, 2020 and Saturday, November 21, 2020.

***Please Note* If your child becomes sick on the day of the test, please provide Ms. Iburg a doctor's note via email . This note must be emailed to Ms. Iburg on the Monday following the test date. Make-ups will only be considered for students with Doctor's notes.**

The High School Application- Public School

The High School Application is now digital, known as MySchools. Families will receive an invite letter mailed home from the Department of Education regarding registering for your child's MySchools account. If you do not receive this letter by Thursday October 1 st please contact me via Rocco Laurie email so I can help with this issue. Please be sure to check your Rocco Laurie email regularly.

In order for us to better assist you; please have your child's application completed by November 25, 2020. However, the final deadline is December 4, 2020. It is mandatory that this application is completed.

*Please be sure to review the application for any errors. If you need a change of address, please submit two utility bills to the main office. Admissions are based on the final seventh grade, fourth marking period report card as listed on your child's application. *

The Twelve Choices:

You have up to 12 choices of programs. The 12 choices **DO NOT** include any of the 8 Specialized High Schools or LaGuardia High School. If you registered for the SHSAT or a LaGuardia audition it is automatically entered on your application.

Your child will be matched to only **ONE** of the 12 choices on their application. Rank the programs in the order of preference. **Do not list any program/school that you are not willing to accept.** Please consider travel time and distance for each of your choices. If your child is planning on auditioning for schools or programs in other boroughs and your child is willing to accept the school if he/she is matched to that school, then enter it as one of the 12 choices in the priority that you choose.

High School Fairs

Attend the high school borough fairs on **October 3-4** and **October 17-18, 2020**. (Please note that dates and locations are subject to change.) Each event offers workshops on high school and Specialized High Schools admissions, as well as the chance to meet with representatives from schools across the borough. Attend as many fairs as you like! For the most up-to-date information on when and where each fair will be held visit :

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/high-school/nyc-high-school-admissions-guide>

Due to the ongoing health crisis, we encourage you to visit schools' websites or inquire about virtual opportunities to learn more about them.

Again, please begin to become familiar and research High Schools and programs that your child is interested in so you are able to make the best decision for their future. As more information and open house dates come out we will email you all important dates and information.

Thank you

Ms. Iburg- 8th grade Guidance Counselor

Ms. Movsesian- 8th Grade Assistant Principal.