


September Welcome Email/Letter

Dear 8th Grade Families,

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your summer. My name is Ms.Iburg and I am your child's school counselor. I will work with you throughout the year on applying to high school. Eighth grade is a very exciting time, but can also very overwhelming when it comes to choosing a high school. As the Guidance Counselor, I will be working with you and your family on the high school admissions process throughout the year.

It is important to research high schools to find which ones are right for your child. The **New York City High School Directory** shows all public district high schools and programs.

The high school admissions website is schools.nyc.gov/High. From there, you can find some of the resources linked below:

- NYC School Finder (<http://schoolfinder.nyc.gov>) — Explore 12 choices for your High School Application on your cell phone or home computer. You can search for schools by interest, and then filter you list by borough, admissions method, or further by schools that are closest to home. From each school page, you can learn more about the school's performance, and link to InsideSchools reviews. You can also create a list of favorite schools and send me a link to review!
- Online High Schools At A Glance — This excel file allows you to sort and filter schools. <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/Resources>
- High School Admissions Events Calendar — Go to the website below and then scroll down to the calendar. Click the  icon. In the search bar, you can search for schools to see when they have open houses, information sessions, or other key dates about their admissions. Some schools will require that you register for their open house. If you have your own google calendar, you can add any school event to your own! <http://schools.nyc.gov/choicesenrollment/high/events/default.htm>
- Travel Time and Travel Directions — www.mta.info
- Subscribe to receive email updates with important High School Admissions deadlines and information here — <http://schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe>.

Set aside time this fall to visit schools and attend Admissions events. You can meet with high school staff and attend a High School Admissions workshop at the events below. RSVP to secure your arrival time: FallHSEvents.Eventbrite.com.

Citywide High School Fair:

September 16 and 17
10 am – 3 pm
Brooklyn Technical High School, 29 Fort
Greene Place, Brooklyn

Borough High School Fairs:

Date: October 14 and 15
Time: 11 am – 3pm
One in each borough, see the events link
above for details.

I will communicate with you throughout the process, so look for any other High School Admissions information I send. The deadline to submit your application to me this year is December 1,2017.

I look forward to working with you and your student as you navigate the High School Admissions process.

Thank you,

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Guidance Counselor