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## *The High School Application Process 2017-2018*

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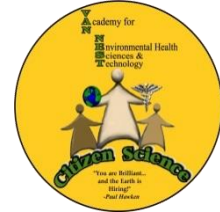
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Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who do not already know me. My name is Mrs. R. Gjidiija and I am a School Counselor at PS/MS 498 “The Van Nest Academy”. I will be working with you and your child on the high school admissions process throughout the 2017-18 School Year.

As you begin to think about which high schools are right for your child, it is important to do your research. Using the **Directory of New York City Public High Schools**, you can begin to research schools and programs of interest to you. You should have received a Directory as well as the Specialized High Schools Student Handbook during our meeting. If you have not received these two publications (also available on line), please contact me via email [fgjidiija@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:fgjidiija@schools.nyc.gov) or 718-409-3001 x5173.

Here are some other useful resources you can use while investigating schools:

- Department of Education Website: [www.nyc.gov/schools/ChoicesEnrollment/High](http://www.nyc.gov/schools/ChoicesEnrollment/High)
- High School Admissions Apps: <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Home/AdmissionsApps>
- School Search: <http://schools.nyc.gov/schoolsearch/> (click the Advanced School Search button for high school options)
- Accountability Information: [www.nyc.gov/schools/accountability](http://www.nyc.gov/schools/accountability)
- Travel Time and Travel Directions: [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info)

In addition to this research, you should set aside time this fall to attend Admissions events. The Department of Education hosts a **Citywide High School Fair** at Brooklyn Technical High School on **Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17, 2017** where you meet representatives, students, and teachers from all high schools in New York City. There will be **BOROUGH**-specific fairs in individual locations on **Saturday, October 14, 2017 and Sunday, October 15, 2017**. However, please keep in mind that each borough will be held in different sites on the same day.

Visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/events/default.htm> for more details.

Additionally, this September 2017 you should start the process by visiting schools and attending their open houses to get a firsthand look of the school of your interest and be able to access all Information Session and Open House dates on our Enrollment Calendar: <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Calendar/>. It is the responsibility of the family to learn about Information Sessions, Open Houses, and School Tours. Some schools require that you register for these events. You will find school contact information and Open House information in the High School Directory under “Contact Information.” Families can also subscribe to receive email updates with important HS admissions deadlines and information here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe/default.htm>.

I will continue to be in contact with you and your child on our VNA website [www.498vannestacademy.org](http://www.498vannestacademy.org) under the guidance department link, so please keep a lookout for any other high school admissions information that may be posted or distributed to your child. The deadline to submit your child’s HS application in the 2017-18 school year is no later than **Tuesday, December 1, 2017**. I look forward to working with you and your child as you navigate the high school admissions process.

Thank you,

R. Gjidiija, School Counselor

# 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Public, Specialized & TACHS H. S. Process Timeline

August 21, 2017	Register for TACHS online (Catholic School)
September 10-October 15, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register for SHSAT and/or LaGuardia audition with school counselor.</li> </ul>
September 16 & 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend the Citywide High School Fair.</li> </ul>
Mid-October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive and review high school application.</li> </ul>
October 14 & 15, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend Borough High School Fairs.</li> </ul>
October 16, 2017	Deadline to register for TACHS Exam
October 21, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute SHSAT test ticket or LaGuardia High School audition ticket</li> </ul>
October 21 or 22, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take Specialized High School Admissions Test (if applicable).</li> </ul>
October 23-24, 2017	Distribution of TACHS Exam Registration Card
October 31 – November 22, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LaGuardia Auditions</li> </ul>
November 3, 2017	TACHS Exam Administration
November 15, 2017	TACHS Applicant Records Deadline
December 1, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit 12 choices on the high school application.</li> </ul>
January 10 – 11, 2018	TACHS Acceptance letters of School Choices
Early March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive Round 1 results (Public and/or Specialized )</li> <li>• Participate in Round 2 &amp; attend Round 2 Fair (if applicable).</li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive Round 2 results (if necessary).</li> <li>• Opportunity to appeal.</li> </ul>