

**SALISBURY CENTRAL SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It may seem early in the year to be thinking about next year already, but we imagine some of you are in the process of considering where you would like your son or daughter to attend high school. In this Northwest Corner there are many options to choose from; Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Oliver Wolcott (in Torrington), and many private schools. A short overview of the application process for each school follows. I will speak with students about High School planning throughout the year during Developmental Guidance classes.

Housatonic Valley Regional High School

Housatonic requests academic information mid-year. Eighth grade teachers make level placement recommendations for each student. All eighth grade students will visit HVRHS (DTBD) to tour the building, meet with counselors, teachers and students. Shortly after the visit, you will receive a letter in the mail from the Counseling Department with a date/time of an appointment at SCS (Spring). School Counselors come to SCS and meet with your child individually to create a schedule. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting but it is not required. (All students will meet with a counselor regardless of private school plans.)

**Parent Open House for 7th and 8th Parents will be on Wednesday November 6th
6:30-7:30PM**

Oliver Wolcott Technical School

A School Counselor from Oliver Wolcott will meet with the eighth grade class on **October 25th** to explain the programs offered there. Applications will be given to interested students to complete. Upon completion the application should be given to Mrs. Begley. Oliver Wolcott hosts an evening Open House for students and families to go see all the different programs and the very impressive facilities they have for these programs. The Open House this year will be on **November 13th from 6-8:00 PM.**

Private Schools

Private schools require applications, and in almost all cases scores for the SSAT.

SSAT: Students should register for the test online and look for designated testing sites in our area. Visit the website www.ssat.org to see test dates, fees, and deadlines and to locate test centers. Most students choose to take the test at Indian Mountain School in October and November.

Applications: Contact the school(s) to which you would like to apply and ask for an application. You should ask each school you contact whom the contact person is that can answer questions you have about that school.

One part of the application process includes sending a copy of the student's academic file/ records. This part of the application is given to Mrs. Stevens in the office in the elementary building. Please try to include all schools that your child is applying to when you do this, so the appropriate number of copies can be made at the same time by the office staff. This information will be sent to the requested schools by Salisbury Central.

Another part of the application process includes recommendations from teachers and other staff. We would **strongly** request, due to the amount of applications, these recommendations be given to teachers **no later than two weeks before** our break in December/January. This gives teachers and everyone else involved in completing various parts of the application to do so in a timely manner. It is the **student's responsibility (not the parent)** to approach the teachers they feel know him/her best to fill out the recommendation forms. Students should personally ask the teacher/principal/counselor to complete a recommendation.

We cannot guarantee that any applications turned in after the December/January break will be sent in by the appropriate deadline. **PLEASE NOTIFY MRS. STEVENS OF PRIVATE SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE IN MAY/JUNE. SHE WILL NEED TO KNOW WHICH SCHOOL WILL REQUIRE END-OF-YEAR TRANSCRIPTS.**

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns that we can help you address. We want your child to have the best opportunity for a great beginning to their high school year.

Respectfully,

Donna Begley & Middle School Staff

