



**The Rose E. Scala School
Public School 71/Preparatory Academy at 71
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November 9, 2020

Dear 8th Grade Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. There has been much inquiry regarding the High School application process and where to obtain information and updates. I hope this letter will bring clarification to many questions and a clearer sense of direction for obtaining new information moving forward.

All 8th graders were invited to join my Google Classroom and I encourage parents to visit it as well. I have a separate folder titled “High School Articulation” where I share any HS related information I receive including updates, virtual tours, individual HS zoom meetings etc. I post often and remind the students to check the page daily for any news. In addition to the HS folder I am available every Monday period 6 for 8th graders who wish to meet with high school questions. If your child has not yet joined the classroom, please have him/her do so today. The class code is dftj7ai.

Many families have inquired about the TACHS exam for Catholic school admissions. The TACHS took place on November 6th. However, students can STILL apply to Catholic schools without this exam. Families can contact Catholic schools individually for an application and I will assist in providing any records/transcripts the school is requesting.

The high school application is not yet open and no longer closes on December 4, 2020. Families will have additional time to apply. Registration for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) and LaGuardia High School auditions is not yet open, and no longer closed on October 21, 2020. Families will have additional time to register. The dates and locations for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) and for LaGuardia High School auditions, as listed in the 2021 NYC High School and Specialized High Schools Admissions Guide, will also change. Decisions regarding how the “Screened” and “Educational Option (Ed. Opt)” admissions methods will operate this school year are forthcoming, and will be shared with schools and families later this fall. The MySchools account page has not yet opened and account creation codes (PINS) are unavailable.

Lastly, the entire 2021 NYC High School and Specialized High Schools Admissions Guide is available online here: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/2021-high-school-and-specialized-high-schools-admissions-guide---guide-to-the-shsat> The school has recently received hard copies of the admissions guide. If you would like one please email me and we can arrange a time for pick up or I can send home with your child if they are in a Blended Learning cohort.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these novel times. My contact information is listed below, please contact me with any questions/concerns, I am available to Meet/Phone conference with families regarding this process.

Sincerely,

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