

# Welcome to OSM's High School Informational Night

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# Introductions

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# Agenda

- Discuss application timeline and process
  - CPS High Schools
  - Catholic High Schools
- Know what High Schools will look at
- Individual Parent/Guardian Meetings
- Test Prep at OSM and private locations
- **High School Fair at OSM**
- **Scholarship Information**
- **Shadow Days**
- Helpful Links and Resources



# Timeline of Important Dates

- 9/13/23 CPS application opens
- 10/14/23 CPS High School Admissions Test
- 10/15/23 CPS High School Admissions Test
- 10/21/23 CPS High School Admissions Test
- 10/26/23 Catholic High School Fair, OSM Gym, at 6:00 pm
- 11/09/23 CPS Application Closes
- 11/11/23 Catholic High School Entrance Exam Registration Opens
- 12/02/23 Catholic High School Placement Test (HSPT)



# Important Information to Note

Catholic School Application Deadline- varies by each school; will be mid December. You can check out each school

List of Catholic High Schools

Financial Assistance- each school will have a different window of when their financial assistance application will open and close

- Please visit the school's website for more information
- If you need help locating this information, please contact Ms. Hoff



# CPS Application Process

- Families should create a GoCPS account if applying to a public high school
  - <https://www.cps.edu/gocps/high-school/hs-apply/>
  - Please be prepared to go through the entire account creation process. This will take some time.
- CPS is in the process of updating a how to video. In the meantime, they advise reviewing the [FAQ](#).
- High School application window opens 9/13/23 and closes 11/9/23
- Registration for the CPS entrance exam will be within your GoCPS application
- There will be a section in the application to upload any IEP or 504 documentation



# CPS Application Process Continued

- Your 8th grade child will take the CPS High School Admissions Test
  - They will take one exam on one day and their scores can be applied to any CPS or Selective Enrollment school selected in the application
- You will only be required to fill out one application for any / all CPS school(s) your child would like to apply to (choice and selective enrollment)
- You will rank your school / program in the order of preference (up to 6 Selective Enrollment schools and 20 Choice program schools)
- Once a decision has been made, your child can receive up to 1 Choice School offer and 1 Selective Enrollment offer





# Understanding Ranking

## Rank the following programs:

- ES Selective Enrollment Programs
- HS Choice Programs
- HS Selective Enrollment Programs

## How does it work?

You are placed in line for every program you apply to based on your lottery number or point total. Make sure to rank programs in the true order that you would want to attend them.

When programs are ranked, you may receive a single best offer for the highest-ranked program that you matched with.

Offered

Not Offered

Program Rank #1



This program had a capacity for 2 students. Because you are third in line, you will not get an offer to this program. You will be placed on the waitlist for this program.

Not Offered

Program Rank #2



This program had a capacity for 3 students. Because you are fourth in line, you will not get an offer to this program. You will be placed on the waitlist for this program.

Offered

Program Rank #3



This program had a capacity for 3 students. Because you are third in line, you WILL get an offer to this program.

Program Rank #4



Because you were offered a seat at a program you ranked higher, you will be taken out of the line for this program regardless of how you place in the line

Program Rank #5



Because you were offered a seat at a program you ranked higher, you will be taken out of the line for this program regardless of how you place in the line

Ranking a program higher does not increase your chances of getting an offer. Make sure you rank programs in the true order of preference in attending.



# CPS Application Process Continued

- Notification of acceptance will be accessible through your online application (late spring)
- Applicants will accept or decline offers via their online GoCPS account
  - You will have 3 weeks after the offers are released to accept or decline the offer
- There will be no second round application process; however, there will be a waitlist.



## CPS: What options do you have if your child does not get an offer?

After the initial round of offers is released, the waitlists for all schools will be open. Visit [go.cps.edu](http://go.cps.edu) in the spring for more information.

Additionally, your child could receive an offer from a school where they have been waitlisted.

Your child will also have a guaranteed spot in their neighborhood school.



# Catholic High Schools Application Process

- Your child will take the HSPT at the Catholic High School they wish to attend
  - Registration for the HSPT opens 11/11/23
- There is ONE scheduled test day: December 2, 2023
- Your child will only apply to ONE Catholic High School and will receive the application on the day of the test
- Decisions are typically released late January

Schools that will NOT accept test scores unless you test with them: St. Ignatius, Loyola Academy, Fenwick



# What information do high schools look at or need?

- 7th/8th grade transcript (some private schools require 6th as well)
- Current grade transcript at the time of application
- Standardized test scores from 7th and 8th grade
- Evaluation/Letter of recommendation

## How will schools receive this information?

- For the Catholic school application, we will send you the necessary documentation to attach with your online application
- For CPS and Selective Enrollment schools, we will submit the documentation for you via our GoCPS admin account

Please fill out [THIS](#) google form to request necessary documentation for your CPS and Catholic School applications



# Test Prep located at Old St. Mary's School

August 30 - October 9th; Monday and Wednesdays 3:00 - 5:00; and Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00 - 5:00

Eight 2-hour sessions

Registration for Test Prep Chicago:

[www.testprepchicago.com](http://www.testprepchicago.com)

Email [info@testprepchicago.com](mailto:info@testprepchicago.com)

Call (312) 848-1266 with questions.



# Test Prep: External Locations

[BEC Tutoring](#)

[Nurturing Wisdom](#)

[Peace Educational Services](#)

[Selective Prep](#)



# Catholic High School Fair

**Date:** Thursday, October 26

**Time:** 6:00

**Location:** OSM Gymnasium

Schools Represented: Brother Rice, DeLaSalle, DePaul College Prep, Holy Trinity, Josephinum Academy, Loyola Academy, Marist, Mother McAuley, Mount Carmel, Nazareth, St. Ignatius, St. Rita and Trinity



High School

# High School Scholarship Information





# Scholarship and Tuition Assistance Programs

- Big Shoulders Fund
- LINK
- HindSight
- Madonna Foundation
- Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund
- HFS Chicago Scholars

To access the full powerpoint provided in the newsletter  
click [HERE](#)



# Helpful Resources

**CPS Application FAQ:**

[go.cps.edu/high-school/apply](https://go.cps.edu/high-school/apply)

**CPS application process - video tutorial: Forthcoming**

**CPS HS Application Tips:** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z1CTVt\\_O-71SEzum32XjgmY0ggMkGvEA/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z1CTVt_O-71SEzum32XjgmY0ggMkGvEA/view)

**CPS School Locator**

<https://schoolinfo.cps.edu/schoollocator/index.html?overlay=tier>

**CPS Tier Process**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1acbKKu44D-aBDZS3tAHD8kjinWYIzd4ve/view?usp=sharing>

**Catholic High School Search:**

<https://schools.archchicago.org/high-school-search>

