



# APPLYING FOR HIGH SCHOOL

## A PREPARATORY TIMELINE

### 7th Grade

#### FALL



#### Visit High School Open Houses

Consider visiting area high school open houses for a tour to learn more about the high schools you may be interested in attending.

#### MARCH



#### Attend 7th Grade Visitation Days

Sign up for 7th grade visitation and shadow days at area high schools.

#### SPRING



#### Register to take the HSPT

Register to take the HSPT (High School Practice Test). Various Catholic and private schools offer this exam on different dates in the spring.

#### SUMMER



#### Prepare for Fall HSPT, Teacher Recommendation Letters, and Applications

- **Review HSPT study book** to become familiar with exam content and format.
- **Register for an RAA HSPT prep class** during the summer. Most Catholic and private schools will use your Fall 8th grade score for their consideration of scholarship awards and acceptance into the school.
- **Consider the best teachers to write a letter of recommendation** and whether any areas of specialization should be considered. Summer preparation allows students to politely ask teachers upon returning to school in the Fall. Student requests should be made early with follow-up from parents. Teachers may have many requests. Being courteous of their time and planning ahead supports teachers and allow students to practice a valuable life skill.
- **Research area schools that are of interest you.** Consider the school size and whether it is an Archdiocesan, private, or independent school. Check websites for tuition and admissions information. Review their application process deadlines and available scholarships.

### 8th Grade

#### FALL



1. **Sign up to take the High School Entrance Exam** at schools of interest.
2. **Request teacher recommendation letters.**
3. **Plan to visit schools** on Shadow Days and/or Fall Open House Days.
4. **Complete Admissions Applications** for schools you're interested in attending.
5. **Request transcripts directly from the RAA office.** Please request these allowing plenty of time for compilation.

God Bless You and Congratulations!