

# Admissions Procedures

**WELCOME**

**2025 - 2026**

# Admissions Procedures

- \* Have a conversation with your son or daughter
- \* Make this a family decision
- \* Discover influencers

# Admissions Procedures

## \* Influencers

- Catholic Identity
- Co - ed vs. single gender
- Peers/Friends
- Location
  - Transportation

## □ Curriculum

- Electives, APs, Academic Levels, Specialized Programs (STEM, BioMed, Performing Arts, etc.)

## □ Interests

## □ Activities

## □ Tuition & Fees

## □ Tuition Assistance

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## \* Resources

- Websites
- Archdiocesan Application Guide
- Individual School Viewbooks
- Directors of Admission
- Middle School Teachers
- Middle School Alumni
- Archdiocesan Office
- High School Fair – Wednesday, Sept. 24 – St. Ursula School, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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## ➤ Shadow Days

- Two floating, excused days -- Students must submit completed [Shadow Day form](#) to Mrs. Marinaro upon return to school.
- May also schedule on our days off: 9/22, 10/3, 10/17, 10/20, 11/3
- Schools of Interest
  - Contact individual schools for available dates
  - Follow up with child after visits
    - Did the student feel comfortable?
    - Was it a good fit?
    - How was the following?
      - Schedule
      - Classes
      - Teachers
      - Food
    - What did he/she do?

# HSPT prep

- ❖ Scores from Pre-HSPT sent home in May
- ❖ HSPT Prep courses
  - Private instructors
  - Online [course](#)
- ❖ HSPT practice [book](#)

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## \* Open Houses (October - November)

- School Leadership / Faculty
- Academics
- Facilities
- Resources
- Clubs / Activities / Athletics

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## □ Applications

- Must fill out **INDIVIDUAL** school applications

- Fees

- Requirements

  - ❖ Essays

  - ❖ Photos

- Some schools require a submission of progress reports and standardized test scores prior to scheduling a shadow day.

**NOTE: NO letters of recommendation required with application**



# High School Referral Form



## ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL REFERRAL FORM

Please send this completed form, along with a copy of the student's academic record and standardized testing (Grades 6-8), to the schools noted in the student's High School Placement Test registration no later than **December 17, 2021**.

INFORMATION ON THIS FORM WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL and not become part of the applicant's permanent file.

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current School St. Ursula School Parish St. Ursula Church

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I have known this student for \_\_\_\_ years, \_\_\_\_ months. Attendance is \_\_\_\_ regular, \_\_\_\_ not regular.

What three words would you use to describe this child? \_\_\_\_\_

### ACADEMIC ABILITY

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average
Verbal Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mathematical Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creative Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intellectual Curiosity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to Grasp New Concepts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please comment on the student's academic strengths and areas of growth.

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## \* Request for Records

- Final 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade grades **including comments and attendance**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester, 8<sup>th</sup> grade grades **including comments and attendance**
- Standardized Testing Scores (MAP)
- Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic High School Referral Form (completed by middle school team)

# High School Placement Test

- \* Standardized timed test, required of each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student applying to attend a Catholic high school in AOB
- \* Two sections measure verbal and quantitative ability
- \* Three sections - related to reading comprehension, mathematics, and the components of written language
- \* Students have taken pre-HSPT
- \* HSPT Prep Course -- see flyer

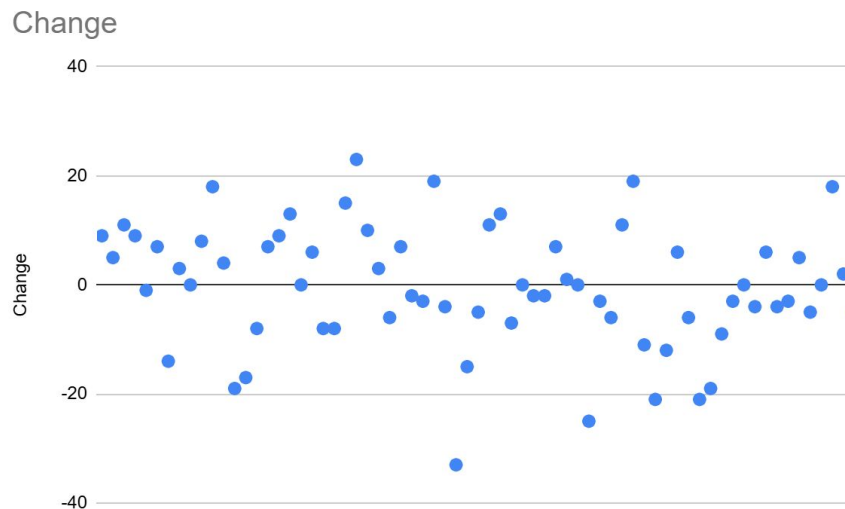
# HSPT Statistics

Class of 2024

From Pre-HSPT → HSPT

Average change in National Percentile Ranking: 0.4% ↓

Majority of students experienced %ile change of -6 to +7%



# Pre-HSPT Statistics Comparison

## Class of 2024

- \* Mean: 58.8th %ile
- \* Median: 55.5th %ile
- \* Minimum: 12th %ile
- \* Maximum: 99th %ile

## Class of 2025

- \* Mean: 57.9th %ile
- \* Median: 59th %ile
- \* Minimum: 12th %ile
- \* Maximum: 99th %ile

## Class of 2026

- \* **Mean: 52nd %ile**
- \* **Median: 49.5th %ile**
- \* **Minimum: 4th %ile**
- \* **Maximum: 99th %ile**

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- HSPT– Online registration portal to register for test – Opens September 9, 2025.
  - Students rank their three choices of high schools; this information is provided to SUS by the AOB and allows SUS to release student records to the high schools -- Only these schools will receive the student's scores. [4th & 5th choices may be selected for fee of \$10 each]
- Wednesday, November 19 -- AT SUS!
- Fee paid online
- Deadline for accommodations (i.e. extended time, small group, etc.) is 10/31 -- documentation **MUST** be uploaded to testing website

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- ❖ Non-Catholic, private schools
  - Separate referral forms are required
    - Must complete a release of records with Ms. Susan
    - All referral forms are processed through Ms. Susan
  - Academic records are sent in the same manner as for Catholic schools.
  - SUS will process these referrals and applications AFTER the Catholic school referrals are completed -- usually in January.

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## □ Tuition Assistance

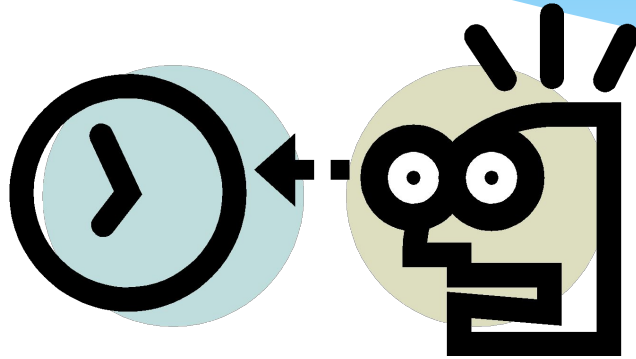
### □ Scholarships

- ❖ Guidelines differ from school to school
- ❖ May require additional essays and letters of recommendation
- ❖ Release of records required for “outside” scholarship applications.

### □ Financial Aid – consult High School Guide for detailed explanation



# DOWNTIME



**Processing**



# Admissions Procedures

## How is the Decision Made ?

Everything is considered

- Interviews
- HSPT results
- Grades  
(6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Comments
- Standardized Test Scores
- Shadow Days
- Attendance – days absent and late
- Writing Samples

# DOWNTIME



**It's here!!**

**February**



# Admissions Procedures

## \*Registration Deadline

□ March

- ❖ Registration Fee/Tuition Deposit

  - ❖ Non-refundable

  - ❖ Please notify schools if not planning to accept scholarships or financial aid

- ❖ Enrolled Students

  - ❖ Placement Testing - Spring

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QUESTIONS?