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On the Road to Catholic HS, TACHS Exam Is the First Step

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During the fall of 2018, eighth grade students in the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Archdiocese of New York will be taking the Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS). The TACHS will test current eighth-grade students who are interested in attending a Catholic high school beginning in September 2019.

In order to be admitted into Catholic high schools, an eighth grader who attends school within the Diocese of Brooklyn should take the TACHS admissions exam on Saturday, Nov. 3.

The test results from TACHS, along with school records on the applicant record, are then sent to the high school principals to assist them in making Catholic high schools' admission decisions. Each student's information will be sent to three high schools of his/her choice.

High schools release admission notices to students beginning Jan. 16, 2019. The registration fee for the 2018 TACHS exam is \$63 per student. Registration opened Aug. 20 and students can register either online at www.tachsinfo.com or by calling 1-866-61TACHS (1-866-618-2247).

The TACHS exam is only offered to students currently attending eighth grade in the 2018-19 academic year. Students who are interested in applying to a Catholic high school in other grades should contact the high school admissions director.

The TACHS exam measures academic achievement in reading, written expression and mathematics, along with an ability section on general reasoning abilities.

It is a norm-referenced standardized test. Scores are based on a national sample that compares the students' scores to the scores of other eighth graders measured at the same time of year that the TACHS is administered. Scores are also compared to the scores of all students tested this fall.

The TACHS exam is a secure exam; therefore, students are encouraged to review the TACHS Student Handbook for information concerning this exam. One way to prepare for the exam is to answer the practice questions in the handbook, which is available online and will be available at Catholic elementary and high schools, and public schools with eighth grade classes in early September.

The handbook contains sample test questions as well as information regarding the TACHS program, including an event calendar, registration details, high school expo dates and an eligibility form for students requesting extended testing time. The

program adheres to all deadlines as outlined in the handbook and on the website.

Scholarship and financial aid decisions are made by each individual high school. Questions regarding scholarships and financial aid should be directed to the high schools that conduct their individual open houses beginning in September.

For more information and deadlines, and a listing of Catholic high school open houses, visit www.tachsinfo.com.

High School Expos

There are two major Catholic High School Expos, or information nights, that students and parents may attend to speak with high school representatives and learn about their exciting programs and plans for the freshman class of 2019. These expos will also be distributing some high school gifts for attendees.

The Catholic High School Expos for the Diocese of Brooklyn will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6-8 p.m. in the D'Angelo Ballroom at St. John's University, Jamaica, and Thursday, Sept. 27, 6-8 p.m. in the Genovesi Center at St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights.

TACHS Timeline

August

Registration opens. Go to www.tachsinfo.com or call 1-866-61TACHS (1-866-618-2247)

Oct. 15

Registration deadline

Oct. 23-24

Admit Cards are distributed for admission to testing site

Oct. 29

Call 1-866-61TACHS (1-866-618-2247) if Admit Cards are not yet received

Nov. 3

TACHS for admission to Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens

Jan. 16

Release of admission notices

February

Response cards to be returned