

# Gearing Up for Catholic High School

Eighth-grade students in New York City are just two weeks away from taking the Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS) and choosing the high schools they wish to attend next year.

Students who have signed up to take the exam on Nov. 3 in the Brooklyn Diocese (or Nov. 2 in the Archdiocese of New York) will be asked to fill in their prospective schools' TACHS numbers on their examination sheets. Only three choices are allowed.

Parents/guardians must sign the admit form to indicate their agreement or consent with the high school choices before the start of the exam.

## Finalizing Choices

The Tablet has invited local Catholic high schools to participate in this special section to help prospective high school students and their families be aware of their options and make a final decision.

Fourteen high schools located in Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan and Long Island are highlighted in the following pages.

Families of eighth-graders who are planning to take the TACHS exam (and even seventh graders who will be taking it next year) should read through each school's profile, including academic, spiritual and extracurricular offerings, and carefully consider the best fit for their child for the next four years.

## Exam Day Essentials

For those taking the TACHS, keep in mind that on the day of the exam the test will be administered at 9 a.m. sharp. Students should try to get a good night's sleep, eat breakfast and arrive at their assigned test site by 8:15 a.m.

The test ends around 12 p.m. It lasts approximately two hours with time allotted for directions and pauses between the

subtests. There are no scheduled breaks.

Students must bring two sharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers, their Admit Card and a form of identification (Student ID or a library card) to the designated testing site.

Students are not allowed to have electronic or battery-operated devices (calculators, watches or cell phones),

scratch paper, food and beverages.

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

Practice questions are available at [www.tachsinfo.com](http://www.tachsinfo.com).

For more information, call 866-618-2247 or visit [www.tachsinfo.com](http://www.tachsinfo.com).

## TACHS Calendar 2018-19

### Monday/Tuesday, Oct. 22-23

Admit Cards are mailed to Catholic elementary academies and schools for distribution to students.

Admit Cards for all other students are mailed to the address provided on the registration form.

### Monday, Oct. 29

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

### Saturday, Nov. 3

TACHS exam in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens

### Thursday, Dec. 14

Paper TACHS Applicant Records due to students' three high school choices.

### Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019

High school will release admission notices to prospective students.

### February 2019

Response Cards are due back to the high schools. High school notification letters will include information relative to the date on which students should return their acceptance letter to the high school they choose to attend.



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Rift headsets where they can be transported anywhere, anytime. The Bishop Kearney Think Tank, inspired by the corporate offices at Google and Facebook, provides students with an environment that fosters collaborative and innovative thinking.

Kearney's Medical Program encourages students through science laboratories, internships and participation in college credit bearing courses. The new engineer in residence will contribute to the students' experience.

Bishop Kearney also encourages career



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planning through internship opportunities focused on set design and photography as well as performance through chorus, band, piano, theater and art classes.

In its commitment to develop students as Women of the World, Bishop Kearney has integrated a Global Certificate, which will utilize an interdisciplinary approach with a 2018-2019 focus on South Africa.

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