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Starting the Process - 7th grade

- ☐ Begin educating yourself when your son or daughter is in 7th grade
- ☐ Catholic or public?
- ☐ What is important? (Location, athletics, drama, art, specific offerings, etc.)
- ☐ What is best for your child and your family?
- ☐ Resources: School websites and admissions directors
- ☐ Open Houses – choose what works for your family (see dates attached)
- ☐ 7th grade visitations – students go as a class for the day
 - February 23, 2017: St. Vincent-St. Mary High School
 - March 23, 2017: Walsh Jesuit High School
 - April 4, 2017: Archbishop Hoban High School
 - April 27, 2017: Our Lady of the Elms High School (only girls visit)
- ☐ Go to school sponsored events (athletic competitions, plays) to get a “feel” for the school
- ☐ By the end of 7th grade you should have an idea of your child’s top 2 schools

Application Process - 8th grade

- ☐ Placement exams at the schools your child is considering (can take at multiple schools for practice if your child is not a strong test taker – see dates attached)
 - Register online or by calling school in advance – all have fees
- ☐ St. Hilary School excuses 2 high school visitation days (shadow days)
 - *To avoid missing school, try to shadow on days when St. Hilary is not in session (suggested dates: October 14, November 11)
 - *Call the schools or go online and book early - spots fill up quickly
 - *No shadowing January 9, 2017 through January 30, 2017 – “quiet” period – you can contact schools for info but they can no longer actively recruit your child
- ☐ January 9-12, 2017 – Diocesan high school selection week and application due
 - *NEW DIOCESAN APPLICATION FORMAT WAS INTRODUCED IN 2012
 - *Everyone completes only the Diocesan application for admission (this is new for those who have been through this process prior to 2012!)
 - *Some schools require their own application(s) for scholarships – you will receive information about applications and specific deadlines from schools you visit – information is also available on school websites

Questions for Junior High Students: Choosing a High School

What type of high school experience do I want?
Should I attend a private, Catholic school?
What about my local public school?
Should I think about other options?
What high schools are within a reasonable distance from my home?
What does reasonable distance mean?
How will I get to school?
What type of location do I want for my high school?
Would I rather be in a suburban environment or an urban one?
Do I want a school with lots of space, or one with a smaller constricted space?
What is the right size high school for me?
Do I want to be in a bigger high school or a smaller high school?
What is a good number of classmates?
Do I want to attend a co-educational high school or a single-sex school?
What are the advantages or disadvantages to that type of school?
What about cost?
Where are my friends going - and is that important to me?
Where did my family/relatives go? Is that important to me?
What extracurricular opportunities are important to me?
Are there other factors to consider?
Who can help me make this decision?
What kind of person am I?
What kind of person do I want to be?
How can a high school help me achieve that?
Will it be fun? Will I fit in? Will I make friends?
Is it hard? Will I be able to do the work?
Will I be able to get involved outside of the classroom?
How do the high schools compare to each other?
What should I be looking for?

Archbishop Hoban High School

One Holy Cross Boulevard, Akron, OH 44306

Website: www.hoban.org

Director of Admissions: Katy Karg kargk@hoban.org 330-849-2149

Admissions Counselor: Chris Fahey faheyc@hoban.org

Archbishop Hoban High School is a private, coeducational, college preparatory Catholic high school sponsored by the Brothers of Holy Cross. The school's vision is to develop in its graduates the competence to see and the courage to act. It serves students with a variety of abilities and backgrounds and unites them into a community where the gifts and talents of each person are appreciated. To meet the varied needs of its students, the school offers a comprehensive course of studies as well as a wide array of athletic opportunities and cocurricular activities. When you come to Hoban, you enter a place where the academic, the personal, the spiritual, the innovative and the traditional combine to create a one-of-a-kind school. Come see what makes us unique.

Open House Dates

Sunday, October 9, 2016 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Shadow Days

Contact Admissions Office

Scholarship/Placement Exam Dates

Saturday, October 15, 2016 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Saturday, October 22, 2016 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Saturday, November 5, 2016 8:30 a.m. – Noon

*Parent information session on all test dates

*There is a \$20 fee for all placement exams

Our Lady of the Elms High School

1375 W. Exchange Street, Akron, OH 44313

Website: www.theelms.org

Admissions Director: Sarah Hutzler-Psihountakis spsihountakis@theelms.org 330-867-0918

Our Lady of the Elms High School, an independent, Catholic school rooted in the Dominican tradition, educates girls and young women to listen openly, evaluate wisely, speak bravely, lead justly, and serve compassionately. Families who are considering Catholic education for their daughter should consider the opportunity for a unique, once-in-a-lifetime experience for their student to develop her full potential in a faith-filled, academically rigorous, nurturing environment designed with a girl in mind. Girls enrolled in The Elms not only have more leadership opportunities than girls enrolled at coed schools; **they have *all* of the leadership opportunities!**

Girls Night Out

Saturday, November 12, 2016 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Open House Dates

Sunday, September 25, 2016 Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 30, 2016 Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 6, 2016 Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 29, 2017 Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 30, 2017 Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Shadow Days

Contact Admissions Office

Scholarship/Placement Exam Dates

Saturday, October 1, 2016 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Saturday, October 15, 2016 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 5, 2016 9:00 a.m. - Noon

*Parent information session on all test dates

*There is a \$20 fee for all placement exams

St. Vincent - St. Mary High School

15 North Maple Street, Akron, OH 44303

Website: www.stvm.com

Admissions Director: Joanne Wiseman jwiseman@stvm.com 330-253-9113 ext. 115

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School is a four-year, co-educational, college preparatory Catholic high school in Akron, Ohio. STVM offers courses on several levels including Honors, Advance Placement, College Preparatory and Special Education. On average, 98% of graduates pursue baccalaureate studies at public and private universities, with more than 74% of each year's senior class receiving college scholarships or grants. The culture of STVM encourages students to reach their highest potential in all aspects of life. STVM students have a proven record of demonstrating leadership, in the classroom, on the field, and in the Community. The experiences and achievements of STVM students provide a foundation for lifelong success. For more information about STVM, visit WWW.STVM.COM or call 330.253.9113 x115.

CYO Night

Friday, October 7, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Wear CYO jersey/cheer top for free admission to football game and free snack

Open House Dates

Sunday, September 25, 2016 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 3, 2016 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Shadow Days

Monday, October 3, 2016 – Friday, December 11, 2016 on Monday/Wednesday/Friday STVM school days

Scholarship/Placement Exam Dates

Saturday, October 15, 2016 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Saturday, October 22, 2016 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Saturday, November 12, 2016 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Saturday, November 12, 2016 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 3, 2016 (placement only)

*Parent information session on all test dates 11:00 a.m. - Noon

*There is a \$20 fee for all placement exams

Walsh Jesuit High School

4550 Wyoga Lake Road, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44224

Website: www.walshjesuit.org

Director of Admissions: Rob Eubank eubankr@walshjesuit.org 330-929-4205 ext. 103

Walsh Jesuit, a Catholic, college preparatory high school in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola, reaches beyond academic excellence to develop competence, conscience, and compassion within its graduates. As a Christ-centered community, we strive to be men and women for others.

Open House Dates

Sunday, October 2, 2016 Mass 11:00 a.m., Open House Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 23, 2017 Mass 11:00 a.m., Open House Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Warrior for a Day Shadow Days

Contact Admissions Office

Entrance Exam Dates

Saturday, October 8, 2016 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 5, 2016 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 19, 2016 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

7th Grade Practice Exam Dates (Register Online March 2017)

Saturday, May 13, 2017 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20, 2017 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

*Parent information session on all test dates

*There is a \$20 fee for all placement exams

Copley High School

3807 Ridgewood Road, Copley, OH 44321

Website: www.copley-fairlawn.org

Guidance Office: 330-664-4827

Firestone High School

333 Rampart Avenue, Akron, OH 44313

Website: www.akron.k12.oh.us

Guidance Office: 330-873-3315

Highland High School

3880 Ridge Road, Medina, OH 44256

Website: www.highland.k12.oh.us

Guidance Office: 330-239-1901

Revere High School

3420 Everett Road, Richfield, OH 44286

Website: www.revere.k12.oh.us

Guidance Office: 330-523-3210