

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents:

We have compiled some important dates and information for some local area high schools. We hope you find this information helpful. Please remember it is necessary to notify the homeroom teacher and the office at **least a week in advance**, unless otherwise stated, that your student will be attending a shadow day. **Also please note that the Aspire test is mandated by the Archdiocese for ALL 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It will be administered here at St. A's the week of March 30-April 3. It is important that our students do their best on this test, as it becomes a part of their ACT record and is used by high schools to help determine placement and course selection.** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mary Quish.

**Evanston Township High School**

ETHS <https://www.eths.k12.il.us> click on Students & Families tab. Scroll down to New Student Information.

**NO Shadow Day** : ETHS will be hosting a Parent/student Information Night on Wednesday night, November 6, 2019, at 7:00 pm..

**MAP TEST (required):** administered at ETHS - date reserved for St. A's students - Wednesday, December 4 at 8:30 am.

**New Trier Township** <http://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/incomingfreshmen/>

Does not offer Shadow Day

**Testing (required) – Saturday, Nov 16, 2019 at 7:45 a.m.**

**Loyola Academy** <https://www.goramblers.org/admissions>

**Shadow Day: Monday, September 30, 2019.** All shadow reservations must be made online by September 20th at the latest: <https://www.goramblers.org/admissions/shadow-program> In addition, parents need to send written notification to Mrs. Berg by September 20, 2019, that their child will be attending Loyola's shadow day.

**Open House: November 7, 2019 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.**

Entrance Exam: **Saturday, December 7, 2019, at 8:00am – 12:00pm.** If you plan to attend Loyola Academy, you **MUST** take their entrance exam. For the exam, the student should have two No. 2 pencils and a check for \$25 for the testing fee. Calculators are NOT permitted. This year, Loyola is asking students to **pre-register** for the Entrance Exam. Pre-registration will be available on the Loyola Admissions page starting on Nov. 23 and ending on Dec. 5.

Everyone sitting for the exam will be given a blue, release of records form **which MUST be returned to the St. A's office on Monday, December 9, 2019, in order to ensure sufficient processing time.**

Applications and essay due by **December 16, 2019.** Decision letters mailed on February 1, 2019.

**St. Ignatius College Preparatory** <http://www.ignatius.org/administrative/admissions/>

Shadow Day: Any time before November 20, 2019. Register online <http://www.ignatius.org/administrative/admissions/campus-visit-program/>

The St. A's office needs to be notified a least one week ahead of the scheduled shadow day.

**Open House: Sunday, November 10, 2019, 12:00-3:00 pm.**

Entrance Exam: Saturday, December 7, 2019, at 8:00am-12:00pm. If you plan to attend St. Ignatius, you **MUST** take their entrance exam. For the exam, the student should have two No. 2 pencils, a check for \$25 for the testing fee, and their social security number. No calculators will be permitted

The application process for St. Ignatius is entirely online.

**Regina Dominican**

<https://rdhs.org/admissions/>

Shadow Day: Shadow days can be scheduled by completing the online form

The St. A's office needs to be notified a least one week ahead of the scheduled shadow day.

**Open House- October 17, 2019 6-8 pm and November 12, 2019, 12-2 pm.**

Entrance Exam: December 7, 2019, 8:00 am to 12:30pm. Parents should plan to stay for a brief session after the exam begins. Students should have a calculator, two No. 2 pencils and a \$25. check made payable to Regina Dominican High School for the testing fee.

**Notre Dame High School for Boys**

<http://www.nddons.org/s/1034/16/index-social.aspx?sid=1034&gid=1&pgid=401>

Shadow Day: Shadow days can be scheduled by contacting Notre Dame at 847/779-8616. The St. A's office needs to be notified a least one week ahead of the scheduled shadow day.

<b>NOTRE DAME COLLEGE PREP</b>		
7655 West Dempster Street, Niles IL, 60714		
847.779.8615		
<b>OPEN HOUSE #1</b>	<a href="mailto:admissions@nddons.org">admissions@nddons.org</a>	<b>OPEN HOUSE #2</b>
Thursday, October 17th	<a href="http://www.nddons.org">www.nddons.org</a>	Thursday, November 7th
Session 1: 5:30 pm Start		Session 1: 5:30 pm Start
Session 2: 7:00 pm Start		Session 2: 7:00 pm Start
<small>*Please RSVP for your session at <a href="http://www.nddons.org/openhouse">www.nddons.org/openhouse</a></small>	<b>ENTRANCE EXAM</b>	<small>*Please RSVP for your session at <a href="http://www.nddons.org/openhouse">www.nddons.org/openhouse</a></small>
	Saturday, December 7, 2019	
	8:00 am	

**Woodlands Academy**

See the school's website for info on shadow days and the application [http://www.woodlandsacademy.org/admission/applying\\_to\\_woodlands/](http://www.woodlandsacademy.org/admission/applying_to_woodlands/)

**PLACEMENT TEST INFORMATION**

**ETHS** MATH –In the past placement has been based on: student’s current classwork (Algebra I in 8<sup>th</sup> grade), MAP test Math scores, teacher recommendation; and grades in core subjects in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

LANGUAGE – World Language

**LOYOLA**

March 31 Math 4:30 -6  
Language 6:30-7:30

April 2 Language 4:30-5:30  
Math 6:00-

or

April 4 Math 8-9:30  
Language 10-11:00

### **TEST PREPARATION at St. A’s**

All Unit D teachers are involved in providing test taking tips/techniques and practice test opportunities for their subject areas. Focus is on MAP test preparation, High School Placement Test preparation, ASPIRE preparation and Math placement exam preparation. World Language Placement test preparation will take place in St. A’s French/Spanish classes.

In most instances the instruction in test taking skills and strategies, and test practice which is done at St. A’s is more than sufficient for successful student performance on the high school entrance exams. If you think your child might benefit from more intensive instruction, several of our students in the past have enrolled in a High School Entrance Preparation Course offered by PEACE educational services. You can find out more information on their website at [www.PeaceEdServices.com](http://www.PeaceEdServices.com).

*The **PEACE Program for High School Test Preparation will be offered at St. Francis Xavier beginning September 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:30.** PEACE provides a comprehensive 8 week program which fully prepares students so that their full ability is reflected on the HSPT test.*