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Dear 8th Grade Families,

It must seem like yesterday that your child began kindergarten, and yet, believe it or not, the time has come to consider where they will attend high school. To attend a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of New York, your child must take the [Test for Admission to Catholic High Schools \(TACHS\)](#). The deadline to register for the exam is Friday, October 23 by 5 PM.

Please take a moment and watch [this video featuring young people currently attending our Catholic high schools](#). These impressive young women and men embody and express all the qualities that our high schools consistently instill in our students.

While I imagine you are already planning to send your child to one of our storied Catholic high schools, there certainly are many factors to consider, especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The current crisis highlights what makes our schools the best choice for secondary education in the metropolitan area, not the least of which is the **availability of millions of dollars in scholarships to help ease the financial burden the health crisis has had on so many families.**

While many public high schools delayed opening and have struggled to establish a footing this school year, our Catholic high schools opened on time and have continued to operate safely and efficiently, following federal, state and local health authorities' strict guidelines.

By virtue of your child attending a Parish Religious Education (CCD) program, you have already demonstrated the importance of Catholic identity in the life of your family. Your child's attendance in a Catholic high school will allow them to receive access to an academically superior curriculum. That, combined with outstanding extracurricular programs and nationally-ranked athletics, all folded into a tolerant, welcoming culture based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, will make for a seamless continuation of your child's journey of spiritual growth within the great institution of Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael J. Deegan
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