

## **Information on the High School Process**

### High School Placement Test:

All students will take the High School Placement Test in school on December 1<sup>st</sup>. There is no need to study for this test but preparation is encouraged. If you choose to do so, you can purchase a review book at a local book store. Please encourage your student to get a good nights rest the night before and to eat a good breakfast the day of the test.

### Open Houses:

We encourage you to attend the Open House of any school your child might be interested in attending. You can find these dates on the website of the specific high school and they will be posted on the Middle School site shortly. In addition, several of the area high schools will come to OLGC to speak with our current 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Shadowing Appointments:

Please refer to information found on the website of the desired high school about their shadowing policy and contact the school directly to set up the appointment. A call to the nurse or email to the homeroom teacher in advance of the student's upcoming absence is appreciated. Students are responsible to make up missed assignments, tests, quizzes, etc. from class promptly upon their return to school.

### Teacher Recommendations:

A recommendation is automatically written for every student and sent to Bishop O'Connell and Paul VI. If your student is applying to another school, there are often teacher recommendation forms that need to be completed on their behalf. Please send in these forms, with a **pre-addressed and stamped envelope** directly to the teacher you wish to have complete the form on your student's behalf. The teacher is required to then mail those letters directly to the high school and the information is kept confidential.

Make sure to help your student complete their resume sheet to include all pertinent information about their extra-curricular activities, any awards they have received over the years, etc. so that each teacher can be informed as possible on your child.