



July 15, 2020

Dear Catholic School Parents and Eighth Grade Students,

Thank you for entrusting us with the Catholic education of your child. The 2020-2021 school year will be another unprecedented year as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. The eighth-grade year is one that will be full of memories your child will cherish as you move toward high school. It will be one of spiritual and intellectual growth.

Typically, the Catholic high schools within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati offer a high school entrance and placement test to all interested eighth grade students who are considering the possibility of attending one of our Catholic high schools beginning in the ninth grade. This test is usually offered the Saturday before Thanksgiving at Catholic high schools throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. It is used for entrance and placement of each student for the ninth grade. It has also been used as a factor in scholarship offerings along with student records from the elementary school, standardized test scores, etc.

Due to the concerns of COVID-19 and the uncertainty of future restrictions placed upon our schools and communities by governing stakeholders, the 2020 high school entrance and placement test will be waived this year for current eighth graders and will not be offered. Eighth grade student records will be requested to be sent to designated high school(s) by December 1, 2020 so time and consideration may be taken to place students appropriately for the 2021-2022 school year. Scholarship criteria will be developed by each high school along with financial aid offerings and published on their websites by September 30th (This is the usual protocol for Catholic high schools within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.). Each high school will also provide instructions for parents with deadlines for registration, tuition costs, etc.

The 2020-2021 school year will certainly provide us the opportunity to be reminded that our Catholic schools are communities built on faith. God will take care of us and protect us. May you and your family be blessed with good health during this year of uncertainty and illness. Thank you for the gift of your child in our Catholic schools and for your continued support of our mission of excellence in Catholic education.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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