



# The Scholars' Academy

An Accelerated College Preparatory School for Grades 6-12  
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**Principal**  
**Brian O'Connell**

October 24, 2008

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, Parents and Teachers,

Over the course of the next five weeks, students will be preparing for high school admissions exams, auditions, preparing applications and making important decisions regarding their future high school. To assist with this process, I will be meeting with each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student for Individual High School Advisement Sessions. Each week over the next month and a half will be designated for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Throughout this time I will be calling students into the guidance office, in alphabetical order, by class, to review their public school application and answer any questions about the Scholars' High School, private schools and the Specialized High Schools. Below is a list of items that students should have in a folder in their backpacks throughout their class's designated week:

- High School application for NYC public schools with choices listed in the designated area in order of preference (in pencil so changes can be made if necessary).
- A TACHS Applicant Record (available online at [www.tachsinfo.com](http://www.tachsinfo.com)), if you are applying to catholic high schools, with three stamped envelopes addressed to the three schools of your choice. These must be submitted on or before **November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008**.
- A note from parent or doctor if there was excessive lateness or absence in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade which was due to illness or other extenuating circumstances.
- Any questions about high schools and/or the high school application process.
- If your application is complete and includes signatures from parent and student, I will collect it at that time. If changes need to be made however, you will be expected to take it home, review changes with your family and submit it to your homeroom teacher on the final due date, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**. Applications will not be accepted after December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please make every effort possible to be present in school the week that is designated for your class so you do not miss your advisement session. Students will sign a form at the completion of their advisement session, confirming that they have met with the guidance counselor for one on one counseling. In case you are absent, your appointment will be rescheduled for you at a later time.

<b>Class</b>	<b>High School Advisement Week</b>
801	Tues. October 28 <sup>th</sup> – Fri. October 31 <sup>st</sup>
802	Mon. November 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri. November 7 <sup>th</sup>
803	Mon. November 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fr. November 14 <sup>th</sup>
804 & 805	Mon. November 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri. November 21 <sup>st</sup>
806	Mon. November 24 <sup>th</sup> – Wed. November 25 <sup>th</sup>

Sincerely,

Ms. Rozman  
Guidance Counselor

