

January 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Specialized High Schools Institute (SHSI) is a sixteen (16) month extracurricular program designed to prepare middle school students for the academic challenges of high school and to compete more effectively when taking the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT).

The program consists of:

7th Grade Foundations:

Summer: a five-week session (tentative: July 7-August 11, 2010) during the summer between grade 6 and grade 7 School-Year: an extracurricular program held twice a week on Wednesday after school, and Saturday during the day

8th Grade Intensive:

Summer: a five-week session (Summer 2011) during the summer between grade 7 and grade 8 School-Year: an extracurricular program – prior to the administration of the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test in October – held twice a week on Wednesday after school and Saturday during the day

Students must meet all of the following eligibility requirements in order to apply to the program:

- Current 6th grade student
- Minimum Scaled Score of at least 675 on the 2009 New York State English Language Arts Exam
- Minimum Scaled Score of at least 675-Mathematics) on 2009 New York State Mathematics Exam
- Minimum of 90% Attendance
- Economically disadvantaged students, as defined by Title I -Free Lunch Status.

*Please note that students in schools with Universal Free Lunch programs and Charter Schools must submit the attached Income Verification Form to be considered for the program if their current Title I status is not indicated in ATS.

The deadline to submit the Income Verification Form is **Thursday, January 21, 2010**.

Students who meet all eligibility requirements will receive an application to apply to the program in February 2010.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at PShapiro2@schools.nyc.gov or call 212.374.4944.

Sincerely,

Paul Shapiro

SHSI Program Director