



**8th Grade to High School
Information Night
2026-2027**

Acronyms/Abbreviations in this presentation:

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- HS = High School
 - AOB = Archdiocese of Baltimore
 - ADW = Archdiocese of Washington
 - Shadow = when students can visit a prospective high school
 - HSPT = High School Placement Test
 - HS Fair = event where all AOB high schools have a table to present varying materials and information to prospective students/families

Best Resource for Information

- The *High School Guide (booklet)* is a starting point for learning about each high school in the Archdiocese of Baltimore (AOB)
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Thank you for your interest in our Catholic high schools! Serving families from Baltimore City, as well as Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, and Howard Counties, the Archdiocese of Baltimore offers secondary schools in a girls, boys, or co-educational environment. A Catholic education is

Fall To-Do List

- 1. Consider a HSPT prep course (next two slides)**
- 2. Explore HS websites, programs, and campuses**
- 3. Attend a HS fair (pg. 22)**
 - Wednesday, September 16th, Archbishop Spalding , 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**
 - Tuesday, September 22nd, Maryvale, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**
 - Thursday, October 1st, Archbishop Curley, 6:00 - 7:30**
- 4. Attend Open Houses at schools of interest (pg. 22)**
- 5. Contact high schools directly to schedule student shadow days**

HSPT Prep Classes (Option 1)

Option 1: Mrs. Lemanski (Math) & Ms. Alberts (ELA) - here at Slade

- **Begins next week! (9/14)**
- **Mondays and/or Tuesdays (3:00-4:15)**
- **Both ELA & Math are offered on each day**
- **Duration - 6 weeks**
- **Registration required (few open spots remain), Register [HERE!](#)**
- **Questions? Email c.lemanski@msladeschool.com and/or a.alberts@msladeschool.com**

HSPT Prep Classes (Option 2)

Option 1: Outside Company - Student Achievement Associates

- Led by Dr. Eric Watts, former CAO Archdiocese of Baltimore
- In-person and virtual options
- Durations vary
- [Explore & Sign up Here](#)

Shadowing

- Shadow forms are required & should be brought to HS admissions directors at the time of visit
- Three shadow days are excused. If you seek more, please email Mr. Stehle directly

Shadowing recommendations

- Visit any school students are considering
- Block vs. non-block schedules
- Don't shadow older than a Sophomore
- Consider non-Fridays
- Admissions directors seek feedback from host students and teachers
- Bring a notebook and writing utensil
- Dress professionally (uniform is always a safe bet)
- Don't use phones!

HSPT

- **Testing date: November 17, 2026**
- **Testing location: Monsignor Slade Catholic School**
- **Administered: 8:15 a.m.**
- **Duration: 3 hours**
- **Cost: \$45 (separate fee, NOT FACTS), credit card only**
- **All 8th-grade students dismiss at roughly 11:15 a.m.**
- **Register for the High School Placement Test -**
 - **Opens on September 15, 2026**
 - **Students with documented needs will need that documentation uploaded (by October 30th) through the registration portal (nothing prior to 5th grade may be uploaded).**

Q: What if my student is sick the day of the HSPT?

A: Must take it at another location. No makeups at MSCS

November 14	November 21
Archbishop Curley High School	Archbishop Curley High School
Archbishop Spalding High School	Calvert Hall College High School
Calvert Hall College High School	The John Carroll School
The Catholic High School of Baltimore	Loyola Blakefield
Maryvale Preparatory School	Mount Saint Joseph High School
Mercy High School	Saint John's Catholic Prep
Mount de Sales Academy	St. Mary's High School
Mount Saint Joseph High School	
Notre Dame Preparatory School	
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	

HSPT

- Can choose up to 5 high schools to send HSPT results
- First three must be AOB schools. May send to ADW schools with additional fee (\$10 per ADW school)
- Students/families are asked to rank the order of school choices
- Those choices can be adjusted up to two days prior to the testing date
- If considering more than 5 schools, you must reach out to Mrs. Mooney at the [AOB](#) directly₁₁

HSPT

- Please make sure when you register, you select **Monsignor Slade** as the location where your student will take the test

Test Date	Test Location	Registration Opens	Registration Closes		
11/19/2025	Monsignor Slade	09/09/2025	11/17/2025	Details	Register Student



HSPT

- **Day of Testing - students should eat a good breakfast and arrive with two sharpened #2 pencils**
- **Regular school uniform**
- **Administered in gym**
- **Guessing is strongly encouraged when unsure of an answer**
- **Results will be emailed 3-5 weeks from 11/21/26**

More Fall/Winter To-Do List...

- Print, complete, & scan the Release of Records Form to Mrs. Buchanan, j.buchanan@mssladeschool.com no later than 11/20/26
- Apply to schools. Each school has its own process that can be found on their sites
- All AOB HS application deadlines: 12/11/26
- Apply for scholarships & contact admissions offices about additional financial assistance opportunities. Always apply.

Recommendation Forms

- Teachers are required to complete recommendation forms for any student applying to AOB high schools
- Administration reviews all recommendation forms prior to submission
- Students **DO NOT** select the teacher(s) who complete them
- Use this **FORM** to provide any extracurricular involvement your student had throughout middle school (in and out of school) **Deadline: October 8**
- If additional scholarships, programs, etc. require a separate recommendation letter, this request must be submitted to administration in writing

Making the Decision

- **Admissions decisions are released on Thursday, February 18, 2027 at 4:00 pm**
- **Families have 2 weeks after 2/18/27 to make their decision. Families should inform all high schools in which you applied, regardless of decision.**
- **Registration information will be sent to parents directly by the high school (usually in March)**

HS application results

- **As a school, we receive them when you receive them**
- **If denied, please fill us in. More importantly, reach out (respectfully) to the HS admissions Director**
- **We alert counselors and teachers to keep an eye on students if and when a denial occurs**
- **Yes. Waitlists are actually waitlists.**

For any high school application or process questions...

- Don't contact Slade, but rather Mrs. Mooney at the AOB (Director of Enrollment)**
- laura.mooney@archbalt.org**

Timeline Checklist

1. Sept 15 - Register for HSPT
2. HSPT prep classes (Slade - next week, outside organization - rolling dates)
3. Attend a HS fair (9/16, 9/22, or 10/1)
4. Attend Open Houses (9/27-11/12)
5. Set up shadow dates (most HS start in Sept)
6. Oct. 8 - Deadline for student involvement FORM
7. Nov. 17 - HSPT @ Slade
8. Nov. 20 - Deadline for Release of Records Form
9. Dec. 11 - Apply to all possible schools
10. Feb 18 - March 4 - alert HS if attending or not