



# ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear parents and guardians of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students,

Welcome back to a new school year! This year will be different for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders in that it will be their final year of middle school at St. Vincent Pallotti. This means that all students must begin thinking about where they will attend high school. Choosing a high school for some students is a very simple process, but for others it can seem overwhelming. This is why it is imperative that we are working together to help your student find the right fit going forward.

At Pallotti, traditionally our graduates attend many different schools across the Milwaukee area. For example, last year our graduates went to Marquette University High School, West Allis Hale, St. Joan Antida, Pius XI High School, Wisconsin Lutheran, Divine Savior Holy Angels, Messmer, Martin Luther, and more. Students from past years have also attended Thomas More, Cristo Rey, Carmen, Tenor, Catholic Memorial, and various Milwaukee Public Schools. There are many schools for our students to pick from and this is a very exciting time. That being said, the work in choosing must begin now.

In the next few weeks, your student will be receiving a good deal of information regarding high schools. We have many high schools scheduled to come in and speak to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders during the month of September. **One important visit will be from Pius XI High School on September, 21 at 8:00 AM. Pius XI is requesting that parents attend this meeting if you are able.** Their principal, Ryan Krienke will be in attendance along with members of their guidance staff to give you tips on the admissions process at Pius XI.

While September and early October will see many high school information sessions at our school, the middle and end of October will bring many open houses so you may see for yourself what each high school has to offer. By November, you and your student should have an idea of a few high schools where he or she would like to apply, and should sign up for placement testing. This is why it is very important that our students start the year off right academically. We have resources available for anyone who would like to prepare for their high school placement test.

Please contact us if you are in need of any assistance in applying to high school. You may contact me directly, Mrs. Schampers, or the school office for anything you may need.

In Gratitude,

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Principal

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