

Marblehead Community Charter Public School



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Dear Parents of Eighth Graders,

It is the time of year to begin thinking about high school, and we would like to assist you in the transition process in any way we can. If your child is planning to attend your public high school, it is important that you call the school to register him/her. As he/she attends our Charter school, his/her name may not automatically be sent up from the local middle school. You will need to provide proof of residence to register. Also, please acquire a Course Description Book from the high school(s) you are most interested in, so that we may advise you on the appropriate course selections for your child.

If your child is planning to attend Marblehead High School, a MHS guidance staff member will be coming to MCCPS in early February to meet with the students and provide all necessary information, paperwork, and course books. We will submit the MHS schedule for you after discussing it with you and your child at the Transition Meeting in February. Math and Science placement is largely determined by placement tests. These tests will be administered here at MCCPS during B blocks in early March by the high school staff, and we will provide those dates as soon as they are scheduled. English 9 placement is determined by Mr. Redmond.

Private school applications usually require teacher recommendations that are often due before December. Please submit the forms with stamped and addressed envelopes to Eileen Perry in the front office as soon as you are able to do so. Please do not give them directly to the 8th grade teachers, as we need to make copies and keep a record of those requested and sent.

Boys interested in applying to St. John's Prep - Danvers, MA (978-774-1050) are welcome to attend a meeting during afternoon recess, which has not yet been scheduled, but will be announced well in advance. This meeting will be for students only, and will consist of a school representative visiting MCCPS to talk with them. Also, open houses at St. John's Prep. will be held on 10/5 from 10:00-1:00, and 10/25 from 9:00-12:00. The placement exam will be 11/15 from 8:00-11:30, and there is a \$25 fee. Registration forms are on the school website.

Students interested in applying to Bishop Fenwick - Peabody, MA (978-587-8300) are welcome to attend their open house on 10/13 from 6:30-8:30. Their placement exam will be 11/15 from 8:00-12:00. Admission Information Sessions will also be held sometime in November. Please call the school to register.

Other local open houses are as follows: Pingree - S. Hamilton, MA (978-468-4415) on 10/18 from 11:00-3:00 and 11/17 from 6:30-8:30, The Governor's Academy - Byfield, MA (978-465-1763) on 10/25, and Essex Aggie - Danvers, MA (978-774-0050) on 10/25 from 10:00-2:00.

If you would like more information about other private schools, Tower School - Marblehead, MA (781-631-5800) will be hosting a Secondary School Fair on 9/23 at 5:30.

Feel free to contact Katie Sullivan or me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tim Stonecipher