

*News & Notes from the Principal's Desk*  
*†Christ Be Our Light*  
October 14, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

TFSA is sponsoring *Family Fun Night* tomorrow, Thursday, October 15, from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., in the PLC. Come out and join us for pizza, dancing, and a fun-filled evening. I look forward to seeing you!

**Market Day Dessert Bonus Days:** Get ready for all your Holiday parties and help Transfiguration School at the same time. This month the School Board with Market Day is having a Dessert Sale. If we sell up to 250 pies, we will get \$1.75 per pie and if we sell more than 250, we will get \$2.75 per pie. In addition, as a bonus if you place an order for one dessert item you will be entered into a raffle for a Fall Market Day Gift Basket. Help us reach our goal of 300 desserts and be prepared for the holidays!

**Virtus Training Certificates:** If you attended Virtus Training, please turn in your certificate to the school office. We are happy to make a copy for your records.

**Class Pictures:** Class pictures are not included in your child's pictures. They will arrive after retake day.

**Artist of the Week Contest:** Artsonia.com has a new weekly contest called Artist of the Week. Artsonia selects twelve random art submissions in each of four different age groups (grades PreK-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12) from artwork submitted the previous week. Voting is open to the general public every Wednesday-Saturday, with the winners from each age group being awarded on Sunday. You will receive an email from Artsonia if your student is selected as a finalist. You can vote once a day, so get as many votes in while you can. Each artist that wins receives a \$50 gift certificate for Blick Art Materials and the school of the winning artist gets a \$100 gift certificate for Blick. Congratulations to Mia Bigler and Michael Marti who were finalists last week. If you are having trouble accessing your Artsonia account or if you are not registered yet, please contact Mrs. Aita at [julia\\_aita3@yahoo.com](mailto:julia_aita3@yahoo.com). Thank you!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Tina Vakilynejad  
Principal



# CHRISTMAS IS ONLY 80 DAYS AWAY!



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**  
Sunday, December 6th, 2009

*How would you like to fulfill your service hours and get on Santa's nice list? It's easy... sign up to help with breakfast with Santa. We are looking for people to help with setting up, serving, cooking, take down and cleaning up. To make this years breakfast a success we need everyone's help.*

### SET UP

Friday, December 4th 2009 at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, December 5th 2009 at 9:00 am  
*Help set up tables, chairs, decorations, etc.*

### CLEAN UP

Sunday, December 6th, 2009  
12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm  
*Help take down tables, chairs and decorations.*

### BREAKFAST SERVERS

Sunday, December 6th, 2009 7:30 am-12:30 noon  
*Help serve breakfast to families and bus tables, etc*

**Any question's, contact Dave Jakubek at 847-487-5277**

Please fill out the form below and return before November 20, 2009 to Dave Jakubek.

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## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHERS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

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7:30 am – 10:30 am  
 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

# HALLOWEEN BALLOON BOUQUETS



NO TRICKS, JUST A TREAT

that will make your child or your child's teacher smile. Send your child a Halloween Balloon Bouquet. The cost of the bouquets is \$7 and includes a small Halloween treat.

Room Mom's - if you're planning on using balloons to decorate for classroom holiday parties - BUY THEM FROM US! Plain or Decorated - empty or filled!

Balloons will be delivered on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> or Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> . Remember balloons must be ordered at least one day ahead.

Balloons are not allowed on the School Buses. You must pick your child up if they normally ride the bus.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Happy Halloween to Someone Special!

To:

From:



Spiritwear Provided by *Luckie Girl* DESIGNS

	Y-S	Y-M	Y-L	Y-L	ADULT SMALL	ADULT SMALL	ADULT SIZES
<b>Shirts</b>	6-8	10-12	14-16	14-16	SMALL	SMALL	ADULT SIZES
<b>Pants</b>	Y-S 6-8	Y-M 10-12	Y-L 14-16	Y-L 14-16	Y-L 14-16	ADULT SMALL	ADULT SIZES

Because these are custom made items, we cannot accept returns or exchanges for incorrect sizes ordered. Please mark each box with the quantity for each item. If in doubt regarding size, order larger.

Orders Due: November 1<sup>st</sup>

Make Checks Payable to: Transfiguration School

**Ordering  
Deadline  
Nov. 1**



Short Sleeve T-shirt	Ladies Fitted T-Shirt	Sweatshirt	Long Sleeve T-shirt	Girls Fitted T-Shirt	Transfiguration Sweatshirt	Transfiguration Sweatshirt CHOICES	Royal Crew Neck Sweatshirt	Sling Back Pack \$12																																																																																																						
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Return all orders to the School Office along with payment.



# November is **DESSERT MONTH**

Get a **FREE** 12 oz. bag of coffee when you buy 3 Bonus Days Desserts!



The school will earn \$1.75 for every dessert sold.

We **WILL EARN** \$2.75 if we sell more than 250 desserts!

Help us make our goal of 300 desserts!!



*Order one dessert item for a chance to win the Fall Market Day Gift Basket!*

# Dessert Bonus Days



If every family buys 2 desserts,  
 we will reach our goal!

## Free Coffee

Get a free 12 oz. bag of coffee when you buy any 3 Bonus Days desserts!



\*Limit one Free 12 oz. bag of Cape For Hope Daily Blend Coffee per qualifying customer. Not available in Sara Lee/Market Day stores or on Peapod orders. No substitutions. Provisions subject to change or termination without notice.

### CHOOSE FROM 14 DELECTABLE DESSERTS!

- \_\_\_ 4802 Andes Chocolate Mint Layer Pie/10 inch/\$12.00 *Pastel de Capas de Menta y Chocolate de los Andes*
- \_\_\_ 4624 Apple Cranberry Deep Dish Pie/10 inch/\$10.00 *Pastel de Manzana y Arándanos de Base Gruesa*
- \_\_\_ 4623 Apple Deep Dish Pie/10 inch/\$10.00 *Pastel de Manzana de Base Gruesa*
- \_\_\_ 4800 French Silk Pie/10 inch/\$12.00 *Pastel de Seda Francesa*
- \_\_\_ 4597 Cookies & Cream Crème De La Cream Pie/10 inch/\$12.00 *Pastel de Galletas con Crema*
- \_\_\_ 4780 Pumpkin Pie/10 inch/\$10.00 *Pastel de Calabaza*
- \_\_\_ 4806 Pecan Pie/10 inch/\$10.00 *Pastel de Nuez*
- \_\_\_ 4625 Fruit Medley Deep Dish Pie/10 inch/\$10.00 *Pastel de Combinación de Frutas de Base Gruesa*
- \_\_\_ 4805 Pumpkin Praline Cheesecake/7 inch/\$11.00 *Pastel de Queso con Calabaza y Praline*
- \_\_\_ 4803 Turtle Cheesecake/7 inch/\$11.00 *Pastel de Queso Tortuga*
- \_\_\_ 4852 Caramel Apple Tarts (individual servings)/4-5.25 oz./\$11.00 *Tartas de Manzana y Caramelo*
- \_\_\_ 4853 Mountain Berry Tarts (indiv. servings)/4-5 oz./\$11.00 *Tartas de Moras Silvestres*
- \_\_\_ 4854 New York Style Cheesecakes (indiv. servings)/4-4 oz./\$11.00 *Pastel de Queso Estilo Nueva York*
- \_\_\_ 4850 Chocolate Turtle Saucy Cakes (indiv. servings)/4-4.5 oz./\$11.00 *Pastelitos Saucientes en Forma de Tortiga*

All products may contain traces of nuts and tree nuts. Tosses included where applicable.

Order by using this form or at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com)

Helping our organization reach our goal!

Acct #: 1593 Organization: Transfiguration School

Pick Up Date & Time: November 7, 2009 10:30AM-11:30AM

Internet Order Due Date & Time: November 4, 2009 11pm

Contact: Bill Dorner Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form no later than: November 4, 2009

To: Transfiguration School Parish offices or

Julie Basco @ Jbasco@stcghkcal.net

# Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic High Schools Placement Test and Open House Information

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST INFORMATION

The Catholic High School Placement Test will be given Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 8 a.m. Students do not need to register for the test. Simply go to the Catholic high school where the student wishes to enroll. The placement test fee is \$25.00 payable either by cash or check on the day of testing. To find a high school where you would like to take the test, visit <http://schools.archchicago.org>.

### St. Benedict High School (Coed)

3900 N. Leavitt St., Chicago, IL 60618

Phone: 773-539-0066

Website: [sbhs.stbenedict.com](http://sbhs.stbenedict.com)

Sunday, October 25 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday, November 22 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

### De La Salle Institute Lourdes Hall Campus (Girls)

1040 W. 32nd Pl., Chicago, IL 60608

Phone: 773-650-6800

Website: [www.dls.org](http://www.dls.org)

Wednesday, October 21 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 21 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

### Brother Rice High School (Boys)

10001 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60655

Phone: 773-429-4300

Website: [www.brrice.org](http://www.brrice.org)

Sunday, November 1 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday, November 22 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

### Fenwick High School (Coed)

505 Washington Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302

Phone: 708-386-0127

Website: [www.fenwickfriars.com](http://www.fenwickfriars.com)

Wednesday, October 21 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, December 13 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, April 21 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### Carmel Catholic High School (Coed)

One Carmel Pkwy., Mundelein, IL 60060

Phone: 847-566-3000

Website: [www.carmelhs.org](http://www.carmelhs.org)

Sunday, November 1 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

### St. Francis De Sales High School (Coed)

10155 S. Ewing Ave., Chicago, IL 60617

Phone: 773-731-7272

Website: [www.sfdshs.org](http://www.sfdshs.org)

Sunday, October 25 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Sunday, November 22 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, January 6 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Christ the King Jesuit College Prep (Coed)

5088 West Jackson Boulevard., Chicago, IL 60644

Phone: 773-261-7505

Website: [www.ctkjesuit.org](http://www.ctkjesuit.org)

Saturday, December 5 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday, February 27 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday, March 25 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 1 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Gordon Tech High School (Coed)

3633 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60618

Phone: 773-539-3600

Website: [www.gordontech.org](http://www.gordontech.org)

Sunday, October 18 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, November 4 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Cristo Rey Jesuit High School (Coed)

1852 W. 22nd Place, Chicago, IL 60608

Phone: 773-890-6800

Website: [www.cristorey.net](http://www.cristorey.net)

Thursday, October 1 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 17 10:00 am

Thursday, November 5 6:00 pm

Saturday, November 21 10:00 am

Wednesday, December 9 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 28 6:00 pm

### St. Gregory the Great High School (Coed)

1677 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

Phone: 773-907-2100

Website: [www.stgregory.org](http://www.stgregory.org)

Saturday, November 14 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

### Guerin College Preparatory High School (Coed)

8001 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove, IL 60171

Phone: 708-453-6233

Website: [www.guerinprep.org](http://www.guerinprep.org)

Sunday, October 18 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday, December 3 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### De La Salle Institute Institute Campus (Boys)

3455 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL 60616

Phone: 312-842-7355

Website: [www.dls.org](http://www.dls.org)

Wednesday, November 18 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 5 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Hales Franciscan High School (Boys)**

4930 S. Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, IL 60615

Phone: 773-285-8400

Website: www.halesfranciscan.org

*Sunday, November 1* 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm*Sunday, December 6* 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm*Tuesday, December 15* 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm**Holy Trinity High School (Coed)**

1443 W. Division St., Chicago, IL 60642

Phone: 773-278-4212

Website: www.holytrinity-hs.org

*Saturday, November 14* 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**St. Ignatius College Prep (Coed)**

1076 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL 60608

Phone: 312-421-5900

Website: www.ignatius.org

*Sunday, December 6* 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm**St. Joseph High School (Boys)**

1840 S. Mayfair Ave., Westchester, IL 60154

Phone: 708-562-4433

Website: www.stjoeshs.org

*Sunday, October 11* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm*Sunday, November 15* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm*Thursday, December 3* 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**Josephinum Academy (Girls)**

1501 N. Oakley Blvd., Chicago, IL 60622

Phone: 773-276-1261

Website: www.josephinum.org

*Wednesday, November 11* 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm*Saturday, November 14* 10:00 am – 1:00 pm*Saturday, November 21* 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**St. Laurence High School (Boys)**

5556 W. 77th St., Burbank, IL 60459

Phone: 708-458-6900

Website: www.stlaurence.com

*Thursday, November 5* 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm*Thursday, December 3* 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**Leo High School (Boys)**

7901 S. Sangamon St., Chicago, IL 60620

Phone: 773-224-9600

Website: www.leohighschool.org

*Monday, October 26* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm*Thursday, November 19* 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm*Monday, December 14* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**Loyola Academy (Coed)**

1100 Laramie Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091

Phone: 847-256-1100

Website: www.goramblers.org

*Thursday, November 19* 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**Maria High School (Girls)**

6727 S. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60629

Phone: 773-925-8686

Website: www.mariahighschool.org

*Thursday, November 19* 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm*Thursday, December 10* 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm*Thursday, January 7* 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**Marian Catholic High School (Coed)**

700 Ashland Ave., Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Phone: 708-755-7565

Website: www.marianchs.com

*Sunday, December 6* 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**Marist High School (Coed)**

4200 W. 115th St., Chicago, IL 60655

Phone: 773-881-5300

Website: www.marist.net

*Sunday, November 22* 11:00 am – 3:00 pm*Tuesday, December 1* 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm*Friday, January 8* 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**St. Martin de Porres High School (Coed)**

515 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

Waukegan, IL 60085

Phone: 847-623-5500

Website: www.smdpwaukegan.org

*Sunday, November 8* 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm*Sunday, April 18* 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School (Girls)**

3737 W. 99th St., Chicago, IL 60655

Phone: 773-881-6500

Website: www.mothermcauley.org

*Sunday, November 8* 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm*Tuesday, December 1* 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**Mount Assisi Academy (Girls)**

13860 Main St., Lemont, IL 60439

Phone: 630-257-7844

Website: www.mtassisiacademy.org

*Sunday, November 1* 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm*Sunday, November 8* 8:00 am - 10:30 am**Mount Carmel High School (Boys)**

6410 S. Dante Ave., Chicago, IL 60637

Phone: 773-324-1020

Website: www.mchs.org

*Sunday, November 15* 11:00 am – 2:00 pm*Thursday, December 3* 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**Nazareth Academy (Coed)**

1209 W. Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park, IL 60526

Phone: 708-354-0061

Website: www.nazarethacademy.com

*Sunday, November 8* 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm*Tuesday, December 3* 7:00 pm

**Notre Dame College Prep (Boys)**

7655 W. Dempster St., Niles, IL 60714

Phone: 847-965-2900

Website: www.ndhsdons.org

*Sunday, October 18* 11:00 am – 2:00 pm*Thursday, November 5* 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm**Notre Dame High School (Girls)**

3115 N. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60634

Phone: 773-622-9494

Website: www.ndhs4girls.org

*Thursday, October 29* 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm*Sunday, November 15* 11:00 am – 2:00 pm*Tuesday, December 8* 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**Our Lady of Tepeyac High School (Girls)**

2228 S. Whipple St., Chicago, IL 60623

Phone: 773-522-0023

Website: www.ourladyoftepeyac.org

*Thursday, October 22* 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm*Thursday, November 19* 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**Saint Patrick High School (All Male)**

5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60634

Phone: 773-282-8844

Website: www.stpatrick.org

*Thursday, October 15* 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm*Sunday, November 15* 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**Queen of Peace High School (Girls)**

7659 S. Linder Ave., Burbank, IL 60459

Phone: 708-458-7600

Website: www.queenofpeacehs.org

*Thursday, October 15* 7:00 pm*Sunday, November 15* 12:00 & 1:00 pm**Regina Dominican High School (Girls)**

701 Locust Rd., Wilmette, IL 60091

Phone: 847-256-7660

Website: www.rdhs.org

*Wednesday, November 4* 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm*Sunday, November 15* 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**Resurrection High School (Girls)**

7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60631

Phone: 773-775-6616

Website: www.reshs.org

*Thursday, October 1* 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm*Sunday, December 6* 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm*Thursday, April 29* 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**St. Rita of Cascia High School (Boys)**

7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60620

Phone: 773-925-6600

Website: www.stritahs.com

*Sunday, November 1* 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm*Sunday, December 6* 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**St. Scholastica Academy (Girls)**

7416 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago, IL 60645

Phone: 773-764-5715

Website: www.scholastica.us

*Sunday, November 8* 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm*Tuesday, December 1* 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm**Seton Academy (Coed)**

16100 S. Seton Rd., South Holland, IL 60473

Phone: 708-333-6300

Website: www.seton-academy.org

*Saturday, October 3* 10:00 am – 12:00 pm*Wednesday, November 18* 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm*Wednesday, March 24* 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**Trinity High School (Girls)**

7574 W. Division St., River Forest, IL 60305

Phone: 708-771-8383

Website: www.trinityhs.org

*Sunday, October 18* 12:00 pm*Thursday, November 19* 7:00 pm*Tuesday, March 16* 7:00 pm**St. Viator High School (Coed)**

1213 E. Oakton St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Phone: 847-392-4050

Website: www.saintviator.com

*Sunday, November 15* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm*Monday, November 16* 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm*Sunday, April 11* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart (Girls)**

760 E. Westleigh Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045

Phone: 847-234-4300

Website: www.woodlandsacademy.org

*Tuesday, November 17* 7:00 pm

Quick facts about our Catholic high schools:

98% of our seniors graduate and 95% of those graduates go on to college.

More than 27,000 students attend the high schools of the Archdiocese.

So many ways to fit in! Our Catholic high schools are communities of faith with youth groups, clubs, service organizations, leadership opportunities, sports, and so much more.

If you see any schools that catch your eye, here are 3 things you should do:

Talk to your parents about the school

Visit the school's website.

Contact the school's Admissions/Recruitment Director to schedule a visit and/or request additional information.

# GUIDE TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TESTING

## When do Catholic high schools give standardized tests for student placement?

Most high schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago administer high school placement test each year on the **second Saturday in January**. However, there are a few exceptions, please contact the school of your choice to confirm the placement test date.

## Why do some Catholic high schools use different placement tests?

Placement tests may vary in how well they can identify student academic success for a particular school. Placement tests differ in the type of information they provide that is used for program and course placement decisions. Tests are selected that best match the mission, educational philosophy and student body of a particular Catholic high school.

## Where should a student take the catholic high school placement test?

It is important to take the placement test at the **school where the student wishes to enroll in the fall** because each high school selects and administers its own test. Taking the placement test at a different school may delay or prevent full consideration for school placement. Contact the high school for further information.

## Do students register for the test?

**No.** Simply go to the Catholic high school where the student wishes to enroll. The placement test fee is **\$25.00** payable either by **cash or check** on the day of testing.

## What if a student misses placement test date?

Contact the school the student wishes to enroll to learn if a make-up test date is offered. Each school decides if a make-up test date is offered.

## How can a student prepare for the high school placement test?

The best preparation for any of the Catholic high school placement tests is excellent academic preparation in elementary school. Some students also may benefit from knowing general test taking strategies and how to pace themselves while taking a standardized test. However, too much emphasis on the test or test preparation is likely to increase test anxiety and lower his/her test score. **Test preparation will not raise test scores beyond a student's true or actual achievement level.** Test preparation should be limited to reducing anxiety and becoming familiar with taking a standardized test under timed conditions. Be supportive and encourage the student to do his/her best. Getting a good night's rest before the test is important.

## How do Catholic high schools make student placement decisions?

Each Catholic high school has its own procedures for using test results. Generally, high schools use test scores in conjunction with other information about a student's academic record when deciding to place a student to ensure academic success. Some considerations could include: other test scores, report cards, classroom and homework assignments, teacher recommendations, etc. Each school determines its priorities in the placement decision process.

## Points of reflection

- **Standardized tests provide valuable information about a student's academic readiness for a particular school.**
- **Standardized test performance is only one of several factors in Catholic high school admission and placement decisions.**
- **The Catholic high schools within the Archdiocese of Chicago are academically diverse. A student may be able to meet the academic challenges of a highly selective school but not be admitted because of a limited availability of openings.**

## What can be done if a student is not accepted?

If a student is not placed in his/her first choice, apply to another Catholic high school. One key to a student's high school academic success is to find a high school that best matches his/her current educational needs. Educational experience and performance in that Catholic high school better enables him/her to grow academically, personally, and spiritually to meet the challenges and rewards life has to offer.

## What if test scores don't match grades or past test scores?

There are many reasons why a student's high school placement test scores may not be consistent with his/ her grades or scores on other standardized tests. Although test scores are important, remember that a student's past academic record and other information will be considered in admission decisions along with test scores.