St. Monica 8th Grade Parent Information Night

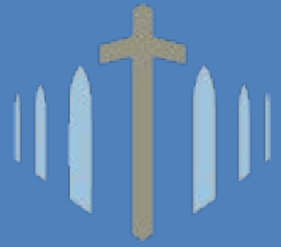## The High School Application Process
September 13, 2023

Agenda

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- Testing: ISEE - Independent School Entrance Examination
- The High School Interviews
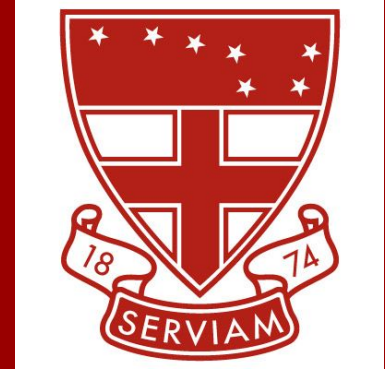- Questions
- Q&A

Confirmation Information

- Confirmation - Thursday, March 7th @ 6pm
- Diocese has not determined the celebrant
- Each confirmant will need a confirmation sponsor
  - At least 16 or older
  - practicing Catholic
  - Fully initiated, has received the sacraments of baptism, eucharist, confirmation
  - If married, married in the Catholic Church
- Girls wear a white dress, Boys wear a suit/tie
- Confirmation Saint
- Pines Confirmation Retreat (January 24 - 26)
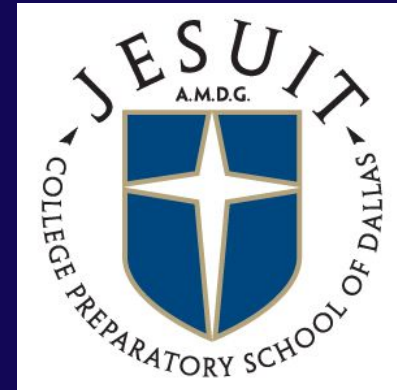
Timeline of the Application Process:

URSULINE

➢ Application:
- open: 9/1/23
- deadline: 1/5/24

➢ Transcripts due: 1/12/24

➢ Recommendations due: 1/12/24

➢ ISEE - take by 2/2/2024 (441825 reporting code)

➢ Student interviews: 1/13/24 and 1/20/24 (in person, 15 minutes and student only)

➢ Decisions: 3/8/24

➢ Enroll by: 3/22/24
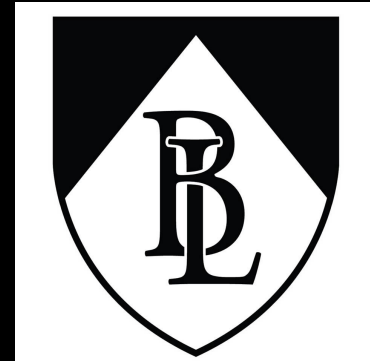
Timeline of the Application Process

JESUIT

➢ Application
- mid September
- deadline: 1/12/24

➢ Recommendations deadline: 2/2/24

➢ Student Activity Sheet; Student and Parent Profile Responses due: 2/2/234

➢ Transcripts due: 2/2/24

➢ Student interviews: 1/13/24 and 1/20/24

➢ ISEE - take by 2/3/24

➢ Decisions: 3/8/24

➢ Enroll by: 3/22/24

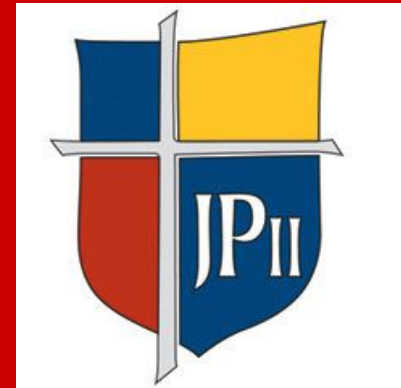# Timeline of the Application Process

BISHOP LYNCH

➢ Application

- opens: 9/15/23
- deadline: 1/12/24

➢ Transcripts due: 1/19/24

➢ Recommendation forms due: 1/19/24

➢ Family Interviews : February

➢ Decisions: 3/8/24

➢ Enroll by: 3/27/24

Timeline of the Application Process
JP II

➢ Application

- opens: 10/2/23
- deadline: 1/12/24

➢ Recommendations deadline: 2/16/24

➢ Transcripts due: 2/16/24

➢ Student interviews: 1/20/24 and 2/10/24

➢ ISEE - take by 2/3/24

➢ Decisions: 3/8/24

➢ Enroll by: 3/22/24

Timeline of the Application Process

CISTERCIAN

➢ Different from all other Catholic High schools

➢ Application deadline: 1/15/24

➢ Records due: 1/27/24 (transcript, IOWA, attendance, immunization, teacher evaluations)

➢ Admission Exam dates: 1/28/24, 2/4/24

➢ Decisions: 3/10/24 after 4pm

➢ Informal interviews

NOT done through Ravenna!

Apply: school.cistercian.org

More info: admissions@cistetrcian.org

Timeline of the Application Process

BISHOP DUNNE

➢ Application

- open now
- deadline: 1/13/24

➢ Transcripts and Recommendation forms due: 1/207/24

➢ ISEE **or** MAP admission tests - register through Ravenna

➢ MAP test dates: see school website: bdcs.org

➢ Interviews: 2/3/24 and 2/6/24

➢ Decisions: 3/8/24

➢ Enroll by: 4/1/24

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ADMISSION EVENTS

Ursuline - **open house:** 11/5/23

https://www.ursulinedallas.org/admissions/explore

Jesuit - **open house:** 11/5/23

https://jesuitcporg.finalsite.com/admissions/visit

Bishop Lynch - **open house:** 12/3/23

https://www.bishoplynch.org/admissions/events-and-tours

JPII - **open house:** 11/5/23

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBiQxjspPkCMhkKlpTmK-PvIDfql69ZUgH9CN1Qop6z-RKig/viewform

Bishop Dunne - **open house**: 11/5/23

https://www.bdcs.org/admission/visit-our-campus

Cistercian - **open house:** 10/5/23

https://school.cistercian.org/admissions/from-the-director/

How is my student evaluated?

1. **Transcript for grades 7th & fall of 8th grade**
   - The student has demonstrated a history of appropriate motivation and effort.
   - Grades are consistent and compatible with ability.
   - Improvement has been made in areas of struggle.
   - Includes 7th and 8th grade IOWA test scores

Conduct & Behavioral Performance
   - Student has consistently demonstrated cooperation with school rules and regulations.
   - Conduct grades on report cards reflect cooperation with school behavioral expectations.

Attendance Records
   - Student has demonstrated a history of consistent attendance. Be ready to document any attendance gaps on record.

How is my student evaluated?

2. Personal Interviews - We will conduct mock interviews at SMS

- Mock interviews will be conducted in January upon our return from Christmas Break. Dates and times to come.

We strongly recommend students do <u>two</u> mock interviews. Sign-up information to come.

3. Teacher Recommendations

4. ISEE scores

Application - What to do now?

- **Apply through Ravenna Hub**
  https://ravenna-hub.com/login

  Ravenna: web-based application service

  - Start an application – create account
  - Already created an account for another child/another school? - use the same account, add new child/school(s).

Provide an email address you regularly check!

- **Register for the ISEE**
  https://www.erblearn.org/

Application - What to do now?

- **Learn about high schools** - **visit websites**
  - Watch videos
  - Learn about the school's philosophy
  - Study course offerings, extra curricular activities,clubs, athletics
  - Contact admission directors with questions

- **Register for admission events** with high schools - Important! - see previous slides

Application - What to do now?

Request Recommendations - electronic

- Current Math & Language Arts Teachers
- JP II: Current Math or Science teachers and current English or Social Studies teacher
- 3rd recommendation:
  - Principal specific recommendations to President
  - Student choice for Jesuit, Ursuline and JP II
  - Principal or Assistant Principal for Bishop Lynch
  - Principal or Counselor for Bishop Dunne
  - Do not request a large number of recommendations!

Submit Transcript Release form to SMS

- Required for each school where you are applying
- Print and sign - through Ravenna
- Submit signed forms to Stephanie Burgess - SMS registrar - she will send transcripts to high schools.

Interview

- Evaluated based on
  - **First impressions** on general appearance and dress
    - o Be on time.
    - o Dress appropriately (Sunday best).
  - **Eye contact and handshake**
    - o Give a firm handshake.
    - o Introduce yourself with your first and last name.
    - o Thank the interviewer before leaving.
  - **Articulate your thoughts**
  - **Body language**
    - o Sit up straight; don't cross your legs.
    - o Try not to shake or tap nervously.
  - **Responses to interview questions**
    - o Try to answer concisely and not ramble.
    - o Ask the interviewer to repeat the question if you misunderstand it.
- **Demonstrate interest** - have a question ready to ask!

ISEE

Independent School Entrance Exam

"The ISEE isn't like every other admissions test, because it not only measures what students know, it also measures how they think."

https://www.erblearn.org/families/isee-by-erb/

ISEE

[What to Expect on the ISEE?](#) - Download

Everything you need
to know about the ISEE

150 pages
- explains scoring
- types of questions
- sample questions
- practice tests
- For parents and students

ISEE

- **Testing options**
  - **at St. Monica -** 1/13/2023 (8:30 a.m.)
  - Other testing sites (schools and prometric testing centers) in the Dallas area
  - At home testing
  - Only one testing per testing season (Dec-March)

Scores prior to december will not be accepted.

- **Cost**
  - $155.00 - school testing sites
  - $200 - at home online/prometric testing centers

  [Register online for the ISEE here](#)

➔ Reports may be sent to **6** schools.
➔ Only one registration per season (Dec-Jan-Feb-March)**.**
➔ We request that you indicate St. Monica as one of the recipients of your child's score. The school code for St. Monica is **570275**

ISEE Registration Page

PREPARING FOR THE ISEE

Test prep at St. Monica:
Friday Class August through December

Math: Mrs. Reding
English: Mrs. Gohsman

Test Innovators - test prep: ERB (ISEE) website

[Click here](#) to view TI options.

ISEE: Format and Scoring

Section	Questions	Time allotted
Verbal reasoning	40	20 minutes
Quantitative reasoning	37	35 minutes
Break		
Reading comprehension	36	35 minutes
Math achievement	47	40 minutes
Break		
Essay	1 prompt	30 minutes

Total Time : 2 hours 40 minutes plus 2 breaks

ISEE: Format and Scoring

[Click here](#) to read about the 5 sections of the ISEE

Scoring:

- Scored by ERB nationally
- Norm Referenced - national %-ile and Stanine score
- The essay is sent to each high school for evaluation.
- Parents will not have access to the scored essay.
- Takes about 14 days
- Scores reported on the parent ERB account

ISEE Testing with Accommodations

Available at St. Monica

★ Available for students who have a diagnosed learning difference AND have an IAP

★ Testing accommodation must be approved by ISEE before registering for the test.

★ 50% extra time
https://www.erblearn.org/families/isee-accommodations/

ISEE Testing with Accommodations

1 Create an Account

Create a parent account online, add your student(s) to the account, and select "Request Accommodations."

2 ISEE Accommodations Request Form

You will receive an *ISEE Accommodations Request Form* at the email address associated with your parent account. Please read the entire form thoroughly and have your student's current school complete page 3; the Current School Statement.

Text

3 Upload Supporting Documents

Upload supporting documentation and current school statement form to your student's online account at iseeonline.erblearn.org for formal review.

4 Register for a Test

Once your student is approved for the requested accommodation(s), you may register for a online offering the approved accommodation(s) at iseeonline.erblearn.org.

ISEE

Questions?

iseeoperations@erblearn.org

1 (800) 446-0320

ISEE: The Day of the Test

- **Be sure of the date, time, and place.**
  - Arrive 15-30 minutes early to avoid last minute anxiety.
- **Remember to bring the following:**
  - Your Verification
  - Required ID
  - Bring several #2 pencils, an eraser, and a pen.
  - Do not take other items in the room, including cell phones and calculators.
- **Dress in comfortable layers.**
- **Clear your mind; pace yourself.**

GOOD LUCK TO THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 2028!

GO BEARCATS!