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Dear Catholic School Parents,

When I was a Catholic school middle school teacher, I found seventh grade to be a “sweet spot” for the students. Seventh grade students are experienced in the procedures of the upper grades of a K-8 school and enjoy their status as “the big kids” in the school without the immediate pressure of choosing and going to high school looming. That makes seventh grade a great time to explore high school options in depth to prepare for admissions testing and applications next year. I hope as you explore your options that you will give serious consideration to one of the excellent Catholic high schools in South Jersey for the next steps in your child’s education.

South Jersey Catholic high school students use the words *home* and *family* to describe their schools. They develop academic discipline and lasting friendships and values that serve them for life. Our formula for success includes:

- Strong academic programs, with SAT and ACT scores higher than those at other schools in our area and over \$85 million in college scholarships for last year’s graduates alone.
- Outstanding sports, arts, and other competitive and non-competitive extracurricular activities that are among the best you will find.
- Caring and committed faculty who prepare students to succeed in college and ultimately a career, and to be compassionate and understanding adults who seek God’s plan for how they will serve Him and others with their lives.
- Sacraments, daily prayer, and a strong Religion curriculum that all help students to grow in understanding and living their faith.

I have included a schedule of open houses and a list of high school websites for your consideration as you and your son or daughter think about the future. I encourage you to attend an open house this October or November or to participate in one of the many informational and fun events each high school hosts for prospective students. Information about each school’s events can be found on their websites.

Please know that you and your family are included in the prayers of all of us in the Office of Catholic Education during this exciting time in your child’s Catholic school education.

Sincerely,

Dr. William A. Watson
Superintendent of Schools

**Diocese of Camden
Catholic High Schools**

Summary of School Information and Open House Dates

Camden County High Schools

School	Website	Open House
Camden Catholic	www.camdenatholic.org/admissions	October 26, 2023
Gloucester Catholic	www.gchsrams.org	November 8, 2023
Paul VI	www.pvihs.org/admissions/admission-process	November 2, 2023

Atlantic and Cape May County High Schools

School	Website	Open House
Holy Spirit	www.holyspirithighschool.com	October 30, 2023
Wildwood Catholic	www.wildwoodcatholicacademy.org	October 26, 2023