



September 27, 2023

Dear Catholic School Parents,

The eighth-grade year in a Catholic elementary school is a special time when you and your child will experience many traditions and memories, and your son or daughter will mature spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally in preparation for high school. Although this school year just began, I am writing to offer some assistance as you plan what lies ahead. Specifically, I hope 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 SAT and ACT scores higher than those at other high 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 an application checklist and a transcript request form with this letter to assist you in starting the application process for Camden Catholic, Gloucester Catholic, Holy Spirit, Paul VI, and/or Wildwood Catholic Academy. The checklist includes links to each school's online application, information about scholarships and tuition assistance, and dates for open houses, admissions testing, and other events. Part of the application process is submitting elementary school records, which we facilitate for Catholic school families. We ask that all students applying to these schools return the attached form by November 17, 2023, to your child's school so that your child's educational record can be sent to the Catholic high school or schools of your choice. Acceptance notifications will be mailed directly to your home by each high school.

Please know that you and your family are included in the prayers of all of us in the Office of Catholic Education during this time of discernment and decision.

Sincerely,

Dr. William A. Watson
Superintendent of Schools

**Diocese of Camden
Catholic High Schools**

Summary of School Information and Important Dates

Camden County High Schools

School	Website	Open House	Admissions/Placement Test*
Camden Catholic	www.camdencatholic.org/admissions	October 26, 2023	November 4, 2023
Gloucester Catholic	www.gchsrams.org	November 8, 2023	November 4, 2023
Paul VI	www.pvihs.org/admissions/admission-process	November 2, 2023	November 4, 2023

Atlantic and Cape May County High Schools

School	Website	Open House	Admissions/Placement Test
Holy Spirit	www.holyspirithighschool.com	October 30, 2023	November 17, 2023
Wildwood Catholic	www.wildwoodcatholicacademy.org	October 26, 2023	November 4, 2023

*Schools may have additional testing dates if a student has a serious conflict with the November 4 testing date and for late applications received in the Spring. Scores from Spring tests are not eligible for scholarship consideration.

**Diocese of Camden
Catholic High Schools
Admissions Information and Checklist**

The information and checklist below apply to the application and admission process for Camden Catholic, Gloucester Catholic, Holy Spirit, Paul VI, and Wildwood Catholic Academy. Please visit each school's website to learn more about their outstanding programs, determine any additional admissions requirements, access information on scholarship availability, and to register for an open house or other event.

Exploring Options

Event dates and registration websites can be found on the next page.

- Register for and attend Open House
- Register your child for an in-school visit during the school day
- Visit each school's website for admissions events

Admission/Scholarship Testing

Testing dates and registration websites can be found on the next page.

- Register for the required admissions and placement test
 - ✓ Registration for admissions testing can be completed on each school's website.
 - ✓ Students are required to take the admissions test only one time. Scores can be sent to multiple schools for admissions and scholarship consideration (see below).
 - ✓ During registration for the admissions test, you will be asked to rank the schools in the order in which you are considering them. Results of the admissions test will automatically be sent to all schools you include in your ranking.

Scholarships and Tuition Assistance

- Each high school offers merit-based academic scholarships. Admissions testing scores are considered when selecting academic scholarship recipients. Please visit the websites of individual schools to learn more about other requirements.
- Each high school offers need-based tuition assistance. All applicants are encouraged to apply. To do so, complete the need-based tuition assistance application through FACTS by December 31, 2023. The link to the FACTS application can be found on each school's website. The same form can be submitted to multiple schools during the online tuition assistance application process.

Apply for Admissions

- Return the enclosed *Student Information and Records Release Form* to your child's elementary school by November 17, 2023. Completing this form will automatically send your child's records to the schools to which they are applying.
- Complete an online admissions application for each school to which your child is applying. (Online application is optional for Gloucester Catholic.)

Notifications of Acceptance, Scholarship, and Tuition Assistance

Each school determines admissions, scholarship, and tuition assistance independently.

Students will be notified by each school of its admissions decision by late January. Some schools notify students on a rolling basis, depending upon when applications are received.

Parents will be notified by each school of their child's scholarship eligibility and tuition assistance awards prior to the date for high school registration.

Registration for freshman at Camden Catholic, Gloucester Catholic, and Paul VI for the 2024-2025 school year will be held in-person at each school on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Holy Spirit will hold registration from February 27 – March 2. Registration is rolling for Wildwood Catholic.

