

September 13, 2016

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> grade families,

This fall your student will have the opportunity to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) if they are considering attending a Catholic High School. All students planning to attend a Catholic HS will take the same test, on the same date, at the high school of their choice. Their results can be sent to other high schools.

This test is used for the purposes of admission, placement and scholarships. I know this can be a stressful time for both students and parents. In many cases, this is the first big testing experience in the next few years of many big tests!

Your student can prepare in a variety of ways for this test. Materials are available online (Amazon) for the HSPT. Also many schools will offer preparation classes. I will teach a class here at STM one day a week this fall for the four weeks leading up to the test. The class includes 8 hours of instruction, a preparation book and 'one on one' assistance. My class is one of the many options you have and I encourage you to make the best choice for you and your family.

**The STM class is scheduled for 3:15-5:15 : Tuesday October 25, Tuesday November 1, Wednesday November 9 and Tuesday November 15.** The fee is \$120, checks made payable to St. Thomas More School.

The test is *Sat November 19th*. You must register at the High School where you would like to take the test.

I want to let you know that I am available as a resource to you and your student during this time, *regardless of whether or not your student attends my preparation class*. I am here to answer questions about the test and the process.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I am here for you and your student!

Thank you,

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