

Dear 8th Grade families,

November 17th is approaching quickly and it is also the date for the High School Placement Test (HSPT). Any student who is considering a Catholic High School as an option for next year should take this test. Remember to register at the high school where you would like to take the test; any of the high schools are acceptable, as the test is the same at all of them.

This year, I will again offer an HSPT Prep class at STM. This will be my 12th year teaching the class, and I work closely with Crescendo Cincinnati. The fee is \$120 and includes a preparation book (this year we are using Barron's Prep book), 8 hours of classwork, online support, and availability for each student's needs. The class will take place after school in my classroom. We will concentrate on practice tests, test taking skills, strategies, and confidence building.

If you decide not to participate in the class but have specific questions about the HSPT or high school choices, please contact me if you think I may be able to assist you. We all realize that this can be a stressful time for your student and perhaps your family. I will be happy to be available to your student to answer questions about the test as they prepare!

More Info:

- ❖ Please let me know if your student will be attending as soon as you decide, and I will begin ordering books.
- ❖ Pay by check only, made out to St Thomas More School.
- ❖ Classes will take place from 3:15-5:15 P.M. on the following dates:
 - Tuesday, October 23
 - Tuesday, October 30
 - Monday, November 5 (changed to Monday due to conferences and Election Day)
 - Tuesday, November 13
- ❖ Please send the office your permission **via the form on the reverse side** for your student to stay after school on class days.

Thank you!

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