

## **Updates from the School Counselor**

Students were given information with their 7<sup>th</sup> grade report cards containing their activation codes to apply for high schools. Information pertaining to the high school process will also be discussed at Open House on September 14, 2017.

### **Important Dates to remember:**

Third week of September: Eligibility Letters will be forwarded to counselors for distribution to eighth graders. The letters will contain students' 7th grade NWEA MAP scores, final grades, and attendance data. The letters will also contain the Activation Code that students were issued in June. The letter will not list specific programs for which students are eligible. (A document will be accessible via the GoCPS website that shows the eligibility requirements for all schools.)

**October 2: Application period begins**

**December 15: Application Deadline**

**March 15: High School offers released**

**April 4: Deadline to accept high school offers**

**The website address for GoCPS is [go.cps.edu](http://go.cps.edu).**

To apply to ninth grade, students will submit only ONE application for the programs in which they are interested. Programs are categorized in two groups: Selective Enrollment High Schools and Non-Selective Enrollment Schools. (A Non-Selective School is any school that is not one of the 11 Selective Enrollment High Schools.) Students can apply to up to six Selective Enrollment Schools, if they are eligible, and up to 20 Non-Selective Enrollment Schools. (Note that non-Selective Enrollment Schools can also have minimum eligibility requirements.) Students will rank their schools in order of their preference. It is very important that you rank the schools in your true order of preference, as this will be the order in which your child is considered. In addition, families should apply to as many schools as they would accept an offer, as the more schools to which a student applies, the greater his/her chances for receiving an offer. The new selection process is a single-offer model, similar to the model used in previous years for the Selective Enrollment High Schools. Students can receive one Selective Enrollment offer and one Non-Selective Enrollment offer. If they do not qualify for a Selective Enrollment offer, they will receive one Non-Selective Enrollment offer only. If they do not qualify for a Selective Enrollment or Non-Selective Enrollment offer, they can attend their neighborhood school.

Office of Access and Enrollment Website The website for the Office of Access and Enrollment will be moving from [cps.edu/oe](http://cps.edu/oe) to [go.cps.edu](http://go.cps.edu). Within the coming weeks, all relevant OAE information will be found at GoCPS ([go.cps.edu](http://go.cps.edu)).

## **High school Programs**

### **[College and Career Academies](#)**

Students receive a college-preparatory curriculum and a career-focused education in different fields.

### **International Baccalaureate Schools**

IB programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners.

### **Magnet High Schools and Programs**

Magnet High Schools offer one or more specialty programs. They do not have neighborhood attendance boundaries (with the exception of Curie Metropolitan High School), and they accept students from throughout the city.

### **Military Academies**

Military Academies prepare students for college and subsequent careers in a structured environment.

### **Selective Enrollment High Schools**

Selective Enrollment High Schools provide academically advanced students with a challenging college preparatory experience. Each of the Selective Enrollment High Schools offers a rigorous curriculum with mainly honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

## **Daniel Murphy Scholarship Opportunity**

The mission of the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund (DMSF) is to give high school scholarship assistance and educational support to students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. DMSF seeks to make a life-altering difference in the lives of its Scholars by providing them with the best opportunity to succeed in high school and college. DMSF is looking for students entering the 8th grade in the fall of 2017 who are interested in attending a private high school and who exhibit:

- strong academic potential
- outstanding character
- financial need

To learn more and to complete an application, please visit <http://www.dmsf.org/become-a-dmsf-scholar>.

DMSF HIGH SCHOOL FAIR Monday, October 2, 2017 | 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Hosted at: DeLaSalle Institute  
3434 S. Michigan Ave. | Chicago, IL 60616