**Steps for Applying to Catholic High Schools**

1. Obtain the application packets from all of the Catholic high schools to which you plan to apply. Students may apply to one or up to three Catholic high schools and be assured that each school will receive copies of their test scores.

2. Attend OPEN HOUSES and visit the schools that interest you and meet your needs. Consult this brochure for calendar dates, or call individual schools. Seek information about other opportunities for school visitations. Considering your personal strengths and aptitudes, discuss with your 8th-grade teacher(s), principal and parents the high school programs that best meet your needs.

3. Complete and submit applications on time.

4. Take the High School Placement test on January 9, 2016, at one of the schools to which you have applied. You may take it only once, but on the answer sheet list your school test site as well as the other Catholic high schools to which you have applied, so your test scores can be sent there. The Grade Request and Confidential Recommendation forms are due to the high schools on February 2, 2016.

5. Letters regarding your admission status will be mailed on or after March 11, 2016.

6. Pay registration fees to the school you plan to attend by the deadline.
Opportunities, and career research. Each student has a Student Success Counselor, who assists with academic advising, college applications and essays, financial aid information and scholarship opportunities. De La Salle High School recognizes and promotes the dignity and respect of each student by providing a concerned and dedicated faculty, administration, and staff. De La Salle High School seeks to serve qualified students with varied academic needs and diverse social, cultural, and economic backgrounds and does so in partnership with parents and all those who are committed to bringing the Lasallian heritage.

Curriculum: De La Salle offers a college preparatory curriculum, including 12 advanced placement and honors courses in most disciplines. All major departments offer a full academic program and sequence of courses. There are a number of elective courses, as well as the ordinary prerequisite courses for college entrance. De La Salle’s curriculum provides a thorough education while meeting the individual needs of each student.

Student Activities: De La Salle offers 14 interscholastic sports, 21 sports programs and a wide variety of clubs and organizations, including Leadership, National Honor Society, Academic Decathlon, Model United Nations, and numerous academic and extracurricular activities.

Tuition and Fees: Tuition: $16,200 includes a $400 non-refundable deposit. Tuition assistance is available.

Spiritual Development and Service: Spiritual development at O’Dowd incorporates religious values, the Catholic experience, and a dynamic world-view into the hearts and minds of our students. Extensive course offerings include Bio-ethics, World Religions, Peace & Justice and Christian Scriptures. Liturgical celebration, retreat experiences, daily prayer and service to community put faith into action.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: More than 40 student-run clubs, events and activities build leadership skills and support a diverse range of student interests. Signature programs include Associated Student Body Executive Council, California Scholarship Federation and the National Honor Society as well as the Debate Team and Mock Trial program.

Athletics: O’Dowd offers a long-standing tradition of excellence in athletics with expansive opportunities across multiple sports and activities. Our teams have won championship titles at the state, NorCal, North Coast Section and league levels. O’Dowd has consistently been ranked in the top ten of nearly 200 Independent and public schools by the North California Prep School League.

Tuition and Fees: $17,180 (includes deposit)
Student Activities: Holy Names offers a rigorous academic program that is balanced with small class sizes and a faculty that fosters student academic talent while identifying areas for personal growth and improvement. The young women at Holy Names take advantage of competitive honors and advanced placement coursework as well as national and international service opportunities through a math lab and mentorship program. Holy Names offers an award-winning Visual and Performing Arts department and innovative curricula to challenge young women by incorporating hands-on experiences into the Arts (STEAM) classroom.

Student Activities (Holy Names): Holy Names students have the chance to explore enriching opportunities that focus on the whole student that reaches beyond the confines of the formal curriculum. Student Activities include Student Council, Campus Ministry, the Women in Medicine program, Model UN and a range of student-led clubs and athletics.


Current Enrollment: 120

Average Class Size: 15

Student-to-Teacher Ratio: 10 to 1

Graduates Who Attend College: 95%

Tuition and Fees: $21,500.00

Admissions Information: Applications are available online at the HNHS website. The application deadline is January 4, 2016.

FINANCIAL AIDS/ SCHOLARSHIPS: Merit scholarships and general need-based financial aid are available. A financial aid scholarship workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016. For more information on financial aid or to register for the workshop, visit the Admissions section of the HNHS website or contact the Admissions Office.

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SAINT JOSEPH NOTRE DAME HICH SCHOOL

PROFILE: Students seeking a rigorous, college preparatory education in a strong, small community of learners and leaders choose SJND, located on a beautiful, tree-covered 150-acre campus in Alameda. Excellent teachers and the lowest counselor-student ratio among regional schools ensure that SJND students are both challenged and supported for success in college and life.

PHILOSOPHY: We develop confident, open-minded, generous leaders who love joyful lives of faith, scholarship and service. Our school prides itself on the strength of our students’ diverse talents, ethics and backgrounds as we help them develop their unique, whole person.

CURRICULUM: Our courses include Mandarin, Speech and Debate, Faith in Action, Coiling and Advanced Coiling. SJND offers a full college preparatory curriculum focused on digital savvy, project-based learning with a robust selection of 32 different Advanced, Honor and AP courses. Award-winning arts include visual, performing, music and literary arts. A biomedical science program with STEM curricula. Academic Immersion Trips include Costa Rica, the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador.

CURRENT ENROLLMENT: 424
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 13
STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO: 12:1

SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

PROFILE: Saint Mary’s is a Lasallian Catholic college preparatory high school located on a beautiful 13-acre site in North Berkeley. The school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Education Association through 2016. Saint Mary’s educates its students through a challenging core academic curriculum and co-curricular programs that support and encourage spiritual, intellectual, physical, and emotional growth. The school purposefully cultivates an inclusive community representing ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

PHILOSOPHY: Saint Mary’s Mission embodies the tradition and heritage of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and their founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, to ensure a quality education for all students with an emphasis on the poor and the working class. The outline and core of the Lasallian education are faith in the Presence of God, Quality Education, Respect, Inclusive Community, and Concern for the Poor and Social Justice. Saint Mary’s believes that we must teach and prepare our students to learn about and participate in the world which they will enter as adults and graduates. We also know that our students must be able to adapt and evolve to be part of a world that is rapidly changing.

The traditional educational model, developed almost a century ago, had to be adapted and altered to meet the future needs of a global society. Saint Mary’s programs prepare students to be lifelong learners emphasizing the importance of faith, values, service to others, and a strong sense of tradition and community.

CURRICULUM: Saint Mary’s teachers and students to become agents of their own learning by introducing them to researched supported learning strategies with an emphasis on the ability to read, think, analyze, and write critically. Students are encouraged to explore their world by engaging in intellectual and moral inquiry. Saint Mary’s offers a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum that exceeds University of California and State Board of Education standards. Saint Mary’s offers a full college preparatory curriculum including 18 AP courses and a variety of electives. We also complement our academic program with the following co-curricular activities inspired by the Lasallian Mission. These programs include: Freshman Experience, Enrichment Work, Lasallian Dams (Alumni and teacher directed), and Social Emotional Learning Groups (SEL).

CO-CURRICULAR: Saint Mary’s offers competitive athletic programs in eighteen interscholastic sports as a member of the Tri-County Athletic League (T.C.A.L.) and the North Coast Section. The school has won numerous league titles within the last five years. Saint Mary’s offers a host of clubs and organizations that encourage leadership, community building, and a fun time for students and their moderating.

Tuition and Fees: Tuition: $16,490 Capital Improvement Fee: $500.00. Registration Fee: $700.00
Financial Aid: Saint Mary’s financial assistance is based on need. Saint Mary’s does not offer academic or merit based scholarships. Details are available at www.saintmaryschs.org
Current Enrollment: 630 Students
Student to Teacher Ratio: 17:1
Average Class Size: 20 to 25
Graduates Who Attend College: 100%
Admissions Information: Our online application is available at “Applying to Saint Mary’s” on our website, www.saintmaryschs.org. If you would like to be on our mailing list, please go to our website under the Admissions Card, “Join Our Email List,” and complete the information requested. Remember that the most up-to-date information about Saint Mary’s and our Open House (Sunday, November 22 at 1:30 PM) is on our website at www.saintmaryschs.org

SALESIAN COLLEGE PREPATORY

PROFILE: Salesian College Preparatory is a fully accredited, coeducational college preparatory high school in the Catholic tradition with an extensive community building program. Founded in 1940, Salesian College Preparatory educates young men and women to develop into conscious citizens of the contemporary world and to live their lives guided by faith, charity, service, and community. Salesian College Preparatory is positioned for acceptance to the colleges of their choice. Our graduates are accepted into exemplary colleges and universities including Stanford, UCLA, UC Berkeley, USC, and many more.

MISSION STATEMENT: Salesian College Preparatory educates young men and women to develop into good citizens for the betterment of society and the glory of God. Through its mission, Salesian is a diverse and learning community that develops healthy young people by providing them opportunities to explore and pursue personal, academic, co-curricular and spiritual interests. Teachings are in line with our founder, St. John Bosco’s educational philosophy of reason, religion, and loving kindness.

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President/Principal: Dr. Peter Imperial

SALESIAN COLLEGE PREPATORY

2851 Salesian Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804
President/Principal: Mr. Timothy Chambers

Web Site: www.sjnd.org

Web Site: www.saintmaryschs.org

Web Site: www.salesian.com

Tuition and Fees: Tuition cost is $15,000. The registration fee is $450. We offer a combination of academic and merit-based scholarships, as well as tuition grants to students based on demonstrated financial need. Information is available at the SJND Open House, October 25, 5 pm at 510.650.4202.

Schools Recommendation: We would like to recommend our current students to the Salesian College Preparatory for the 2015-16 school year. Our Salesian students join clubs, and when needed they start new groups. They are newspaper editors, class officers, artists and athletes. They stop by their comfort zone and take part in all that the school has to offer.

ATHLETICS: Approximately 70% of students participate in 15 interscholastic sports. Since 2005, the Salesian athletic program has served as a league championships to state basketball titles. The campus features a number of new athletic facilities, including a track, football field and tennis courts.

Tuition and Fees: Current tuition cost is $14,900. The registration fee is $450. We offer a combination of academic and merit-based scholarships, as well as tuition grants to students based on demonstrated financial need. Information is available at the SJND Open House, October 25, 5 pm at 510.650.4202.

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