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 10, 2015, 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 6, 2015.

5. Letters regarding your admission status will be mailed on or after March 13, 2015.

6. Pay registration fees to the school you plan to attend by the deadline.
MISSION: Bishop O’Dowd High School in a Catholic co-educational, college preparatory high school administered by the Diocese of Oakland. The school affirms the teachings, moral values and ethical standards of the Catholic Church. It is a unique and diverse community. The faculty and administration strive to develop young men and women of competence, conscience, and compassion through an integrated academic, spiritual, and extracurricular program. Bishop O’Dowd High School seeks to develop persons of influence who are loving, open to growth, religiously committed, and skilled leaders committed to justice and peace.

CURRICULUM: The O’Dowd Catholic college preparatory program ensures that we provide our students with the best educational community that prepares them for future opportunities in the colleges and careers of their choice. Our professional, caring teachers and counselors are dedicated to developing our students’ intellectual excellence, critical thinking, creativity and initiative. O’Dowd’s college prep curriculum includes Advanced Placement and Honors courses to build on all levels of math, science, English, world languages, and social studies. To ensure balance and continuous learning, we offer religious studies and comprehensive physical education, along with electives like computer programming, multimedia design courses, and fully integrated arts, music and drama programs. Competitive athletes, Campus Ministry and retreats, award-winning debate and mock trial, and more than 50 student-run clubs distinguish O’Dowd as an educational community. Through our extensive academic counseling, we develop a unique personalized academic plan for every student to achieve set goals. Our export college and career counseling, including a Career Partnerships Program, guides our students to thoughtful choices for their futures and the right fit for college.

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Our student-centered Campus Ministry department designs and leads school-wide Liturgies and daily prayer, day-long, overnight and Retreats; campus ministry teams, a signature Service Learning program totaling 100 volunteer hours per student over four years; immersion service trips, and campus-wide social justice events.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS: More than 700 scholar-athletes participate in 15 competitive sports on 57 teams, including water polo, lacrosse and rugby as well as the traditionalDb sports. The athletic program emphasizes strength of character, teamwork and healthy activity.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: An extensive student activities program includes the award-winning Speech and Debate and Mock Trial teams, Junior Statesman, National Honor Society, intramural, dramatic performances and more than 50 clubs that invite students to develop their interests, abilities and leadership skills.

FINANCIAL AID: Financial aid is available to students who qualify. 2/3 of the student body receives tuition assistance.

CURRENT ENROLLMENT: Approximately 800

STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO: 1:14

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 32

GRADUATES WHO ATTEND COLLEGE: 99% attend college, with more than 90% attending four-year institutions immediately after graduation.

ETHNIC MAKE-UP OF STUDENT BODY: African American 13%; Asian 15%; Euro-American 45%; Latino 23%; Other 11%; International Students 3%

APPLICATION INFORMATION: Students applying for the fall of 2015 can find information and the online application at www.bishopodowd.org, under the "admissions" tab.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE: December 5, 2014. Contact Director of Admissions, Karrin Pincus, at (510) 577-9100, ext. 603, for additional information.

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ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF STUDENT BODY: African American 2%; Asian/Pacific Islander 4%; East Indian 1.5%; Euro-American 61%; Filipino 7%; Latina 14%; Multi-Racial 19%; Native American 0.2%

APPLICATION INFORMATION: Open House will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2014, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Online registration for incoming 9th graders will begin mid-September. Transfer students should apply online at the Carondelet website or Admissions Transfer Student Office.

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PROFILE: Saint Elizabeth High School was founded in 1921 in the spirit of Saint Francis de Sales and Saint Dominique. SEHS is committed to forming well-rounded and preparing students for college, challenging them to live and proclaim the Gospel message, achieve academic success and to secure the skills necessary for a life lived according to God's plan.

MISSION STATEMENT: Saint Elizabeth High School is a Catholic co-educational, college preparatory day school located in San Jose, California. SEHS provides a college preparatory education based on the values of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and is committed to inspiring students to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve his highest academic, spiritual, and social potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.

CURRICULUM: Saint Elizabeth High School's curriculum emphasizes the individual needs of students to allow them to succeed in a rigorous and nurturing college preparatory environment. Teachers work with students to develop their critical thinking, critical reading, analytical, communication and interpersonal skills through various learning activities. Students are challenged to achieve mastery level of all skills and content in every course. Teachers work as facilitators of student learning and create an environment where students can realize their full potential. Saint Elizabeth High School has expanded its Advanced Placement and electives program, including courses in music appreciation and drama. This allows for students to challenge themselves in even more rigorous courses and to develop skills in areas of personal interest. The core of the school's curriculum is deep focus on students growing in their faith. Through the religious studies program, students deepen their understanding of their faith and the collective Catholic experience. Students are required to complete a service-learning project as the culmination of their religious studies experience, using the principles of Catholic Social Teaching as the basis for their learning. The school's graduation requirements exceed the minimum requirements for acceptance into the University of California and the California State University systems. Our personal and academic counseling program offers additional support to students.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: All students participate in parts of their extracurricular program, which includes soccer, volleyball, golf, track and field, and basketball. Student activities include such groups as the National Honor Society, Music Ministry, Campus Ministry, Student Government, Student Ambassadors, Culinary club and other special interest clubs. Our school is also committed to athletics, which include soccer, volleyball, track and field, and basketball.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY: Social Teaching is integrated throughout the school's curriculum to ensure students are prepared for service day and long term Christian service learning projects.

TUITION and FEES: Tuition: $11,200, Registration Fee $900

FINANCIAL AID: Saint Elizabeth High School is committed to providing a quality Catholic education. Tuition Assistance is available for those who qualify. Please contact Claudia Bronis at cbromis@slds.org or (510) 254-4922 for more information.

CONTACT: 415-552-1526
EMAIL: admissions@sjnd.org

PHILOSOPHY: Saint Mary's Mission embodies the tradition and heritage of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and their founders, 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 school provides a college preparatory education based on the values of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and is committed to inspiring students to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve his highest academic, spiritual, and social potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.

CURRICULUM: Saint Mary's Mission educates its students through its comprehensive academic and co-curricular programs that support and encourage spiritual, intellectual, physical, and emotional growth. The school provides a diverse student body representing various social, ethnic, religious, and economic backgrounds.

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CURRICULUM: We teach students to become agents of their own learning by introducing them to research-supported learning strategies with an emphasis on the ability to read, think, analyze, and write critically. At Saint Mary’s, students are encouraged to explore their world by engaging in intellectual and moral inquiry. Saint Mary’s has also incorporated iPad technology as a tool to assist in expanding students’ educational horizons. Saint Mary’s offers a challenging college preparatory curriculum that exceeds University of California and State requirements. The comprehensive academic program includes a full offering of Visual and Performing Arts courses, Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and a variety of electives. We also complement our academic program with the following co-curricular programs that are inspired by the Lasallian Mission. These programs include Freshman Experience, Enrichment Week, Leadership and service development, and Emotional and Social Learning Program through monthly Community Block.

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS: Saint Mary’s offers competitive athletics programs in eighteen interscholastic sports as a member of the G总体规划 League (TCA), and the North Coast Section. The school has won numerous league and section titles within the last five years. Saint Mary’s offers a host of clubs and organizations that strengthen leadership, community building, and a fun time for students and their moderators.

TUITION AND FEES: Tuition: $11,400 Capital Fee: $2,000 Applic. Fee (2/1): $100. Financial assistance is available for qualified students. More information is available at the SJND Open House, October 26, 7-9 pm and at SJND.org.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION: Applications are available at online. To schedule a Shadow Visit please contact Claudia Bronis (510) 352-8947 x1012.

ETHNIC MAKE-UP OF STUDENT BODY: 70% Filipinos, 17% African-American, 7% Asian-Pacific Islander, 5% Other (Multiracial), 1% Native-American, 1% Caucasian

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION: Open House will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2014 from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. Online applications are available at www.sjnd.org under the Admissions link. To schedule a Shadow Visit please contact Claudia Bronis (510) 352-8947 x1012.