

September 17, 2018

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:

Welcome to the new school year! September is an important month in your high school admissions journey—it's time to get to know schools and begin choosing programs for your high school application.

As an Ascend student, you may apply both to our high school and to the many NYC public high schools available in the High School Directory book distributed last June.

Please view the High School Admissions tab on our school website to access important links from the Department of Education at [www.bvms.ascendlearning.org/hs](http://www.bvms.ascendlearning.org/hs).

On the site you will be able to:

- Watch two new videos to learn more about admissions.
- Find out more information about attending a high school fair (Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>) to meet staff and students from schools in your borough. If you're interested in schools in other boroughs, you can go to those fairs, too. Each fair offers an admissions workshop and presentations on the audition process for arts programs and Career and Technical Education.
- Access High School Directories and Specialized High Schools Student Handbooks in multiple languages.

Stay tuned for more information about attending a High School Admissions night at BVMS, creating a MySchools account, registering to take the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT), and registering to receive text reminders about high school admissions.

Questions? Visit [www.schools.nyc.gov/High](http://www.schools.nyc.gov/High), contact me at 347-304-1634 or call the NYC high school admissions office at 718-935-2009.

Sincere regards,

Ms. Roman  
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