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**High School
Information Session
&
Regional Fair**

Cardinal Shehan School

September 30, 2008

Welcome

Overview of evening:

Catholic High Schools

Public High Schools

- **FIRST**, talk to your child:
 - Ask questions/don't make assumptions!
 - What is he/she thinking?
 - What is influencing her/his thinking?
 - What are his/her concerns?
 - Share your thoughts and concerns with him/her!

Before you and your child make any decisions...

■ Influences:

- Co-ed
- Single Gender
- Friends
- Location
 - Transportation

- Courses
- Interests
- Activities
- Tuition and Fees
- Financial Aid

Resources

- *Websites*
- Application Guide
- School Literature (Brochures)
- Individual Schools:
 - Directors of Admission
 - Main Office personnel
- Cardinal Shehan School
- Alumni from CSS
- High School Fairs
- Open Houses
- Archdiocesan Office (catholic)
- High School Area Office or Office of Student Placement (Baltimore City)

Shadow Days

■ October through December

➤ Schools of Interest

Contact Individual Schools for dates

Follow up with child after visit:

Did your child feel comfortable?

Was it a good fit?

How was the cafeteria food?

What did he/she do?

Call schools with feedback!

* Current 8th grade students are allowed two shadow days which are excused if request is completed

Open Houses

October thru December

- School Leadership/Faculty
- Academics/Fine Arts
- Facilities
- Resources
- Clubs/Activities/Athletics



Applying to a Catholic School

*Archdiocese of Baltimore
Regional High School Fairs*

TONIGHT

6:30 – 8:35 p.m.

at CSS

Standard Catholic High School Information Release Form

- **Will be sent home by CSS the week after Thanksgiving.**
- **Students and parents/guardians complete appropriate section, select 3 high schools, sign the Release Form, and return to CSS as promptly as possible, but NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 10, 2008.**
- **CSS will forward records to the schools selected.**

Archdiocesan High School Placement Test (HSPT)

- **DECEMBER 13TH @ 8:30 A.M.**
 - Register when you arrive
 - \$30.00 Cash-Fee
 - Take test at first choice school
- Extended Time Documentation
- Practice Books (ex. ARCO)

Applications

- Must fill out individual school applications
- Fees
- Requirements
ex. Essays, etc.

NOTE: NO letters of recommendation

Request for Records

If the students attends

+Archdiocesan Catholic School in Baltimore

-Standard Archdiocesan form (from CSS)

No other records are needed.

Financial Considerations

- Tuition Assistance

- Scholarships

- Guidelines differ from school to school

- Financial Aid

- Deadlines!

- Requirements

- Knott Scholarship (www.knottscholar.org)

How Do Schools Make Their Decisions?

EVERYTHING IS CONSIDERED!

Combinations of:

- HSPT results
- Grades (6th, 7th, and/or 8th)
- Comments from CSS
- Standardized Testing scores
- Interviews
- Shadow Days
- Attendance (absences & tardies)
- Writing Samples

TIMELINE

■ High School Decision Letters Mailed February 17, 2009

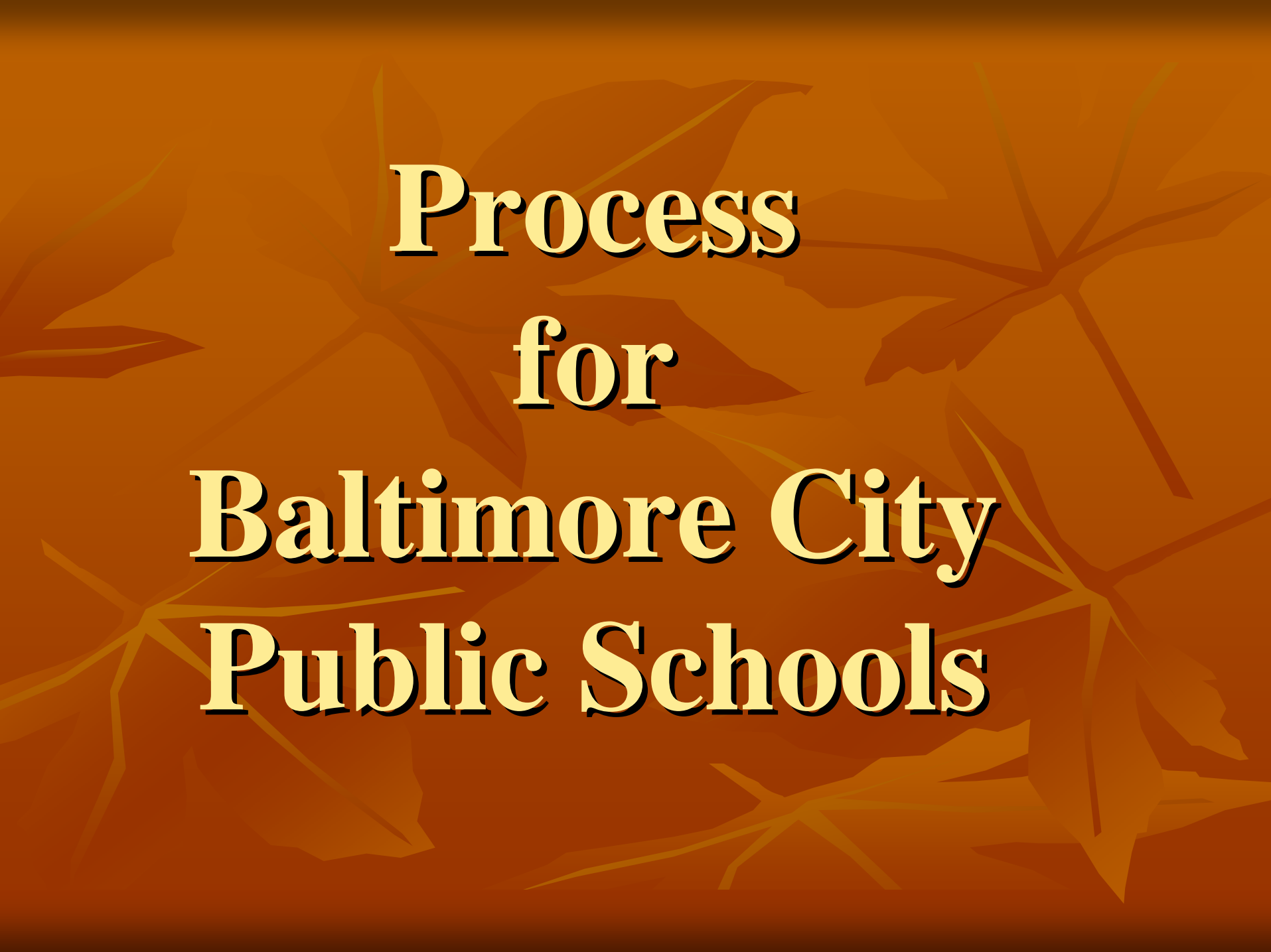
- October – December – SHADOW DAYS
- Week of December 1 – Catholic HS Release Forms sent home
- December 10 – DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF RELEASE FORM TO CSS
- December 13 – High School Admissions/Placement Test
- February 17 – Decision letters mailed by high schools
- March 4 – Catholic High School Registration deadline
- April 3 – Knott Scholarship Application deadline
- April 24 – Knott Scholarship Notification

Registration Deadline

- March 4th, 2008
- Registration Fee
(non-refundable)

Catholic Admissions Procedures

QUESTIONS?



**Process
for
Baltimore City
Public Schools**

Types of Public Schools:

Local Zoned School

High School Campuses with Choice

Citywide High Schools open to all interested

Citywide High Schools with entrance criteria

Local Zoned School:

The public school in your neighborhood/area your student would attend. All you need to do for your child to attend is register and show proof that you live in the school's zone/area. There are no entrance criteria.

High School Campuses with Choice:

These are high schools located in neighborhoods that now offer more than one high school to students **who live in the campus zone**. If student applications exceed allotted seats, students will be selected by a computerized, random selection process.

Northern Campus

Community Learning for Life High School Program

Reginald F. Lewis High School

Samuel L. Banks High School

WEB Dubois High School

Lake Clifton Campus

Heritage High School

Doris M. Johnson High School

Thurgood Marshall High School

Southwestern Campus

Augusta Fells Savage Institute of Visual Arts

Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy

Walbrook Campus

Entrepreneurial Academy

Homeland Security Academy

Citywide High Schools Open to All Interested:

These are high schools open to interested students from the entire city. The only entrance criteria are students must submit applications on time. If student applications exceed allotted seats, students will be selected by a computerized, random selection process.

The Academy for College and Career Exploration (ACCE)

Baltimore Freedom Academy

Baltimore Talent Development High School

Coppin Academy High School

Digital Harbor High School

Maritime Industries Academy

New Era Academy

Renaissance Academy High School

Southside Academy

Citywide High Schools with Entrance Criteria

These are high schools offering special programs open to **qualified students** from the entire city.

Academic Entrance Criteria Schools

Baltimore City College
Baltimore Polytechnic High School
Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Western High School

Career and Technology Entrance Criteria Schools

Academy of Transportation and Engineering at Patterson
Academy of Health, Human and Sport Services at Patterson
Carver High School
Edmondson-Westside High School
Mergenthaler High School
National Academy Foundation High School

Performing Arts Entrance Criteria High Schools

Baltimore School for the Arts
The Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Frederick Douglass

Timeline

- High School Fair (usually in mid-November)
- Individual School Open Houses:
Mid-November – Mid-December
- High School Applications are available: Early December
- Application deadline: Early January 2009
- Notification of High School Placement:
March/April 2009 (after Catholic registration deadline)

Application Information

- Applications will be sent home or are available from Baltimore City Public School Office
- Please return completed application and all necessary paperwork to CSS
- Proof of residency
- Choices must be listed in order
- Acceptance letter must be signed and returned to individual high school – not CSS

**The Baltimore City Public
Schools High School Guide is
posted on their web site.
(currently last year's guide)**

http://www.bcps.k12.md.us/Students/pdf/HighSchool_Guide_0809.pdf

Contact Information

Application Process Questions?

- Office of Student Placement: 410-396-8600

Questions about specific High Schools?

- Contact the school or
- High School Area Office: 410-396-8622
- www.mdreportcard.org (school's report card)
- www.bcps.k12.md.us/School_Info/index.asp

Public Application Procedures

QUESTIONS?

Baltimore County Magnet Schools

Brochures regarding application
process available on Baltimore
County Public School

<http://www.bcps.org/offices/omp/>



***THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
ATTENTION!***