

Subject: Bergen Catholic- Important Dates & Checklist for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Applicants

Dear Prospective Families,

I hope this message find you well and that you've been enjoying your summer. As you and your son consider joining the Bergen Catholic community, I wanted to share with you a helpful checklist of key dates and deadlines for the Bergen Catholic admissions process.

Our goal is to make this journey as smooth and straightforward as possible for your family. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions – we are always here to assist you.

## **Bergen Catholic 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Applicant Checklist & Deadlines**

### **Step 1: Register for the HSPT Exam**

- Registration Opens September 1 – [Register Early \(BC Code 805\)](#)

### **Step 2: Prepare for the HSPT Exam with our HSPT Prep Course**

- This optional but encouraged course will help prepare your son for the exam with our experienced faculty. Three sessions are available but they are filling fast. [Register Now.](#)

### **Step 3: Visit Bergen Catholic High School** (visiting is optional but highly encouraged)

- Join Us for an [Open House](#) on Wednesday, October 8 or Wednesday, November 5. [Open House](#) will allow you to explore all Bergen Catholic has to offer your son. [Register Now.](#)
- Crusader for a Day – Have your son experience what life will be like as a Crusader as he spends the day shadowing a current Bergen Catholic Crusader. [Register now, many dates are still available.](#)

### **Step 4: Take the HSPT Exam:**

- The HSPT Exam will be administered on Friday, November 7, 2025 from 8:00-11:45 a.m. here at Bergen Catholic and other locations throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.
- The exam is run by the Archdiocese of Newark. Specific questions may be addressed to them at 888-921-2667 or [support@njcoopexam.org](mailto:support@njcoopexam.org)

### **Step 5: Apply to Bergen Catholic High School:**

- [Click here to begin your online application](#) to Bergen Catholic High School
- The deadline to apply is December 1, 2025
- If you wish to be considered for Financial Aid you need to [apply through our TADS portal](#). Start the application by choosing "Financial Aid Assessment". The Financial Aid Deadline is December 1, 2025
- After you apply have your sons' transcripts from grades 6-8 sent to the Office of Admissions at Bergen Catholic. They may be emailed to [admissions@bergencatholic.org](mailto:admissions@bergencatholic.org)
- If your son has IEP/504 documentation please also send that to the Office of Admissions at [admissions@bergencatholic.org](mailto:admissions@bergencatholic.org)

- The deadline to submit your transcripts and documents is December 1, 2025.

We are delighted that you are considering Bergen Catholic High School for your son's education. Please let me know if you have any questions – I am happy to assist you.

I hope to see you at one of our upcoming admissions events and look forward to receiving your application soon.

Deus Vult!

Sincerely,

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Vice President of Admissions