



September 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to share the good news that we are offering all 7th graders a **High School Readiness** program this year. The goal of this program is to:

- Introduce all seventh graders---and their parents---- to the amazing range of high schools available to them. This will allow you and your child to feel fully prepared at the start of 8th grade when the high school admissions process begins.
- Motivate students by helping them form goals and define interests that they can pursue now and in high school.
- Share information about free and low-cost test prep and extra-curricular activities that are available over the summer and during the school year.

Ms. Miller, Director of LPM Education, will be the instructor of this program. In addition to presenting the full array of public DOE, charter and Catholic schools, Ms. Miller will also discuss independent schools and boarding schools and the financial aid process for applying to them.

In addition to helping students learn about high school opportunities, the program will offer a 30-minute lesson in Latin each week. The study of Latin, an ancient language that is the ancestor of Spanish, Italian, French and other European languages, will enable our students to:

- Develop analytical skills
- Improve their close reading skills and
- Expand their academic vocabulary.

Having a foundation in Latin will also make our students more impressive candidates for some of the best high schools. Many of the best high schools require one or two years of Latin instruction. For students who continue the study of Latin in high school, they will have a head start because of this program. For students who opt to study other languages in high school, the study of Latin will have prepared them to better understand complex grammar and learn foreign languages more easily.

This program will be offered via ZOOM in the evening once per week. This will enable parents to attend the first part of the program so that they can learn alongside their children about the many high school opportunities that are available and how their child can best prepare for success in the admissions process. Please see the information that follows for details about dates, time and how to access this class. We realize that an evening class can interfere with normal dinner times. For this reason, students have permission to eat dinner during the program.

Please note that your child will need a notebook that is used for this class only. We want your child to be able to refer back to the notebook in the 8th grade.

I hope you are as excited as I am about this program--and I look forward to your feedback on the program as the school year progresses!

Sincerely,

Ms. Toro, Principal





#### The High School Readiness Program at IS 349

#### When is the Class in Session?

This program will be held via ZOOM on Mondays at 6 pm. Please consult the program overview below for the exact dates of the program, as well as to find out the topics we will cover at each class. Students can eat dinner during the program if they need to.

**How Do I Access this Class?** The link below will take you to the class. Simply click on the link each week and it will take you to our classroom.

Topic: CSC High School Readiness

Time: Sep 27, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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When Should I Arrive Online? Please be online and in our classroom at 5:55pm. This will allow us to get started promptly with our lesson at 6pm. It will also give you a chance to ask any questions you may have before we start class.

What Should I Bring? You need a dedicated notebook for this class. It is very important to use the same notebook each time so that you have all your notes in one place. We call this your High School Readiness/Latin Notebook. Please have this notebook and a pen or pencil ready at the start of each class.

Can Parents Attend This Class? Parents are welcome! The first 30 minutes of the class will focus on High School Readiness. Parents are encouraged to attend this half of the class. This will allow them to hear about the many different kinds of high schools available for their child--and the things that seventh graders should be doing to prepare for success in the high school application process. There will be time each week for parents and students to ask questions about the topics we have covered.

**Latin Program:** The second half of the class is devoted to Latin instruction with the goal of giving students a solid foundation in this classical language. Studying Latin helps develop logical thinking, close reading skills and academic vocabulary. It will also make your child a more impressive high school candidate---and give them a jump start on Latin in High School.

What if I miss the class? We will endeavor to provide a secure link to the video of the class so that students can make up what they missed. The link will be live for just one week so that students can catch up before the next class.

**Will there be homework?** There will be about 20 minutes of homework each week. We recognize that students have a lot of homework already so we will ask students to complete just one short activity each week.





#### The High School Readiness Program at IS 349

Se ssi on #	Date/ Time	High School Readiness	Latin
1	September 27 at 6pm	Getting Your Ducks in a Row: The Makings of a Great High School Candidate	Why Latin? The history of the language, its impact on the English language, its enduring value in 2021
2	Oct 4, 2021 at 6pm	Overview of High School Types	Latin: Pronunciation of Alphabet; Etymology Examples; Relationship to Spanish and other Romance Languages
3	October 11 at 6pm	SHSAT: Bronx Science, Stuyvesant Discovery Program Details	Memory Palace: First Floor Construction First Declension : Feminine Nouns
4	October 18 at 6pm	SHSAT: Stuyvesant, Brooklyn Tech, Queens High School for the Sciences at York College SHSAT Exam: Test Prep Options, including scholarship opportunities for test prep; DREAM Program	Memory Palace: First Floor First Declension: <i>Masculine Nouns</i>
5	November 1 at 6pm	SHSAT: Brooklyn Latin; High School of American Studies at Lehman College SHSAT Exam: Test Prep Calendar from now to exam	First Conjugation Verbs in the Present Tense. Writing Simple Sentences in Latin
6	November 8 at 6pm	SHSAT: LaGuardia and other High Schools for Artists, Designers, Musicians and Actors;	Prepositional Phrases.  Translating Sentences into and out of Latin.
7	November 15 at 6pm	Arts High Schools: Preparing Auditions and Portfolios	First Declension Adjectives.  Agreement in Case, Gender and Number.
8	November 29 at 6pm	Organizing Our Notes and Goals for High School Preparation: What should we be doing right now?	Second Conjugation Verbs in the Present Tense.
9	December 6 at 6pm	What are screened high schools?	Translating Sentences with First Declension Nouns and Adjectives,





		Highlight on Bard and Beacon	Prepositional Phrases, and Verbs in the Present Tense.
1 0	December 13 at 6pm	Screened High Schools:  Diversity in Admissions Program  Eleanor Roosevelt; and other schools featured	Building our Memory Palace: Second Floor: Second Declension Masculine Nouns.
1 1	January 10 at 6pm	How do I get into a screened high school?	Second Declension Neuter Nouns.
1 2	January 17 at 6pm	Financial Aid and Scholarships for all Fee-Based Schools: Basic Principles	Translating sentences with second and first declension nouns.
1 3	January 24 at 6pm	Catholic (Parochial) Schools:  Review of the finest Catholic parochial schools in NYC.  Unique features of these schools. Accessibility for non-Catholics, non-religious.	Second declension nouns with adjectives. Sentence translation.
1 4	February 7 at 6pm	Prepping for TACHS and other entrance exams.  Scholarship Opportunities	Translating sentences into and out of Latin with second declension nouns, adjectives and prepositional phrases.
1 5	February 14 at 6pm	Overview of Independent Schools (Private Schools) Co-Ed schools. Scholarships	Prepositional phrases with first and second declension nouns and adjectives. Short passage translation.
1 6	February 28 at 6pm	Borough-specific Independent schools	Short passage translation practice.  Using the gloss to support comprehension.
1 7	March 7 at 6pm	All Girls' Independent Schools All Boys' Independent Schools	Third Conjugation Verbs in the Present Tense.
1 8	March 14 at 6pm	Financial Aid Process and FAQ	Review of First, Second and Third Conjugation Verbs in the Present Tense.
1 9	March 21 at 6pm	Boarding Schools, Part 1.  Educational opportunities	Short passage translation practice with verbs in present tense from





		within boarding school.  FAQ about Scholarships	three conjugations.
2 0	April 4 at 6pm	Boarding Schools, Part 2 Virtual Tours Top 10 schools for A students Top 20 schools for B/B plus students	First Conjugation Verbs: Perfect Tense.  Translation targeting first conjugation present and perfect tenses.
2 1	April 11 at 6pm	Boarding and Independent Schools for students who benefit from extra support	Second Conjugation Verbs: Perfect Tense.  Translation of sentences with perfect and present tenses.
2 2	April 25 at 6pm	DOE Schools (non-Charter, non-Screened)  Application Process	Third Conjugation Verbs:  Perfect Tense.  Translation of sentences with perfect and present tenses.
2 3	May 9 at 6pm	Charter High Schools  Review of Best Charter High Schools in NYC	Memory Palace Third Floor: Third Declension Floorplan.
2 4	May 16 at 6pm	Why You Need A Hobby  and How to Get Scholarships to Summer and/or After- School Programs in Music/ Art/ Sports/ and other classes	Finalizing Third Floor of Memory Palace: Filling in the details of the Third Declension Floorplan.
2 5	May 23 at 6pm	Your Summer Mission Packet for High School Preparedness	Memory Palace Review for all three declensions.  Summer Packet in Latin with practice for first three declensions, first three conjugations in present and perfect tenses.