

### Important Class of 2028 Admissions Information:

- ***Where can I access the admissions application?***
- The Pius XI admissions application will be available on **September 1** and can be found on our website ([www.piusxi.org](http://www.piusxi.org)) under the “Admissions” and “Apply Now” tabs). This [link](#) will also take you directly to the application page.
- ***The admissions application deadline is November 6. In order to be considered for admissions, your student's application must be in “Applied” status by November 6.***
- ***What admissions documents are required for Class of 2028 applicants?***

The following required admissions documents are reviewed by the Pius XI Admissions Committee:

  - **Full 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade report cards and most current 8<sup>th</sup> grade report card**
    - Applicants must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA
    - For Standards-based grading – Student must be receiving 3/PR or higher on report cards
  - **Standardized test scores**
    - Student must be testing at or above the 7<sup>th</sup> grade level on both ELA and Math portions
    - Examples of standardized test scores: MAP, STAR, IOWA, FORWARD, I-READY
  - **Student Essay**
    - Score is based on grammar, spelling and content
  - **Pius XI Recommendation Form**
    - Consistent positive marks; positive attendance and behavioral records with no serious behavioral concerns and/or incidences
  - **Pius XI Entrance Exam**
    - All applicants are required to take the Pius XI Entrance Exam.
    - Students must test at or above the 7<sup>th</sup> grade level on both ELA and Math tests
- ***Do I need to take the Pius XI Entrance Exam?***

Yes. Pius XI administers an in-house entrance exam (not the High School Placement Test) and requires *all* incoming freshman applicants to take the test as part of the admissions process. We will offer the test on Saturday, October 28 & Saturday, November 11 from 9:00am-11:30am. You will register for the test through the admissions application.
- ***How can I visit Pius XI Catholic High School?***

Fall 2023 (semester 1) shadow days are open to current 8th grade students. Shadow days are offered on pre-scheduled days during the semester, and pre-registration is required. Guests will attend classes, lunch, meet teachers and make new friends during the course of their day! Register [HERE](#).
- ***When are admissions decisions made?***

The Pius XI Admissions Office must have a completed application by November 6 and all supporting documents (report cards, test scores, recommendation form, essay) by November 22. The Admissions Committee will review each student’s full application and decisions will be communicated to families by the first week of January 2024.
- ***What funding options are available to students accepted into Pius XI?***

Approximately 97% of students at Pius XI are supported financially and financial aid and scholarships opportunities are available to accepted students. Pius XI also participates in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental Choice Programs, as well as the Special Needs Scholarship Program. More information can be found [HERE](#).

### Important Dates & Deadlines for the Class of 2028:

All admissions information can be found by visiting [www.piusxi.org](http://www.piusxi.org)

- **September 1:** Class of 2028 [online admissions](#) application available
- **September 1:** [Financial Aid and Scholarship applications](#) available
- **November 6:** Class of 2028 Admissions Application Deadline
- **Saturday, October 28 & Saturday, November 11:** Pius XI Entrance Exam (*Time for both dates: 9-11:30am*)
- **November 22:** Deadline for supporting documents to be turned in (report cards, standardized test scores, School Recommendation Form)
- **November 22:** Class of 2028 Priority Financial Aid & Scholarship Deadline
- **First week of January:** Admissions decisions communicated to families (*financial aid and scholarship awards will be included in this communication for families who apply and provide supporting documents by the deadlines*)
  - **Admissions Information Sessions** will be offered at Pius XI this fall. Parents/Guardians are highly encouraged to attend a session. Registration and information can be found [HERE](#).
    - **September 12 (5-6pm)**
    - **October 5 (6-7pm)**
    - **November 1 (5-6pm)**
  - **Open House** will be held on **Wednesday, October 18** from 5:00-7:30pm at Pius XI. More information can be found [HERE](#).

#### *What steps do I need to take to complete an admissions application at Pius XI Catholic High School?*

- Go to [www.piusxi.org](http://www.piusxi.org) ("Admissions" tab – "Apply Now" tab)
- Click the gold "Apply Now" button
- Create a Ravenna account
- Complete the online admissions application (by November 6, 2023)
  - ***In order to be considered for admissions, a student's application must be in "Applied" status by November 6.***
- Submit a non-refundable application Fee of \$35 (you will be prompted to enter a credit card at the end of the online application).
- Provide Pius XI Admissions Office with the following:
  - Pius XI School Recommendation form emailed to a teacher, principal, or counselor of your choice (found on the Ravenna HUB screen)
  - Complete student essay through the online admissions application
  - Applicant's full 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade report cards and most current 8<sup>th</sup> grade report card
  - Standardized test scores (MAP, STAR, FORWARD, ITBS)
- Complete Pius XI Entrance Exam. (*You will register for entrance exam through the admissions application.*)

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