

Hello from the Pius XI Admissions Office!

We hope this finds you and your family doing well as you get ready to apply to high school! The last year and a half presented many obstacles and challenges, and we will continue to work through challenges and unknowns together. We are excited and ready to work with you and your student through the Pius XI admissions process this fall! Please find an overview of the admissions process, as well as important dates and deadlines in this communication. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Pius XI Admissions Office with questions. We look forward to working with you!

**Important Class of 2026 Admissions Information:**

- ***Where can I access the admissions application?***

The Pius XI admissions application will be available on **September 7** 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 8.** Families will create an online Ravenna account which will then grant them access to completing the application and accessing the *Record Release Form and School Recommendation Form*.

- ***What admissions documents are required for Class of 2026 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
- Most current 8<sup>th</sup> grade report card
- Standardized test scores (MAP, STAR, FORWARD, ITBS)
- Student Essay
- Pius XI Recommendation Form
- Pius XI Entrance Exam
- Student Interview (optional)

- ***Do I need to take the Pius XI Entrance Exam?***

Yes. This year, Pius XI is offering 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. Pius XI will be offering the entrance exam in November. You will register for the test through the admissions application.

- ***How can I visit Pius XI Catholic High School?***

We are excited to offer in-person student visit opportunities and personal tours for students and their families! Student Visit Days will include a campus tour, admissions session and student participation in the classroom. Registration is required and priority will be given to students with an application on file. Please be sure to visit our website to register for a [visit day or tour!](#)

- ***When are admissions decisions made?***

The Pius XI Admissions Office must have a completed application by November 8 and all supporting documents (report cards, test scores, recommendation form, essay) by December 1. The Admissions Committee will review each student’s full application and decisions will be communicated to families by the first week of January 2022.

- ***What funding options are available to students accepted into Pius XI?***

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.

## 2021-2022 Admissions Timeline and Deadlines for the Class of 2026:

### Important Dates (mark your calendar!)

All admissions information can be found on our [website](#).

- **September 7:** Class of 2026 online admissions application available [online](#)
- **September 7:** Financial Aid and Scholarship applications available [online](#)
- **November 8:** Fall 2021 Admissions Application Deadline
- **Friday, November 5 (9am-11:30am) & Saturday, November 13 (9am-11:30am):** Pius XI Entrance Exam
- **December 1:** Deadline for supporting documents to be turned in (report cards, standardized test scores, School Recommendation Form)
- **December 1:** Class of 2026 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 by the deadline*)

### *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 8, 2021)
- 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
  - Most current 8<sup>th</sup> grade report card (when available)
  - Standardized test scores (MAP, STAR, FORWARD, ITBS)
  - Student Interview with Admissions Office (*Interviews will only be offered to applicants with a fully completed application by November 8*)
- Complete Pius XI Entrance Exam. (**Note:** *Pius XI will administer an in-house entrance exam. Students must complete the Pius XI entrance exam in order to be considered for admission at Pius XI. You will register for the entrance exam through the [online admissions application](#).*)

***We can't wait to meet you!***

Click [HERE](#) to register for a **Student Visit Day** or **Personal Tour!**

Visit [www.piusxi.org](http://www.piusxi.org) for important Pius XI updates!

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