

Reader Question: Who Should Send Thank You Notes For Secondary School? Parent or Kid?

Description



Beyond The Brochure™s posts about [thank you notes](#) to admissions directors are consistently among our most popular. We recently got this reader question: “How many thank you notes is overkill or looking desperate? If an older student applicant sent a note, is it too much for the

parents to also send a note reiterating what the student said?â€•

Anne Simon, Beyond The Brochure co-author, answered the question: **“I think it is important that parents send a thank you “ adult to adult, and I think it is very helpful for a student to send one also, especially a high schooler. I don’t think they should be coordinated necessarily. Each should offer their own perspective.”**

Also, I think sending thank you notes after important steps in the admissions process is a great idea. For example, a thank you note after the tour. A thank you note after the parent interview or student interview if it’s high school. If you visit the school for a book fair or open house, that’s also a good opportunity to say thank you and convey your positive, [even heartfelt](#), thoughts about the event. These notes are not only gracious, but they indicate interest in the school, especially if they highlight a specific aspect of the school you or your child really likes. *Handwritten notes or email both work!*
—Christina

If you’re just getting started with thank you notes, it’s not too late! Here are previous posts on the topic.

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