



HAMPSTEAD HILL ACADEMY

"Busy Building Community"

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If you build it, they will come.

– the novel *Shoeless Joe* by W. P. Kinsella (later made into the movie *Field of Dreams*)

August 10, 2009

Dear Prospective Parent,

Thank you for considering Hampstead Hill Academy. We are continuing to build on what we know works to motivate students and on our record of student achievement. We are also building a 21st century school that sparkles.

Our school culture is nurturing, consistent, structured and fair. As a Restorative Practices site, we are building community in each classroom and promoting good citizenship and respect. Most importantly, we are ready to engage your child in learning. We know that helping students learn how to synthesize information, problem solve, think critically and organize their materials are essential, lifelong skills. Teachers plan projects and enrichment activities to expand the curriculum. And we make time to celebrate student achievement.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and teachers. Hampstead Hill Academy is one of the highest achieving and fastest improving schools in the state. In 2009, our girls and boys posted admirable scores on the Maryland School Assessment (MSA). 86% of our kids passed the MSA. Students in nearly every grade outperformed the state average in reading and math. One highlight was our seventh graders. 95.7% passed the reading portion of the MSA, and an amazing 40% of those students scored in the "advanced" category.

More telling is the growth made buildingwide over the course of the year on the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). MAP provides pre and post test data in reading and math to help us measure growth over the course of a year, which helps us see whether our programs added value to student learning. For example, a student may pass the MSA, but may not have "grown" at all over the course of the year because they were already high performing. With MAP, we can see if the student knows more and can apply their knowledge at the end of the year. All of this outstanding achievement is a testament to the hard, smart work of our talented staff and committed students.

Our building underwent a \$1.7M renovation last summer. We have a new library, new art room, new music rooms and new glass windows to let in the sunshine. For our younger students, we have a new prekindergarten and kindergarten wing featuring larger rooms, cubbies and private restrooms.

We offer physical education, instrumental, vocal and strings music, band, computer science, art, library, Spanish language instruction, a nutrition program, and a schoolwide character development and community-building program. We have onsite, quality before and after-school care from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. We are proud to serve the Canton community and surrounding neighborhoods. You can check out Hampstead Hill Academy online at www.hha47.org. Please complete the form on the reverse side and schedule a tour.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hornbeck
Principal

Mari Satterlee
Assistant Principal

Arleen Proto
Assistant Principal

Hampstead Hill Academy (www.hha47.org) is operated by the Baltimore Curriculum Project, a local nonprofit celebrating a decade of service and student learning in Baltimore.

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**Hampstead Hill Academy
Prospective Student Pre-Registration Information**

Last name of prospective student: _____

First name of prospective student: _____

Preferred name/nickname: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Grade the student will enter in August, 2010: _____

Names and ages of siblings that already attend HHA or you are pre-registering today:

Please list schools previously attended:

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Grade(s) attended</u>	<u>City/County</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Does your child have a good attendance and on-time record? _____

Name of responsible adult who will see that your child completes school assignments and attends school *on-time daily*: _____

Please describe your child: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation (optional): _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

This form does not guarantee a place or admission for your child. It is for informational and contact purposes. Admission is based on your home address, available space and the results of our lottery.

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Date of initial contact: ___/___/___ Date of Tour: ___/___/___

Notes: _____