



GET Inspired

Discovering your authentic self through the arts is a big part of Garrison Forest. Whatever your passion, ideas and skill level, if you can dream it, you can create it. Our arts faculty – all working artists and master teachers – guide and encourage you and are truly invested in you as a person and as an artist. They push you to embrace all your possibilities.

Your artistic dreams deserve lots of space.

Our campus boasts spacious, modern arts facilities, including the Molly Mundy Hathaway '61 Fine and Performing Arts Center with 2D and 3D studios, a gallery, kiln, pottery wheel, traditional dark room, digital workstations, fabric printer and jewelry lab. (And a camera obscura big enough to fit a class of 15.) It's also home to a recital hall, choral room and five music studios, as well as one of our three Creative Co-op maker spaces. Dancers practice in the dance studio in the Elizabeth B. Searle '74 Athletic Center and auxiliary studio in the Whitridge Pavilion. Dance and theater productions take place in the 400-seat Garland Theater. Each spring, Color Theory and Sculpture classes install public art around campus.



**10 UPPER SCHOOL &
5 MIDDLE SCHOOL**

dancers inducted into GFS's
National Dance Honor Society
since 2017



1st PLACE WINNER,
2017 "Best Play" Baltimore Theatre Awards
for *The Language Archive*

3 students in the class
of 2019 will attend
prestigious arts
colleges





Course Offerings IN THE ARTS

UPPER SCHOOL

Art Foundations: Design Lab* (Required for 9th Grade)	3D Portfolio
Art and Ideas*	Music Foundations (Required for 9th Grade)
Color Theory*	Modern Band
Photo I: in the Wet Lab	Chamber Choir
Photo II: in the Wet Lab and Digital Darkroom	Music Theory
Digital Imaging	Beginner Dance
Digital Portfolio	Intermediate Dance
Drawing I	Advanced Dance
Drawing II	Theater Foundations (Required for 9th Grade)
Drawing and Painting Portfolio	Playwriting
Jewelry	Acting and Directing I, II or III
Oil Painting	Intro to Musical Theater
Sculpture I*	Theatrical Production
Sculpture II*	

*STEAM Course

MIDDLE SCHOOL

All 6th to 8th Grade students take classes in visual arts, dance, music and theater, taught by specialists in dedicated studios and performing facilities. 7th and 8th Grade rotates through four art courses each year (two per semester). 8th Grade may choose from several arts courses as electives, such as studio art and making murals.

LOWER SCHOOL

Kindergarten through 5th Grade has studio art each week in an expansive, modern studio with a kiln and more. Weekly music classes include voice, Orff instruments and movement, culminating in performances and recitals. 4th and 5th Grades enjoy a unique P.E. rotation, "Riding, Polo and Dance," in which they learn a dance to perform for the entire Lower School. Woodlands, GFS's afterschool program, includes art, dance and drama options.

Applied Music Lessons

Conservatory-trained musicians offer music lessons (fee based). All Lower School students may take piano, violin, woodwinds or brass, with guitar beginning in 2nd Grade and cello, flute and voice lessons in 4th Grade. Middle School and Upper School students may take piano, violin, viola, voice, flute, woodwinds, brass and guitar. Violin and viola students participate in the String Ensemble, and there are winter and spring recitals for all students.

7 CONSECUTIVE
1st place wins and
6 consecutive "top
overall choir" wins in
last seven years for
Middle School Chorus
at the annual Music
in the Parks competition
at Hersheypark

Jewelry and Fabric Making

Garrison Forest School's jewelry-making program is unique among schools in the region with classes, weekend workshops, power tools, laser cutters, 3D printers and other tools in our Creative Co-op maker space and the Jewelry lab. Students can also use a fabric printer to design original prints and print actual fabric for clothing, accessories, costumes for plays, etc.



2 AUDITION-ONLY
dance ensembles

16 MIDDLE SCHOOL
artists designed and
painted four murals



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