

# town school for boys

Town learners and educators are flexible and innovative, and the 2020–21 school year has stretched us to develop the most engaging and creative school experience yet! With a focus on health and safety guidelines for both on-campus and online learning, students will extend their curiosity and love of learning in new ways. We are proud of the innovations that these unusual times have prompted, so while we hope to return to many aspects of our program in 2021–22, we will respect the gifts of learning that came with this year.

## At A Glance:

- Independent, all boys K-8 school
- Founded in 1939
- Head of School: Lorri Hamilton Durbin
- Lower School K–4: self-contained classrooms
- Upper School 5–8: departmentalized classes

## Program Built for Boys:

- All students begin the day with morning meeting
- Social-emotional learning throughout the curriculum; dedicated Lower School SEL teacher
- 5–8 math groups: Core and Core+ and Math Specialist
- Readers and Writers Workshop
- K-3 reading support teachers
- Digital and information literacy integrated throughout the grades
- Integrated technology, robotics and computer programming
- 7th grade Leadership and Ethics Course
- 8th grade culminating Capstone Projects
- Library programs that foster a love of reading across the school
- Robust K–8 Music, Studio Art and Theater Arts offerings
- Dolby Family Center for the Performing Arts available for performances and all-school assemblies
- 2 STEM labs and rooftop garden/outdoor STEM lab with greenhouse
- Flexible classroom spaces respond to evolving needs
- Ample space available for active play: including 2 full-sized gymnasiums, 2 rooftop play spaces, and access to Morton Street Field in the Presidio
- Extensive additional courses, electives and clubs including robotics, economics, great outdoors, mathletes, typing, ENI (exploring new ideas), gardening, ultimate frisbee, debate, stock market, yearbook, creative writing, creator mini bots, mindfulness, and many more

**At Town School,  
learning is prized,  
love of school is essential  
and boyhood is celebrated.**

## Town School Values:

**RESPECT:** We respect ourselves and others.

**CURIOSITY:** We are curious.

**BELONGING:** We all belong.

**INTEGRITY:** We act with integrity.

**JOY:** We are joyful.

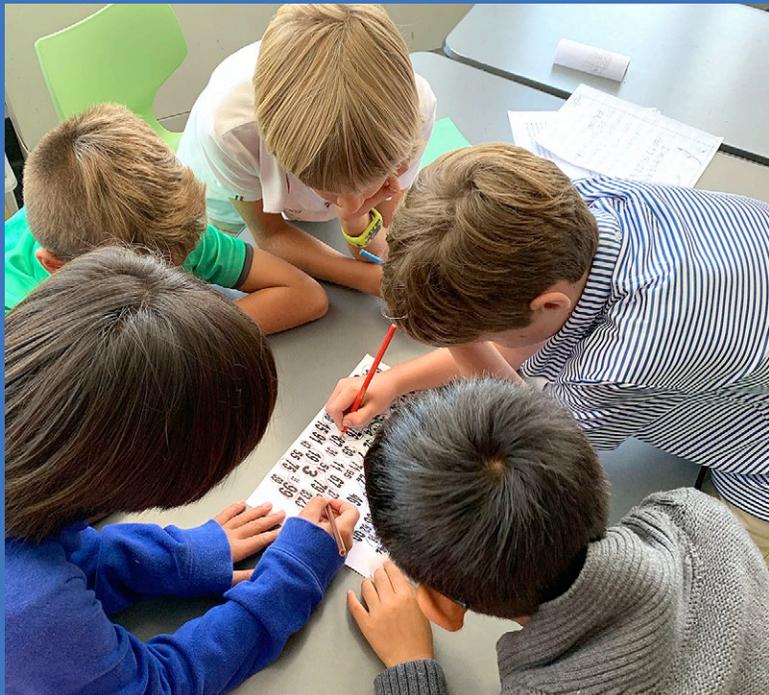
## Community:

- Student enrollment 415
- 44% of our students come from self-identified families of color
- 19% of our families receive tuition assistance
- 29 preschools represented in our current kindergarten class
- Families from 35+ different zip codes

## Building Belonging:

- Parent community meetings
- Family affinity dinners
- Upper School students of color affinity groups
- Global education curriculum
- Integrated racial literacy curriculum to augment our SEL and character education programs

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## Did You Know:

- Town's New Teacher Institute trains teachers new to the profession
- Lunch and snack are included in the tuition fee
- All students are invited to perform in a school production
- Students LOVE the library! Ask about the 40 Book Challenge
- 100% of our employees and trustees, and 91% of our parents contributed to Annual Giving last year
- We offer a morning bus program
- Families receiving tuition assistance also receive reduced fees in many other school-related expenses

## Where Families Can Get Involved:

- Serving lunch
- Library
- Classroom celebrations
- Field trips
- Admission docents
- Fall fundraiser
- Studio Art program
- Room parents
- Parents' Association
- Class coffees
- Parent Education events
- Gardening
- Boy of the Week
- Faculty and staff appreciation

## Where Town Graduates Go From Here:

- Members of the Class of 2020 attend 24 different secondary schools including local day schools and boarding schools
- Secondary School Counselor supports the boys and their families in helping to find the best fit for each student

## Town Tiger Traditions:

- Families Program builds relationships across grades including kindergarten and 4th grade buddies
- Head of School greets students every morning at the front door
- Writers Workshop Celebrations
- Service Learning experiences across grades
- All-School assemblies with student performances, special guests and community celebrations
- Outdoor Education trips in grades 5-8
- Regular faculty vs. 8th grade basketball and soccer games
- Spirit Week with themed dress-up days and activities every February
- Student-run Fair donates the proceeds to a student-selected non-profit
- Annual Events: Kindergarten Bedtime Stories, Family Fun Night, Grandparents and Special Friends Day, Kindergarten Family Traditions Tasting Party, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Walk, Festival of the Arts, and Track Meet

## Extended Day Programs:

- Morning care beginning at 7:30 AM
- After school care available until 6:00 PM
- Learning Enrichment Activities Program (LEAP) includes cooking, coding, piano, guitar, touch football, chess, drawing, tennis, moviemaking, design engineering, and many more

## PE and Athletics: Go Tigers!

- PE every day K-8
- Grades K-2 sports teams often organized by room parents
- Students in grades 3-8 play on Town teams offered through the Athletic Department
- Upper School sports offered include golf, volleyball, soccer, basketball, cross country, baseball, lacrosse, and track and field
- A team for every boy; no cuts

## Love of the Arts:

Students have many opportunities for creative and artistic expression

- Music Class
- Theater Arts
- Drama
- TED: Technology, Engineering and Design
- Music Composition
- Studio Art
- Ceramics
- Ukulele
- Woodshop
- Percussion
- Handbells
- Drumline
- Creative Coding
- Film
- Theater Tech



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