The East Harlem School A T E X O D U S H O U S E







Between Street and Sky

My brother and I, we spent sleepless Spanish Harlem nights amongst the city's poor. And our days - we spent our school days restless alongside the children of the city's wealthy. Little beyond narrow streets for some. Nothing but blue skies for others. So, somewhere between street and sky, our school was founded. And our father, The Preacher, the way he walked down these mean streets, he gave us little room to choose. So we chose the streets, and that has made all the difference.

25 years ago my brother said "Let's start a school." I am so glad he did. We began with the patriot's principle that all children are created equal. And we put the pursuit of happiness, grounded in Aristotelian virtue, at the center of our life together. And in this Age of Anxiety, we have found true serenity in Spanish Harlem. Meanwhile, so much joy is lost in this city. Children strain under the weight of hostile homework, testing, and tutoring regimes, and find their souls fading away in the glow of spectral friendships, framed in an iPhone rectangle — or tremble in the fear that the one who knocks will tear their mother away.

But on 103rd Street we have built an enduring, defiant love among the ruins. The State of the School is strong. It is a school where we create and share lives of deep meaning, dynamic virtue, and transcendent joy. It is a school where the education is separate - but more than equal to the best schools in our city and beyond. And this strength of our school is in no small part due to you, beloved supporter! I am so fortunate to share so many smiles and victories with you through the years.

25 years ago my brother said, "Let's start a school." I am so glad he did. If only just for this. This place of serenity and dynamic virtue - a home where every body, soul, and mind grows stronger and in harmony. If only just for these moments with these Warrior Poets. These children who come from people who still honor the teacher, the moment, and the dignity of labor. Who hold family and Holy Bible - or the Holy Koran - so close. Along with, you dear friends, I know of no finer group of Americans. These people with the low incomes and the highest of values. Our families have survived servitude, crossed deserts and seas, and endure a mad Pharaoh raging in his dotage. Quite biblical and classical has been their passage. They are not the chosen people, but we who support them are the chosen, because these beautiful people have chosen us. On 103rd Street, they reawaken us all to the American Dream.

Yes, Gluck+, our architects, have built the walls - built the walls and a roof right over our heads, and we share the shelter of our home of the free and the brave. A place for us, where daily we restore some balance to a nation that has been sent reeling.

But right now is time to move beyond a sleepless childhood, past patriot's dreams and nightmares. Our students, these poets, our happy warriors - with body, spirit, and mind forged by the austerities of sport and stillness, the rigors of a true liberal arts education, and our loving fellowship, have become the ones for whom we have been waiting.



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At the annual spring Poetry Slam, thirty-three students captivated over 350 guests with their original poetry at a new venue for us, MIST Harlem.

Once again, our Poetry Slam revealed the strength of our humanities and drama programs, the resilience of our students and their families - and it raised over \$145,000 for EHS.

Hosts:

MC Jordin Ruderman

DJ Sugar Shand

Judges (Pictured Below):

Lauren Sandler, *Journalist and Bestselling Author*

Jane Fried, Head of the Brearley School Mayra Cajamarca, EHS '09, NYU '17 and proud public-school teacher

Thank you to our poets, supporters, and judges for making the evening a great success!









On Friday, June 15th, families, trustees, friends, and faculty gathered to celebrate The East Harlem School's Class of 2018.

Dr. Susana Morales, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College, delivered a dynamic bilingual commencement speech that elegantly touched on matters, both timely and perennial. Our graduation speaker, Geraldine, lyrically celebrated the spirit and strong contributions of her classmates - and later returned to the stage to accept our school's highest honor, the Warrior Award. Congratulations Class of 2018!

"All I have to say, is I hope the world is ready for the EHS Class of 2018. I hope they are ready for our swag, our skills, our dignity, our kindness, our strength, our resilience, our self-awareness, our pride, our patience and our persistence. With this beautiful home in our heart, let's make this moment, this life, this world ours." -Geraldine EHS '18

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Our graduating class of 2018 will be attending the following schools:

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Beacon High School

Berkshire School (Sheffield, MA)

Cardinal Hayes High School

Cathedral High School

Cristo Rey New York

Dana Hall (Wellesley, MA)

High School of Fashion Industries

La Salle Academy

Tabor Academy (Marion, MA)

Young Women's Leadership School



Academics

In the 2017-18 school year, our Humanities curriculum focused on the development of dynamic reading, lapidary and compelling active and compassionate writing. listening, and mindful and compelling speech. Our Math curriculum developed our students' ability to see and engage with symmetries, proportionality, and patterns, both symbolically and in application. Our Science curriculum taught inquiry and experimentation through scientific reading and writing, graphing, and active experimentation in our exploration of the physical and biological world. Finally, our Spanish curriculum explored culture, history, and current events of Latin American countries in their national language.





through Central Park, groups of students volunteered at various community service programs throughout the city including:



Carter Burden Center for the Aging

Students crafted holiday decorations and played bingo with a group of residents.

Citymeals on Wheels

Students hand-delivered meals throughout Manhattan.

Randall's Island

Students helped clean up the fields where they practice and play, and planted balls of seeds, clay, and soil which will sprout in the spring!

UES Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

The EHS student choir spread holiday cheer with a medley of songs for the residents at the Center.

Union Settlement

Students created bags of food for Thanksgiving dinners and handed them out to members of the community.

West End InterGen Residence

Students organized the children's library on site and served lunch to residents.



Frick Club

This spring, 7th and 8th Graders continued to participate in an ongoing partnership with The Frick Collection, visiting the museum monthly to closely examine and discuss various works of art. Students cultivated a deeper appreciation for art through group dialogue, as well as participating in drawing and writing projects. This year's partnership culminated in three poetry-writing workshops at which students wrote poems inspired by works of art in the Collection. In May, a small group of poets were filmed performing their poems in the Frick's galleries.



Washington DC Girls Leadership Trip

For the sixth year, a select group of EHS 7th grade girls traveled to Washington D.C. where they explored the nation's capital and learn about our national government. We were delighted to be hosted once again by Tim Reif, the General Counsel to the US Trade Representative, and dear friend of The East Harlem School!

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- EVELYN EHS '18

ATHLETICS



Wrestling

For the third year, Joe Favia, Head Wrestling Coach at Steven's Institute of Technology, put on a seven session wrestling clinic for the 7th and 8th grade. Joe, sometimes joined by a group of his college wrestlers, worked with 8th grade students to sharpen their fundamentals and add new techniques to their grappling repertoire. As the EHS wrestling program continues to grow, we can't thank Joe enough for his tutelage!

EHS 7th grader, Ken Pardo, won the city wrestling championship for his weight class, setting the tone for an undefeated season of dual meets for our team. Several students also participated outside of school in weekend meets in New Jersey and Long Island. Eleven students, girls and boys, competed in state qualifiers, and 8th graders Eduardo Cantero and Matthew Romano participated in the state tournament.

Beat the Streets

This year, EHS continued its partnership with the Beat the Streets, a NYC based non-profit dedicated to empowering disadvantaged youth through wrestling. Over the course of several weeks, EHS partnered with Beat the Streets to launch and deliver a wrestling program for our 7th and 8th graders to focus on their physical, mental, and emotional development.

Girls Soccer Season

The EHS girls soccer team had an incredible fall season, finishing with a 6-1-1 record! Despite coming up short in a tough playoff loss to Hunter, the season was one to build on for many more successful years to come. Several players represented EHS in an Uptown vs. Downtown All-Star Game after the playoffs.

Boys Soccer Season

The EHS boys soccer team had one of its best seasons finishing undefeated in league play. Despite a heartbreaking playoff loss, the team enjoyed a wonderful season and established itself as a premier contender in the league. With a returning crop of talented 7th graders, the team appears poised to build on its 2017 success next year!







Track

EHS had another successful season of track this spring. After several competitive meets, many doused by rain, nine students qualified for the Gotham Games placing in the top 16 runners. The boys 4x400 relay was especially successful and they were the epitome of a strong relay team: they worked together, pushed and supported each other, and over time, they all learned from each other's strategies. The competitive race was a joy to behold and the boys relay team brought a medal back to 103rd Street!

Lacrosse

The 2018 lacrosse season was another resounding success for The East Harlem School! For the last three years, the girls team has won or played in the league championship final game, and this year they again competed in the finals, taking second place. The boys came into the season once again as league champions, but after a strong season, they did not to make it into championship play.

As lacrosse grows in popularity and as we continue to take the field against schools with much larger talent pools, the strength of our school culture and the excellence of our coaching staff allow us to compete at a high level. Support from the Andrew K. Dwyer Foundation and the leadership of EHS Trustee John Hyland have enabled us to rise to a consistently high level of play through the years. We are also grateful to The Hotchkiss School, which hosts an annual lacrosse clinic for our students that is run by their coaches and athletes.









Food Program

At EHS, we offer a 100% vegetarian food program, sourcing local and organic ingredients.

Fitness

EHS features a comprehensive kinesthetic awareness and fitness curriculum in which EHS students receive 6 hours of fitness training per week.



Meditation

Meditation and silence have been incorporated into the School's curriculum since its founding in 1993. Recent research shows clear evidence that daily meditation positively affects academic performance, decreases instances of bullying, and physically enhances the health of both the brain and body. EHS students meditate every day and begin each class with a moment of silence.

Self Defense

The East Harlem School held a series of Self Defense classes for our 8th grade girls to develop physical integration, dynamic movement, and coordinated strength - all which amplify the power of an individual, regardless of her physical build.

Swimming

EHS partners with Asphalt Green to give weekly swimming lessons to our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders.

Yoga

Namaste Yoga: Michael and Julie Wald of Namaste New York continued their partnership with EHS by offering a free yoga series to students, parents and faculty. Now in its fifth year, this ten-week program builds balance, flexibility, relaxation, and strength.













Volunteerism in on the rise at EHS and there is a myriad of ways to get involved!

Sponsor a Saturday School

Sponsor-a-Saturday allows groups of volunteers to oversee a Saturday School session. We are grateful to volunteers from the Dalton School, Brearley School, Collegiate School, and Dartmouth College for enriching the lives of our students this past year!

Corporate Volunteerism

EHS continued its partnership with the Credit Suisse Latin America Group, who provided Mock High School Interviews to our 8th graders (pictured above). Additionally, EHS Trustee, John Hyland, brought a group of her colleagues from Bank of America to volunteer for a whole day during our summer semester (pictured right top). Finally, EHS collaborated with Grey Advertising for the fifth year on Grey Minors, a program in which our 8th graders work on creating an advertising campaign for one of Grey's clients (pictured right bottom).









The following group of dynamic presenters shared their professional and personal experiences:

Daniel Alarcon, Author and Host of Radio Ambulante (pictured above)

Kyra Barry, Team Leader
US Women's Wrestling Olympic Team

Laura Geringer Bass, Author

Jerry Bright, Managing Director Business Development, Trawler Capital Management LLC

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Justin Lane, Photographer

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Reed Morrissey, CEO, Managing Member, Tekmerion Capital Management

Jaqueline Nickelberry, Creator of Lifestyle Website JackieUnfiltered.com

Lauren Sandler, Journalist

Alan Schlecter, Psychiatrist, NYU Langone

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Reconciliation, Trinity Church Wall Street

Jamia Wilson, Executive Director and Publisher, Feminist Press at CUNY

SUMMER

The Summer Semester is a critical component of The East Harlem School's year-round educational program. In order to provide even more skill-building and enrichment opportunities, EHS students participated in a mandatory 5-week summer session in addition to the regular 10-month school year.

Summer Session classes were taught by professional teachers and high school and college interns. The interns joined us from top colleges and universities throughout the country including Amherst College, Duke, George Washington University, Harvard, and the University of Michigan. Thank you so much to this incredible group! (The interns pictured below)

This past summer, the curriculum focused on Mexico, the native country for many EHS families. In advance of the semester, EHS faculty conducted scholarly research and also consulted with EHS parents on topics related to Mexico that they might want their children to explore.

In the afternoons, our students participated in soccer, lacrosse, and yoga, and then in elective classes, designed by our college teachers. Some of our electives this summer were Arabic, Chess, Classic Mystery, Public Speaking, and Sustainability.

Thank you to the Polo Ralph Lauren Foundation for their continued support of our summer semester!





West Virginia

Thanks to the generosity of the Virginia Lopez Foundation, The East Harlem School sent thirty-three 8th graders to Experience Learning in Circleville, West Virginia for a week-long backpacking and camping trip to the beautiful backcountry of Monongahela National Forest.

As always, the trip provided a fantastic opportunity for the rising 8th graders to develop their leadership skills, test their physical limits, and experience a new and beautiful part of the country. At Experience Learning, students learned how to cook, start a fire, and strategically pack their belongings in a knapsack for the week-long expedition. Students had opportunities for self-reflection during rigorous hikes and creative writing exercises in the evening. The trip was truly an invaluable experience that our students will never forget.





This Fellowship, sponsored by EHS Trustee Dede Brooks and her Husband Michael, provides stipends for East Harlem School alumni to work in summer internships at non-profit and community-based organizations. These internships are supplemented with weekly check-in meetings at EHS, site visits, weekly written reflections, summer reading assignments, organization presentations, self-evaluations, and evaluations by site supervisors.

We would like to thank our partner sites:

- Boys' Club of New York
- · Carter Burden Center for the Aging
- · East Harlem Tutorial Program
- The East Harlem School Summer Session
- CitySquash
- New York State Unified Court with Hon. Ruth Shillingford



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100% of the Class of 2014 are attending the following Colleges and Universities:

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Wesleyan University

Year Up



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

The East Harlem School's deep roots in the community enable and encourage organic and active partnerships with local and national organizations. In 2017-18 our broad network of partnerships included the following organizations:

Arts & Cultural Partners

Cathedral of St. John the Divine, The Frick Collection, The Guggenheim Museum, The High Line, International Center of Photography, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of the City of New York, The Museum of Natural History, New York Children's International Film Festival, New York Historical Society, Studio Museum in Harlem, The Whitney Museum of American Art, Concert for America

Community-Based Organization Partners

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Summer Program Partners

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EHS BY THE NUMBERS



Total number of students:

150

Annual cost of educating a student at EHS:

\$18,957



Hours in a day:



Percentage of EHS families that receive scholarship support:

100%

Class size:

15-18

Percent of our students who will be the first in their family to attend a 4-year college:

79%



82%

First Generation Immigrant Months in a year:

11



Percent that matriculate to college:

90%



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