

# Ashley

## Class of 2024

**From:** Bronx, NY

**First Year at HM:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Favorite Classes:** I can honestly say I've loved around 95% of my classes at HM for different reasons, but I would have to put US Legal History first and Chemistry and English 10 tied for second.

**Why HM?:** I chose HM because of the incredible support system available for students, whether it comes from their teachers, advisor, or other students. The warmth and kindness I experienced and witnessed during tours and interviews made me realize HM is a community of people who always want the best for one another and was exactly where I wanted to be. And to be completely honest, the gorgeous campus and tons of options in the cafeteria may have swayed me a little more!

**Activities:** I'm a student leader for STEPS, I write and edit for the HuMannitarian, I edit for Cinemann, and I run Varsity Indoor and Outdoor Track.

**Favorite School Trip:** My favorite trip was easily the Music Department Trip to Hawaii. It was so much fun to basically have a week-long sleepover with my friends in a new place, but we also learned so much about Hawaiian history and the islands today in the 21st century. Being able to sing Hawaiian chants from memory was definitely not something I ever pictured I would be able to do, but yet here we are!

**Most Underrated Thing about HM:** I think the fact that everyone at HM, including faculty and staff, promotes self advocacy is underrated. I think we tend to take for granted the fact that if we need absolutely anything– help in class, equipment for a sport, an iPad to do work– there are resources and people on campus who will make sure you get whatever it is you need to feel most comfortable and succeed.

