

# Horizons at SCH

Impact Report: Summer 2023



## *Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.*

Springside Chestnut Hill Academy (SCH) launched its third year of Horizons at SCH programming in summer 2023. This important program provides a tuition-free, six-week summer academic enrichment program for local children in under-resourced public schools. Students begin Horizons the summer after Kindergarten and return each summer through 8th grade to discover the joy of learning and build skills for academic success.

Horizons at SCH offers a high-quality, hands-on learning experience outside of the traditional school year to support academic achievement and healthy youth development. During the summer of 2023, the program served 45 rising 1st, 2nd, and 3rd students. Horizons students experienced a full day of learning opportunities, including literacy, math, STEM, and enrichment activities such as field trips, hiking, and instructional swimming. Students also received breakfast, lunch, and snacks at no cost.

In the summer of 2023, Horizons at SCH enrolled 15 students per class (45 total students) who were supported by a Lead Teacher, an Assistant Teacher, a Reading Specialist, and a Family Engagement Specialist/Academic Coordinator to lead student social-emotional development initiatives, provide staff with SEL resources, and serve as a liaison for families.

Students entering the program this summer possessed a broad range of academic abilities, with many students having below-grade-level literacy skills and others reading slightly above grade level.

# Summer 2023 Highlights



## **Year Three Enrollment:**

45 students (25 girls/20 boys)

## **Staffing and Diversity:**

Horizons boasts a 7:1 student-teacher ratio. In 2023, 45% of Horizons teachers are from SCH and 54% from the local, non-SCH teaching community. Also, 63% of Horizons teachers are Black or African American, 18% are White, 9% are Latina, and 9% are Afro-Latina.

## **Volunteers and Special Guests:**

26 SCH students and other high school students from the community volunteered throughout the summer program. We had visits from local politicians such as Tarik Khan, Art Haywood, Cindy Bass, and Cherelle Parker. Various SCH staff and parents volunteered to provide enrichment classes.

## **Program Offerings:**

Literacy, Math, Nutrition Education, Nature and Hiking, STEM/Architecture Engineering, Tennis, Swimming, CEL, and Music were offered this year.



## **Literacy:**

There is an academic focus on literacy growth, supported by small group and individual lessons based on entering and exiting STAR assessment measurements. These skill-focused lessons were facilitated by Horizons at SCH reading specialist.

## **Math:**

Math workshops utilize the Math in Focus curriculum.

## **Field Trips:**

Smith Memorial Playground, Academy of Natural Sciences, The Philadelphia Zoo, and The Please Touch Museum are all field trips our students experienced this summer.

## **Swimming:**

Many Horizons at SCH students had not learned to swim or had limited swimming skills before this summer. Our Horizons students enjoyed 1.5 hours of swim lessons per week. By the end of the Horizons summer program, many students had achieved most of the Red Cross Level I swim skills, and a few even passed Level II.

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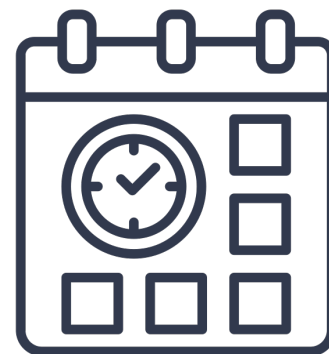
## Looking Forward: 2023-2024 Academic Year

### Year-Round Student and Family Engagement

Horizons families are invited to join us for the following events this school year: "Trunk or Treat" Halloween event, STEM classes with SCH's Robotics Team, Horizons reunion and movie night, Horizons Family Hike in the Wissahickon, Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Mt. Airy, and Basketball Clinic with Urban Youth Kings and Queens.

### **Summer 2024 Planning**

Fundraising; Student, Volunteer and Board Recruitment; and Summer 2024 planning are underway. To get involved, contact Kenyatta Patterson at [horizons@sch.org](mailto:horizons@sch.org).



# Supporting our Scholars

Whereas SCH provides invaluable in-kind support to Horizons at SCH in the form of facilities, equipment, and administrative services, 100% of cash operating expenses (for teachers, supplies, field trips, meals, transportation, etc.) are covered through charitable contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations. Our program depends on donor support in order to grow, thrive, and prosper.



**Our sincere thanks to the donors below who gave back this year in support of our incredible Horizons scholars and faculty. Thank you for your generosity and for being an integral part of the SCH and Horizons community.**

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