

MAGNOLIA SCHOOL

*Where Girls are*  
**FREE TO FLOURISH**



A private, independent, liberal arts school  
for girls in K-8th grade

# DEFINING MAGNOLIA

*Our vision is to work in cooperation with parents to educate their daughters to be intelligent and trustworthy leaders through the pursuit of truth, beauty, and the responsible use of their freedom.*

## PARENT PARTNERSHIP

We assist parents, as the primary educators of their children, in their noble mission of raising confident and accomplished young women.



## PERSONAL MENTORING

We are particularly happy to offer our one-on-one mentoring program, where every student is paired with a faculty advisor who serves as the student's personal mentor. Faculty members are adult role models to whom students can turn for advice on everything from friendships to academics.

## LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION

Magnolia School students will acquire habits of mind and heart that will stay with them throughout their lives. Whether math or science, English or fine arts, the disciplines covered are explored theoretically and practically so that students understand the roots of what they know, the appropriate standards of mastery for each discipline, its possible applications, and the ability to express themselves with precision and beauty.



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## ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL

Magnolia School fosters a supportive and encouraging attitude towards learning and personal growth. In the all-girls environment, students are more actively engaged in intellectual, social, and co-curricular activities.

## CULTIVATION OF VIRTUE

Magnolia School student body comes together throughout the school year to work on projects that assist people and programs in our local communities to local nursing homes, food banks, and city services.

## FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

Learning at Magnolia is not a game of grades and getting ahead, but instead involves genuine interest, wonder, and a search for truth and beauty. Along with freedom, the girls are given an emphasis on the personal responsibility inherent in true freedom.



# QUICK FACTS

## about Magnolia School



### Over 50 minutes of outside time a day

*Monarchs use this time to run, climb trees, play, visit with each other, and create a myriad of imaginary worlds.*



### Dedicated daily reading time

*Students may choose between reading time and attending Mass.*



### Magnolia graduates attend many of Houston's premier high schools

*Additionally, many graduates are placed in Honors level courses.*



### Students have an average of three fields trips per year

*Past field trips include watching "A Christmas Carol" at The Alley Theater, signing a replica of The Declaration of Independence at HCU's Independence Hall, exploring the butterfly exhibit at The Houston Museum of Natural Science, and traveling to the missions of San Antonio.*



# 1:1

### Personal Mentoring Program

*Faculty and Staff members serve as mentors for each student.*



### Four sports offered for Middle School

*Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, and Track and Field*

# A DAY IN THE LIFE

A Monarch's day begins with spending time outside before classes. Girls who arrive early can explore our campus while playing with friends, review for the day's studies, or simply enjoy the sunrise during carpool drop off. Once the bell rings, the girls head inside to their classrooms where they receive caring instruction that educates the whole person: heart, mind, body, and soul.

An example of this is seen in Language Arts, where students can be seen reciting poems in front of their class. The girls are encouraged to develop their skills in memorization, expression, and clarity during the recitations, allowing them to build true confidence. Monarchs can eventually use these skills and confidence on special days throughout the year in poetry competitions where they represent their school houses and strive to be heralded as "Poet Laureate."

With goal of sparking wonder in the world around us, you might find our girls outside bird watching, at their lab tables designing an experiment, or creating a classroom model of the heart and lungs. Learning to think and work like a scientist allows our students to begin to understand that the things they wonder about can be explored. In math, students go beyond working through problems in the book and experience concepts in practical, hands-on ways. Through group work, projects, and daily practice, these skills and habits build an enthusiasm for math.



A Magnolia School student spends her time on campus cultivating her own strengths and personality. Teachers encourage each individual girl, helping her to develop into a mature and confident leader who serves others. Lower School Students attend Art, Music, and PE classes multiple times per week, while Middle School students have the freedom to choose their electives. These electives vary from Intermediate Art and Musical Theatre to Applied Science and Mock Trial. Additionally, there are also more specialized clubs that meet outside of our typical school day.

In addition to her normal coursework, every student participates in a 1:1 Mentoring Program. You can often find mentors and mentees enjoying lunch together, and talking through scholastic and life challenges with wisdom. Mentors communicate and work with each student's parents to help guide the our Monarch's into wonderful women. Every day at Magnolia School gives our Monarchs the freedom to flourish and bring their specific gifts to the world.



# PARENT *testimonies*



"Magnolia School...offers a unique educational experience that places the development and happiness of its students at the forefront. Our daughter has not only adapted seamlessly, but has thrived in this environment, and we couldn't be happier with her progress."

- Ramiro R., father of Camila (8th grade)



"Our daughters have truly flourished at Magnolia School. The liberal arts curriculum has renewed our daughters' joy in learning. They come home daily with excitement, giving detailed accounts of the knowledge they acquired that day. The faculty strive to educate the whole child by offering an exceptional one-to-one mentoring program."

- Amber Y., mother of Virginia (K),  
Sheridan (2nd), and Charlotte (Class of 2024)

"...where every girl is taught her intrinsic value, is guided to grow in virtue, is challenged to think and reflect; she finds joy in serving others and is inspired to lead using her specific gifts."

- Annamarie Omanga,  
Head of School



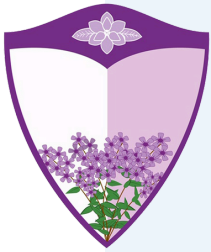


A key element of the Magnolia School experience is our House System, which creates a deep sense of belonging, camaraderie, and a good measure of competition. Students, faculty, and staff are sorted into one of four houses. Within their house and across grade levels, Monarchs develop genuine friendships and steadfast loyalty. Lively competitions throughout the year provide girls the opportunity to earn House Points, and to work together to claim victory of the Monarch Torch on the last day of school.



### House of Vine

Vines are a unifying, creative force that has immense potential to envelop the world around them and transform it into something beautiful. Magnolia students will be able to take what they have received from their education and share it with others.



### House of Thyme

Thyme is a symbol of courage, as its name is derived from the Greek word "thymus," of the same meaning. In the face of difficult conditions, it can persist in courageously growing and blossoming.



### House of Heron

Hérons are often seen standing quite still, patiently observing and analyzing their surroundings. Their attentiveness to the natural world and ability to remain stalwart and calm are admirable qualities of this lovely creature.



### House of Light

Light is a source of warmth, growth, and visibility. Without light, it would be impossible to continue on our way as pilgrims, ultimately moving towards the fullness of light, insight, and understanding that awaits each of us in eternal life.

I like it because we are all trying to be the best we can be.

My favorite thing about Magnolia is the fact that we have two breaks because it gives us a chance to refresh our minds

My favorite thing about Magnolia is getting to have Mass everyday and receiving Holy Communion.

MONARCH  
DAY

MY  
FAVORITE  
THING  
ABOUT  
MAGNOLIA

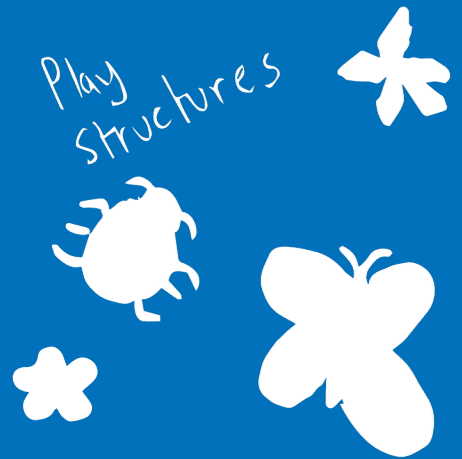
-It feels  
like a huge  
family

MUSICAL  
THEATER

The  
Poetry Contest

I Love how  
Everyone treats  
everyone equally  
and with the same value.  
I also love the friendly  
competitions and environment.

Play  
structures



Kind teachers