



# THE CHESTNUT HILL SCHOOL

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE. DIVERSITY. COMMUNITY.



“We firmly believe that a school that focuses on early childhood and elementary education sets our graduates ahead.”

Tamara Schurdak,  
Head of School

## Prepare your child for the rigors of their educational future

Learn about the importance of a strong foundation

By design, the CHS Upper School experience prepares students exceptionally well for their next educational experience. In Grades 4, 5, and 6 our students are given the structured support, encouragement, and tools to become true leaders in academics, athletics, and community.

### SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

**Academic Scholarship Skills:** Early on we teach skills that set students ahead. Explicit instruction in time management, technological literacy, and executive functioning prepare students to excel at their next schools.

**Leadership Program:** Whether mentoring younger students academically and socially in our Learning Partner program, delivering an announcement to a room of 200+ people during a community gathering, or giving a tour to prospective families during Open House, our 4th-6th Grade students are encouraged and supported to step into leadership roles at all levels of the school.

**Athletics:** Our 4th-6th grade students are exposed to three seasons of interscholastic team athletics, (soccer, basketball, baseball and softball) providing students with the skills they need to effectively participate in athletics at their next schools. Skills emphasized include sharing the spotlight, working together toward a common goal, as well as grit and resilience.

**A community where students in grades 4, 5, and 6 are seen supported and heard:** CHS offers an intimate environment that allows children to be well known by all staff in a school that is scaled to their size. These relationships and connections are essential for each student's individual growth. Community service activities such as helping younger students at morning carpool foster confidence and empathy.

**Know Your “Smart”:** At CHS we teach students about multiple intelligences and growth mindset, helping students at this critical age identify how they learn.

**Connected 21st Century Curriculum:** Teachers connect curriculum in a multitude of ways including projects that use Scratch programming software to create characters who have conversations in Spanish or coding Dashbots to play the xylophone which allows the students to play duets with them. These learning experiences coalesce and reach their zenith in the 6th grade when our students have the option to join our school robotics team and compete against teams both state and nationwide.

# Exceptional Ongoing School Process

## How do we know our students are successful?

We work closely with 6th-grade families throughout the placement process to find the best ongoing school. Our alumni are widely considered to be some of the best-prepared students, as well as foundational community members.

## Where do they go?

Beaver Country Day School	Fessenden
Belmont Day School	Lexington Christian Academy
Belmont Hill School	Meadowbrook School of Weston
Boston College High School	Milton Academy
Brimmer and May	Newton Country Day School
British International School of Boston	Noble and Greenough School
Boston Trinity Academy	The Park School
Buckingham, Browne, and Nichols	Rivers School
Carroll School	Roxbury Latin
Charles River School	St. Sebastian's School
Dana Hall School	Thayer Academy
Dedham Country Day	The Winsor School
Dexter Southfield	Public and Charter Schools
Eaglebrook School	Boston Exam Schools
Fay School	

## What do ongoing schools say about CHS students?

*"It continues to surprise me the number of times I realize one of our best students or community members really is a CHS one. They come ready to not only join a community but to help build one."*

*"The students have a work ethic that stands out, they are strong writers with clear voice and creative mathematical thinkers."*

# 81%

of our students have been accepted to their top choice school.



*"We could not be more pleased with the confidence, academic preparedness and love for learning that the Chestnut Hill School fostered in our children."*

—Parent of two alumni, currently  
Grades 7 and 8