

Kyra

Class of 2018

Location: Upper West Side and Westchester

First Year at HM: 7th Grade

Favorite Courses: Summer Physics, Biology, World History, English

In-School Activities: Student Ambassador Leader, Girls Varsity Tennis Team, Violist for the Upper Division Orchestra, Horace Mann Orientation Peer Leader, Upper Division Orientation Program, Member of Harmannics (Horace Mann's Co-Ed A Capella Club), Editor for *The Review* (Horace Mann's Opinions Magazine), Service Learning Team

Favorite Cafeteria Foods: Chicken Parm Panini and Sushi

Favorite Books: Entire *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Díaz, *The Valley of Amazement* by Amy Tan, *Percy Jackson* series by Rick Riordan

Favorite TV Shows: *Criminal Minds*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Downton Abbey*

Best Community Experience: Visiting PS 37, a local elementary school in the Bronx, every Tuesday with the Service Learning Team. I teach World Cultures, which is extremely interesting, but interacting with the students is the highlight of my day. The kids I visit are still very young, and they are the happiest rays of sunshine! Talking to them and being with them for a couple hours a week puts a huge smile on my face each time I go.

Why HM? Moving from California was tough, but transitioning to Horace Mann after my move was the most enjoyable experience I've gone through. The community, from peers to teachers, was immediately warm and welcoming. I felt like I was at home from day one.



Kyra at the annual Clubs Fair