

Hanna

Class of 2022

From: Upper West Side

First year at HM: Sixth grade

Favorite activities: The Record, Treble Choir, Bibliomann, Spectrum Magazine, Middle Division Mentoring, and (of course!) Student Ambassador

Favorite cafeteria food: Grilled cheese



Favorite classes: English, Geometry Honors, and Studies in Art History

Favorite spot on campus: The Shakespeare Garden in the spring

Why HM?: The caring, supportive community. In the spring of fifth grade, I spent a day at HM observing classes as a prospective student. That day solidified in me the desire to go to school here. Nowhere else had I encountered a group of students so welcoming and excited to listen to what I had to say. Seven years later, that still holds true. Whether we are working through math problems together in class, mentoring Middle Division students, or staying late after school putting together issues of The Record, Horace Mann students make up a collaborative, tightly-knit community. We want to learn from each other and help each other grow. I know that my friends will always have my back and cheer me on.

In a similar manner, the teachers here want us to succeed too. It's nearly impossible to walk down a hallway without seeing teachers meeting with students one-on-one in an office or empty classroom. Frequent meetings with teachers are a part of HM's culture — if you are struggling, want an extra challenge, curious about a topic, or simply need to rant or gush about a frustration or accomplishment, your teachers will be there for you. They will never give up on their students. I'm incredibly grateful for the relationships I've formed with many of my teachers. They've been wonderful role models and vital to helping me find my passions.