Irati
Class of 2020

From: Harlem (Originally Madrid)

First Year at Horace Mann: 7th Grade

Favorite Classes: 8th grade History of World Religions and English

Why HM? The culture surrounding HM clubs and publications is incredible! Clubs and publications are such a big part of life at HM but they are so different for each person; there is so much freedom of approach and so many options. They really help you find your niche.

The size of the school also feels perfect. I know everyone by name in my grade and most of the students in the upper division. The classes are small, so you really get to know your teachers. At the same time, the abundance of opportunities, initiatives, and projects going on is unmatched.

Activities: Parliamentary Debate, Water Polo, Rugby, Swimming, Model Congress, The Candide (satire magazine), Student Ambassador, Spanish Club, Civic Engagement Club, OutDorr’s Club, Women’s Climbing Collective, Global Glimpse

Out-of-school activities: Reading, Thinking, and Art History at the Frick Collection

Favorite cafeteria food: Kale dumplings

Favorite school trip: Parliamentary Debate tournaments!! On the bus rides to the tournaments, everyone recounts their best, worst, and most absurd rounds with glowing eyes and wild gestures; the best atmosphere builds up— it’s so thrilling and unifying. This club is my little HM family! I love that Parli gives me something in common with people from different grades with completely different personalities and interests.

Favorite in-class discussion: I love any discussion about US Foreign Policy and this year I really enjoyed an English round-table comparing Pavel and Bazarov from Turgenev’s Fathers and Children.