

# Jessica

## Class of 2020

**From:** Westchester County

**First Year at Horace Mann:** Kindergarten

**Favorite Classes:** Psychology and Chemistry

**Why HM?:** Horace Mann is one of the most amazing schools because of how supportive the administration is of its students. They are more than willing to allow you to grow and help you explore whatever you're interested in.

**Activities:** HMO Peer Leader, Middle Division Mentor, STEPS mentor, Varsity Lacrosse Team, Service-Learning Team, Student Ambassador

**Favorite cafeteria food:** My favorite HM food is vegetable pizza. It is easily one of the best slices I've ever had!!

**Favorite TV show:** My favorite show is *Black Mirror*! Every episode is a separate storyline, but each story has an incredible plot twist and never ceases to amaze!

**Favorite Book:** My favorite book is *The Picture of Dorian Gray*! It was one of the books we read in my English class freshman year and I still love it!

**Favorite things about HM:** My favorite thing about HM are the pop-up sweets and treats. Whenever we're celebrating an event or the end of the semester or sometimes for no reason at all, Dr. Kelly and the administration surprises us with donuts, milkshakes, smoothies, waffles, hotdogs, etc. which always brightens our day!

**Most underrated thing about HM:** The most underrated thing about HM is the fact that there isn't a strict dress code. I don't think that people realize how much the absence allows students to explore their identity and express their creativity and who they are as a person.

**Best HM Tradition:** Our Halloween events are the best HM traditions. Every Halloween the kids from the Lower Division dress up in costumes and march in a parade that starts from their campus and ends on the main field. It's always so adorable! Halloween is also Senior Absurdity Day, so all seniors are also dressed up in the craziest outfits that are often giant inflatable costumes.

