

LEAD



Growing
TOMORROW'S LEADERS,
Thinkers, and Doers

**A Parent Information Packet for
St HOPE Leadership Academy**





What are your
**BIGGEST
PRIORITIES**
as you consider
school options in
our area?

Alignment with your values? Safety? Early drop-off or after- school care?

I believe our core values have something to offer that you won't find elsewhere; and I'm delighted you're considering St HOPE Leadership Academy.

A commitment to growing self-motivated, critical thinking leaders permeates everything we do in and around the classroom. This approach enables us to educate the whole child — body, mind, and spirit — as we develop their academic foundation for a lifetime of learning.

Today we will tell you about our school — a connected, intimate, thriving community. At St HOPE, families don't need to choose between a school of convenience, or an outstanding, college-preparatory education with a deep roster of athletic teams, fine arts offerings, and other exciting extracurriculars. We are pleased to offer all these things because we understand how important your child's environment is in shaping them into the confident young adult they will become by graduation day.

Friendships, faculty mentoring, a rigorous curriculum, and character development all foster the most important things you could give your child: a strong start in life, an excellent education, and a desire to be kind and help others. We hope to meet you and your child one day soon. After reading this overview of St HOPE, schedule a call so you can learn what we're about first-hand.

Sincerely,

Winsome Warden

Director of Operations

Our Commitment to Families

By the time your child graduates from St HOPE, they will be ready for high school ... for college ... for a path in life they will choose with confidence.



Our Graduates:

- Know themselves and contribute as engaged citizens in our community
- Love learning, build their skills, grow in knowledge, and have the maturity to succeed at a college-preparatory high school
- Are capable leaders and communicators, who care about helping others
- Stay grounded in values that align with St HOPE's mission and vision

How do we put our mission into action to accomplish these goals?

We keep school safe.

Learners thrive in safe spaces. Campus security keeps everyone physically safe, while teachers and fellow scholars honor the emotional safety everyone deserves at school. The five counselors we have on staff work together to keep a pulse on the mental health of our school.

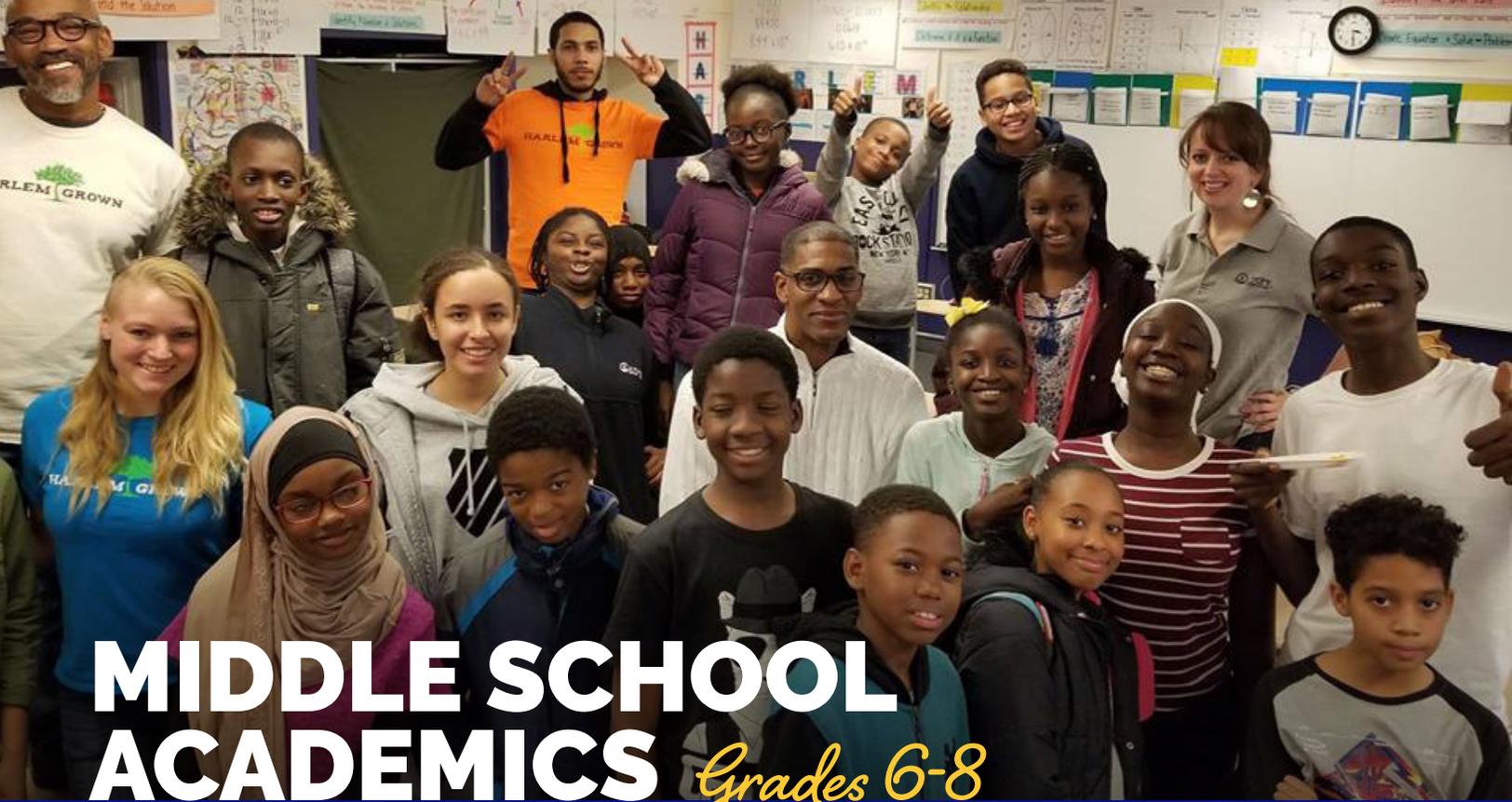
We build character.

Scholars feel encouraged in the classroom and beyond because their teachers model a culture of respect. They are committed to serving others because we lead them to serve in our community. They learn that kindness is a foundation for leadership.

We partner with families.

To help scholars know where they are going, we help them honor where they're from. We want to see a strong connection between each scholar's home and school. Families show up ready to engage at Parent-Teacher Conferences and Coffee with the Principal events. You will find an open-door communication policy here with multilingual services.





MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMICS *Grades 6-8*

Growing the next generation of leaders

We approach our academics by beginning with the end in mind — where are we going, and how can we help your child understand what's possible?

Our middle school scholars are vibrant, budding scholars who will grow to become tomorrow's confident leaders. We challenge them to become engaged, active, and self-advocating learners capable of greater challenges.

Personalized Learning

Every scholar is so much more than a test score. Our teachers are highly qualified to identify your child's strengths and learning gaps. We will help them be in a position to excel.

College-Prep

Scholars build literacy and reading skills in our Achieve 3000 program; and, a counselor will keep them on track, focused on what's next, and help them navigate college tours.

“Academically, my sons improve each semester. They seem challenged by the classes and they get great support from the teachers. If your child is struggling, [St HOPE] has a plan to help them. They won't push your child to the side. They will help your child get to the next level, and the next level after that. My sons love their teachers and they love their classes.”

- Susan T., a St HOPE parent

Creativity.
Leadership.
Greatness.

Learning outside of the classroom

What is your child interested in at this age? St HOPE has so many exciting options beyond our core academic subjects. They could develop their passion for fine arts, performance, or digital arts. Or they could connect with peers who share similar interests in debate club, fishing club, the local farm project, math club, robotics club, and more. They will also take trips, go on class outings, and volunteer for community service projects.



Character.
Excellence.
Perseverance.

Athletics at St HOPE

Our athletes play hard, and on or off the field or court — we're always proud of them. A long line of St HOPE graduates developed their character (the ability to work hard, focus, and do the right thing) on the road to academic achievement.

Our Tigers compete in the Asphalt Green Athletic League in these sports:

- **GIRLS SOCCER**
- **BOYS SOCCER**
- **GIRLS BASKETBALL**
- **BOYS BASKETBALL**
- **GIRLS SOFTBALL**
- **CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL**
- **CO-ED VOLLEYBALL**





WE ARE H.A.R.L.E.M.

Harlem is more than the home of our campus at St HOPE. We live H.A.R.L.E.M. as we develop scholars who exhibit strong character and our core values.

HONOR

ABSOLUTE DETERMINATION

RESPONSIBILITY

LEADERSHIP

EXCELLENCE

MISSION

OUR SCHOLARS:

Develop Character

Middle school should be a time when scholars can try new things, fall down, get back up, and try again. Your child will cultivate a growth mindset here because our program is designed to support them as they try, fail, learn, and succeed.

Lead With Kindness

When you see the ways our scholars serve through community service projects or help out at food insecurity or soup kitchen organizations, you will see that kindness and leadership in action.

Set Goals

Scholars often tell us they love the National Junior Honor Society (NHJS) and Student Government (SGA). Each year, NJHS and SGA members go on a trip to places like New Orleans, Boston, Chicago, and Canada to tour major colleges and universities. All of our scholars have the opportunity to visit campuses like Binghamton, NYU, and Columbia University.



WHAT DOES A ST HOPE GRADUATE LOOK LIKE?

Consider our graduates — these capable teens are already looking ahead to college and career opportunities! While St HOPE alumni have diverse passions, abilities, and professional pursuits, together they demonstrate an impressive record of achievement. Their education here has lifelong benefits.



- St HOPE alumni attend many college-preparatory high schools in the area, where they perform well in demanding honors and AP courses.
- Each year we offer four \$10K scholarships to seniors going to college, as well as a [Journey Scholarship](#) to a rising junior to celebrate their academic achievement.
- Many of our scholars earn [Regents Credits](#), which gives them a head start for high school.
- In addition to becoming confident leaders and communicators, St HOPE graduates are caring, active, and responsible community members.

A partnership with St HOPE doesn't stop when your child graduates from 8th grade.

One of the many ways we support our scholars is by having an Alumni Relations Manager on our staff who helps them find funding opportunities and scholarships for higher education. For those who don't plan on going to college, St HOPE can still be part of their career path, as we help them work through important life decisions. That's why our alumni come back to see us long after they've finished eighth grade.



Is your middle schooler ready to thrive?

When it comes to choosing a school for your child, nothing compares to experiencing the learning environment firsthand!

- ◆ **Schedule a call** to learn more about what we have to offer and connect with someone who can answer your specific questions.
- ◆ **Apply Now.** [Our online application](#) is easy to use and is available in English or Spanish.



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