

Fall 2018

Dear Prospective Kindergarten Parents,

Thank you for your interest in independent schools. We know that the Kindergarten admissions process can be intimidating, but we hope to relieve some of the stress and repetition for the children by coordinating a substantial portion of it. Several schools have agreed to share the results of an independent developmental screening administered by Integrated Learning Solutions (ILS).

We have worked closely with the staff of ILS to ensure that they have a clear understanding of each school's admissions criteria. Our goal is that every child will find a school that will be a good and appropriate match and where he/she will grow and thrive.

As you may know, a developmental screening is designed to assess the degree to which a child has mastered skills in areas such as language development, cognitive awareness and processing ability appropriate to his or her chronological age. The team at ILS is well qualified for this important task. The ILS staff is comprised of psychologists, developmental specialists, educators and other professionals who have many years of experience in working with independent schools and families throughout the San Gabriel Valley and beyond.

Parents are asked to schedule their child's screening appointment in accordance with the information and calendar provided in the enclosed materials. Regular registration for the screenings for the 2019-2020 school year runs from September 15, 2018 until December 15, 2018. After December 15, 2018 a \$25 late registration fee applies. **Please do not call the individual schools to schedule your child's screening as appointments can only be made through ILS.** Screening results will be shared with the schools indicated on the child's registration in the first week of February. Copies of individual screening results will be mailed to parents in mid-February 2019.

Representatives from Integrated Learning Solutions will be present at the Kindergarten and Elementary School Options Night, which will take place at Westridge School on Thursday, October 11, 2018. This event will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and is for parents only.

Children are invited to visit each of the schools to which they are applying. The emphasis placed on the developmental screening and the social readiness assessment will vary by school, as each will have different priorities in prospective applicants. Such factors as gender balance, diversity, sibling and alumni preferences, plus the number of available spaces, all weigh into the decisions made. We do, however, share a desire to discover the best educational match for each child.

We appreciate your interest in our schools and look forward to getting to know you and your children as the year unfolds.

Nue Yim-Herrera
Barnhart School

Gretchen Lurie
Chandler School

Janna Hawes
Clairbourn School

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High Point Academy

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Mayfield Junior School

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