

## Welcome!

You have discovered a pre-k to 8th school unlike any other. At Burgundy, intellectual excitement and joy in learning are not buzzwords but expectations that are realized each day and each year.

For children, school too often feels like a chore. But Burgundy students love school, and their love of learning remains high year after year as we continue to nurture students' natural curiosity about the world, people and living things around them.

It all begins with the individual learner. We treat children like the whole people they are. We honor our students for who they are and where they are developmentally. The foundation for success is this: We respect and build on children's lived experience, ensuring that each child feels welcomed and part of a learning community, supported, engaged and challenged to grow and learn.

At our Alexandria campus, a former dairy farm, every indoor learning area opens to outdoor space and woods. Nature is our laboratory for hands-on science and an ideal setting for active learning projects, whether at the Barn, pond, or stream in Alexandria, or at our 500-acre Burgundy Center for Wildlife Studies in West Virginia. Burgundy has recently embarked upon an exciting campus renewal project at our Alexandria campus in which we have already seen the addition of a Discovery Playground and outdoor learning structures and spaces. The construction of our new Arts and Community Center that will feature our theater, numerous arts classrooms and gallery space is currently taking place and will be completed by the start of the 2018-19 school year. It is an exciting time to be at Burgundy!

The Burgundy Family, like our campus, is a beautiful, colorful tapestry. Students, nearly 40% from diverse backgrounds, learn to celebrate both their differences and their commonalities. Our graduates, confident, articulate students who are comfortable in their own skins, thrive in a range of exceptional college preparatory high schools and universities and enter a range of professions.

At the core of our program's success are:

- A challenging, engaging, integrated academic program;
- Excellent teachers who know and love their students and their craft; and
- A close educational collaboration between families and the school.

At Burgundy, we live, as we have for more than 70 years, the tenets of holistic, progressive education. We have always taught the whole child. Many schools today avow student-centeredness and individualized instruction, diversity and multiculturalism, and environmental and global awareness as central to their missions. At Burgundy, these values were cornerstones of our school's founding, and we continue to model them!

We invite you to visit our unique Alexandria campus to experience for yourself the magic of Burgundy!

Sincerely,



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Head of School