

## Mission Statement

### Education for the Head, Heart, and Hand

Northfield Mount Hermon engages the intellect, compassion, and talents of our students, empowering them to act with humanity and purpose.

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## Northfield Mount Hermon

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**SUPERIOR ACADEMICS** NMH prepares students for college and life by providing them with individual care and support in a community that promotes academic excellence.

- Average class size is 12
- Teacher/student ratio is 1:7
- Faculty teach approximately 30 students each semester.
- Collegiate model academic program: students take six courses per year. Courses, which are full-year equivalents, are 90 minutes for extended classes. Students have three major courses each semester.
- 186 major course choices
- Advanced Placement and honors courses in every department
- ESL classes for advanced language learners
- Rigorous five-week academic program during NMH Summer Session

Our curriculum includes the following classes:

## ARTS

### DANCE

Dance History and Composition  
Jazz Dance Fundamentals

### MUSIC

Advanced Applied Music II  
AP Music Theory and Harmony  
Electronic Music Studio  
History of Jazz  
The Great Composers  
The Materials of Music  
World Music

### THEATER

Acting  
Arts Foundation—Performing Arts  
Directing  
Modern Stage and Screen  
Play Writing  
Technology of the Stage  
Theater Production I, II

### VISUAL ARTS

AP Drawing  
AP Two-Dimensional Design  
Arts Foundation—Visual Arts  
Ceramics I  
Design Theory and Practice  
Digital Design Practices  
Digital Photography I  
Drawing and Composition I

Intensive Studio in 2D Art  
Painting I  
Photography I  
Sculptural Forms  
Video as Visual Art

### COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Computer Science  
Programming in Java

### HUMANITIES

#### ENGLISH

Advanced Reading/Writing  
American Literature  
American Literature: Shared  
Voices  
Ancient Epic  
AP English Language and  
Composition  
AP English Literature and  
Composition  
Books Too Good To Miss  
Creative Nonfiction  
Creative Writing  
Drama  
ESP: English for Special Purposes  
Film  
Ninth-grade Writing  
Harlem Renaissance

Humanities I English  
Images of War  
Newswriting  
PG English I, II  
Poetry  
Satire and Film  
Shakespeare  
Speech/Oral Interpretation  
The Future  
World Literature  
Writing Nonfiction

#### HISTORY

AP Modern European History  
AP U.S. History  
Asia Rising  
Comparative Politics in Modern  
Context  
Foreign Policy  
Global Futures: Global Warming  
History of New Zealand  
In Their Footsteps: Rethinking  
Women's History  
The Civil Rights Movement  
The Islamic Middle East  
U.S. Government/Civil Liberties  
U.S. History: Shared Voices  
U.S. History Survey  
War  
World History

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Biblical Interpretation  
Eastern Religions  
Ethics  
Identity and Transformation  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Violence and Nonviolence  
World Religions

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

AP Economics  
AP Psychology  
Economics  
Introduction to Psychology

## MATH

Algebra I\*  
Geometry\*  
Algebra II\*  
Algebra Survey\*  
Precalculus\*  
Calculus  
AP Statistics  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
Multivariable Calculus  
Linear Algebra  
Number Theory

*\*Courses include three levels,  
based upon ability and background*

## SCIENCE

### ASTRONOMY

Astronomy  
Observational Astronomy

### BIOLOGY

AP Biology  
Biology I  
Biology I Honors  
Botany  
Genetics and Ethics  
Human Physiology

### CHEMISTRY

Advanced Honors Chemistry  
AP Chemistry  
AP Chemistry B  
Chemistry I, II  
Chemistry I Honors

### ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

AP Environmental Science  
Environmental Studies  
Environmental Studies—an  
International Perspective  
Geology

### PHYSICS

AP Physics B  
AP Physics C  
Physics I, II  
Physics I Honors  
Topics in Physics

## WORLD LANGUAGE

### ARABIC

Arabic—Intensive Introduction

### CHINESE

AP Chinese Language  
Chinese I, II, III, IV

### FRENCH

AP French Language, Culture,  
and Civilization  
French I, II, III,  
IV (Contemporary Issues),  
IV (Service Learning Project)  
French II, III, IV Honors

### LATIN

AP Latin: Virgil  
Latin I, II, III, IV

### SPANISH

Advanced Spanish I  
AP Spanish Language  
Spanish I, II, III,  
IV (Service Learning Project),  
V (Modern Hispanic Culture)  
Spanish II, III, IV Honors

## ADVISING SYSTEM

Each student has an advisor, called a DL (short for NMH founder D. L. Moody). The DL is selected from among faculty associated with the student's dorm. Students meet weekly with their DLs, either individually or as members of an advisee group (about seven advisees per group). It is the DL's responsibility to know and nurture his or her advisees. The DL is familiar with all aspects of a student's life, in and out of the classroom. This relationship offers the student an interested, informed, and trusted adult who can help the student make choices, examine beliefs and values, navigate difficulties, enjoy successes, and grow as an individual throughout his or her NMH career.

**Parents should think of the DL as their point person.**

When parents have questions of any nature, they should feel free to call or send emails to the DL. The work of the DL is supervised by the associate deans.

**QUALITY FACULTY** Northfield Mount Hermon works with a variety of agencies to recruit the finest faculty from around the world. Evaluation processes and professional development opportunities ensure that faculty stay current in the best educational practices for teaching young people in and out of the classroom.

- 95 full-time faculty members
- Average 20.3 years of teaching experience
- 66 percent with advanced degrees

NMH is committed to nurturing excellence in its faculty. Each year, teachers, staff, and coaches attend and present at key conferences and trainings. Recently, faculty have participated in:

- Anja S. Greer Conference on Secondary School Mathematics, Science and Technology
- Berklee College of Music Summer Programs: Music Production
- Collegiate School Teaching Institute
- Contemplative Curriculum Development Summer Institute
- Forensic Science Education Conference 2011
- MAA Math Fest 2011
- Middlebury College French School
- National Athletic Trainers Symposium
- National AP Teachers Conference
- Northeastern College of Professional Studies
- Quantum Learning for Teachers
- Roots and Wings: Independent School Gender Project
- World Futurists Conference, Boston

“As I think about the moments we spent exploring and discovering the past and the present, I am sure of one thing: Because of the guidance and support put forth by [my Humanities teachers], I was able to develop and mature as a student and person as I never had before.”

—Ellen Hallman (United States)

“I applied to NMH because I heard that it has a unique combination of excellent academics as well as a strong athletics program. When I inquired about NMH’s alumni, I saw that there were numerous alums contributing to the global society both in academia as well as athletics. The beautiful campus, diversity, and the overwhelming friendliness of everyone I spoke to swayed my decision to attend NMH. I believe it was the best choice to help me achieve my goals.” —Oliver Carleton (Australia)

**DIVERSE DEMOGRAPHICS** We believe in fostering a diverse community in which to learn. The facts below reflect our commitment to diversity on our campus.

- 665 students; 545 boarding, 120 day
- 52 percent male, 48 percent female
- 44 countries and 32 states represented
- 19 percent students of color
- 25 percent international students

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION** NMH is committed to helping students develop an international perspective. The Center for International Education (CIE) provides off-campus study programs for juniors and seniors. It also provides on-campus support for NMH's international students.

The center's mission:

- To provide, encourage, and support interactive/multicultural/multinational environments and experiences within the NMH community, both on and off campus
- To assist safe travel and learning experiences for students and faculty
- To foster appreciation of different cultures and ways of life within our school

Examples of programs that achieve these goals:

- Study/travel programs have included visits to Brazil, Cambodia, China, Costa Rica, Greece, Ireland, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, Turkey, and Uruguay
- Study/travel programs planned for the 2011-12 school year include Brazil, Cuba, Czech Republic, India, Israel, Qatar, Turkey, and Uruguay
- Language studies: Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish, and beginning Arabic
- Religious studies: Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Catholicism, and a variety of Protestant religions
- History studies: a variety of programs about countries around the world
- Outside the classroom: special event days and speakers that augment classroom programs, a State of the World speaker series, and alumni visitors who share their international experiences
- International Carnival

In addition to course offerings that reflect an international perspective, the CIE also supports our international student population by providing assistance with travel and immigration, and by providing student international ambassadors who are trained and available in dormitories for support with any issue.

“NMH's faculty members really take care of students. They are nice and patient. As an international student, my school not only needed to be good academically but also a place filled with love and warmth. NMH makes me feel like I am home.”  
—Joanna Pang (China)

**STUDENT LIFE CURRICULUM** The student life curriculum at NMH promotes community, responsibility, respect, and pride. It represents our commitment to providing students with a comprehensive and vibrant learning environment. We recognize each student’s individuality, allow choice in school life, and encourage respectful relationships.

We do this through:

- Dorm and school meetings, which provide formal settings for discussions
- Biweekly meetings with faculty and professional staff to explore topics essential to students’ development
- Academic teaching that extends into the evening
- Day-to-day work with dorm staff and other faculty to emphasize personal support, leadership, community building, and spiritual development

In addition to in-school activities, we provide our students with opportunities to engage in fun and thought-provoking events off campus. Activities include:

- Student Diversity Leadership Conference
- Diversity summits with peer boarding schools
- Trips to Boston and New York City
- Trips to local fairs and arts festivals such as the Big E! and the Franklin County Fair
- Dance performances and theatrical events held at Weston Theater, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and Hartford Stage

**WORK JOB** Our school’s founder, D. L. Moody, believed that students should contribute to the school’s day-to-day operation and learn how to value the dignity of manual labor. Work jobs, as they are called, are scheduled periods during each student’s school week. All students must work four to five hours per week and attain a passing grade each term.

These are the types of jobs that a student may have at NMH:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Archives Aide                  | Farm Worker                       | Outdoor Education Assistant  |
| Athletic Department Worker     | The Hermonite Editor              | Outreach Assistant           |
| Athletic Team Manager          | International Ambassador          | Radio Station Manager        |
| Bakery Worker                  | Kitchen Worker                    | Residential Computer         |
| Band Manager                   | Library Aide                      | Consultant                   |
| Biology Assistant              | Lifeguard                         | Student Ambassador–Admission |
| The Bridge Editor              | Mail Center Worker                | Student Leader               |
| Chemistry Assistant            | Math Study Hall Tutor             | Theater Aide                 |
| Choir Manager                  | Media Aide                        | Trail Maintenance Worker     |
| Clinic Aide                    | Multicultural Education Assistant | World Languages Assistant    |
| Dance Studio Assistant         | Music Secretary                   | Yearbook Editor              |
| Equipment Room Worker          | Office Assistant                  |                              |
| Electronic Recording Assistant | Orchestra Assistant               |                              |

**ATHLETICS** Fielding more than 60 teams in 21 interscholastic sports, Northfield Mount Hermon offers one of the broadest athletic programs among secondary schools in the United States. In addition to interscholastic sports, NMH offers an extensive outdoor program. NMH is a great place for the casual athlete as well as for scholar-athletes who aspire to play competitively at the highest collegiate level.

## FALL

Crew  
Cross-country  
Field Hockey  
Football  
Soccer  
Volleyball—Girls  
Outdoor Team

## WINTER

Alpine Skiing  
Basketball  
Ice Hockey  
Nordic Skiing  
Swimming  
Wrestling

## SPRING

Baseball  
Crew  
Golf  
Lacrosse  
Softball  
Tennis  
Track  
Ultimate Frisbee  
Volleyball—Boys  
Outdoor Team

## THE ARTS

**Visual Arts** The visual arts department offers courses in every medium, and classroom instruction is supplemented by open studio time. All faculty members are practicing artists. The school offers Advanced Placement courses, and NMH graduates with a professional interest in the arts are routinely accepted to the finest U.S. arts colleges and universities.

The Rhodes Arts Center on campus includes:

- Printmaking studio
- Ceramics studio
- Video and digital design studio
- Photography studio and darkroom
- Painting studios
- Drawing studio

**Performing Arts** Northfield Mount Hermon's rich artistic tradition includes a variety of music courses, programs, and ensembles. Students can learn about all aspects of theater production and performance through classes and performances, and, in addition to taking dance courses, beginning and experienced dancers may become members of the NMH dance companies. Students can take private vocal or instrumental lessons with outstanding teachers.

The Rhodes Arts Center provides a home for:

- Four major theater productions per year
- One-Act Play Festival with 10 student-directed pieces
- NMH Senior Dance Company
- NMH Junior Dance Companies
- World Music Combo and Percussion Ensemble
- Concert Band
- Jazz Ensemble
- Symphony Orchestra
- Chamber Orchestra
- Concert Choir
- NMH Singers
- Select Women's Ensemble
- Hogappella (Boys a cappella group)
- The Nellies (Girls a cappella group)

**COCURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES** The cocurricular requirement encourages student involvement in campus life beyond the challenges of our major academic courses. Students can meet each term’s requirement by taking one full cocurricular activity or two half cocurricular activities. Participation on an athletic team counts as a full cocurricular.

- 9th- and 10th-grade students must meet the cocurricular requirement in all three terms, and must choose an athletic team commitment in at least one term.
- 11th- and 12th-grade students and postgraduates must meet the cocurricular requirement in two of the three terms, and must choose an athletic team commitment in at least one term.

Here is what we offer:

## ACADEMIC

Chinese Review  
Debate Society  
Junior-Year College Counseling Workshop  
Model United Nations  
Spanish Workshop  
Successful Studying II (availability depends on enrollment)  
Verbal SAT Prep

## VISUAL ARTS

Beginning with Clay  
*Gemini* (yearbook)  
Landscape Drawing  
*Mandala* (art and literary magazine)  
Printmaking  
*The Bridge* (school newspaper)

## PERFORMING GROUPS

African & Latin American Hand Drumming  
Ballroom Dancing  
Beginning Ballet  
Beginning Jazz Dance  
Beginning Modern Dance  
Chamber Orchestra  
Concert Band  
Concert Choir  
Dance Companies of NMH  
Hip Hop: Dance for Athletes  
Hogappella  
Intermediate Ballet

Intermediate Jazz Dance  
Introductory Music Theory  
Jazz Ensemble  
Jazz/Tap Workshop  
The Nellies  
NMH Pianists  
NMH Singers  
Private Dance Lessons  
Private Music Lessons  
Select Women’s Ensemble  
Stagecraft  
Symphony Orchestra  
World Music Choir  
World Music Combo

## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Big Brothers/Big Sisters  
Campus Nursery School  
Clothing drives  
Coalition Against World Hunger  
Community Meals  
Elementary school tutoring  
Great Falls Discovery Center  
Greenfield Family Inn  
Habitat for Humanity  
Hoggers for Heifer  
Knitting for Shelters  
Northfield Mount Harmony  
Nursing home visits  
Operation Happy Birthday  
Piglets to Hoggers  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
Room to Read  
Stand Darfur  
Therapeutic riding center

Trees of Hope  
United Way committee  
Walk for Hunger  
Wishing Well

## COMMUNITY AFFINITY GROUPS

African Students Association  
Asian American Students Association  
Breakaway  
Catholic Confirmation Class  
Catholic Student League  
Chinese Student Association  
Circle of Sisters  
Deacons of the Church of Christ  
FROMAGE  
Gay Student Alliance  
International Students Association  
Japanese Student Association  
Jewish Student Alliance  
Korean Student Association  
MOCA/The Brothers  
Muslim Student Association  
NMH Interdenominational Chapel  
SaLSA  
Spiritual Seekers  
The Buddhist Group

## MISCELLANEOUS

Chess Club  
Ecoleaders  
Student Congress  
WNMH Radio – 91.5 FM

## EXAMPLES OF INTERSCHOLASTIC AND IN-SCHOOL COMPETITION

- Debate
- Destination Imagination
- Instrumental competition—Concerto competition and recital
- Math competition
- Model United Nations
- New England athletic tournaments
- NMH science symposium and competition
- Oratory Contest—for graduation speech
- Robotics
- State vocal/instrumental music competition

**FACILITIES** Northfield Mount Hermon is located in rural western Massachusetts and sits atop a broad hill with inspiring views up and down the Connecticut River Valley. The campus has a mix of historic and contemporary buildings.

- 73 buildings, including turn-of-the-century chapel and historic cottages
- Hayward Farm with gardens, a greenhouse, and maple sugar and cider houses
- Boathouse and crew dock on the Connecticut River
- 1,565 acres, including fields and woods
- Shadow Lake
- Cutler Science Center
- Rhodes Arts Center
- Beveridge classroom building with Learning Skills Center
- Blake Student Center with a snack bar and bookstore
- Observatory with three telescopes and three CCD cameras for electronic imaging
- Schaufler Library, which has more than 40,000 items plus multimedia and digital language labs
- Six-lane swimming pool
- James and Forslund gyms, including a wrestling facility with full-size mats and a fitness center with Nautilus and free weights
- McCollum Arena, hockey rink
- Eight-lane, all-weather Miller Brothers track
- Indoor batting cage
- Northfield Golf Course—nine-hole golf course
- Eleven playing fields
- Fifteen tennis courts
- Two three-season turf fields
- 35 faculty homes and apartments on campus

**COLLEGE COUNSELING** The NMH College Counseling office works closely with families to help students match their ambitions and passions with the colleges and universities that “fit.” The process begins with a “quiet” phase in the freshman year, where students are introduced to their transcript and counseled about course selections. During the sophomore year, counselors meet with the entire class to outline the college calendar and offer tips for visits to college campuses. In the junior year, the process is fully underway and students meet for 10 one-hour sessions in the winter term before working one-on-one with a counselor in the spring. In the fall of the senior year, students finalize their list of colleges and finish the applications; nearly two-thirds of the class elects to use some kind of early admission option. In the spring, we help families manage the outcomes, compare financial aid packages, and weigh options before the deposits are sent in on May 1. College counselors begin working with our postgraduate students over the summer to make sure they are ready upon entrance in the fall.

NMH offers many levels of support for our students during the process:

- We are a SAT/ACT/AP and TOEFL test center. These tests are offered on campus throughout the year.
- NMH uses Naviance, a web-based server that manages most of the details of the process. The ease of online researching is hard to overstate.
- We host more than 120 college representatives at our annual college fair and an equal number of individual visits from representatives. Often, these college admission representatives are the same ones who read the applications from NMH students.
- The college counselors work closely with DLs (advisors) throughout the students’ careers, with a special focus on curricular planning in the junior and senior years.
- NMH offers many levels of standardized-test preparation for interested students. Peterson’s online guide to college information offers free test prep that is easy to use. Summit Test Prep offers sessions during the year for the students who need a more structured approach. NMH teachers also are available for private tutoring.
- The College Counseling office is open in the evenings during the “application season” to help with the many details that must be managed before students press “submit.”

While the College Counseling office has misgivings about the methodology used to create college rankings, we know families can find them to be a convenient reference point. The list of 90 schools below is a representative sample of schools where two or more NMH graduates have enrolled in the past three years. Schools in bold are in *Barron’s Most Selective Colleges and Universities*; schools with an asterisk are found in the top 50 universities or top 50 liberal arts colleges ranked by *US News and World Report*.

Babson College  
**Barnard College** \*  
 Bates College \*  
 Bentley University  
**Boston College** \*  
 Boston University \*

**Bowdoin College** \*  
**Brandeis University** \*  
**Brown University** \*  
**Carnegie Mellon University** \*  
 Clark University \*  
**Colby College** \*

**Colgate University** \*  
 College of Charleston  
 Colorado College \*  
**Columbia University** \*  
**Connecticut College** \*  
**Cornell University** \*

**Dartmouth College** \*  
 Dickinson College \*  
 Drexel University \*  
**Duke University** \*  
 Elon University  
**Emory University** \*  
**Georgetown University** \*  
 Gettysburg College \*  
 Grinnell College \*  
**Hamilton College - NY** \*  
**Harvard University** \*  
 Hobart and William Smith  
 Colleges  
 Indiana University, Bloomington \*  
**Johns Hopkins University** \*  
**Kenyon College** \*  
**Massachusetts Institute of  
 Technology** \*  
 McGill University  
**Middlebury College** \*  
 Mount Holyoke College \*  
**New York University** \*  
 New York University - Abu  
 Dhabi  
 Northeastern University \*  
**Northwestern University** \*  
**Occidental College**  
 Parsons The New School for  
 Design  
 Pitzer College \*  
 Providence College  
 Purdue University \*  
 Queen's University  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute \*  
 Rhode Island School of Design  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Saint Anselm College  
 Sarah Lawrence College  
 Savannah College of Art and  
 Design  
**Scripps College** \*  
 Simmons College  
 Skidmore College \*  
 St. Lawrence University  
 St. Olaf College \*  
 SUNY College at Geneseo  
 Syracuse University \*  
 The College of Wooster  
 The George Washington  
 University \*  
 Trinity College \*  
 Tufts University  
 Union College  
**United States Naval Academy** \*  
 University of California at San  
 Diego \*  
**University of Chicago** \*  
 University of Colorado at Boulder \*  
 University of Denver \*  
 University of Illinois at Urbana-  
 Champaign \*  
 University of Massachusetts,  
 Amherst \*  
 University of Michigan \*  
**University of Pennsylvania** \*  
**University of Richmond** \*  
**University of Rochester** \*  
 University of San Diego \*  
**University of Southern California** \*  
 University of Toronto  
 University of Vermont \*  
**University of Virginia** \*  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison \*  
**Vanderbilt University** \*  
**Vassar College** \*  
 Virginia Commonwealth  
 University \*  
**Wake Forest University** \*  
**Wesleyan University** \*  
 Wheaton College MA  
**Williams College** \*  
**Yale University** \*

“NMH certainly has challenging classes that will help prepare you for courses at the college level, but it has much more than that. Living in this environment teaches you to be independent and responsible for yourself in a way that will pay off tenfold when you reach college. Not only is NMH a place where you can grow academically, but it is also a place where you learn life skills. I know that the person I have become at NMH is who I will be long after my college years.” —Natalie Norton (United States)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ■ What is the application deadline?

February 1

### ■ Do you accept mid-year entrance or transfers?

No. We only accept students who can attend for the entire academic year.

### ■ What admission tests are required and do you have standard scores for any of these tests?

We require prospective students to take one of the following examinations: SSAT, PSAT, ACT, ISEE or SAT. If you have difficulty finding a testing site or registering for the exams, please call the admission office at 413-498-3227. All international students for whom English is a second language must also take the TOEFL. We do not have a standard or minimum test score students must attain to be considered for admission.

### ■ Where are you located?

Western Massachusetts, two hours from Boston and three-and-a-half hours from New York City.

### ■ Is there a dress code?

Our dress code allows for individual choice in clothing, following guidelines that prohibit frayed, torn, or tattered clothing, as well as any item that displays offensive or inappropriate language or images. We believe that this allows students to express their individuality while maintaining respect for community.

### ■ Do all students go home during breaks and holidays?

During vacations between semesters and at Thanksgiving break, students either go home or, for international students, visit with their U.S. guardians or other NMH families. For long weekends during the fall, winter, and spring terms, students may remain on campus.

### ■ What academic help can I get outside of class if I need more support?

The NMH Learning Skills Center offers individual support to help students with documented learning issues. Teachers are available every night to help any student with writing, math, and science questions, and tutors may be arranged as needed.

### ■ How does the dining program work?

Our dining hall is located in the heart of the campus, and meals are available from 7 AM to 7 PM. We allow students to dine at times that suit their schedules and dietary needs by providing vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free meals. Students may also visit our snack bar in the student center.

### ■ What is there for students to do on weekends?

The Student Activities office works hard to provide lots of activities during weekends. Two of the biggest events of the year are DwightNight (a semiformal dinner/dance) and HoggerFair. If you are not the dancing type, there are also student concerts, movies, coffee houses, carnivals, bingo, and game nights in Blake Student Center and trips to local towns and malls. There are student performances such as plays, dance performances, and music recitals. Athletic contests take place on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, when students gather to see the Hogggers compete against some of the best teams in the region. Weekend religious activities are available both on and off campus (for which transportation is provided).

### ■ Are there required religious services?

There are no required religious services. Shabbat services are held on Friday nights, church services are held in the chapel every Sunday, and transportation is available to other religious services.

■ **What happens if I get sick?**

The school provides 24-hour medical care for all students at O'Connor Health Center (413-498-3407), an overnight facility with 20 beds. In addition to medical, psychological, and nursing care, NMH provides programs in health education. Students in need of more intensive care are generally admitted to Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

■ **Do I need to participate in a sport?**

Yes, all students are expected to fulfill a sports requirement every year. The specific requirement depends on grade level.

■ **How do I keep in touch with my family?**

Parents may contact their child by email, cell phone (there are academic day restrictions), or through his/her advisor—the point person for students and their families.

■ **Will I have Internet access?**

Yes, all buildings, including dorm rooms, are wired with network ports. Wi-fi is available in select buildings.

■ **How do I access cash if I need it?**

You may open a bank account at the Greenfield Cooperative Bank, which is our local bank. There is also a Bank of America ATM on campus in our student center, and students may visit the NMH cashier to cash checks, make payments to their bookstore account, and deposit or withdraw funds in their student accounts.

■ **How do I schedule transportation surrounding breaks?**

Travel and charter bus information is available through the NMH Student Activities Office. Staff are available to help students who have travel questions or difficulties. The *NMH Handbook* provides students with a list of numbers to call for buses, trains, cabs, and local travel agents. In addition, charter bus service to major area airports (Bradley, Logan, and JFK) is provided for students' travel during school breaks. Charter buses also go to major cities with stops along the routes (Boston; Riverside MBTA station; New York City; and Stamford and New Haven, Connecticut).

**STUDENT ORIENTATION** Orientation is one of the most important events of the year. It establishes relationships, comfort levels, boundaries, and goals for the year. Student leaders and international ambassadors, together with the faculty, facilitate a range of activities that reduce homesickness, establish positive student-teacher relationships, familiarize new students with the campus, and prepare them for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

**FINANCES** Financial assistance is need-based and awarded annually. NMH does not offer merit or academic scholarships. However, because the number of applicants exceeds the number of awards we can offer, a student's talents or achievements may determine which applicants will receive an offer of financial aid.

<b>Boarding Student</b>	Tuition	Fees	
	\$46,900 (includes room and board)	\$1,835 General, laundry service, technology, health center	
		\$1,126 Tuition refund insurance \$1,350 Health insurance	
<b>Day Student</b>	\$32,900	\$1,880 General, meals, technology, health center \$ 790 Tuition refund insurance \$1,350 Health insurance	
	<b>International Student</b> (includes room and board)	\$46,900	\$2,615 General, laundry service, technology, health center, international student fee
			\$1,126 Tuition refund insurance \$1,350 Health insurance

Both boarding and day students also need to consider the cost of textbooks. Book expenses vary according to each student's course selections but typically average \$800 per year.

## ADMISSION COUNSELORS

**Claude Anderson P '10**

Dean of Enrollment

**John Carroll '89**

Senior Assistant Director

**Metta Dael '93**

Director of International Admission

**Francesca DenHartog**

Associate Director

**Lea Emery '84, P '13**

Director of Financial Aid

**Ari Gimbel**

Admission Counselor

**Carrie Healy**

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### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND TIMETABLE

Our application materials are available online at [www.nmhschool.org](http://www.nmhschool.org).

To complete your application please follow the instructions and timetable on our website.

		TIMETABLE
<b>Student Information Form</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete this form in its entirety and submit it online prior to your visit to campus.	At least one week prior to campus visit
<b>Interview</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan to visit NMH. Please call 413-498-3227 to schedule an appointment.	
<b>Application</b> (form A)	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete this form online at <a href="http://www.nmhschool.org/admission">www.nmhschool.org/admission</a> . Application fees are \$50 for a US citizen and \$100 for a non-US citizen.	As soon as possible
<b>Applicant's Questionnaire</b> (form C)	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete this form online at <a href="http://www.nmhschool.org/admission">www.nmhschool.org/admission</a> .	As soon as possible
<b>Parents' Comments</b> (form I)	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete this form online at <a href="http://www.nmhschool.org/admission">www.nmhschool.org/admission</a> .	As soon as possible
<b>Test Scores*</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Take the SSAT, ISEE, PSAT, SAT, or ACT and have the scores sent to Northfield Mount Hermon. (See TESTING section.) <input type="checkbox"/> Take the TOEFL exam if you have not been instructed in English for the last three years	Before February 1 Consult test bulletin
<b>Counselor Recommendation</b> (form B1) <b>Transcript Request</b> (form B2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Print your name at the top of each form, have your parent or guardian sign, and give the forms and a return envelope addressed to NMH to your guidance counselor or principal. Your school should send them with a copy of your school record directly to the admission office. Be sure to include a return envelope addressed to : <b>NMH</b> Office of Admission One Lamplighter Way, Mount Hermon, MA 01354	After December 1
<b>English Recommendation</b> (form D) <b>Math Recommendation</b> (form E) <b>Personal Recommendation</b> (form F) <b>Athletic Recommendation</b> (form G-optional) <b>Performing Arts Recommendation</b> (form H-optional) <b>Visual Arts Recommendation</b> (no form-optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> Print your name at the top of each form, have your parent or guardian sign, and give it to the appropriate person. Be sure to include a return envelope addressed to : <b>NMH</b> Office of Admission One Lamplighter Way, Mount Hermon, MA 01354	After December 1

All students who would like special consideration for outstanding talents in athletics, arts, academics, or community service, may submit a digital presentation. **Please note: materials submitted in support of an application become the property of NMH and are not returned.**

### Testing

All applicants are required to take the appropriate entrance examination during the **current** academic year. A November, December, or January sitting for the test is recommended. Applicants must take **one** of the tests listed in the following chart.

Candidates for grades	Test				
	SSAT	ISEE	PSAT	SAT	ACT
<b>9</b>	■	■			
<b>10</b>	■	■			
<b>11</b>	■	■	■	■	■
<b>12</b>			■	■	■
<b>Postgraduate</b>				■	■

■ The school admits very few one-year seniors.

\* Test dates are available throughout the year for those applying after the priority deadlines.

If you have not been instructed in English for the last three years or English is not the primary language of your home, you will also need to take the TOEFL exam.

Information on testing is available from the organizations indicated below.

**SSAT**—Secondary School Admission Test Board, 609-683-4440, [www.ssat.org](http://www.ssat.org). **Report scores directly to NMH using school code: 5392**

**ISEE**—Educational Records Bureau, 212-705-8888, [www.erbtest.org](http://www.erbtest.org). **Report scores directly to NMH using school code: 220730**

**PSAT & SAT**—The College Board, 609-921-9000, [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). **Send or fax a copy of results to NMH.**

**ACT**—The American College Testing Program, 319-337-1000, [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). **Send or fax a copy of results to NMH.**

**TOEFL**—The College Board, 609-921-9000, [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org). **Report scores directly to NMH using school code: 8011**

## FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND TIMELINE

The deadline to apply for financial aid for the academic year 2012-13 is February 1, 2012.

The primary responsibility for making sure the application is completed on time lies with the student's family.

- The aid budget is typically depleted by applications received by the deadline.
- Students requesting financial aid will only be considered for spaces supported by financial aid. In order to be guaranteed financial aid for each year of attendance at NMH, students must receive financial aid in the first year and demonstrate continued need by submitting an aid application each year.
- We require financial aid information from or about each parent. In cases where parents are not living together, we require each separate parent household to submit a financial aid application.

We use School and Student Services (SSS) to process our financial aid applications. SSS is a service of the National Association of Independent Schools. Based on the financial information you provide, SSS gives us an estimated amount that your family can contribute to educational expenses. This helps our school make fair and objective financial aid decisions. To begin your financial aid application for the 2012-13 school year, follow these steps below.

### ONLINE

- Starting on November 1, 2011, go to [sss.nais.org](http://sss.nais.org).
- Click on the prompt to begin your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS). You only need to complete one PFS for your household.
- You will be given a username and password that will allow you to return to your PFS to update each year or as needed. Your information will be secure.
- You will be given instructions about submitting supporting documents to SSS. These will include:

### U.S. Families:

- Copy of 2010 Federal Income Tax return, signed, and all IRS 1040 schedules and W-2 forms
- Copy of 2011 W-2 forms and copy of 2011 Federal Income Tax return, signed, and all IRS 1040 schedules (as soon as available)

### International Families:

- Canadians—2010 T-1 forms and 2010 T-4 forms; 2011 T-1 forms and 2011 T-4 forms (as soon as available)
- Other International Families—A notarized copy of your most recent income tax report and an earnings statement from your employer

### Additional Information, if applicable:

- Business/Farm—If either parent owns a business or farm, a completed copy of the Business/Farm Statement for each separate entity
- Tax documentation for partnerships and corporations is also required. (IRS Schedule K-1, Form 1065, Form 1120, or Form 1120s)

Please explain any unique circumstances you wish us to know about; send this information directly to the Financial Aid office via email, fax or regular mail.