



Friends School  
OF BALTIMORE

*The world needs what our children can do.*

Fall 2010

Dear Prospective Family:

Thank you for your interest in Friends School of Baltimore!

Every year we receive an amazing number of outstanding applications for admission to Friends School. The staff in the Admission Office is available to assist you through the process of admission and financial aid. Please visit our school, speak with students, faculty and administrators. We think that you will hear that Friends School is a unique educational experience from those who experience it on a daily basis.

The values that Friends instills in our students – simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship, are an integral part of the daily campus life. Our varied academic programs offer exceptional opportunities for students age four through grade 12. Our average class size is 17 students with smaller reading and math groups at certain levels. Students may enter Friends School at any grade level, however, about 70% of our students who begin at the Pre-Primary level stay through until graduation from the Upper School.

Please visit our website at [www.friendsbalt.org](http://www.friendsbalt.org) for an application and admission forms. We would also love to arrange a time to meet your family and for you to visit the campus.

We look forward to meeting you and working with your family. Please call 410. 649.3211 if you have any questions or to arrange a visit.

Sincerely,

Karen Dates-Dunmore '82

*Director of Admission , Financial Aid and Outreach*



## Admission Procedure Guidelines 2010-2011

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### Applications should be received by December 1 (accepted after December 1 as space permits)

#### Step I

Application for Admission can be found at [www.friendsbalt.org](http://www.friendsbalt.org). Applications are due by December 1, 2010.

Applications will be accepted after December 1 as space permits.

#### Step II

Complete Admission Checklist for appropriate grade level.

This checklists include the following:

##### Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup>

- Parent Report – completed by parents
- Common Referral Form – completed by applicant's current teacher.
- Admission Assessment – scheduled at Friends School (for Pre-Primary and 1st)

##### Grades 2 through 5

- Parent Report - completed by parents
- Common Referral Form - completed by applicant's current teacher (one required, more are welcome)
- Academic Transcripts from current school
- Admission Testing – Saturday, December 4, 2011 and Saturday, January 29, 2011.
- Testing can also be scheduled at other AIMS schools.

##### Grades 6 through 12

- Applicant visits for a school day, parents interview and tour
- Applicant Questionnaire – completed by student
- Parent Questionnaire – completed by parents
- Common Referral Form – completed by applicant's current school teachers (two required, more are welcome)
- Admission Testing : Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) [www.iseetest.org](http://www.iseetest.org)– pre-registration required.

Admission Office: 410.649.3211  
[friendsbalt.org/admission/](http://friendsbalt.org/admission/)

#### Step III

After Step II has been completed, the prospective student's file will be evaluated by the Admission Committee. You will be notified of an admission decision on or about March 1, 2011 (or later, as spaces develop).

### To learn more about Friends School, the following are offered:

*Lunch and Learn with the Head of School* is an opportunity for prospective parents in all grade levels to visit classes, tour the campus and have lunch with the Head of School. Dates are September through April. Please check the website for details.

#### Pre-K – Grade 5

Weekday morning Information Session/Tours for parents of applicants, offered from mid-September through November (by appointment) and in December and January as time permits.

#### Grades 6 – 12

Middle School parent tours and student visits are available weekdays by appointment.

Upper School parent/student tours are available on most Fridays at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. from mid-September through mid-December. No reservations are required. Please check the website for dates. Alternate tour dates and student visits may be arranged.

Please call the Admission Office at 410.649.3211 if you have any questions, or to schedule an appointment.

##### Pre-K through Grade 5

Amy Mortimer  
410.649.3313  
[amortimer@friendsbalt.org](mailto:amortimer@friendsbalt.org)

##### Grades 9-12

Josh Carlin  
410.649.3312  
[jcarlin@friendsbalt.org](mailto:jcarlin@friendsbalt.org)

##### Grades 6 through 8

Karen Dates-Dunmore  
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# Tuition and Fees for the School Year 2010-2011

## Tuition Refund Plan

We wish to call parents' attention to the benefits of the Tuition Refund Plan, which protects tuition fees in the event of absence, withdrawal or dismissal. A leaflet outlining details of the plan will be mailed with the enrollment agreement.

## Terms & Conditions

When planning for a child's education at Friends School, parents need to consider how best to meet their financial obligations within their budget. It is the policy of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees that no child may start school without payment in full of the tuition obligation as billed. To assist families in making their financial plans, Friends offers several tuition payment options, loan programs and financial aid.

Grade	Tuition
Pre-Primary (full-day)	\$18,675
Grades 1 to 12	\$21,650
<b>Table of Charges</b>	
Annual Enrollment Deposit <i>Applied towards tuition</i>	\$1000
Middle and Upper School purchases average approximately \$400 to \$700 per year for books, supplies, and incidentals.	

## Questions?

Please call the Admission Office:  
**410.649.3211**

## Tuition Payment Options

### 1. Standard Payment

On August 1, prior to the school year, 65% of the tuition is due (minus any financial aid and the enrollment deposit). The remaining 35% is due by December 1.

Fees for the Extended Day Program are billed on a monthly basis. Bills for books and other miscellaneous charges are due upon receipt. These payments must be received by the due dates to avoid a late charge of 1% per month for all bills remaining unpaid more than 30 days after the due date.

### 2. Direct Debit

This option offers an alternative to the standard lump-sum semester payments allowing parents to spread the year's tuition charge over a ten-month period. Each of the ten tuition payments are automatically debited from your bank account beginning April 1 of the previous school year and ending January 1. There is a \$20 annual processing fee per family for this option. Other direct debit arrangements can be discussed with the Business Office.

Because of its ease and relative low cost, parents are encouraged to give serious consideration to this direct debit payment alternative.



## Extended Day Program

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Extended Day is available for students in grades Pre-K through 8. Please visit the Friends School website at [www.friendsbalt.org](http://www.friendsbalt.org) for further information.

## Profile 2010-2011

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As of July 1, 2009

### **FRIENDS SCHOOL**

Baltimore's oldest, founded in 1784 • Quaker, independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school • Governed by a 26 member Board of Trustees.

### **ENROLLMENT**

960 students - Includes 525 boys and 435 girls • Lower School, *PK - P1st*: 70 & *Grades 1 - 5*: 262 • Middle School, *Grades 6 - 8*: 229 • Upper School, *Grades 9 - 12*: 399.

### **STUDENTS**

22% students of color • 8.5% children of alumni.

Religions: Catholic 16%; Eastern Religions 4%; Jewish 23%; Protestant 35%; Quaker 5%; no affiliation 17%.

### **FACULTY**

111 teachers, 92 full-time • 83% have advanced degrees)  
Faculty-student ratio 1:9.

### **FINANCES**

Annual Budget (2008-09): \$19.2 million  
Endowment: \$ 17.7 million  
Tuition (2010-11):\$18,675 - \$21,650.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

249 students (26%) receive some tuition assistance • over \$3 million in grants awarded for 2010-11 • Awards are based on financial need.

### **ALUMNI**

over 4,000 (1,800 in Baltimore area) • Alumni Board has 20 members.