

# **OLDFIELDS SCHOOL PLANS TO PARTNER WITH GARRISON FOREST SCHOOL TO OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND PRESERVATION OF TRADITIONS**

## **General FAQs**

### **Why is this happening? What caused it?**

Recent trends and obstacles, including the pandemic, have created unique challenges for maintaining a financially stable all-girls educational institution. The collaboration between these two distinguished schools will ensure that students and families can continue to receive an independent, all-girls education. It is an opportunity to ensure a long-lasting, powerful, and impactful educational experience for girls with similar values.

### **Why was this just announced?**

This has been a difficult decision, but after exhausting all other options, over a number of years, the Oldfields School Board of Trustees concluded this is the best way forward. The education of our students has been the number one priority. This collaboration will provide our current and future students with a new school and allow the legacy of Oldfields School to live on.

### **What will happen to the Oldfields School and property?**

Since the school will no longer be in operation, the Oldfields School property will be sold.

### **How did Garrison Forest School become involved?**

Oldfields School represents a similar profile and ascribes to many of the same values as Garrison Forest School, making this a unique opportunity for both schools. Garrison Forest seeks to be a resource for Oldfields School students who are looking for a similar educational experience and potentially offer opportunities to preserve the long legacy of excellence for which Oldfields School is known.

### **What happens to Oldfields School faculty and staff?**

Garrison Forest may be able to offer placements to a small number of faculty and staff, depending on current openings or needs. Oldfields School will also assist the very talented and dedicated Oldfields faculty and staff in securing employment.

**Is Garrison Forest School offering admission to Oldfields School students because they have enrollment challenges?**

Garrison Forest School's student population and endowment remain strong. Offering admission to Oldfields students ensures two similar schools--small, independent, all-girls day and boarding schools--a continued strong and impactful educational experience.

**What can I do to support the Oldfields School community?**

We ask that you respect our faculty, staff, and students as they continue to support each other during this difficult time.

## **Oldfields School Closing—What's Next?**

**Will our tuition change?**

Garrison Forest School has agreed to enroll current and newly admitted Oldfields students at Garrison Forest School while honoring current financial aid awards offered by Oldfields School and an expedited admission process.

**What will Garrison Forest School provide for Oldfields School students and families?**

Garrison Forest School seeks to honor the experience and love of Oldfields while providing an exceptional day and boarding experience that is focused on the success of each individual girl. The Garrison community will welcome Oldfields students as members of the Garrison Forest community and ensure their transition is as smooth as possible. They look forward to learning more about what's important to each family and student and connecting them to opportunities at GFS--whether that is participating in clubs and activities, performing, riding, playing sports, or just exploring our/their academic offerings.

**How do families who are interested in Garrison Forest School apply?**

The Admission Teams at Oldfields School and Garrison Forest School will be in contact with each family to set up individualized meetings and campus visits. Please be on the lookout for email communication from the Admission Teams.

**What if students and families do not choose to attend Garrison Forest School?**

If a student chooses not to attend Garrison Forest, Oldfields School will do everything we possibly can to assist in the transition to the school of their choice.

**Will there be opportunities for meetings to discuss the transition?**

Information about Zoom and in-person Q&A sessions will be shared in the coming days. We ask that you respect our faculty and staff as they continue to support the students and each other. Our immediate concern is supporting our students.

**What support will be in place for students moving over to Garrison Forest School?**

Garrison Forest has committed to ensuring that it has the learning and counseling resources in place to assist with a successful and well-supported transition of Oldfields School's current students go to Garrison Forest School.

**How will the Oldfields legacy be maintained?**

Talks between the two schools are ongoing, and Oldfield School alumni and current families will receive more details about how the legacy of our beloved school will be preserved.