

Summer 2024

Dear CFA Participant,

We are very pleased to welcome you to the High Mowing School campus. Founded in 1942 as a high school, merged with Pine Hill Waldorf School in 2017, HMS is home to over 340 students in preschool through grade 12 and remains the only boarding Waldorf school in North America.

Our boarding students come to us from Waldorf and other schools in the US and abroad to make HMS their home. Truly, it is they who welcome you as guests to HMS, in their dorm room, their dining hall, their classrooms, their campus. Many of our students come to know about High Mowing School at the recommendation of a participant in CFA programs: we thank you for your continued recommendation of HMS as a Waldorf high school of choice.

Every summer, HMS rents its campus to the Center for Anthroposophy and transforms into the center for renewal and teacher training you are now attending. We are proud of our lasting, strong ties with CFA, inspired by and grateful for the work you imbue our campus with during these weeks of discovery, study, conversations, and artistic expression.

The summer transformation of the HMS campus requires a tremendous amount of additional work for our faculty, administrative staff, and maintenance group. The end-of-school work – classrooms packing, cleaning, moving that others often handle in their own time during the months of June and July - takes place in one week, and most larger maintenance projects that typically happen in the ten weeks of summer break are delayed to August. This means that on occasion, construction or maintenance work may disrupt the calm, bucolic environment HMS typically provides.

HMS is a fully functioning Waldorf school, and as such is not able to provide the type of amenities and services one expects of a conference center whose sole purpose is to host events. The role of HMS in your experience of your course with the Center for Anthroposophy pertains only to facilities and meals. We do our very best to provide you with a pleasant stay within the limitations of our capacity as a school campus.

On behalf of our faculty, staff, and students, I thank you for remembering that HMS campus is indeed a school, and for holding and treating our campus with the same level of understanding and care you extend the school you work in, your place of work, or your own home.

I wish you an inspiring and rejuvenating summer experience with the Center of Anthroposophy.

Welcome to Abbot Hill,

Katherine C. Meyer, Head of School