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LETTER from the PRESIDENT of the BOARD of TRUSTEES

Dear EMS Community,

As an EMS alumna and current parent, my pride in our school continues to grow, fueled by the steadfast support from our community—families, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends. This strong sense of belonging makes EMS truly exceptional.

In 2023–2024, we have witnessed remarkable achievements across our school and are thrilled by the enthusiasm and innovation that permeate our classrooms and extracurricular activities. It is through your steadfast support and involvement that EMS stands as a beacon of excellence in education, and for that, I am profoundly grateful.

As we move forward into the 2024-2025 school year, let us continue to embrace the spirit of collaboration and commitment that defines us. Our Board of Trustees, along with Dr. Beck and his dedicated team are continuously working to ensure that EMS provides a nurturing environment where all students can thrive.

On behalf of the EMS Board of Trustees, thank you for your unwavering support and belief in our mission. Your involvement is crucial as we enter an exciting year, and we count on your continued support to help prepare our students for bright futures.

Warm regards,

Elizabeth Gabbay '93; P: '30, '27

Elizabeth Gubbay

President | Board of Trustees





A NOTE from our HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear EMS Community,

We've accomplished much in the past year thanks to your support, and I could not be more proud of our achievements.

EMS continues to excel in providing high-quality education, as evidenced by the unanimous endorsement of our ongoing accreditation and the honors our students consistently achieve in areas like math, world languages, writing, art, problem-solving, and diplomacy. We've strengthened our computer science offerings, which now include enhanced robotics programs, our literacy programs, which continue to embrace the Science of Reading, our environmental science curricula, focused on sustainable development, and our offerings of advanced mathematics.

We extend our deepest gratitude to you for your ongoing support. Whether you've contributed your time, expertise, resources, or all of the above, your involvement is invaluable to our mission and our community's shared Vision of the EMS Graduate, who has honed a set of competencies — collaboration, innovation, emotional intelligence, critical thinking, effective oral and written communication, growth mindset, integrity, and self-efficacy — necessary for success today and well into the future.

As we continue to evolve and expand, our mission remains clear: to cultivate leaders who are not only equipped with knowledge and skills but also driven by a strong sense of purpose and ethical responsibility. Together, we are shaping the future, one student at a time.

Thank you for being a vital part of the EMS community.

March

Marek Beck, Ph.D. | Head of School





A NOTE from our CHIEF STRATEGY and ADVANCEMENT OFFICER

Dear Friends.

We cannot thank you enough for your engagement, volunteering your time, and showing up to support our amazing school. Your dedication and involvement make all the difference, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a passionate and committed community. Your remarkable generosity and unwavering commitment truly propelled the Apple Tree Fund to unprecedented success, with nearly \$1.2 million raised. We are deeply grateful to see parent participation surge to 80%, an increase of more than 10% from the previous school year. Your support not only strengthens our community but also enhances every aspect of our shared mission at EMS.

We are also pleased to report outstanding engagement from our new families, with a 90% participation rate, and, for the first time in our history, 100% participation from our faculty and staff.

The annual fund remains a pillar of financial sustainability for independent schools like EMS, enabling us to continue providing exceptional education and programs through the support of our outstanding faculty. Your steadfast support lays a solid foundation for our future endeavors.

We are eager to build on this momentum this school year and look forward to celebrating our shared achievements. Your ongoing dedication and generosity are deeply appreciated.

Once again, I'd like to express my sincerest gratitude for your generosity and friendship! I look forward to seeing you soon.

Warmly,

Harite Walie

Hanita Walia Chief Strategy and Advancement Officer



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Gregory J. Amerkanian, CFP[®], CIMA[®], CRPC[®]

Greg is a Senior Vice President of Wealth Management at UBS in Paramus, N.J., where he runs a private client financial planning and investment practice. He previously served on the board of The Elisabeth Morrow School from 2010–2023. He has also served on the board of the Armenian Church Endowment Fund since 2019.

In the community, Greg has been a hockey coach at the Englewood Field Club since 2005. He resides in Cresskill, with his wife, Dr. Natalie Capan Amerkanian '84.

They have three boys — two who graduated from EMS, Shant '15 and Garo '17, and one who is currently enrolled, Saro '27.



Angela Cheng

Angela is the Director of the Enterprise Risk Management Department at Corebridge Financial Inc. With over 20 years of working experience at global financial institutions such as Barclays Capital, AIG, and Ernst & Young, Angela brings extensive expertise to her role.

Born and raised in China, she earned her B.S. in Finance from Shenzhen University before furthering her education abroad. She holds an MSc in Finance from the University of York and an MBA from the University of Rochester. A dedicated member of the EMS community for 11 years, Angela has actively contributed as the facilitator of the Chinese Affinity Group and as a class parent. She and her husband, Kaibo Hu, live in Englewood Cliff, NJ, with their children, Alice '24 and Daniel '27.





FINANCIAL SUMMARY

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

2023–2024 approved operating budget
(Net of discounted tuition)
\$17,721,568

Revenue
Tuition
Auxiliary Programs & Other
Contributions
Endowment Draw

12.5%

4.9%

4.7%

Expense

Salaries and Benefits

Plant Operations
Instructional Support/Supplies & Materials

General & Administrative

74.1%

7.2%



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OUR MISSION

The Elisabeth Morrow School's shared purpose is to provide exemplary academics and character development in a diverse and inclusive child-centered community, inspiring students to become curious scholars, ethical leaders, and global citizens.



THE APPLE TREE FUND

The Apple Tree Fund is the foundation of our fundraising efforts at EMS.

Parents and grandparents of our students, along with trustees, alumni, and friends, give generously, providing a significant portion of the school's budget, which allows tuition to remain steady and empowers the school leadership to spearhead new initiatives that benefit our students.

We thank all of our donors and volunteers for their commitment and generosity



THE APPLE TREE FUND HELPS EMS:

- Attract and retain the best teachers and provide ongoing professional development.
- Maintain small class sizes and individualized learning.
- Support an innovative STEAM curriculum.
- Offer a wide variety of athletics, as well as exemplary performing and visual arts programs.
- Purchase state-of-the-art technology, supplies, and materials for teaching and learning.
- · Advance our community life, equity, and belonging curriculum.
- Support our financial aid and tuition remission program.

APPLE TREE AMBASSADORS

A big thank you to our Apple Tree Ambassadors for their support with increasing grade-wide participation.

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APPLE TREE FUND THANK YOU RECEPTION

This event acknowledges the generosity of all donors, at all levels, to the Apple Tree Fund.



Save the Date!

Apple Tree Fund Thank You Reception

Feb 6, 2025

For all Apple Tree Fund donors who make gifts at any amount from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.



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We're excited to announce 100% faculty and staff participation!

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80% current parent participation

increase of 10% over last year.

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December 2023

Alumni from the Class of 1973 gathered to reconnect and reminisce for their 50th reunion. Highlights included a re-enactment of the Connie Chilton morning handshake, singing the Apple Tree Song, and touring their old classrooms. It was a heartfelt and wonderful celebration for everyone involved.



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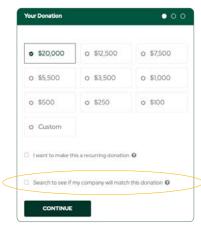
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A: Participation is important because it illustrates that the community is aligned with the mission and vision of the school. When everyone in the community gives, no matter what the amount, it shows their investment in the future of the school. Ultimately, participation helps the advancement team to reach its fundraising goals.

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Hello, EMS Families!

THANK YOU for your incredible support throughout the 2023-2024 school year! Your dedication has been essential to our vibrant, diverse community.

Nearly 100 parents assumed leadership roles within the EMS PA, from class parents to executive board members. About 80% were new, bringing fresh perspectives to our traditions, and over 80% were multilingual, reflecting EMS's rich cultural diversity.

These diverse backgrounds helped us achieve our mission of fostering an inclusive community, significantly enriching our events and programming.

Record numbers attended our school's flagship events like the Fall Festival, Book Fair, Storytelling Festival, Spring Benefit, and International Food Festival, all of which enhanced our community spirit and connection.

Our committees were also active: The Green Committee celebrated Earth Day with local conservation efforts, and the Community Service Committee managed a significant holiday gift drive. The Health & Wellness committee supported various wellness initiatives.

The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee and various affinity groups added cultural activities to our events, celebrating diverse traditions and enhancing engagement.

Volunteers were crucial, from managing the school store to facilitating major events and supporting faculty appreciation efforts. Class parents played a key role in connecting families and organizing events.

A special thanks to my executive board—Jasleen Batra P'27, Nadine Yavru-Sakuk '89, P: '23, '26, Fanny Shaulov Vainer P: '28, '30, Radha Nadkarni P'31, Jennifer Dixon Bethea P'33, Giovanni Valencia P'28, and Kristina Hernandez P'29. Your creativity and effort have been invaluable.

Lastly, immense gratitude to Cheyenne Pronga Cruz, Director of Community Life, Equity and Belonging, for your unwavering dedication. Your leadership deeply impacts our community.

Thank you all for a memorable year at EMS. Here's to continued success and community building!

Yours truly,

Sarah Lee

Sarah Lee, P: '28, '30, '33 Parents Association President







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