

8TH GRADE GIRLS' OUTINGS

Cairwood Estate: Fall

We begin our study of 20th century history with a review of life during the Gilded Age (1870-1900). The Cairwood Estate, built by John Pitcairn, founder of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., is a fine example of the advances made in design and technology after the Victorian Era of the 1800's. Cairwood has developed a program to take us back in time over a hundred years and to educate us in local history.

Glencairn Arts: Winter

Connected with our study of history, we will visit Glencairn. We will be given a tour of the architectural elements of the building relative to the historical era in which it was built. We will have a lesson in fashion history, focusing on how fashion reflects events and culture across decades (1890-1990), and will get a peek at dresses of Mildred Pitcairn's from this time frame. Two girls will have the opportunity to model 1920's fashions for the class. While the students have been to Glencairn many times over the years, this is a program designed especially for 8th grade girls, which they have never seen before.

Philadelphia Rock Gym: Spring

The Philadelphia Rock Gym offers a teambuilding and rock climbing program which is both challenging and fun. The girls will experience in a tangible way, what it means to work together as a group, trusting and relying on each other as they do some fun problem solving. They will discover their own strengths and some of their peers' as well. They may be surprised by what they learn. As they enter high school, they will need confidence in their ability to meet new challenges, and will find many opportunities to turn to each other for support and encouragement. This program will help them solidify connections that will serve them in the future.

8th Grade Play Day Spring

Near the end of the school year, we will take a few hours to celebrate the successes of the graduating students and enjoy some less structured time as a whole, co-ed class. Typically, we take a hike to play in the Pennypack, weather permitting.

