in the middle

Hathaway Brown
When visiting Hathaway Brown’s Middle School, guests often comment on its contagious energy and excitement.

We hope you’ll visit HB to learn firsthand about the magic of “the middle.”

Please call 216.320.8767 to schedule your personal tour.
BELAY ON
Trust, risk-taking, goal-setting, resiliency, and cooperation are just a few of the traits that Hathaway Brown’s signature Adventure Learning program aims to instill. The state-of-the-art outdoor course, as well as indoor elements create opportunities to meet the mental, physical, emotional and social needs of each Middle School student. Discover life lessons as you establish relationships, gain self-confidence, and learn to communicate, cooperate, and problem solve.
You’re never too little to make a difference
Girls Reaching Others Worldwide is a student-run foundation that develops an early interest in philanthropy as it encourages and supports learning in connection with civic engagement. Members of the GROW Foundation raise money and award grants to organizations and institutions in the Greater Cleveland area and beyond. Since 2000, GROW has raised more than $45,000 and awarded $35,000 in grants to HB and other community organizations supporting service learning. For each of the past four years, GROW itself has received $5,000 from the Crittenton Fund of the Cleveland Foundation to support projects for at-risk adolescent girls.
“I work the camera in the Worldwide Communications Center. It’s so cool to have control over what people see on TV.”

CHLOE, 6TH GRADER
**Question:** What do these things have in common?

1.) *Mapping the Silk Road to China*

2.) *Engineering a sustainable watercraft to sail students across the HB pool*

3.) *Editing video footage for myHBTV*

**Answer:** Seventh and eighth graders get to do each of these fun activities in the school’s Academy program, which allows them to choose between 20 different courses. Each class is designed to be fresh, exciting, and in line with students’ (and faculty members’) interests, talents, and passions.
The WEST Fellowship is an independent-study program for seventh and eighth graders. You can spend 1-2 years working on something that interests you with the help of dedicated mentors. In recent years, one student researched the evolution of Bollywood, another composed an original aria, and one even became a baker’s apprentice as she pursued the art of cake decorating.

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JOIN BLAZER NATION!
HB offers girls in grades seven and eight the option to participate in interscholastic athletics. Over the course of three seasons: Fall, Winter, and Spring, there are 10 sports to choose from. Nearly 80% of Middle School girls are student-athletes. Let’s go, Blazers!

**BASKETBALL • CROSS COUNTRY**

**FIELD HOCKEY • LACROSSE • SOCCER**

**SOFTBALL • SWIMMING • TENNIS**

**TRACK & FIELD • VOLLEYBALL**
HB scientists are making new and exciting discoveries every day. With guidance and support from Middle School science faculty, students select topics to independently research and develop projects using original experimentation and investigation in the elective Science Research Program. Participation culminates in projects for the HB Science and Engineering Fair in February.
if you build it ...
The FIRST LEGO League is a robotics program designed to excite students about science and technology. Prime and Middle School students learn how to design and build NXT Mindstorm robots and develop computer programs to manipulate and maneuver their new designs. They compete by researching, creating a solution, and making a presentation on a science topic that coordinates with the challenge theme for the year, such as transportation or biomedical engineering.
iLearn
Technology is an everyday part of HB students’ lives. Middle Schoolers use SMARTboards and iPads in their classrooms and create video recordings in the Worldwide Communications Center. And our new 1:1 program will allow each Middle Schooler to interface with her own digital equipment.
Through sisterhood, service and spirit, twice-annual Legacy Days bring students of all ages together with faculty and staff members from across the school. Red, Green, Blue, and Purple color groups gather to have fun getting to know each other while they give back to the greater community.
Joie de vivre
¡Bienvenidos! If you peer into one of the World Language classrooms, you might see two girls role-playing a hotel clerk and a patron making a hotel reservation in Spanish. Our faculty use a real-world approach to inspire girls to love language learning. This also prepares students well for one of the Middle School-sponsored trips they may elect to take to France or Panama. Students can begin studying their choice of French or Spanish in the fifth grade, and by the time they finish eighth grade, they may complete two full levels of high-school equivalent courses. Through the Academy Program, students also can explore an interest in Chinese.
Pack your bags and get ready for an adventure!
Girls in grades 5-8 travel as a class on two- to six-day overnight visits to special destinations.

**FIFTH GRADE:** Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum, Michigan

**SIXTH GRADE:** Heifer International’s Global Village, Michigan

**SEVENTH GRADE:** Sea Camp, Cape Cod

**EIGHTH GRADE:** Washington, D.C.

[HB.edu/classtrips]
With curriculum focused on the skills of 3D problem-solving, engineering, mechanical drawing, product testing, and model building, the Invention Lab is a place where girls work with lots of tools and materials.

**FIFTH GRADE:** Incorporated into mechanics science lesson using simple machines and engineering

**SIXTH GRADE:** Weekly visits to design and create projects such as a locker organizer

**SEVENTH GRADE:** Visits four days per week for an entire quarter to create original designs that are shared with the whole community

**EIGHTH GRADE:** Serves as a resource during preparation for the annual Science & Engineering Fair or to support WEST projects

[HB.edu/inventionlab](http://HB.edu/inventionlab)
Are you **BROWN**?

Or are you **GOLD**?
At the beginning of Middle School, you’ll be assigned to either the Brown or Gold team. Throughout the year, you’ll compete in a series of friendly activities, including seasonal field days and various spirit and service-related initiatives where each team has the opportunity to accumulate points, which leaves each girl cheering, “GO BROWN!” or “GO GOLD!”
Be advised!

“Ms. Cross is the best advisor in the world. She’s funny and energetic and helps me with organization and study plans.”

Cristina, 6th Grade
To help girls transition, every student in the Middle School is assigned an advisor. A friendly face with whom she meets regularly to discuss her schoolwork, grades, concerns, great ideas, and exciting happenings in her life, the advisor acts as the family’s liaison for school communication.
follow the leader
Leaders are created, not born, and Hathaway Brown’s Center for Girls’ and Women’s Leadership is committed to helping each girl tap into her potential to be a positive, powerful, engaging leader. By helping a classmate with a problem, standing up for a friend, arranging a team gathering, or volunteering in the Middle School office, girls are encouraged to assert themselves. Middle Schoolers may campaign for elected positions in Class Council, Student Council, GROW Advisory board, or as Brown and Gold team captains.
Let’s boogie.
To encourage fun, safe interactions between girls and boys, the Cleveland Council of Independent Schools plans social events for 7th-8th grade students. These fun-filled evenings allow HB girls to get to know students at other schools in the area. Socials usually include games, light refreshments, music, and dancing.
Yo quiero tacos!

87% of Middle Schoolers polled say “TACOS” are their favorite things for lunch.
There’s always something tasty for even the pickiest of eaters in our school servery. Middle Schoolers sit at designated tables and advisor groups are assigned weekly tasks to maintain a clean dining environment.

**HOT LUNCH LINE**
*Homemade pizza always draws crowds!*

**COLD SANDWICH DELI BAR**

**SALAD BAR**  *Features locally grown produce and vegetarian options.*

**SOUP BAR**  *Always two to choose from.*

**FRUIT, BREAD/BAGEL AND CEREAL STATIONS**

**BEVERAGES**  *with hot and cold options!*

[HB.edu/lunch](HB.edu/lunch)
"I love ski club! At first I was afraid to go down even the beginner-level hills, but hanging out with my friends gave me the courage to try! With the club lessons and encouragement, I have really improved."

ALYSSA, 6TH GRADER
In the Middle School, the day does not end when the dismissal bell rings at 3:10. Many students stay on campus to discover new interests and delve deeper into their favorite subjects by participating in more than a dozen afterschool Clubs and Activities.

Whether you choose to swoosh down the slopes with the Ski Club, blaze a trail in a developmental lacrosse clinic, fire a clay sculpture in the Play with Clay club, or decorate cookies in the baking club, you can try your hand at plenty of things and have a great time doing it.
just strum.
From Taylor Swift to Glee, Middle School guitarists play favorite pop-culture and traditional sing-along songs during assembly periods. Middle Schoolers have the option to start strumming beginning in the fifth grade Guitar Ensemble.
WHITE OR BLACK TOP

HB PLAID OR KHAKI KILT

HAIR ACCESSORIES OF ANY COLOR

WHITE SOCKS OR WHITE OR BLACK TIGHTS/LEGGINGS

BROWN OR BLACK TIE SHOES OR LOAFERS

what 2 wear?
In addition to the uniform pictured, HB Middle Schoolers can also wear:

- **White or black HB sweatshirt**
- **White or black plain sweater**
- **HB fleece vest**
- **Any HB shirt on Fridays**
- **Khaki pants**
- **Yellow kilt**

Stylish HB apparel can be purchased in our school store, The Brown Bag. Stop by while on campus, or check out www.hb.edu/brownbag. Some items may be purchased through school uniform supplier Schoolbelles.