Nobles Winter Open House Schedule

6:45 p.m.

**Academic Life In The Middle School** — (Morrison Forum — Pratt Middle School)
John Gifford, Head of Middle School, Panel of Middle School Students
The seventh and eighth years are a period of tremendous growth for students. The intellectual, emotional, and physical changes that occur make this an especially important time to have a comfortable environment in which to learn and grow. Ask John Gifford and Middle School students questions about academic rigor, the social adjustment to a new school, and the transition to the Upper School at Nobles.

**Science At Nobles** — (Room 216 — Baker Building)
Jen Craft, Head of Science Department, Panel of Students
The Nobles science curriculum is designed to nurture the development of strong analytical and critical thinking skills in students and a dynamic curiosity for the world around them. Join department head Jen Craft and a panel of students for a Q & A session on what it’s like to study science at Nobles.

**The Process of Applying to an Independent School** — (Room 111 — Shattuck Schoolhouse)
Cassie Velázquez, Associate Director of Admission
Let us de mystify what can be a confusing admission process. This session will focus on the admission interview, teacher recommendations, standardized testing, and the admission calendar.

**Performing Arts At Nobles** — (Vinik Theatre — Arts Building)
Michael Turner, Todd Morton – Performing Arts Faculty, Panel of Students
Join department faculty and students to learn about curricular and extra-curricular opportunities in theatre, dance and music.

**Diversity At Nobles** — (Room 112 — Shattuck Schoolhouse)
Steven Tejada, Dean of Diversity Initiatives, Panel of Students
When everybody thinks alike, nobody thinks. Nobles is committed to a pluralistic community because students learn both inside and outside of the classroom, from teachers and from each other. Come learn more about diversity at Nobles.

**Visual Arts Discussion** (Foster Gallery — Arts Building)
Betsy Van Oot, Nora Creahan, David Roane, Visual Arts Faculty
Visual arts faculty will present Straight Lines are Overrated: Debunking the Talent Myth. They will discuss how the arts curriculum at Nobles prepares students for the kind of creative problem solving that will serve them well across disciplines and as they take on more difficult challenges in high school, college and beyond.

7:30 p.m.

**Athletics At Nobles** — (Lawrence Auditorium — Shattuck Schoolhouse)
Alex Gallagher, Athletic Director, Panel of Students
Successful varsity athletic teams receive all the publicity, but a strong athletic program begins with solid coaching and skill development. We will discuss the philosophy behind athletics at Nobles and our approach for all participants.

**Academic Life In The Upper School** (also at 8:15 p.m.)— (Towles Auditorium — Baker Building)
Michael Denning, Head of the Upper School, Panel of Students
The academic program in the Upper School begins with a structured curriculum for ninth and tenth graders while offering a wide array of electives and Advanced Placement classes for juniors and seniors. Students are exposed to a variety of college-preparatory subjects in their first two years and then offered more choices and opportunities for exploration in the junior and senior years, all with an eye toward preparation for the academic experience in college.

**Transition To Upper School** — (Recital Hall — Arts Building)
David Ulrich, Edgar De Leon, Class IV Deans, Panel of ninth Grade Students
Parents of incoming ninth grade students are often concerned about the adjustment to life at a new school. Faculty and students will address the issues of the transition to Nobles. Topics will include course schedule, homework expectations, making friends, advising, and the afternoon program.

**The Present & Future of Technology At Nobles** — (Room 113—Shattuck Schoolhouse)
Alycia Scott-Hiser, Director of Academic Technology
More than any other educational tool, technology has changed the way we teach and learn. Topics include our current use of Google Apps for Education across the curriculum, the integration of classroom web sites, the second year of our iPad pilot program and the future of technology at Nobles.
Life After Classes in the Middle School – (Pratt Middle School–Forum)
Colette Finley, Middle School Dean, Panel of students
School life at Nobles does not end at 2:30 p.m. After classes, students participate in a range of activities. The afternoon program consists of offerings in many sports as well as non-competitive activities. In addition to the afternoon program, there are also many clubs and organizations. Some examples are the Middle School Book Club, the Middle School Multicultural Association, and the Community Service Organization.

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Brooke Asnis, Admission Officer
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Financial Aid – (Room 117–Baker Building)
Nan Bussey, Director of Financial Aid
Whether at the high school or college level, the process of applying for financial aid can be daunting. From direct grants to loans, Nan Bussey will provide an overview of the various options available to finance an independent school education. She will also review the forms required for the financial assistance process as well as answer any specific questions that you might have.

Questions and Answers with the Head of School – (Recital Room — Arts Building)
Bob Henderson, Head of School
As you consider a variety of educational options, it is important to ask the tough questions of each institution. Bob Henderson will be available to answer any and all questions about Nobles. Take this opportunity to discuss the school’s educational philosophies and the future of Nobles.

Travel Opportunities at Nobles – (Room 112–Shattuck Schoolhouse)
Laura Yamartino, Modern Language Faculty
Part of the Nobles travel program mission is to graduate responsible, empathetic and skilled global citizens, by offering a variety of challenging domestic and international travel opportunities. Come learn more about the Nobles travel program and opportunities to study away from Nobles.

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