The mission of Emerson School is to provide a whole-child, multiple method approach to instruction for gifted and for academically talented students. Emerson School encourages creativity, problem solving, and the development of basic skills, while providing a warm, supportive environment that promotes responsibility for oneself and others.
Dear Friends of Emerson,

It is a privilege and a pleasure for me to lead the Emerson School Board of Trustees. My family and I have been through six exciting years at Emerson. Between the four of us, we’ve been parents, volunteers, students, athletes, actors, musicians, leaders of ESPO and Pizza Lunch, and Trustees. Jen and the kids (Michael, 2013 and Lindsey, 2015) deserve the credit for nearly all of these roles. We’ve had some wonderful years at Emerson, but, as you can imagine, this past year was probably the most exciting of all.

We watched the entire Emerson Community come together to complete an impressive middle school expansion and a transformative Arts & Innovation Center. Because of your generosity and your efforts, Emerson is poised for a very bright future!

On a personal note, I’m often asked why I stay involved at Emerson – even after both our children have graduated. Simply put, I like to be part of a winning team. And a team, that I believe, makes Ann Arbor a better place to live. The leadership team and the faculty at Emerson are second-to-none. Our parent community is active and vibrant. Most importantly, our graduates are not only well-prepared for high school, but well-prepared for life.

I’d like to thank all our Trustees for their dedication of time, talent, and resources to our school. Your Board of Trustees brings a diverse set of skills and expertise in their contributions. Their work is purely voluntary and requires nearly year-round effort. For that, I am grateful.

I’d also like to thank Jerry Loewen for his years of leadership at Emerson and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

And finally, let’s all welcome John Huber, our new Head of School. John brings impressive credentials and will lead us toward even more educational and community success.

Glenn Barba
Chair, Board of Trustees
Letter from the Head

To the Emerson Community:

It is a great joy to be writing to you as Emerson’s new Head of School! My family and I are delighted to enter into this incredible community. And while the school year is just getting underway, I can report to you that our faculty and staff are equally energized to begin the next chapter of the School’s robust history.

As I was interviewing for this position, I was frequently asked what attracted me to Emerson. My response is too lengthy to provide here, as Emerson has many great strengths, but one strength in particular is the community’s demonstrated philanthropic support for important programmatic needs. For example, our new middle school classrooms give us much-needed space for students to work together. Our new music rooms are state-of-the-art, complete with small and large group practice spaces. And our Arts and Innovation Center is a marvelously flexible space for rehearsals and performances, lectures, parent gatherings, presentations, and even outside performances. All this is made possible by the support of our entire community, and by you.

Now that I am here and am planning for the upcoming school year, I look forward to continuing the excellent work begun by Head of School Jerry Loewen in developing our curriculum. We will also seek new opportunities to partner with the Ann Arbor community. We will look to provide further financial support for families in need. Finally, we will further develop our already-robust fundraising, so that these other goals may be achieved. As example, just two days ago, the faculty and staff participation in the Annual Fund reached 100%—before the end of the first week of school! This sort of commitment is emblematic of their dedication, and yours as well. I thank you for past gifts, as well as gifts yet to come.

With deepest appreciation,

John Huber
Head of School
Look Back at 2014-2015

- First Day of School
- ESPO Back-to-School Picnic
- Building STEAM Middle School Addition Opens
- Ice Cream Social
- Latin Naming Ceremony
- 8th Grade Camp
- 5th Grade Camp
- Middle School Curriculum Night
- Lower School Curriculum Night
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Soccer Tournament
- Volleyball Tournament
- Halloween Parade
- Science Fair
- Middle School Community Service Day #1
- Geography Bee
- Book Fair at Nicola’s Books
- Middle School Band & Orchestra Concert
- 4th & 5th Grade Book Quest Finale
- ESPO Bake Sale
- Grandfriends Day
- Middle School Musical: Pirates of Penzance, Jr.
- Lower School Band & Orchestra Concert
- Winter Sharing Celebration
- Building STEAM Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Arts and Innovation Center
- All State Band & Orchestra Performances
- Middle School Up to the Future for 5th Graders
- Boys Basketball Tournament
- Model UN Conference
- Middle School Band and Orchestra Retreat
- Solo & Ensemble Festival
- First Open Mic Night at Emerson
- Middle School Play: Gifted & This is a Test
- Emerson Auction
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Band and Orchestra Retreat
- Girls Basketball Tournament
- TEDxEmersonSchool
- 2nd & 3rd Grade Book Quest Finale
- Middle School Science Olympiad
- Lower School and Middle School Band and Orchestra Concert
- Kindergarten and 1st Grade Art and Music Sharing
- 2nd & 3rd Grade Art Music Night
- Forensics Team State Tournament
- AIM Diversity Symposium
- Emerson Bed Cross Blood Drive
- 4th & 5th Grade Art Music Night
- 8th Grade Florida Trip
- 7th Grade D.C. Trip
- 6th Grade Ohio Trip
- Lower School Band and Orchestra Concert
- Middle School & Alumni Band & Orchestra Concert
- Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad
- Used Book Sale
- Middle School Community Service Day #2
- World Language Soccer Tournament
- Field Day
- 8th Annual Food Gatherers Food Drive
- Emerson’s Got Talent Show
- Awards Assembly
- Graduation
Congratulations Alumni

CLASS OF 2015 HIGH SCHOOLS
The most recent class of Emerson alumni are now beginning their new adventures at the following high schools:

COMMUNITY
- Julia Ammer
- Benjamin Chambers
- Allison Currott
- Ethan Kahana
- Collum McCullough
- Ava Millman
- Andrea Tappenden

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- Matthew Murray

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- Delenn Bauer
- Meera Bhagat
- Maxwell Colis
- Isabelle Crumm
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- Clara Martin
- Jessica Norris
- Joseph Pinto
- Riley Pahlman
- William Orpahart

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- Lily Gillman
- Olivia Gottman
- Lukas Janson

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- Omar Hassan
- Orion Kleinsorge
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- Emma Throm
- Camden Treiber
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- John Byers
- Liam Coolican
- Mobin Mazlooomian
- Amelia Spear
- Kieran Witgen
- Justin Zhang

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- Laura Burns, Huron
- Randle Jo Evans, Brighton
- Emma Hall, Dexter
- Biruk Tewodros, Westside (NE)
- Benjamin Whiting

VIHI
- Maya Akhoury
- Lindsey Barba
- Graham Baldwin

CLASS OF 2011 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
- Celeste Adams, Unconfirmed
- Sophie Anderson, Tufts University
- Sonal Bahl, Kalamazoo College
- Isabella Benjey, Unconfirmed
- Olivia Benjey, Unconfirmed
- Victor Boyse-Peacor, University of Michigan
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- Julian Schattenmann, Munich, Germany
- Olga Sokolova, Kettering University
- Robin Speth, Gap Year
- Alexis Squires, Eastern Michigan University
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Funding Education at Emerson School

**Your Generous Gifts Fill the Tuition Gap**

As at virtually all independent schools, tuition and fees do not cover the complete cost of educating our children. This gap is filled by generous gifts from our families, alumni parents, friends, local businesses, and foundations.

- **Annual Fund Gifts:** 2%
- **Auction Gifts:** 3%
- **Summer Program:** 2%
- **After School Program:** 3%
- **Other:** 2%
- **Net Tuition:** 88%

**Every Gift Matters**

Gifts to the Annual Fund are factored into Emerson School’s operating budget, and we count on the contribution from every family to provide the resources to keep Emerson such an exceptional place to learn.

**A Tax-Deductible Means of Paying Tuition**

Your contribution to the Annual Fund is tax deductible, though tuition is not. The actual cost to send a child to Emerson is about five percent more than tuition ($870 averaged) and the Annual Fund is a more cost-effective way for parents to pay for the entirety of their child’s schooling.
Thank you to everyone who generously gave to Emerson’s Annual Fund and Auction. These gifts contribute directly to Emerson’s operating budget and allow our children to tap into new technology, to observe guest speakers and performers, to learn from faculty who stay on the cutting edge of their field, and to receive financial aid.

**RECOGNITION OF GIFTS**
Annual Fund donors are recognized for gifts received from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Gifts to the Emerson Auction are recognized separately by:

- Sponsors
- Advertisers
- Item donors
- Volunteers
- Attendees

**Summary of Giving**

**Total Annual Giving:** $335,421

**Auction**
- $173,233
  - Auction Net: $104,183
  - Financial Aid: $69,050

**Annual Fund**
- $160,566
  - Unrestricted: $141,225
  - Financial Aid: $19,341

**Other Gifts**
- $1,622

**Participation**

- **Parents:** 68%
  - 2015
  - 2014
  - 2013

- **Faculty:** 100%
  - 2015
  - 2014
  - 2013

- **Trustees:** 100%
  - 2015
  - 2014
  - 2013

**Financial Aid:** $88,391
A RECORD-SETTING YEAR FOR PARTICIPATION!

Emerson School could not operate without generous giving to the Annual Fund. These contributions are factored into each year’s operating budget, making it crucial that the entire Emerson community participates. Thank you to each and every donor who did just that during the 2014-2015 school year, including 100 percent of Emerson’s Board of Trustees, 100 percent of faculty and staff, and a record 68 percent of Emerson families.

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Other Gifts
Spotlight on Emerson

On March 13, 2015, the community of Emerson parents, trustees, alumni parents, faculty, staff, and friends came together for a night of fundraising fun at the Emerson Auction. Thanks to the generous donors and bidders, $173,233 (net) was raised for Emerson School’s operating budget, including $69,050 for financial aid.

Thank you to all of the hard working and dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and enthusiastic bidders who continue to make the Auction a sensational annual event.

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Top of the Lamp
Travis Pointe Country Club
University of Michigan Museum of Art
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By every measure, Emerson’s Building STEAM Capital Campaign was a resounding success! Publicly launched in November 2013, the Emerson community set its sights on raising funds for four new middle school classrooms and a 16,000 square foot flexible Arts & Innovation Center that would provide performance and presentation space, a Middle School lunch area, Band and Orchestra classrooms, and a fully equipped stage. Thanks to the broad support of our community, including a generous challenge gift from the Marcantonio family, we met our $3 million goal by June 30, 2014—a full year ahead of schedule.

In September 2014, our Middle School students and teachers moved into their new classrooms, eliminating the need for our tired portables. The Arts & Innovation Center opened in January 2015 after a celebratory ribbon cutting party for the entire Emerson community. In the spring of 2015 we inaugurated our new facility with band and orchestra concerts, Art/Music nights, Open Mic events, and our first graduation on stage.

As with all independent schools, transformative projects like this only become a reality when the community is united in its support. We are continually amazed by and grateful for the extraordinary support of our parents, alumni parents, faculty, staff and the greater Ann Arbor community. It is thrilling to see Emerson’s facilities fully equipped to embrace and respond to the learning challenges of the 21st Century.

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The Campaign for Emerson School

Campaigns like this almost never finish early, but the passionate Emerson community has always exceeded expectations. Thank you to each and every one of you who generously gave to meet the needs of our school. You took Building STEAM and turned it into ‘full STEAM ahead,’ impacting students today and for generations to come.

Michelle Crumm, Building STEAM Campaign Chair
Timeline

**AUGUST 2012**
Consultant interviews more than 60 Emerson parents, alumni parents, faculty, and staff as part of initial Feasibility Study

**FALL 2012**
Emerson assembles Campaign Cabinet, composed of volunteers who will dedicate hundreds of hours to the Campaign, and begins quiet phase of fundraising

**FEBRUARY 2013**
Board of Trustees approves $3M fundraising campaign

**NOVEMBER 2013**
Campaign kicks off with Pep Rally for Emerson Community; $3M goal announced with $1.6M raised to date

**MAY 2014**
Groundbreaking Ceremony is part of Emerson’s 40th Anniversary Celebration

**JUNE 2014**
Emerson meets the $500k challenge and surpasses $3M goal—one year ahead of schedule

**SEPTEMBER 2013**
Board of Trustees approves $3M fundraising campaign

**FEBRUARY 2014**
Emerson receives $500,000 gift, with a challenge to the Emerson Community to match the donation by June 30, 2014

**SEPTEMBER 2014**
Architects, Lindhout Associates, complete schematic design

**JANUARY 2015**
Emerson Community celebrates project completion with ribbon-cutting ceremony

**SPRING 2015**
Emerson’s first Art Music Nights, Band and Orchestra concerts, and Graduation take place in new Arts and Innovation Center

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Middle School expansion opens, students and faculty begin using new classrooms, conference rooms, and technology

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John Huber, Head of School
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A: Alumni  AF: Alumni Families  T: Faculty & Staff  FT: Former Faculty & Staff  S: Student  GP: Grandparent
Thank You ESPO

Emerson School would like to express its gratitude to the hard-working ESPO (Emerson School Parent Organization) volunteers. Their fundraising efforts continue to ensure Emerson students have access to outstanding resources in and out of the classroom, and their generous gifts of time and talent fill our halls with joy and laughter.

This year funding from ESPO events helped:

- Purchase a MacBook, a HD video camera, and accoutrements to enable the live streaming of Emerson events. The 2015 Graduation was Emerson’s first test!
- Greatly expand Library resources with profits from the Book Fair at Nicola’s Books
- Expand Emerson’s facilities through the Building STEAM campaign with generous proceeds from Pizza Lunch

Thanks for all that you do!
Community Service

Every year, students, faculty, and staff give back to our school, the greater Ann Arbor community, and our world in meaningful ways. Below are some of them.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS
• Big Brothers Big Sisters Elective
• Brecon Village Retirement Community Student Visits
• Emerson CA.R.E Drive for Alpha House
• Emerson Used Book Sale Benefiting Alpha House, Perry School, and Share House
• Faculty and Staff Community Service Day – Barton Nature Area
• InterGen Tech Senior Technology Training Class
• Middle School Community Service Days (2) – Barton Nature Area with Natural Area Preservation
• Pancake Breakfast Benefitting Ann Arbor Area Community Fund’s “Warm the Children”
• Reading Buddies
• Red Cross Blood Drive
• Sri Lanka Orphanage Water Bottle Drive
• Silver Maples Retirement Home Student Visits
• Toasty Toes Sock Drive
• UNICEF (United Nation Children’s Fund) Halloween Coin Collection
To ensure Emerson faculty and staff continue to be on the cutting edge of their field, they regularly pursue professional development opportunities.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS
- Association for Independent Michigan Schools (AIMS) Diversity Summit
- Ceramics Conference
- Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Conference
- Creative Literacies: Expanding Our View (2)
- Designing for Deep Thinking (7)
- Greg Tang Teacher Workshop (3)
- Independent Schools Association of Central States (ISACS) Academy for Division Heads
- Independent School Management Workshops
- International Society for Technology in Education Annual Conference
- Institute for Educational Development - Digital Storytelling (4)
- ISACS Annual Conference
- ISACS Annual Heads Conference
- ISACS Diversity Summit
- ISACS Webinars: Various
- ISACS Workshop: Writing
- Learning and the Brain Conference
- Michigan Association for Educational Data Systems
- Michigan Association for Gifted Children Conference
- Michigan Music Conference
- Michigan World Language Association Conference
- National After-school Association Conference
- National Association for Gifted Children Conference
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Conference
- People of Color Conference
- Smelinsas Literacy Workshop
- Society of Health and Physical Educators Conference
- Spark Innovation & Think Creatively Seminar

CLASSES, TRAININGS, CLINICS, & SPEAKERS
- ALICE Training for All Faculty and Staff
- Annie Zinkel Speaker
- Assistive Tech with Roger Lauer (2)
- Ceramics Class
- Graduate Classes
- Microsoft Excel Workshop
- New Teacher Mentorship Program
- New Teacher Orientation
- Sage Training
- Science Olympiad Coach Clinic
- Summercore Classes

OTHER RESOURCES
Annual Fund contributions also support the purchase of books and other educational materials by faculty/staff at conferences and workshops.