

Dear Families,

The Brimmer-Northlands new International Student Exchange program is part of our 21st century skills school philosophy invested in whole-person education. An integral part of this is the development of each individual as a global citizen. One of its main objectives is to imbue our students with respect and care for others, embracing all national identities. It fully supports the notion that learning about diversity and cultural differences is a way to discover that human responsibility lies well beyond our known circles to include other ethnic groups, religions, ideals, and humanity as one. We consider it important that our young people learn to appreciate cultural differences and to develop the flexibility and tolerance that will allow them to be effective members of an increasingly international society. Brimmer has been active in organizing trips every other year to different parts of the world through our successful Winterim program. The purpose of travel exchanges is to allow our students to develop a greater awareness of their own cultural identity and that of others. This new International Student Exchange Program with Northlands School in Buenos Aires offers our students a new and excellent opportunity to improve their language skills and to further develop their inter and intra-personal aptitudes.

If you would like your child to be considered as an exchange candidate for hosting in January 2017 and then immersion travel to Argentina in June 2017, please complete the form and return it to Mirna Goldberger (Coordinator of the International Student Exchange Program) before November 1. Brimmer will make a final decision as to who qualifies after the full application process is reviewed in late fall 2016. On the form, please make your selection according to the interest specified. The students who host will be given preference, but it will not be an exclusionary requirement. For the time being, we need 6 families that could host 4 girls and 2 boys, each between the end of January 2017 and the start of February 2017.

Up to 10 students will be able to participate in the exchange program traveling to Argentina at the end of June 2017. The process will require each student to write an essay of 500-800 words to explain how this experience will enhance his/her education. In addition, the students selected must demonstrate a commitment to his or her academics. The students will be fully immersed in a rigorous academic exchange for 2-3 weeks (taking place at the end of June 2017 after Brimmer's academic year is over) and will represent Brimmer in a different country.