ARUNA BALASUBRAMANIAN (2018)



GRADUATING CLASS/CURRENT POSITION AND LOCATION

I graduated from EFIP with the class of 2018. Now, I am a sophomore at Harriton High School in Rosemont, PA.

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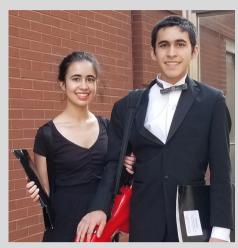
WHAT DID YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR TIME AT EFIP AND WHY?

I enjoyed elementary school the most, because I liked learning French and feeling connected to French culture, even though my family doesn't have a French background. This was especially true when I left EFIP after second grade to move to Paris for a year, and came back to EFIP the year after when I moved back to the US. It was fun keeping up the French language, and making friends with whom I could chat and play in bilingual conversations (or "Frenglish", as I like to call it - a mixture of French and English).



PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT STUDIES/WORK.

Right now I am a 10th grader at Harriton High School. In school, my electives involve computer science and visual arts. Outside of school, I play violin and sitar, and perform in the Philadelphia Sinfonia youth orchestra. On Thursday nights, I come to the EFIP Upper School for a French philosophy reading group with Mr. Paradis. In addition, I participate in many clubs at Harriton. I am a witness in Mock Trial, I am a coder for the VEX Robotics team, I write for the Harriton Banner (the school newspaper), and I am the head site designer of Zenith (the club that organizes the art department's website).



ARUNA AND HER BROTHER RAVI



WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEMORY OF YOUR STUDENT LIFE AT FFIP?

My best memory of my student life at EFIP is when I walked into the playground at the Lower School, the morning of my first day of fourth grade. That was the first time that I had been back at EFIP since I moved to France the year before, and I was really excited. The whole year that I was living in Paris, I assumed that when I would go back to EFIP, I would have to re-introduce myself to everybody, because people would have forgotten me a little. But when I stepped out into the playground, a horde of my old friends ran towards me and started yelling and hugging me. It felt great.