We are pleased to announce our winter offering starting the week of January 25, 2021

**SALON SERIES**

Course for adults and Upper School students

*Identity & Justice: Who are We as a Nation and What Makes a Nation*

Our 9-week Salon Series (a true Pilates of the Mind!) will take place online this fall, starting on January 28 and ending March 18.

The crisis of Covid-19 sent global shock waves across nations that fundamentally altered and redefined the meaning of health, safety and freedom. By laying bare unresolved injuries from the past and exposing major fault lines in national solidarity and social cohesiveness, the rippling effects of Covid-19 have intensified national conversations about: national identity, freedom of speech, and symbols of public remembrance; the contested role of governments and the rule of law; the meaning of protection through law enforcement, the use of force and digital surveillance as well as the role of social contracts to address and counter disenfranchisement.

Using the lenses of freedom of expression, electoral systems, racial, gender and socio-economic identities, and criminal justice to name a few, we will leverage cross-cultural comparisons as effective protocols to carve “safe and brave space” and trace how varying responses to the virus have revealed different conceptions of nation and governance.

Themes of discussion will include:

- Gender and Politics: New Zealand & Taiwan's handling of Covid-19; the French model of gender Parité
- How relevant and exportable is the concept of “white privilege” to address post-colonial and post-slavery legacies within and outside the US?
- Can material reparations be a substitute for a broader framework of restorative justice?
- US electoral system in comparative perspectives: the resilience of disenfranchisement
- African American and homosexual exiles in Paris from Gertrude Stein to Genêt, Langston Hughes, Richard Wright, James Baldwin and Ta-Nehisi Coates
- First Amendment conundrum: protecting the speech that we hate or protecting hate speech?
- Truth, trust, faith & facts and the fight against Covid-19: suspicion versus rational doubt
- Law enforcement versus the rule of law: How to tame violence in America?

**AFTER-SCHOOL LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN**

After-school French and Chinese classes for children ages 6-10

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