



Imagine this

for your son

Boarding in Grades 5–9



THE
FESSENDEN
SCHOOL

Imagine

a remarkable educational
experience

The Fessenden School is a place like no other — a place where words like *distinct*, *unique*, and *incomparable* genuinely apply. A place where, despite being surrounded by 41 picturesque New England acres, boys are never far from the excitement of Boston, one of the most vibrant and culturally rich cities in America — a city just 10 miles away.

Fessenden has prepared generations of boys for life in secondary school and beyond. Today, the School attracts boarding students from across the country and around the globe, each seeking to grow as a scholar, an artist, an athlete, and a citizen of the world. This all-encompassing experience is transformational, putting students on a path toward global understanding, awareness, and appreciation.

Fessenden is a place marked by extraordinary education both in and out of the classroom — a place with an inclusive community that engages and inspires long after the academic day comes to an end. As you read on, imagine the possibilities.

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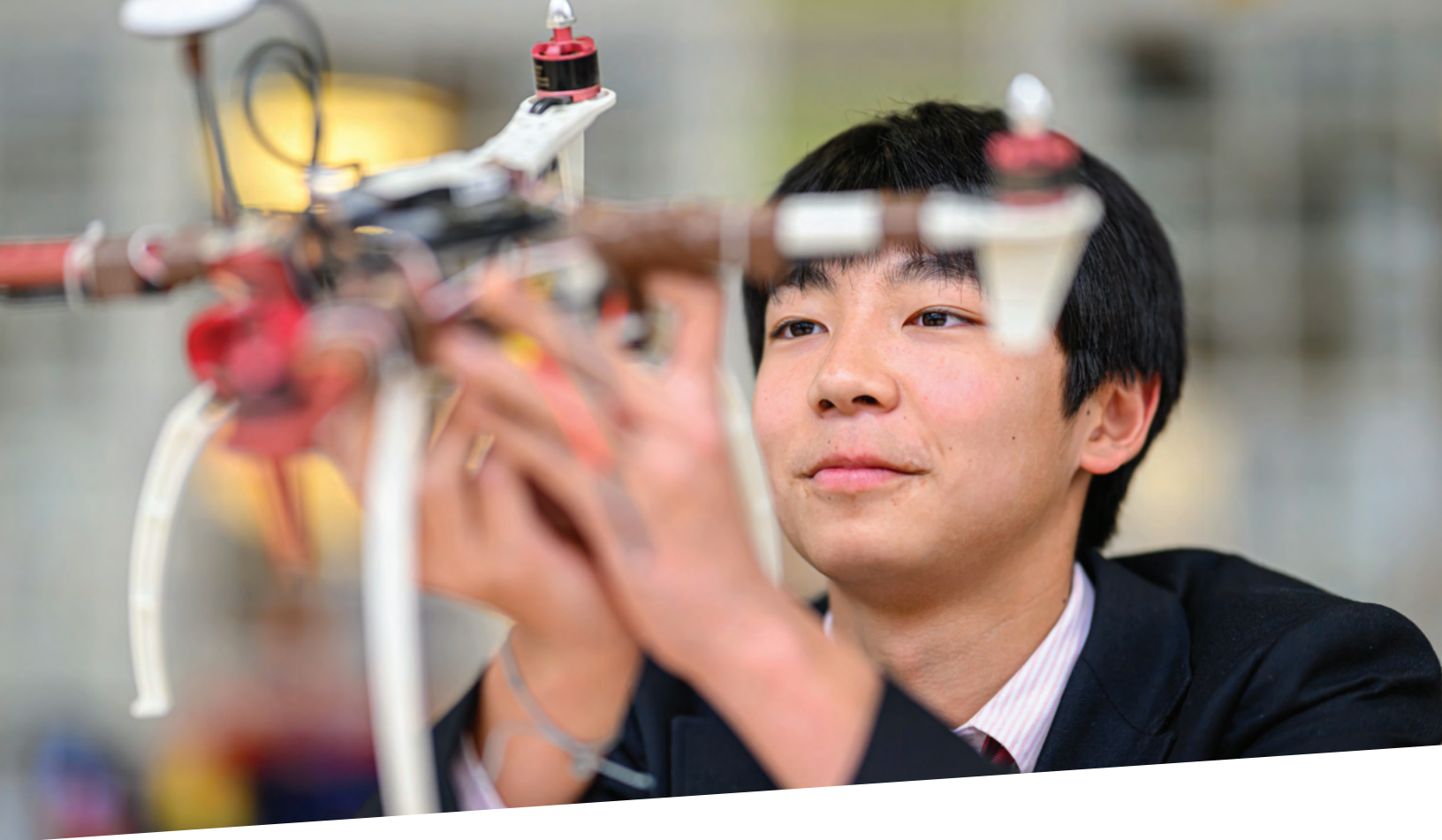




an educational and social journey with lifelong benefits

While increasing their command of core academic subjects, Middle and Upper School students undergo a transformation. Boys take ownership of their studies while building a deeper sense of self-confidence and social responsibility. They become their own advocates. They seek opportunities for discovery and mastery. They gain the independence and skills they need to excel in secondary school and in life.

For boarders, these experiences are enriched by meaningful relationships that develop in our residential community. It's not uncommon to see lively classroom debates progress well into the evening, or to find boys supporting one another in their studies. Resilience, empathy, and self-awareness come to life in dorm rooms and at dinner tables — moments boys will only experience as boarding students.



Imagine

learning by doing

You will sense an energy and excitement the moment you step onto campus. It is in every classroom, lab, art studio, hallway, and, more importantly, it is ingrained in every community member. Fessenden boys question, explore, and gain understanding through hands-on inquiry, collaboration, and investigation. They seek answers and solve real-world problems with actionable, insightful solutions.

Learning is never bound by a lesson plan or textbook. Boys head to the Ciongoli Center for Innovation to tinker, test theories, or build a working prototype. They take on the challenge of using project-based learning to improve the lives of physically challenged individuals. The result—a fire alarm that emits a wasabi scent to warn the hearing impaired of danger or an automated plant watering system to help promote a greener planet.

No matter where or what they're learning, we encourage an iterative process that celebrates successes and setbacks, all in the spirit of discovery and development.





learning the power of leadership

Leaders are made at Fessenden. We see it when boys volunteer to be ninth grade dorm proctors, team captains, or members of the Leadership Lab. We applaud when they jump at the opportunity to visit local senior centers or to do yardwork for neighbors in need. We are proud when they give up free time to teach young people with physical and emotional differences to ice skate.

By learning the transformative power of leadership and strong character, boys develop the skills needed to succeed academically, socially, and professionally. Our boarding students do it all while learning to take responsibility for themselves. From keeping their dorm rooms clean to navigating time management and choosing their own weekend adventures, boys learn the importance of their actions.

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athletics for every
interest and ability

Fessenden's core values of honesty, compassion, and respect are just as important on the athletic fields as they are in the classroom. Boys celebrate both individual and team success while developing lasting friendships with teammates and strengthening bonds with Fessenden faculty coaches. Daily lessons about sportsmanship, dedication, and achievement prepare boys to become well-rounded student athletes.

Our athletic program ensures boys of all skill levels experience the power of organized sports. The results speak volumes: boys have gone on to be leaders in high school and college athletics, while gaining valuable lessons that bolster their success inside and outside of the classroom.



the art of exploring the arts

Creativity, self-expression, and appreciation for the arts and culture are fundamental pieces of a Fessenden education. In classrooms, studios, and on stages, boys in Grades 5–9 experience the arts firsthand, with offerings including photography, digital media, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, woodworking, orchestra, percussion, theatre, and more.

It's not uncommon for a student to discover a talent or passion he didn't know he had. When he does, there's always an opportunity to engage and evolve through hands-on coursework and independent study, all aimed at helping him uncover his true artistic voice.





Imagine

weekends that last
a lifetime

Located 15 minutes from downtown Boston and in the heart of New England, Fessenden has an “extended campus” that’s second to none. The North End for Italian meals. Dim sum in Chinatown. Heart-pounding rivalries at Gillette Stadium and Harvard. Action-packed adventures like snowboarding, kayaking, mountain biking, and fishing. Quiet evenings on campus with friends. We do it all.

With more than 800 weekend trips planned each school year, there’s truly never a dull moment. Our students take these memories with them long after graduation — memories they shared with friends and faculty while diving into new experiences and exploring new passions together.





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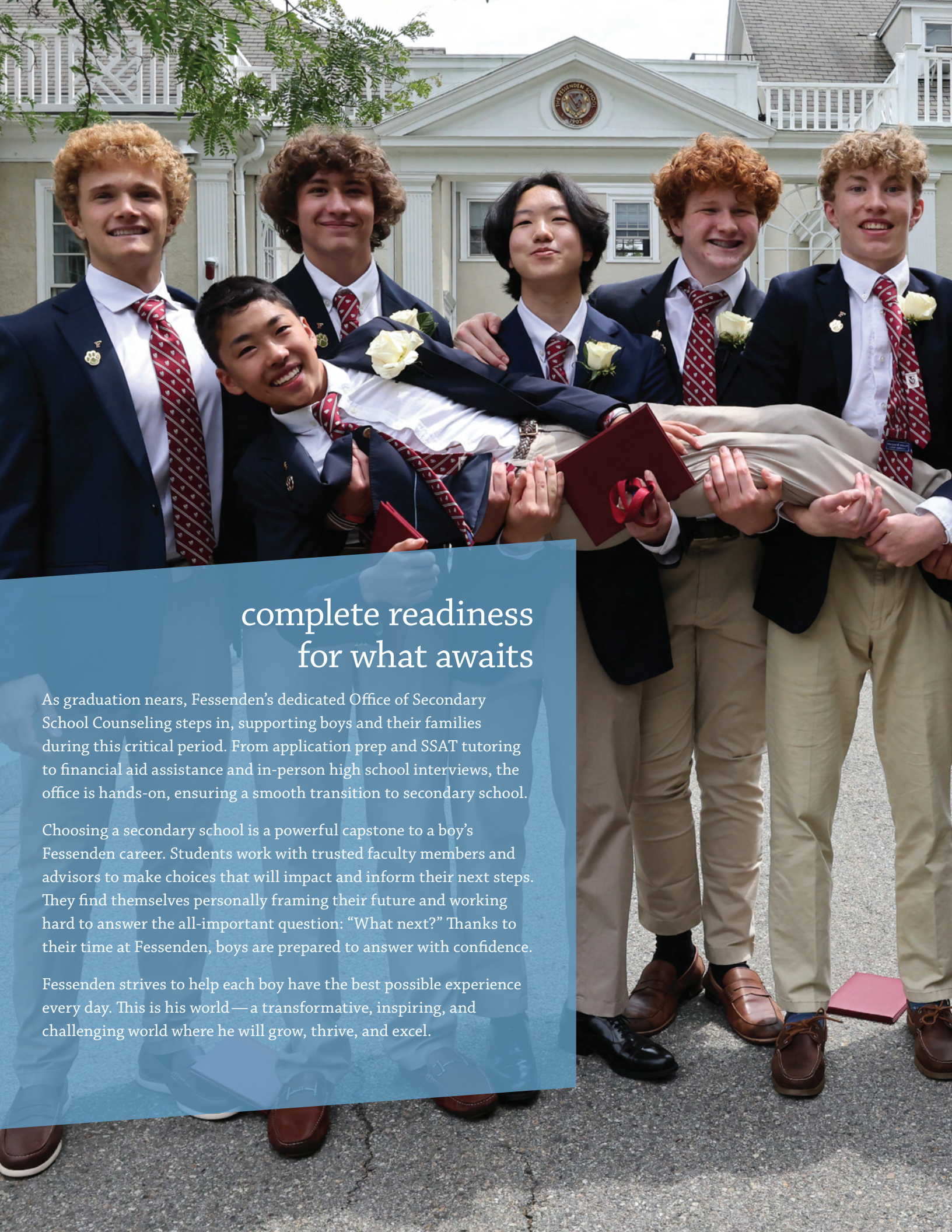
partners in parenting

Fessenden faculty wear many hats — teacher, coach, advisor, mentor, and dorm parent. Whether boys board five or seven days per week, we partner with parents from day one. While we have a daily, 360-degree view of your son, we know that your insights are essential to his academic and social-emotional progress. We welcome conversation and collaboration every step of the way.

Many teachers choose to live on campus and raise their families in our residences, creating a fun, caring, family-like environment that boys cherish. There's always one faculty member for every two boarding students, and two faculty families live in each dorm. These teachers and their families join boys for family-style dinners, lead weekend trips off campus, and open their homes for game nights, cooking lessons, and more.

We work hard to make Fessenden a home away from home — and you're always invited.





complete readiness for what awaits

As graduation nears, Fessenden's dedicated Office of Secondary School Counseling steps in, supporting boys and their families during this critical period. From application prep and SSAT tutoring to financial aid assistance and in-person high school interviews, the office is hands-on, ensuring a smooth transition to secondary school.

Choosing a secondary school is a powerful capstone to a boy's Fessenden career. Students work with trusted faculty members and advisors to make choices that will impact and inform their next steps. They find themselves personally framing their future and working hard to answer the all-important question: "What next?" Thanks to their time at Fessenden, boys are prepared to answer with confidence.

Fessenden strives to help each boy have the best possible experience every day. This is his world — a transformative, inspiring, and challenging world where he will grow, thrive, and excel.

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experience by visiting *fessenden.org*
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