

*CIES School Visit 7 – James Baldwin School*

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<b>School name</b>	The James Baldwin School
<b>School address</b>	351 West 18 <sup>th</sup> Street, between 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue New York, NY 10011 Nearest subway: 1 local train to 18 <sup>th</sup> St. OR A, C, or E train to 14 <sup>th</sup> Street The school is on 18 <sup>th</sup> Street between 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
<b>School contact name, email and phone number</b>	Madeline Santiago (school secretary): (212) 929-4433
<b>Day and date of school visit</b>	Thursday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> 2008
<b>Time of school visit</b>	9:15AM - 1:30PM
<b>Number of visitors</b>	12
<b>Detailed schedule of school visit</b>	9:15AM: Arrival at School. Group meets with teachers, principal, students for “Welcome to Baldwin” activity and question and answer session. 10:00AM: Visitors will split up and be escorted to classes for observation and participation. 10:50AM: Visitors will be attending a school “town meeting”, a school tradition where students organize workshops and discussions around issues of importance to them, or community-building activities. This town meeting will be a career day workshop. 11:30AM: Visitors will attend “advisories”, small core anchor groups of students and one teacher who meet every day to address academic, social, school-based and personal issues. They will be encouraged to participate. Students will have lots of questions! 12:30PM: Pizza lunch and de-brief of the day with teachers and students. Participants should bring \$10 for lunch. We will either order pizza and eat at the school or go to Chelsea Market (which is nearby) for lunch.
<b>How to sign up for this school visit</b>	Please contact Jeannie Ferrari at <a href="mailto:jmf2144@columbia.edu">jmf2144@columbia.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:jeannieferrari@yahoo.com">jeannieferrari@yahoo.com</a> to secure a space for this school visit.
<b>Logistics details</b>	CIES visitors will be greeted at the 18 <sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the school. Use the open doors closest to 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue. We will meet you in the lobby to deal with security.
<b>Other</b>	Visitors should bring valid photo ID and CIES name-badge.
<b>School overview</b>	The James Baldwin School is a small, community-minded, college preparatory public school. It is our mission to provide a philosophical and practical education for all students, an education that features creativity and inquiry, encourages habitual reading and productivity, as well as self-reflection and meaningful thought. The James Baldwin School will inspire students to think for themselves and to form opinions based on conviction, research and knowledge. Our model of schooling is based on Coalition of Essential Schools and Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound school design principles – and on the work of our CES Mentor School, Humanities Preparatory Academy. We will be a transfer school for students, and their families, who have previously found high school unresponsive to their needs and ambitions. We agree with James Baldwin that with honest self-reflection, love and courage, adults and young people can join together to “make America what America must become”: a more democratic and just society.