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**U.S. Embassy Flag to be Raised and Honored at Harrisburg Academy**

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – For one day, a piece of world history will fly over Harrisburg Academy. On Monday, Nov. 23 during Morning Meeting time (10:42 a.m.), Harrisburg Academy Middle School students will conduct a brief ceremony while raising a special American flag on the school flagpole. The last time this flag flew was on Flag Day, June 14, 2009 – over the U.S. Embassy in Iraq in honor of Harrisburg Academy.

The gift comes to the Academy from United States Navy Rear Admiral (Select) Jonathan Yuen, a former Academy parent. RDML(s) Yuen was stationed in the green zone of Baghdad for a year and brought the flag back to Pennsylvania when he returned from his tour of duty. He donated it to Harrisburg Academy this summer before relocating to a new command in Hawaii.

“This flag represents pride for our country, our military, and the pursuit of global peace,” said Jim Newman, Harrisburg Academy Head of School. “We are grateful to accept this donation from RDML(s) Yuen and honored to share it with our student body and our community.”

In recognition of the 146<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gettysburg Address (Nov. 19, 1863), an eighth grade student will read the Gettysburg Address during the flag-raising ceremony.

Harrisburg Academy is celebrating its own place in United States history this year with the observation of its *Triple Anniversary* – 225 years since founding, 200 years since chartering, and 50 years at its location at 10 Erford Road.

Harrisburg Academy challenges and inspires children in preschool through 12th grade to reach their full potential. An IB World School, Harrisburg Academy is the only school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

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