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Back To School Guide For Greenwich Village



Reformative Education In Greenwich Village

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Something was missing in the New York City education scene when I founded Perry School in 2001.

Namely, attention dedicated towards early childhood development was sparse at best. There were some daycares, yes, but they were more focused on keeping the children entertained and contained rather than exploring the limitless possibility of joyful learning in all areas of early childhood. I saw a pressing need to raise the bar and give young children their right to be intellectually, physically and socially superb. In keeping with ground breaking spirit of Greenwich Village educators that paved the way for progressive education in America, I made it my mission to be at the forefront of innovative and more effective methods of teaching.

I was in the heart of the historic progressive Greenwich Village, my fellow organizations inspired by the likes of renowned philosopher and educational reformer John Dewey;

Caroline Pratt, who created City and Country School in 1914, set forth on her endeavor that encouraged a flexible child centered curriculum. Little Red Schoolhouse, which recently celebrated its 100th birthday with a new playground, was founded by Elisabeth Irwin with the intent to get children to engage in the world around them, and validated childhood as its own experience. Young children are extremely intelligent, but many spend their early childhood years as if they are not. This is where I saw my opportunity to change the educational landscape in New York. I opted for a soothing earth-toned color palette and developed programs such as Think Tank, Les Beaux Arts, Teach Kids to Give and a unique Physical Program in an effort to utilize these precious years to the fullest and instill the joy of learning for a lifetime.

With the fall fast approaching, families new and old are flocking into the village to prepare for the Back to School season. As Greenwich Village residents we are fortunate to be surrounded by such an active warm community that offers such diverse and eclectic learning opportunities. I have included a Back to School guide that includes a little something for everyone.

Founder / Director

Perry School

perryschool.com

Little Red Schoolhouse and Elisabeth Irwin High School

Founder: Elisabeth Irwin

Opened: 1921

Address: 272 Sixth Avenue, New York, NY 10014

www.lrei.org

Elisabeth Irwin believed that engaging in the world around you was one of the best educational experiences a child could have.



New Location on West 10th Street



Perry Street 2002

City and Country School

Founder: Caroline Pratt

Opened: 1914

Address: 146 West 13th Street, New York, NY 10011

www.cityandcountry.org

Caroline Pratt placed emphasis on empathy, collaboration and communication in education.

Grace Church School

Founder: The Grace Church

Opened: 1894

Address: 86 Fourth Avenue, New York, NY 10003

www.gcschool.org

The institution is known for its rigorous academics as well as its founding on Episcopal principles.

P.S. 41 - Greenwich Village School

Opened: 1923

Address of School: 116 West 11th Street, New York, NY 10011

www.ps41.org

P.S. 41 is committed to the promotion of diversity, and believes that every child deserves a quality learning experience.

P.S. 3 - The John Melser Charrette School

Opened: 1892

Address: 490 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014

www.ps3nyc.membershiptoolkit.com/home

P.S. 3 boasts a strong arts program, and works to integrate the arts into the curriculum.

Downing Street Playgroup

Address: 37 Downing Street, New York, NY 10014

www.downingstreetplaygroup.org

Play-based learning is a cornerstone of this West Village institution.

St. Luke's School

Founder: St. Luke's Church

Opened: 1984

Address: 487 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014

www.stlukesschool.org

St. Luke's School is committed to creating well-rounded individuals, and understands that education happens when the community comes together.

West Village Nursery School

Opened: 1967

Address: 76 Horatio Street, New York, NY 10014

www.westvillagenurseryschool.org

The school's founders, a group of local mothers, wanted an emphasis placed on parent involvement.



Les Beaux Arts

Village Community School**Opened: 1970****Address: 272 West 10th Street, New York, NY 10014**

Acts of service and community outreach are the backbone of this school.

Barrow Street Nursery School**Address: 27 Barrow Street, New York, NY 10014****www.barrowstreetnurseryschool.com**

Barrow Street Nursery School considers imagination to be of very high value.

Morton School of Excellence**Address: 229 West 16th Street**

The school provided students with a strong academic foundation, and encourages them to continue their academic pursuits even after they've graduated.

La Petite Ecole: Nurturing Global Citizens through Bilingual Education**Address: 159 West 82nd Street, New York, NY 10024****sites.google.com/sitelapetiteecolenyc**

This hidden gem offers classes in both English and French and emphasizes an international perspective.

Tisch School of the Arts - NYU**Founder: NYU****Opened: 1965****Address: 721 Broadway, New York, NY 10003****www.tisch.nyu.edu**

The famous school offers a place for artists

of all backgrounds to hone their craft and take their artistic abilities to new heights.

The New School**Founder: John Dewey****Opened: 1919****Address: 66 West 12th Street, New York, NY 10011****www.newschool.edu**

Phone number: 212 229 5600

The New School's defining feature is its commitment to the value of learning that adapts to the changing needs of society, rather than conforming to traditional norms.

Academy of Saint Joseph's: Empowering Young Women through Faith, Excellence, and Service**Founder: Sisters of St. Joseph****Opened: 1889****Address: 111 Washington Place, New York, NY 10014****www.academypfsaintjoseph.org****Phone number: 212 243 5420**

Since its founding, the school has specialized in shaping its students into strong, empowered and compassionate women.

Manhattan School: Nurturing Excellence in a Supportive Community**Address: 7 East 96th Street, New York NY 10128****www.imsd.org****Phone number: 212 410 3140**

Manhattan School encourages risk-taking

and the embracing of challenges in order to become successful students.

Notre Dame School**Founder: Sisters of St. Ursula****Opened: 1912****Address: 327 West 13th Street, New York, NY 10014****www.cheznous.org**

The famous Catholic school fosters the spirit of inquiry within its students, helping them become responsible members of society once they graduate.

Harvest Collegiate School**Founder: New York City Department of Education****Opened: 2012****Address: 34 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011****www.harvestcollegiate.org****Phone number: 212 242 3384**

Social justice is at the core of this tucked-away school, as is a commitment to teaching its students to be compassionate and understanding of the ever-changing world around them.

Lifelong Skills & Opportunities Center**Address: 27 Barrow Street, New York, NY 10014****Phone number: 917 261 4598**

The Lifelong Skills & Opportunities Center offers resume and job search support among many other amazing opportunities.

Westbeth Artists Housing**Address: 155 Bank Street, New York, NY 10014****Phone number: 212 255 5191**

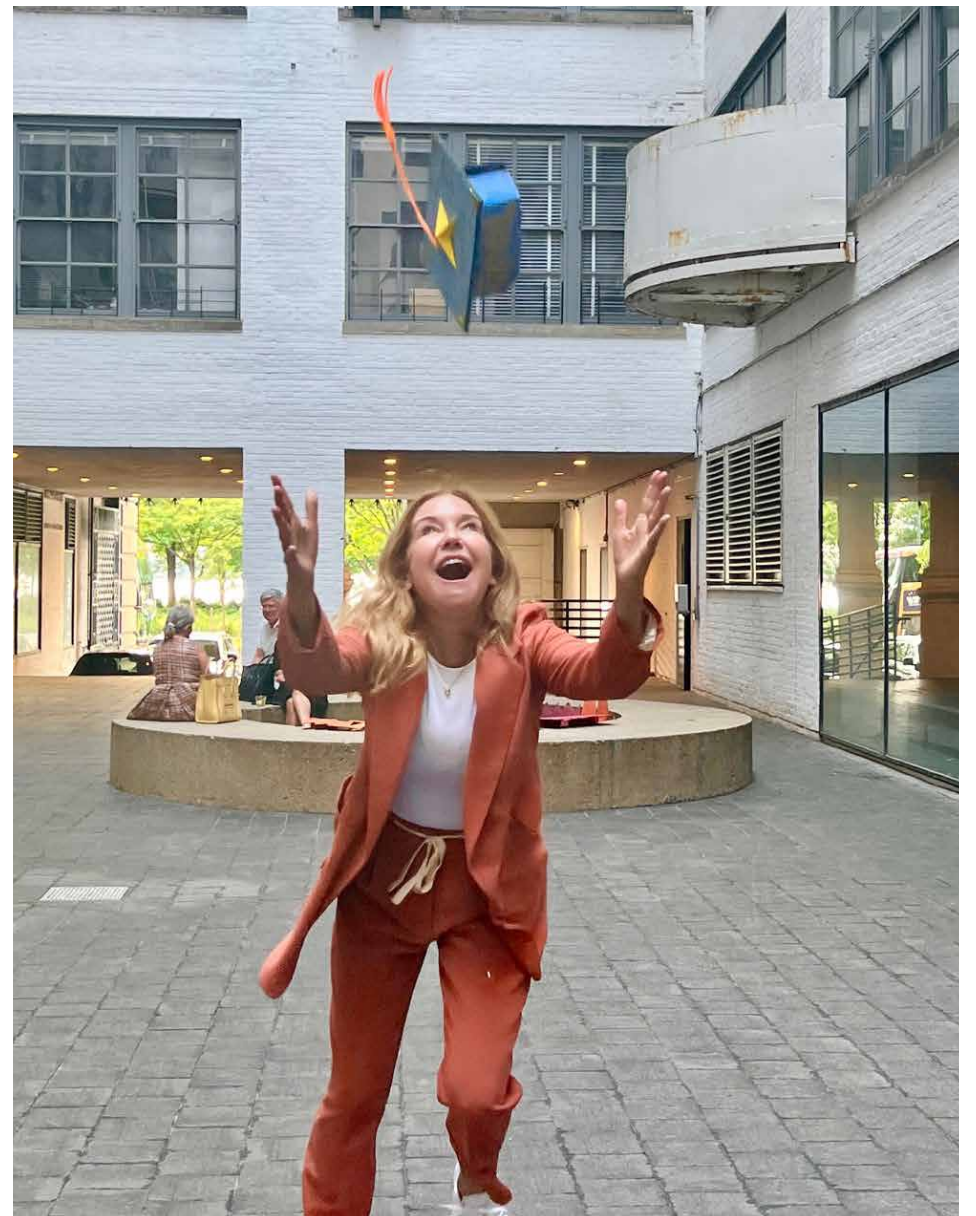
The senior center at Westbeth partners with cultural institutions and politicians for events, and hosts a slew of art programs and fun opportunities. Each week the center serves a hot lunch!

Senior Center on the Square**20 Washington Square N, New York, NY 10011****Phone number : 212 777-3555**

Senior Center on the Square puts importance on friendship, and included in the activities are bingo, health lectures, card games and more.

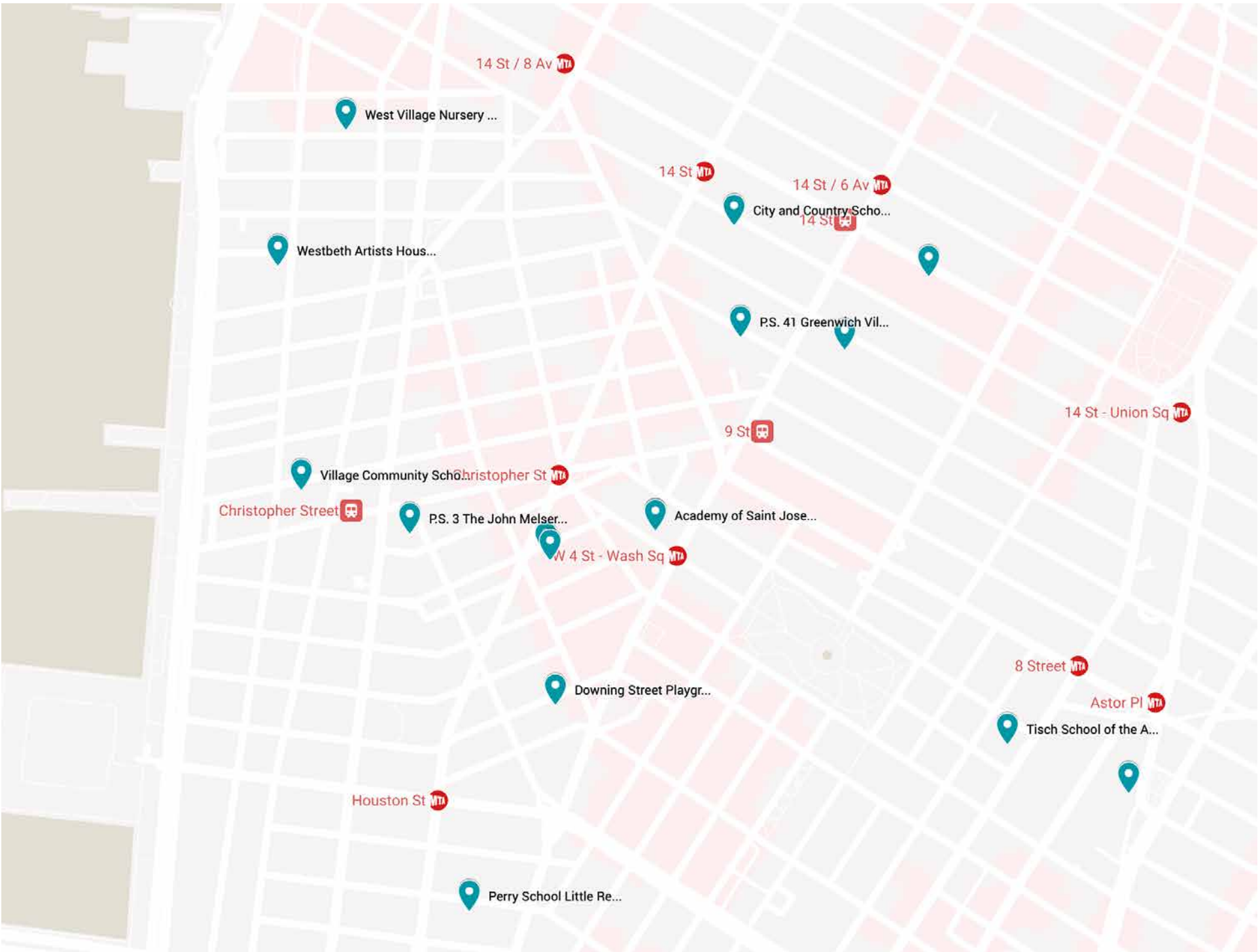
Academy of St. Joseph**Address: 111 Washington Pl, New York, NY 10014****Phone number: 212 243 5420**

Academy of St. Joseph prioritizes a sense of community, featuring parent-inclusive Morning Assemblies twice a week.



Perry School Graduation 2021

Greenwich Village Education Map



Join Greenwich House's Older Adult Network

A place for wellness, creativity, and connection for adults 60+



With 5 locations across Greenwich Village and lower Manhattan, Greenwich House offers social, educational, physical and cultural programs, including daily hot lunch, to older New Yorkers.



Art

Center on the Square
20 Washington Square North
NY, NY 10011
Tel. 212-777-3555 Ext 106

People of all ages are enriched by art and culture. Here at Center on the Square, you can learn everything from painting to jewelry making with world class teachers right here in the Village.



Job Skills and Training

Lifelong Skills and
Opportunity Center
27 Barrow Street, 4th Fl.
NY, NY 10014
Tel. 917-261-4598

For today's older adults, retirement can still be years away. Whether you're in the workforce full time or part time, we're here to help with job training programs, and volunteer resources too!



Mental Health and Social Services

Westbeth Center
155 Bank St. NY, NY 10014
Tel. 212-255-5191

Older adults face distinct challenges, but you can get the support you need at Westbeth. Licensed clinicians and experts on everything from money management to Medicare are standing by to address your needs. Lunch is served Tuesday through Saturday.



Core Services

Independence Plaza
310 Greenwich Street, 2nd Fl.
NY, NY 10013
Tel. 212-267-0499

It's back to basics at Independence Plaza, where older adults can count on traditional programs including, trips & outings, games & socialization!



Fitness

Our Lady of Pompeii
25 Carmine Street
NY, NY 10014
Tel. 212-989-3620

Get on your feet! Our fitness staff is ready to get you moving and grooving with options ranging from yoga to dance to tai chi!

Scan for More Info:
greenwichhouse.org/oac



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Greenwich House Network
of Older Adult Centers