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## Post Oak High School on track for fall opening in Houston's Museum District

HOUSTON, TEXAS—The Post Oak School will hold a High School Open House on March 27, 2012 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at its Museum District partner, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, located at 5216 Montrose Boulevard. The open house includes a presentation and Q&A session to learn more about the partnership-based, Montessori high school opening next fall. Topics include: college preparatory curriculum, the International Baccalaureate (IB) authorization process, Museum District partnerships, and more. This event is free and open to the public. Previous open houses were held at the Glassell Studio School and the Houston Museum of Natural Science.



### BUILDING

In January, renovation and construction began at the high school building at 1102 Autrey, along with the complete removal of two nearby structures, clearing the way for parking as well as green space directly adjoining the main high school building. A billboard, which overlooked Highway 59, was also removed from the corner lot, for which the neighborhood association said thank you at their recent quarterly meeting. Planning is in the works for a community event at the high school sometime in May.

### FACULTY

James Quillin will join the high school as the Humanities specialist, focusing on English Language Arts. Currently, James is the History Department Chair at Lake Forest Academy in Chicago, Illinois. He earned his Ph.D. in Classics with a minor in Political Science from Stanford University and has taught in the Classics departments at the University of Southern California and Northwestern University. James presently serves on the Board of Directors at Montessori School of Lake Forest, where his two sons attend. The family looks forward to returning to his wife's hometown of Houston. Interviews continue for the science and mathematics positions and announcements are anticipated regarding those positions next month.

## ENROLLMENT

While many students await admission decisions from Post Oak and other schools next month, four students took advantage of the early decision option at Post Oak. Those four students have committed to attend Post Oak for high school this fall and others are expected to continue the standard enrollment path in March. A few spaces remain to be filled to round out the inaugural class. Applications are still being accepted for the 2012–13 school year.

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*The Post Oak School, a Montessori school, is an educational leader among both Houston's top private schools and the more than 5,000 Montessori schools across the country. Post Oak serves students from age 14 months through eighth grade, and is expanding with the opening of a high school in fall 2012. It is one of the U.S.' oldest Montessori schools (the oldest in the Southwest and one of only four Houston [AMI](#) schools). We have attracted an accomplished team of faculty and staff and built a campus dedicated to learning. [Our mission](#), [our vision](#), [our method](#), and [our people](#) are the means by which The Post Oak School helps shape consistently high achievers.*

*The mission of The Post Oak School, as a school accredited by AMI (Association Montessori Internationale), is to provide a superior Montessori environment and dynamic learning experiences which are designed according to the developmental characteristics and needs of children: to guide and nurture each child—intellectually, socially, and emotionally.*

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