

Introducing Hill Top Prep/BSD Code and Design Academy
After School Digital Education Program

Hill Top Students and Parents,

In our ongoing pursuit to provide the most beneficial educational opportunities, we are extremely pleased to announce that Hill Top Prep has teamed with BSD Code and Design Academy to offer our students a new, after school creative digital education program! BSD has locations in Hong Kong, Bangkok and, as luck would have it, right up the road in Bryn Mawr. Their mission is to make the learning and understanding of code and design accessible to students by providing practical, relevant, applicable and quality driven technology education. The feedback from both students and parents who have worked with BSD has been extraordinary and we are confident that the benefit to our students will be tremendous!

Beginning in September, Hill Top students will have the opportunity to participate in after school courses focused on Web and App Development, Graphic Design, Technology Project Planning as well as Social and Digital Media. These courses are tailored specifically for our students to give them the knowledge, skills and edge they will need to participate and be successful in our ever-changing technological world. Courses are also designed to keep the individual interests of our students at the center of the educational process.

The first ten-week course will be offered after school on Wednesdays from September 27th through November 15th from 3-5pm. Through this course, students will grasp the basic understandings of Web Development and design fundamentals and build their own projects to be launched online. Students will also use HTML, CSS, JavaScript and other technologies to design and develop their own online games.

In order to provide our students with the most supportive and valuable experience, the student-instructor ratio will be limited to 3:1. Therefore, **the first course will be limited to six students** for our two BSD instructors. Students interested in enrolling for this fall will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The twenty-hour course (10 two hr. classes) will cost \$550. A non-refundable deposit of \$200 will hold your child's place in the course while space remains.

Through our ongoing relationship with BSD, we plan to offer more digital education courses in the second semester and beyond as well as some single day student workshops on coding throughout the year. We are very excited about the potential this relationship has for our students in preparing them for life in the 21st century!

If you plan to enroll your child in the fall course or would like more information, please contact me at your earliest convenience. I also encourage you have a look at BSD's website at us.bsdacademy.com.

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