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EDUCATION

Claremont Prep: Downtown's newest private school

A new private school in Lower Manhattan will begin accepting applications for its initial classes of September, 2005, starting Tuesday, September 7, 2004.

Claremont Preparatory is the first nonsecretarian, independent private school to open in Manhattan in 50 years.

The K-8 school will house approximately 1,000 children; 400 kindergarten through fifth graders and 600 sixth through eighth graders. With small class sizes (20 students per class), students will be able to take full advantage of first-rate faculty and re-

sources.

According to Community Board 1 and the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, 16% of the City's children live downtown and Lower Manhattan has seen a 155% increase of its overall youth population.

"New York City was devastated almost three years ago," said Michael C. Koffler, Chief Executive of parent company Met Schools and Executive Director of Claremont Prep.

"With the enormous growth of the residential community in Lower Manhattan, our school will add another compel-

ling reason for families to live in and utilize the neighborhoods surrounding Wall Street."

Currently, the 12-story building is under construction. When complete, Claremont Prep will boast an auditorium and visual arts center, 25-meter swimming pool, rooftop track and a fully wireless environment in the classrooms.

For more information on Claremont Prep, or to request an application for your child, please contact this private learning institution at (212) 232-0266, or visit their website at www.claremontprep.org.