# Student Clubs & Competitions

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#### **Benefits of Participation in Extracurricular Activities**

- Participation and success are strongly associated as evidenced by participants' better attendance, higher levels of achievement, and aspirations to higher levels of education. (O'Brien & Rollefson, 1995)
- Participation is associated with higher SAT scores (Everson & Millsap, 2005)
- Involvement linked to positive educational trajectories and low rates of risky behavior (Eccles & Barbar, 1999)

### **Benefits of Student Activities**

- Activities teach universal lessons
- Activities build confidence
- Activities build relationships
- Activities keep students in a safe, monitored environment
- Activities build character

(Shostak, 2015)

**"Extracurricular activities are one of** the best investments that a school can make to help promote achievement, student engagement, and the attitudes and habits that lead to college aspirations and ultimate success."

-Dr. Howard Johnson, *Research into Practice* 

#### James H. Vernon School Before & After School Clubs 2017-2018



### **Vernon's Before School Activities**

- Intramurals (Grades 3-6)
- Environmental Club (Grades 3-6)
- Chorus (Grades 5 & 6)
- Bands (Grades 4-6)
  - Beginner
  - Intermediate
  - Advanced
  - Jazz

### **Vernon's After School Activities**

- Vernon Play (Grades 3-6)
- International Club (Grades 3-6)
- Math Club (Grades 3 & 4)
- Math Club (Grades 5 & 6)
- Book Club (Grades 3-6)
- Art Club (Grades 5 & 6)
- Student Council (Grades 3-6)
- Leaders Club (Grade 6)

#### Art Club Grades 5 & 6



#### Math Club Grades 3 & 4 and Grades 5 & 6





### **Before School Intramurals**

"My son is running out of bed on Monday and Wednesday mornings to get to school early for intramurals."



~Parent of a 4<sup>th</sup> grader





### **2017 Vernon Play: The Lion King Jr.**

The cast and crew consisted of approximately 60 students.





### **Vernon Play: Alice in Wonderland Jr.**

- To date, we have 123 students registered to participate in cast or cast crew
- Performance Dates: February 14 and 15, 2018

"Please tell me I didn't miss sign-ups for the play. My 3<sup>rd</sup> grader will be so upset if we missed the deadline."

~Parent of a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader



#### Oyster Bay High School Clubs & Competitions 2017-2018



### **Honor Societies**

- Art Honor Society
- Business Honor Society
- Mathematics Honor Society
- National Honor Society, 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society, 7-9
- Quill & Scroll Honor Society
- Science National Honor Society
- Social Studies Honor Society
- Tri-M Honor Society (music)
- World Language Honor Society Spanish French

American Sign Language (ASL)





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### Clubs – High School Level

- AGAPAE (Literary Magazine)
- Birthday Wishes\*
- Be The Change
- Gaming Club
- Coding Club
- Dance Club\*
- Sexual & Gender Awareness (SAGA) (formerly GSA)
- Harbour Voice
- Health Club
- Humanities/Model UN

#### Interact Club

- International Club
- Mathletes- High School
- Mock Trial
- Odyssey of the Mind
- SADD, 9-12 (Students Against Destructive Decisions)
- Robotics
- SALP (Student Athlete Leadership Program)

- Undecided Club
- Yearbook
- 3-D Printing Club\*



- Sophomore Class
- Junior Class
- Senior Class
- Student Council

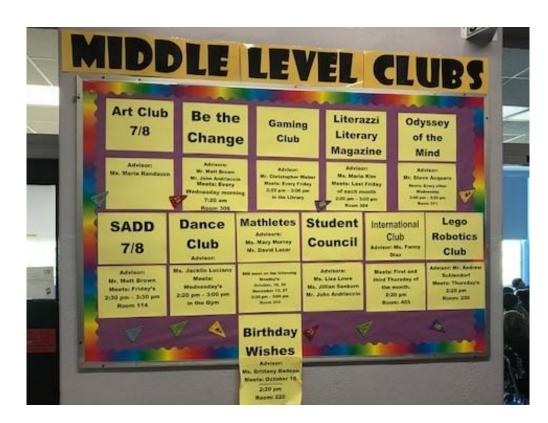


\*2017-2018 addition

#### **Clubs – Middle Level**

Art Club Be the Change Birthday Wishes\* Gaming Club Lego Robotics Literazzi Literary Magazine





\* 2017-2018 addition

Odyssey of the Mind SADD, 7-8 Dance Club Mathletes, Middle Level Student Council International Club

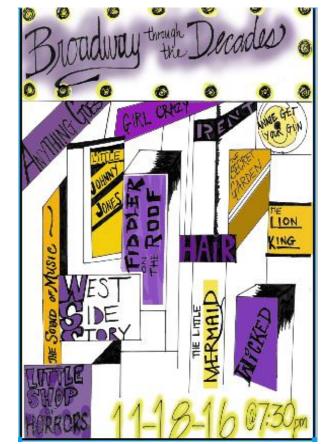


### **Additional Opportunities**

#### Fall Play- Romeo & Juliet



#### **Middle Level Musical Review**



### Competitions

#### **Social Studies**

- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations (intraschool; looking to expand)
- National History Day
- Theodore Roosevelt Public Speaking Contest
- H&R Block Budget Challenge

#### <u>Business</u>

- Virtual Enterprise
- Business Olympics (intraschool; looking to expand)

#### **Mathematics**

- HS Mathletes:
  - Nassau County Interscholastic Mathematics League (interscholastic)
  - New York Math League (intraschool)
  - Nassau Math Tournament (interscholastic)
- MS Mathletes:
  - New York Math League (intraschool)





#### Competitions

#### English Language Arts

- LILAC (Long Island Language Arts Council) Gambone Writing Contest
- Young Authors Contest, Nassau Reading Council
- The Martin J. Kelly Writing Contest, Irish Cultural Society of Garden City
- Walt Whitman Student Poetry Contest Journalism:
- Best of High School Journalism Long Island University
- Columbia Scholastic Press Association

#### <u>Art</u>

- Go APE Exhibition
- Long Island's Best, Heckscher Museum
- Long Island Media Arts Show
- Advanced Vision, Long Island University

#### <u>Music</u>

- Wind Ensemble, Music Hall Of Fame, Long Island Music Hall of Fame
- Chamber Singers, National Anthem, Madison Square Garden

#### World Language

- LILT (Long Island Language Teachers Association)
- National Spanish Exam, AATSP (American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese)
- Le Grand Concours, National French Competition AATF (American Association of Teachers of French)

#### <u>ENL</u>

• BOCES related essay competitions

• Hispanic Heritage Essay, ALTICE USA







### Competitions

#### Science Research\*\*

(Each Research student will participate in at least one of the following.)

- Medical Marvels
- Toshiba Exploravision
- Google Science Fair
- Cornell Fishtracker (Citizen Science Project)
- ASSET Science & Society Independent Research Project
- ASSET Tetrahymena
- Long Island Science Congress
- Long Island Science and Engineering Fair (LISEF)
- New York State Science and Engineering Fair (NYSSEF)
- Zero Robotics
- Robot Virtual Worlds
- Bay Scallop Bowl
- Envirothon
- Brain Bee
- \*\* New this year

#### Science & Technology

- Nassau County Science Fair
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair (intraschool)
- First Tech Challenge Robotics
- First Lego League Robotics
- Adelphi Robotics Competition
- Junior American Computer Science Leagues
- Senior American Computer Science Leagues\*\*
- Barcode Long Island



### **Next Steps**

- Follow-up on survey data collected from the 9<sup>th</sup> graders
- Monitor efficacy of clubs
- Work with students to identify possible additions