



# OYSTER BAY HIGH SCHOOL MIDDLE LEVEL UPDATE

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## MIDDLE LEVEL UPDATE

- ❑ Middle Level Philosophy
- ❑ Social-Emotional Learning/Mental Health Support Initiatives
- ❑ Academic and Extra-Curricular Spotlight





# MIDDLE LEVEL PHILOSOPHY



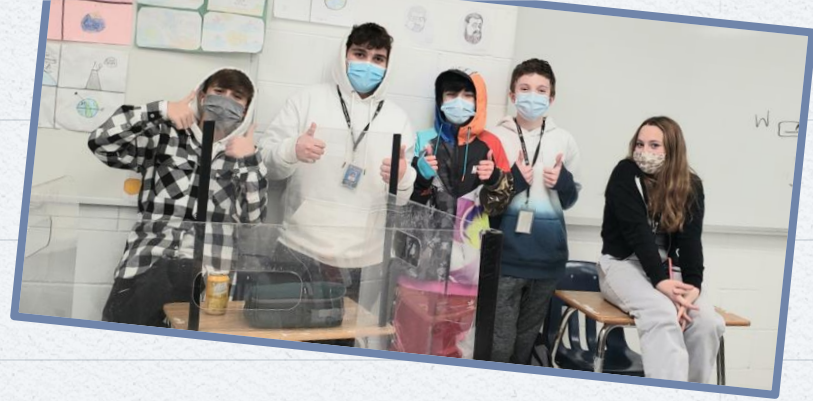


"I'VE NEVER RUN INTO A PERSON WHO  
YEARNS FOR THEIR MIDDLE SCHOOL DAYS."

- JEFF KINNEY, AUTHOR OF THE *DIARY OF A WIMPY KID* SERIES



# MIDDLE LEVEL PHILOSOPHY



At the Middle Level, we strive to

- ❑ create a safe and supportive school environment in which all students can be successful;
- ❑ provide equity, access, and excellence in our academic programs for all students;
- ❑ provide students with both sufficient challenge and support; and
- ❑ collaborate as a team to meet the academic and social-emotional needs of all students.



DEVELOPMENTALLY  
RESPONSIVE

MEANINGFUL AND  
ENGAGING

Essential  
Attributes  
at the  
Middle  
Level

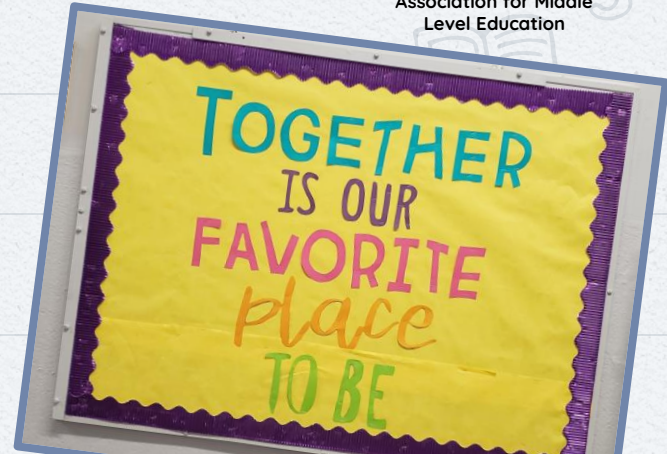
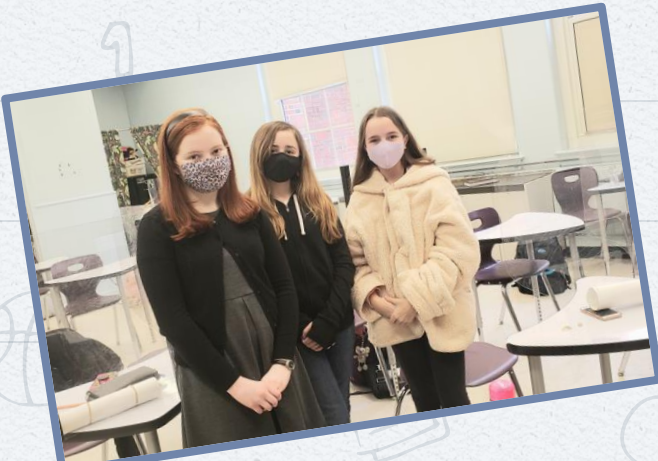
CHALLENGING

EQUITABLE

WELCOMING AND  
EMPOWERING



Association for Middle  
Level Education





# SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT INITIATIVES



"IN A SOCIALLY SAFE AND TRUSTING ENVIRONMENT, MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL COMMUNITY ARE CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER IN A NETWORK OF SUPPORT."

-AUTHOR/SPEAKER NANCY DODA

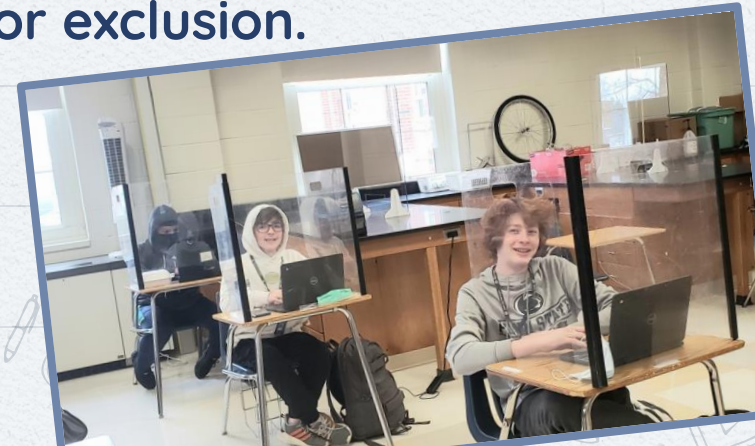


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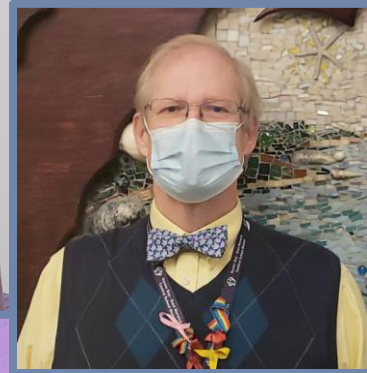
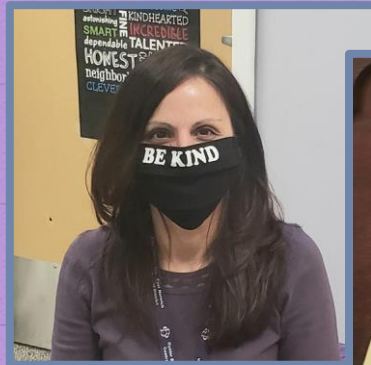
Middle Level students feel connected with a sense of belonging when they feel

- ❑ *known* by both teachers/staff and peers;
- ❑ *cared* about as students and as people; and
- ❑ *safe* from bias, bullying, ridicule or exclusion.





# INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL- GROUP MEETINGS WITH SUPPORT STAFF





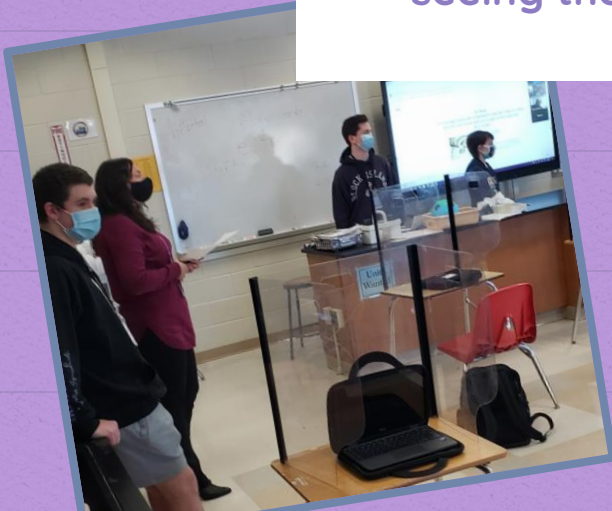


# RESTORATIVE CIRCLES DURING CLASS VISITS



“It was great to have conversations with kids on a deeper level, in a safe classroom environment. I look forward to seeing the impact this activity has on the students.”

- Kelli-Ann Boeschen, Family & Consumer Sciences





# SUPPORT STAFF "POP-INS" FOR CURRICULUM-THEMED SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING DISCUSSIONS







"I WAS CAUGHT BEING KIND"  
KINDNESS AWARD



"MAKING A DIFFERENCE -  
LEADING THE WAY"  
LEADERSHIP AWARD

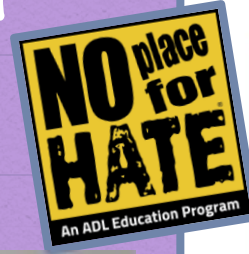


"Andrew is consistently looking after his friends and trying to uplift those around him."



"Alex is always a leader in class discussions and encouraging others to think deeply."

# NO PLACE FOR HATE PROGRAM AND STUDENT COMMITTEE



## THE NO PLACE FOR HATE® PLEDGE

MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL



**I WILL SEEK TO GAIN UNDERSTANDING** of those who are different from myself.

**I WILL SPEAK OUT** against prejudice and discrimination.

**I WILL REACH OUT** to support those who are targets of hate.

**I WILL PROMOTE RESPECT** for people and help foster a prejudice-free school.

**I BELIEVE** that one person can make a difference - no person can be an "innocent" bystander when it comes to opposing hate.

**I RECOGNIZE** that respecting individual dignity and promoting inter-group harmony are the responsibilities of all students.



Have You Signed the No Place For Hate® Pledge Yet?  
Find out how from your school's No Place For Hate® committee





# TOWN HALL MEETING & STUDENT SURVEY



"I really liked it because all the students were involved and they had a chance to talk about what they like...It wasn't chaotic at all and we all had a chance to say something that we thought was necessary."

- Samantha, Grade 8

## VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING



From [redacted] to Everyone: 10:19 A  
that was good Mrs.Lasher

From Lasher, Sharon to Everyone: 10:19 A  
Thank you!!

From [redacted] to Everyone: 10:22 A  
respect people's thought's

From [redacted] to Everyone: 10:22 A  
being opened minded is important because you never know what people feel on the topic

From [redacted] to Everyone: 10:22 A  
thats a good one

From [redacted] to Everyone: 10:22 A  
don't talk over people

From [redacted] to Everyone: 10:23 A  
dont make fun of somebody of who they are

From [redacted] to Everyone: 10:23 A  
Treat OTHERS the way YOU want to be treated :)

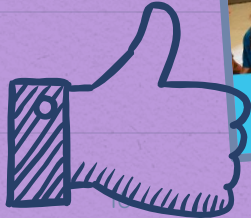
LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:  
STUDENT-CHOICE  
ACTIVITIES,  
VIRTUAL ASSEMBLIES,  
SUPPORT STAFF VISITS



SO Fun Game Show

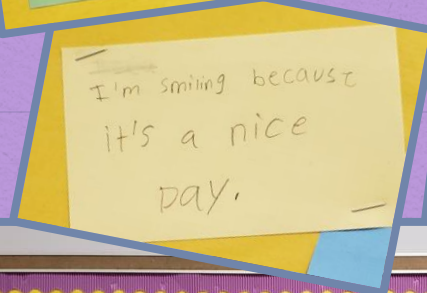
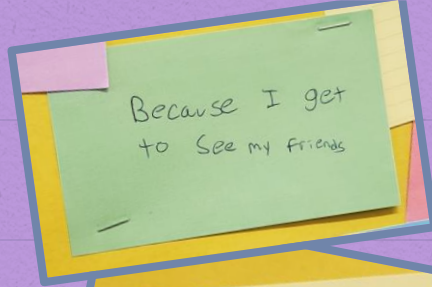


SO Magic



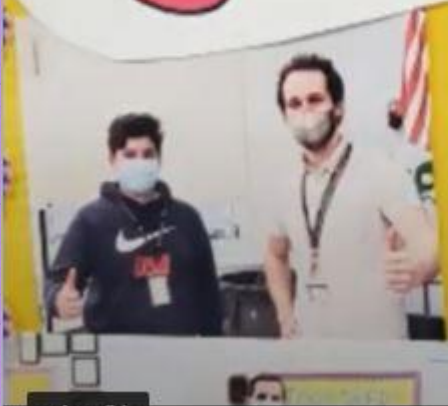


# "SMILING UNDER OUR MASKS" CAMPAIGN



SMILING

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MASKS



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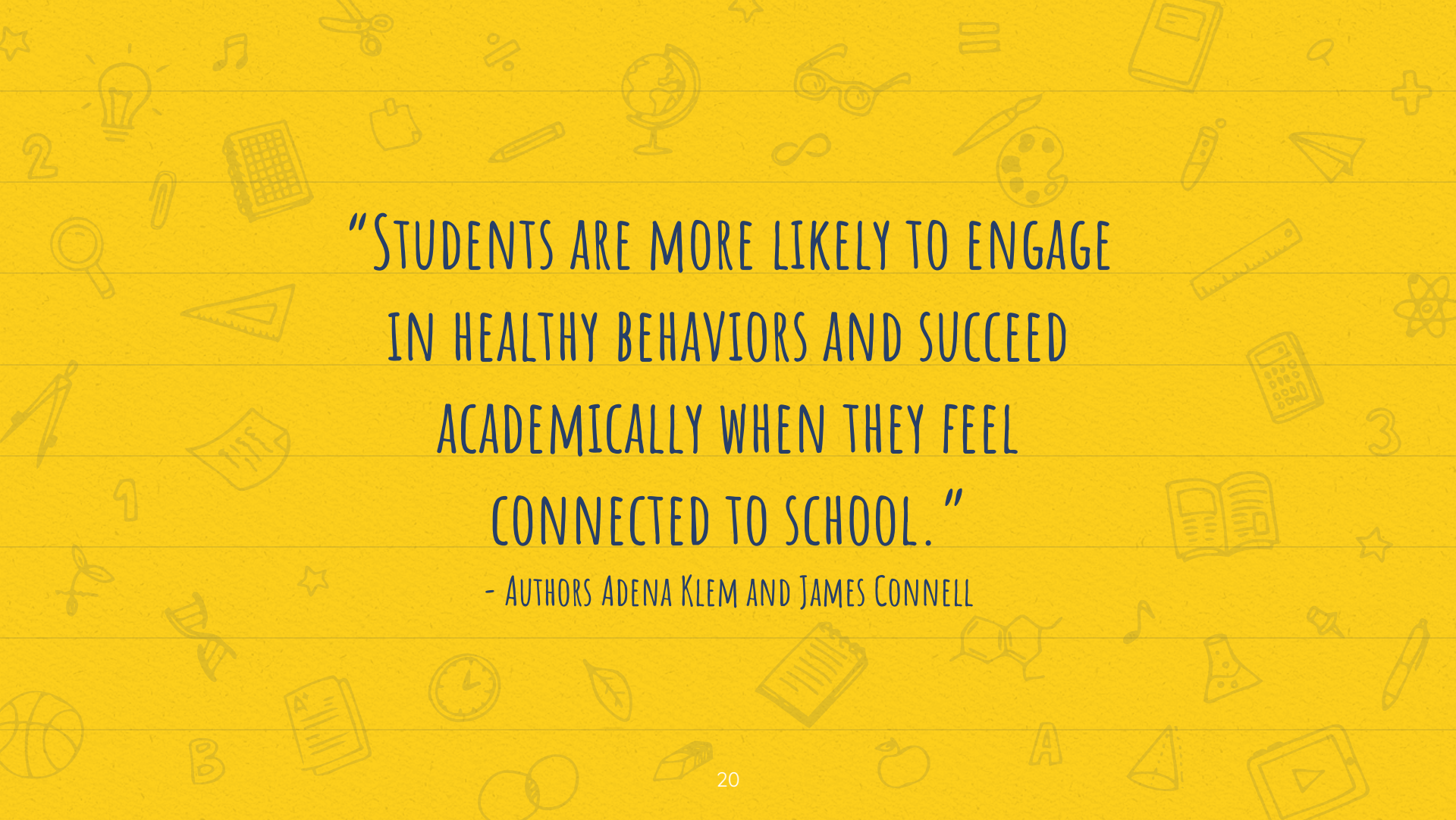


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“STUDENTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO ENGAGE  
IN HEALTHY BEHAVIORS AND SUCCEED  
ACADEMICALLY WHEN THEY FEEL  
CONNECTED TO SCHOOL.”

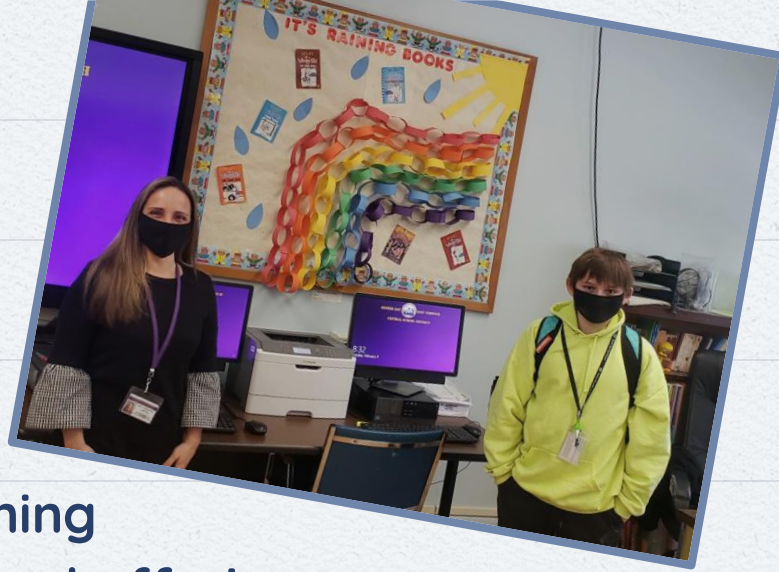
- AUTHORS ADENA KLEM AND JAMES CONNELL



# ACADEMIC AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPOTLIGHT

## Goals

- ❑ empowering all students to achieve excellence
- ❑ engaging students in meaningful learning
- ❑ making interdisciplinary connections and offering opportunities for student choice
- ❑ building relationships and fostering a safe, positive learning environment





Rose, Grade 8



Adrian, Grade 8



“Try your best and don’t let anything  
get you down!”

- Rose



# “STUDENT OF THE MONTH” AWARD



“It’s about the effort you put in.”

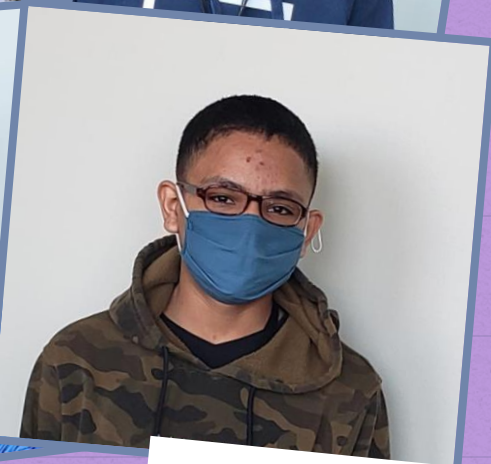
- Giovanni



Giovanni, Grade 7



Mainor, Grade 7





# NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



scholarship

citizenship

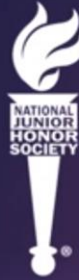
service

leadership

character



Virtual Induction Available to View on OBHS Website!



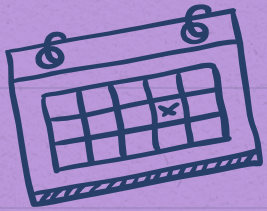
OYSTER BAY HIGH SCHOOL

2020 National  
Junior Honor  
Society  
Inductees



Now Accepting Applications for 2021 Induction!

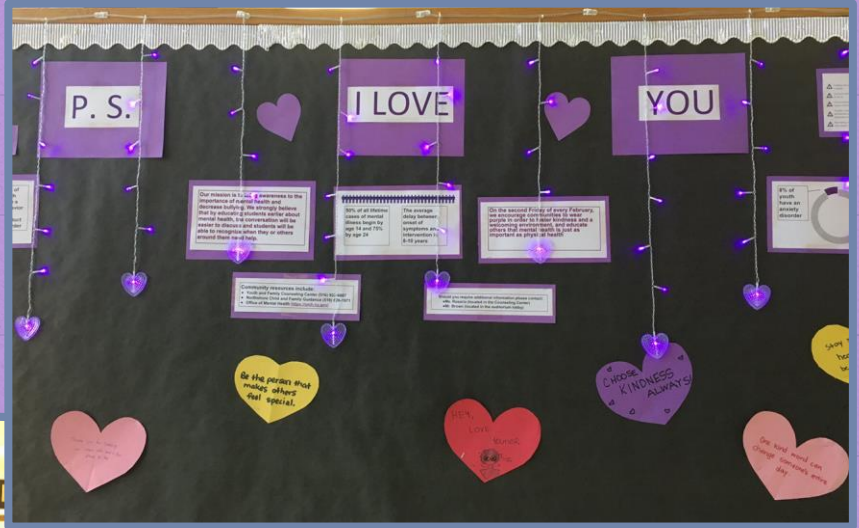




# MIDDLE LEVEL CLUBS

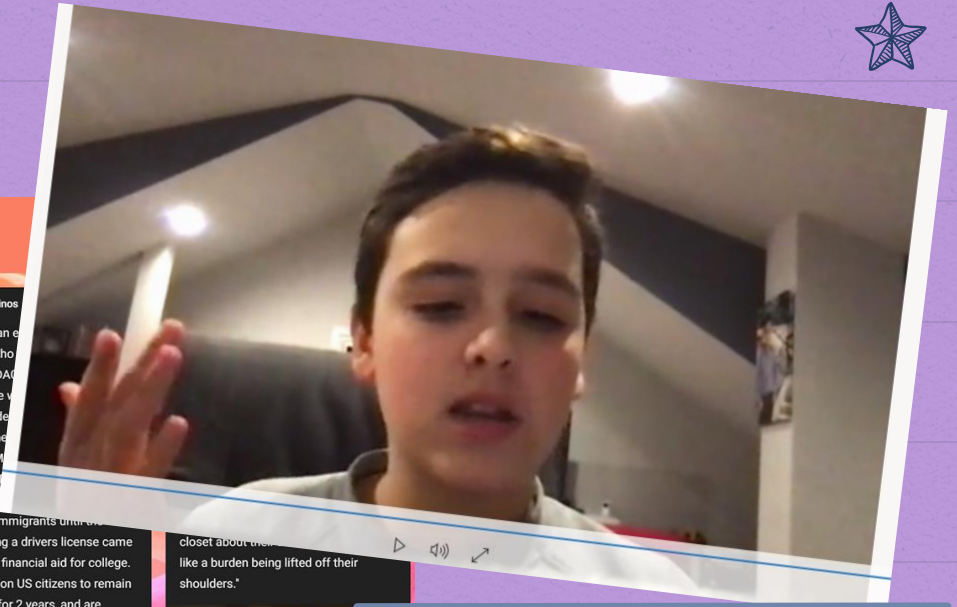


**“P. S. I Love You” Day**





# ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: ENGLISH




Student TED Talks

**Immigration Research**  
January 2020

**Giovanni Marinus 1mo**


The following article tells us all about Donald Trump's infamous wall between the United States and Mexico. Many think that the wall is a good idea to deter illegal immigrants from trying to enter the country because it "takes advantage of the countries freedoms and privileges." The Democratic party, however, is not too happy with the idea of a wall separating the two countries. They feel that "The symbol of America should be the Statue of Liberty, not a 30 foot wall." The Democrats think that it is not right for Trump to build this wall, as it is not humane toward the immigrants trying to get into the country.



Why does Donald Trump want to build a wall? "We're going to build a wall" - It's something w...  
bbc

**Giovanni Marinus 1mo**


The following article gives off the facts that the immigration system as we know it today is a mish-mosh of laws and legislative reforms. Over many presidencies, the complication of the immigration system has just grown larger and larger. Between 2009 and 2014, 1 million Mexicans and their families left the United States to go back to Mexico. Clearly, this is not a positive issue due to the fact that undocumented immigrants all together were worth 23.6 billion dollars.



Why Does the U.S. Need Immigration Reform? People moved to the United States in the past...  
opensocietyfoundations

**Giovanni Marinus 1mo**


The following article gets the point across that Canada is much more liberal when it comes to its immigration policy compared to the United States. Even with 11 percent of the population, Canada still receives 32 percent of the number of legal immigrants that of the United States receives. 32 percent is quite a large number if you think about it. The United States is 89 percent larger than Canada, but Canada still receives a very large amount of legal immigrants compared to the United States.



A Layered Look at Canadian and U.S. Immigr...  
Geography favors Canada. Three borders are ...  
wilson center

**Giovanni Marinus 1mo**


This article is an e...  
DACA is and who...  
Recipients of DAC...  
younger people v...  
gain legal reside...  
have lived in the...  
of their lives. M...  
recipients or DAC...  
called had no...  
unauthorized immigrants until...  
speak of getting a drivers license came up, or filing for financial aid for college. DACA allows non US citizens to remain in the country for 2 years, and are shielded from deportation.



What is DACA and Who Are the DREAMers? Have a family discussion about the Deferred ...  
anti-defamation league

**Giovanni Marinus 1mo**

... closet about the...  
like a burden being lifted off their shoulders."



Shattering the Silence: Undocumented Twins ...  
Brizzia and Maria Munoz Robles learned from...  
shattering the silence: undocumented twins share t...

**Giovanni Marinus 1mo**





# ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: ENGLISH



“While we were gearing up for debates, we pivoted towards more open-ended discussions for the culmination of our unit. I felt that it was important for the students to have greater opportunities to develop empathy for viewpoints other than their own, so partners, instead of debating each other, pooled their knowledge and worked together to present a discussion to their peers on their topic. Students did an excellent job of researching their topics and finding the evidence that led both sides of the issue to the beliefs that they hold.”

## GUN VIOLENCE

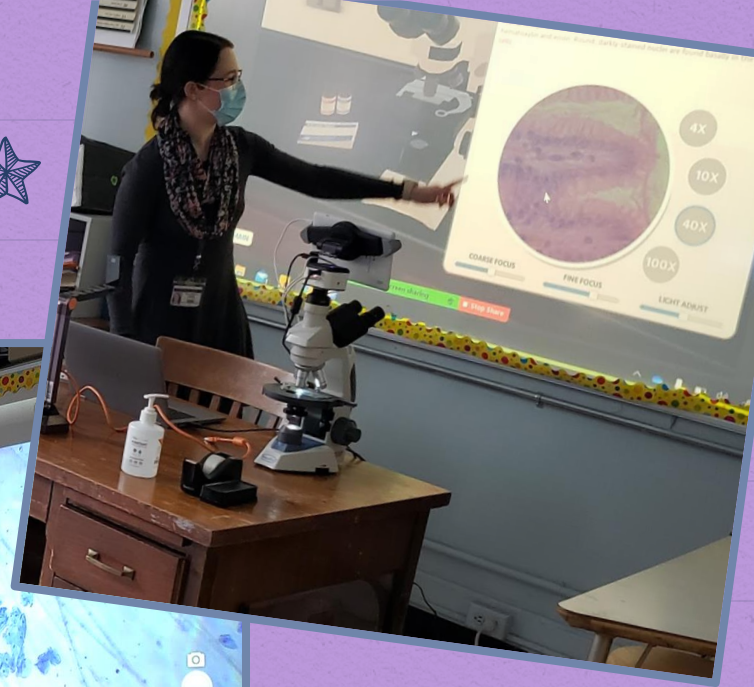
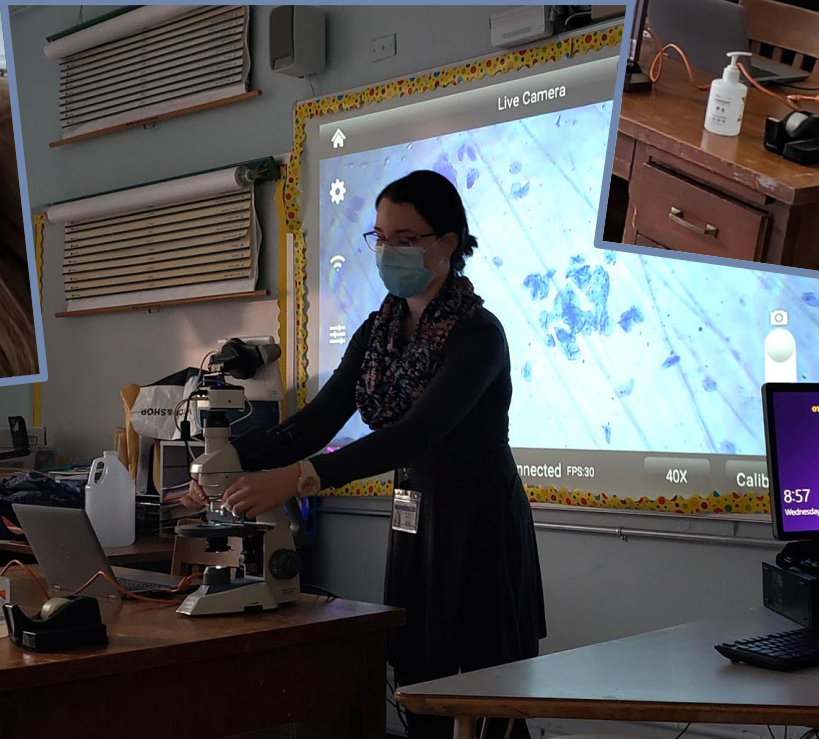
Should guns be banned from America?

By: Riley, Ellia, and Gabi



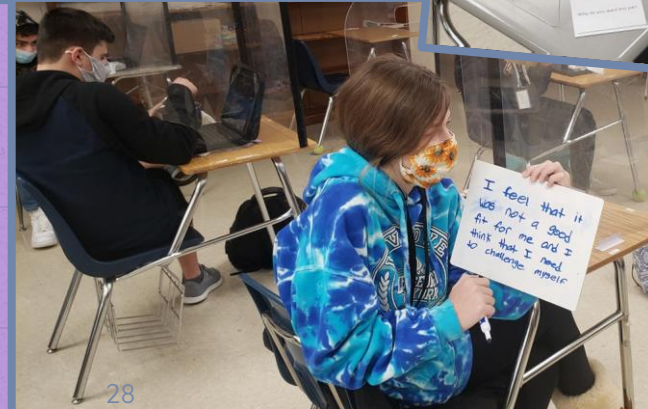
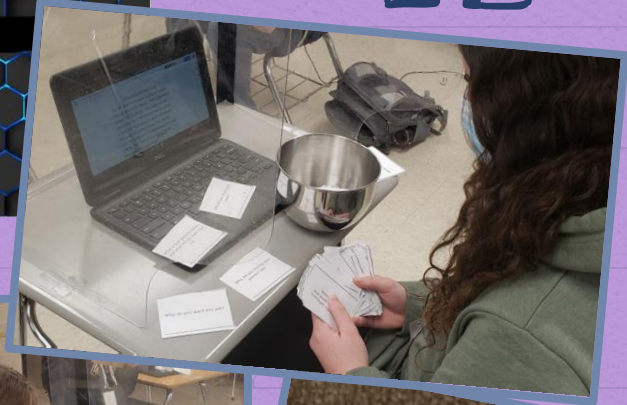
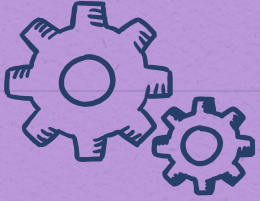


# ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: SCIENCE





# ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: TECHNOLOGY AND FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES



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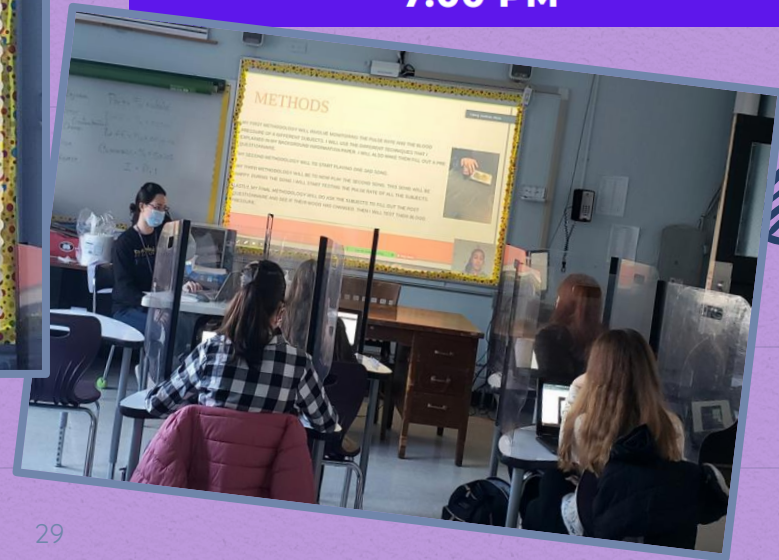




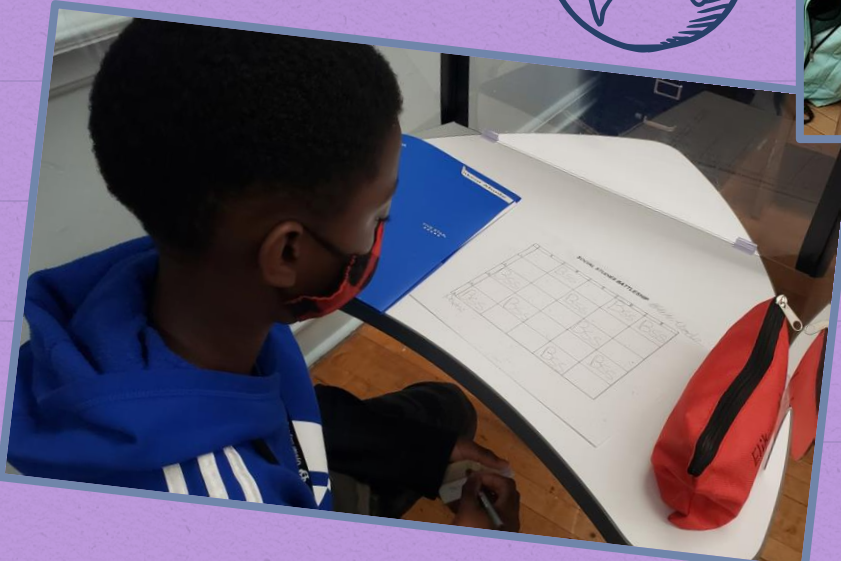
# UPCOMING EVENTS: SCIENCE FAIR

You Are Invited to the 7th Annual  
**OYSTER BAY HS  
7TH GRADE  
SCIENCE FAIR**

**Thursday March 4th, 2021  
7:00 PM**



# UPCOMING EVENTS: GEOGRAPHY BEE







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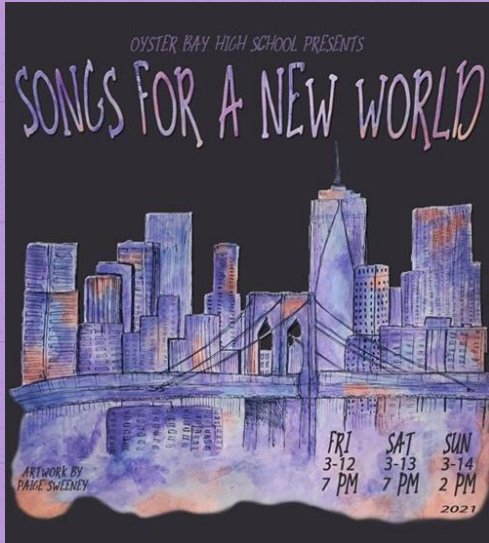
## VIRTUAL MUSIC PERFORMANCES



February 26 - Cavalcade of Choirs featuring Choirs from Vernon, the Middle Level, and the High School

March 12-14 - Musical Production: "Songs for a New World" with Students in Grades 7-12

March 26 - Cavalcade of Bands featuring Bands from Vernon, the Middle Level, and the High School.





# "SPREAD SOME LOVE" CAMPAIGN





