



# OYSTER BAY-EAST NORWICH

*“Empowering All Students to Achieve Excellence”*



## About *Our District*

The Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District is a small educational community serving a diverse student population in three schools: **Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School** (grades K-2), **James H. Vernon School** (grades 3-6) and **Oyster Bay High School** (grades 7 and 8, 9-12). The District's 13.1-square-mile boundaries include the hamlets of Oyster Bay and East Norwich and the incorporated villages of Centre Island, Cove Neck and Oyster Bay Cove, as well as portions of Laurel Hollow, Mill Neck, Muttontown and Upper Brookville. **A strong commitment to the school district is felt throughout the entire community.**

# ***Our Vision for the Future***

## **Empower ALL Students to Achieve Excellence**

In an ever-changing world, the mission of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District focuses on being an innovative and exemplary school system. We are committed to providing our students with the tools needed to succeed in a future cultural and technological environment that will appear very different than it does today.

**What sets us apart? Our talented faculty and staff members challenge and inspire students to step outside of their comfort zones and discover new passions.** They foster strong connections with their students, building a deep sense of community that goes far beyond our school walls.

The Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District brings to life a robust academic curriculum and unique programs. They are designed to develop young minds into successful 21st-century world citizens. **Our students are prepared and confident when they graduate from our District.**

The District remains committed and prepared to provide ALL students with the highest level of educational opportunity. Through the strong collaboration between our faculty, staff, students and community, we will continue to achieve greatness and bring our District to heights that we only imagined were possible. Our main focus centers on transparency, accountability, honesty and integrity. These are values we instill in our students every day, and we must set the example.



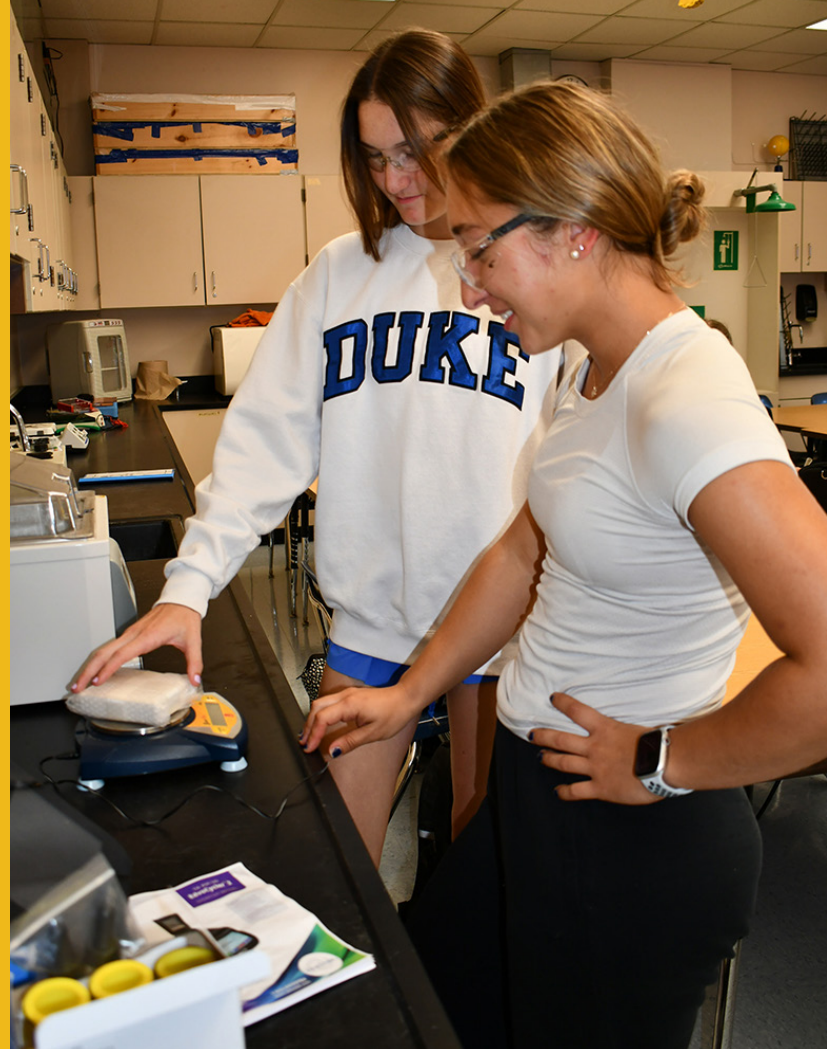
## **Program Highlights**

- **State-of-the-art technology integrated Districtwide into all curricular areas**
- **College preparation and planning culture that includes college-awareness tour programs in grades 8 and 10, college fairs, local college visits and guest speakers**
- **Full complement of athletic opportunities in grades 7-12**
- **Extensive number of Advanced Placement course offerings**
- **Rigorous and diverse science and technology curricula that engages students in authentic experimentation fostering scientific inquiry, design, data analysis, reading and writing**

# Academics

At Oyster Bay-East Norwich, academics are the foundation of the successful development of our students and the passport to their future. Our faculty and staff inspire and challenge our students to achieve elite levels of success.

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# Music and Art

The music and art departments offer comprehensive programs to all students K-12. Students are chosen each year to participate in local, state, regional and national musical and artistic competitions. In addition, our talented students are active members of national honor societies.

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# Athletics

Our athletic program enjoys the reputation of being one of the finest in Nassau County. Our teams have been designated as NYS Scholar-Athlete teams and have captured league, county, Long Island and NYS championships each year. A significant number of our graduating seniors each year have gone on to continue their athletic careers on the collegiate level.

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# Innovation and Technology

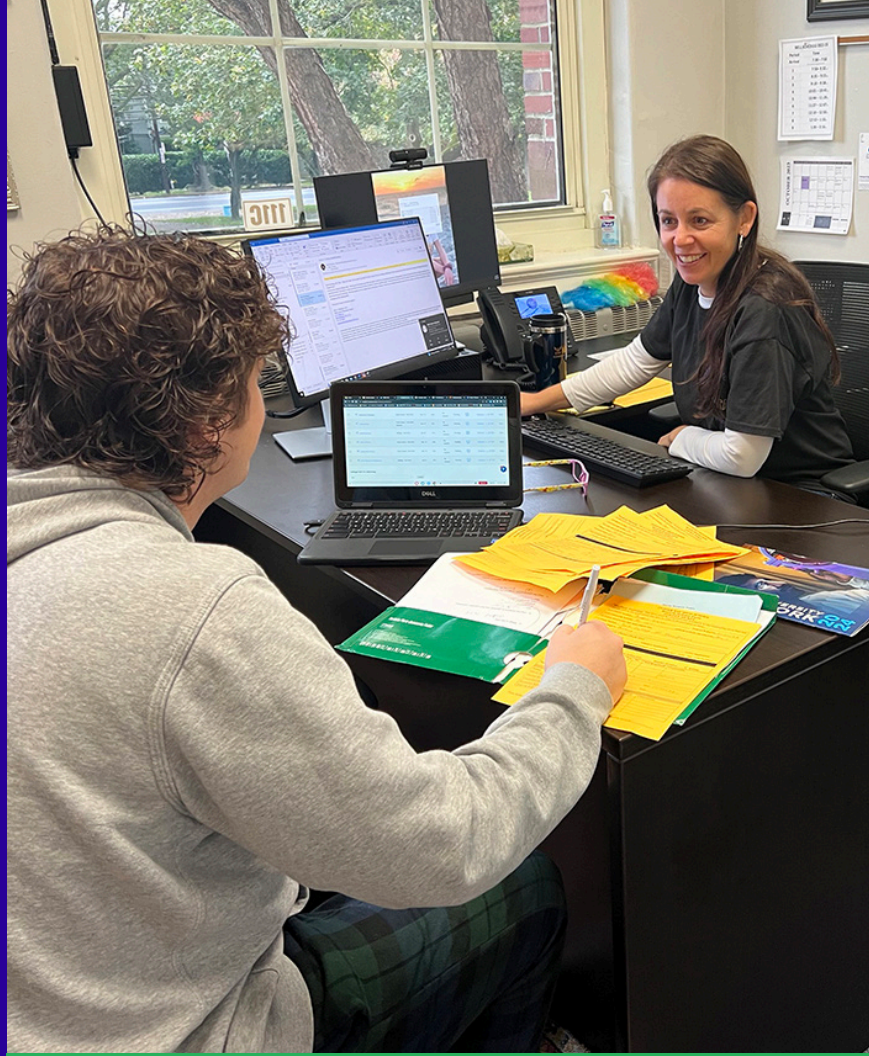
Innovation and technology at Oyster Bay-East Norwich are vehicles that allow our students to collaborate, explore and research. As creative minds are developed, our students extend their thinking outside of the box.

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# Counseling Department

The school counseling department at Oyster Bay High School is committed to serving the social, emotional and academic needs of ALL students. It is an integral part of every student's education. Counselors work collaboratively with students, parents, teachers and administrators to plan and implement programs focusing on student success as they progress through high school and plan for their future.

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# Student Life

Our District's success is not solely defined by how well our students do academically. We provide a wide variety of co-curricular and extracurricular offerings so that our students can explore their interests. Our students have opportunities to explore the arts, athletics and a variety of special-interest clubs. In fact, at the high school level, approximately 29 different clubs are offered.

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# What Makes *Our Schools* So Special?

*“Within a tight-knit community in a location incapable of being replicated, Oyster Bay provides privileges and experiences that go unparalleled; with educators that have become my family and staff that has pushed me to do my best, I come to school every day knowing that there is no worry about feeling cared for. There will always be a person in this building with the greatest desire to do the best for their students.”*

– Grade 11 Student

*“You get to learn and read and do math! You get to be kind to other children and help them!”*

– Grade 2 Student

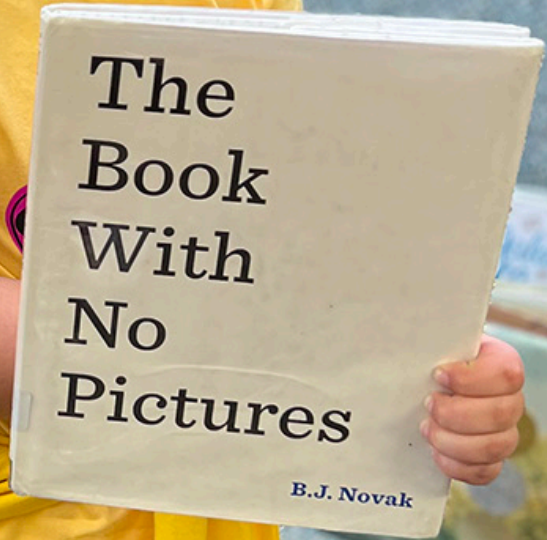
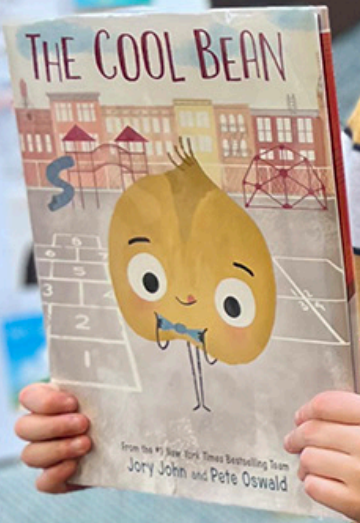
*“The beauty of working in a small school is that as teachers, we get to know our students and athletes on a level that extends past our classrooms. We have an amazing student body filled with students who are diligent workers, passionate about their extracurricular activities, and I am lucky to work with them every single day. Oyster Bay is my home away from home and has become such a big part of my life.”*

– PE Teacher and Coach

*“Everybody knows your name and smiles when you walk down the hallways.”*

– Grade 6 Student







# Academics



The District's main goal is to provide the students of Oyster Bay-East Norwich with the best possible educational opportunities. Recognizing that students possess different learning styles and abilities, individual student needs are addressed. Teachers are trained to recognize the strengths of each child and teach that student in a way they will learn best.

Our District boasts small classes where students can be active participants in discussions and our faculty can assess their learning in real time.

**This intimate approach to teaching and learning provides students with the confidence to learn and aligns with our vision to *"Empower ALL Students to Achieve Excellence."***

Our commitment to ongoing program development, coupled with a compassionate and caring staff, creates the foundation for an exemplary education. **We are proud of the traditions we have built and look forward to helping future generations achieve their optimal potential.**

*“In the amazing Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District, students experience a private education within the walls of a public-school building.”*

–Superintendent of Schools Dr. Francesco Ianni

## Highlights of our robust academic offerings include:

### BUSINESS

The business department is an essential component of the academic program of Oyster Bay High School. The curriculum is intrinsically related to many academic areas, affording students the opportunity to apply knowledge gained in other disciplines. Students are taught relevant computer-based skills that can be applied in their educational, professional and personal lives. Students who have completed or are scheduled to complete three full credits in business education may apply for membership in the New York State Business and Marketing Honor Society.

### COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer science and technology are essential components of high school education. **Learning computer science empowers young people to compete in the global economy and pursue a variety of careers** as it teaches students computational thinking and problem-solving skills applicable in any industry. The computer science department at Oyster Bay High School equips students with the concepts and critical thinking skills necessary to meet the global challenges of the present and future.





## HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The health and physical education department of Oyster Bay-East Norwich contributes to each student's growth and development in a movement-based curriculum incorporating the psychomotor, affective and cognitive domains. Teachers deliver a planned, sequential K-12 instructional program that aids students in attaining levels of skill development that allow them to participate competently in physical activities.

Our students are educated in a caring, safe environment that provides successful experiences for all students. We instill an appreciation for physical activity and wellness and promote the "joy of effort" while providing an element of challenge and enjoyment through participation. Our program develops positive social skills and attitudes including independence, responsibility, leadership, cooperation, fair play, teamwork and respect among students and staff.

The physical education program at Oyster Bay-East Norwich prides itself on offering our students numerous opportunities to meet the New York State graduation requirements through electives such as Mindfulness, Weight Training, and Exercise Science. The physical education curriculum in Oyster Bay-East Norwich is based on national standards and the New York State Learning Standards.



## ENGLISH

The Oyster Bay High School English Department is committed to cultivating our young scholars' curiosity. Through the study of authors' divergent perspectives and treatments of universal themes, our young scholars, armed with an ever-increasing understanding of rhetoric, grapple with ideas, conduct research, explore their own underlying assumptions, refine and share their perspectives, practice dialogue and engender in themselves the habits of empathic, informed citizens. We aim to equip our students with the creative and critical thinking skills necessary to thrive beyond high school as creators and consumers of content in a society transformed by the globalization and democratization of information sharing.

The department offers a range of courses that support students' research skills and journalism interests, including Humanities Research. In this course students explore topics of interest across disciplines and take informed action by researching and investigating civic issues and developing strategies and solutions. Unique electives such as History and Literature Through Games are also offered, which allow students to apply their knowledge of board and computerized games to conduct research and comparative studies of historical themes and figures as well as literary analysis.



## MATHEMATICS

The mathematics department strives to provide our students with the type of learning required in a 21st-century classroom. Aligned with the District vision, our math courses provide students with the rigor of mathematics, show the relevance and role of mathematics in their learning and allow students to develop learning relationships with their peers and teachers. Our teachers assist students in cultivating their critical thinking and problem-solving skills, communicating their understanding and fostering collaboration with their peers. In our math classes, students study the overarching topics of number and quantity, algebra, functions, geometry, statistics and probability, and calculus. Students not only develop their procedural fluency in mathematics, but they also deepen their

conceptual understanding, model and apply mathematics, and use technology as a tool to enhance their learning.

## SCIENCE

The science department encourages students to master skills and concepts across the disciplines of life, earth and physical science. Our department encourages four years of high school science for all, offering a variety of electives and Advanced Placement courses to meet the diverse needs and interests of our students. Students regularly design and perform experiments, enabling them to gain practical laboratory knowledge and skills. Opportunities for field studies, guest lecturers and authentic data collection strengthen student learning throughout various coursework.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

The commencement-level social studies program builds upon the previous knowledge, skills and aptitudes developed in our K-8 program that are essential for students to become responsible citizens in our multicultural society and interdependent world. The social studies department provides a variety of programs to satisfy the requirement of four credits of social studies for a Regents or Advanced Regents Diploma. In addition to required credits and courses necessary for graduation, students may choose a variety of electives in the social sciences. Oyster Bay High School was a pilot school in the year of 2022-23 for the Seal of Civic Readiness. By participating in individual and small group projects focused on civic knowledge, civic skills, civic mindset and civic experience, students can earn a formal recognition on their diploma signifying that they have attained a high level of proficiency in these areas.

## WORLD LANGUAGES

### “Bilingualism Is a Superpower”

Students in the Oyster Bay-East Norwich world language program learn to communicate effectively in a new language and demonstrate the cultural competency necessary to interact with people from other cultures. We are proud to offer a variety of world languages courses starting with the FLES

Chinese Mandarin in grade 5, further exploring Mandarin Chinese, French and Spanish during grade 6, and expanding all three languages with the addition of ASL in grades 7-12. All of our students have the opportunity to reach the Advanced Placement and college dual enrollment-level world language courses, as well as an opportunity to graduate with the New York State Seal of Biliteracy in English and a world language.

## ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE (ENL)

### “Bilingualism Is a Superpower”

English language learners enrolled in the ENL program acquire and learn effective basic interpersonal communication skills and achieve cognitive academic language proficiency in English so that they may take full advantage of all the available academic and extracurricular programs, prepare for future higher educational opportunities and careers, graduate with the New York State Seal of Biliteracy in English and their home language, and potentially reach multiliteracy should they choose to study another world language and earn the seal in multiple languages. Our ENL program provides co-taught classes across all disciplines, empowering students to achieve excellence in all academic areas.



*“Oyster Bay is made special by the incredible students, teachers and community members that bring passion and love to everything they do. Oyster Bay is filled with mentors that push us to do our best and aspire that we become nothing less than our best selves with the brightest future possible.”*

– Grade 12 Student





# *Music and the Arts*

The Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District offers robust programs in the arts for children in each of our three schools. We are proud to offer a renowned performing arts program that begins at the elementary level, where we have introduced an expanded repertoire of music opportunities including a new strings program (districtwide) and a high school TV Production & Multimedia Journalism Program, with a state-of-the-art TV studio set to launch in Spring 2024.

The high school music department offers courses that encourage self-expression and promote skills for analyzing, critiquing and appreciating music. Students at Oyster Bay High School take their fine, media and performing arts classes in our beautiful Fine and Performing Arts Wing that debuted in 2019. We are also excited to announce that a brand-new music building has started to be built at Vernon, our 3-6 building. Students in our department develop interpersonal skills and self-confidence as they prepare for and participate in culminating experiences. Along with biannual performances at the stunning Oyster Bay High School Performance Center, our high school musicians have performed in concerts on the stages of Carnegie Hall, Radio City Music Hall and Madison Square Garden and in collaboration with the NYC Master Chorale. Each year, we are proud of the large number of students who are designated as All-County musicians.

Our innovative fine arts program is recognized for incorporating traditional fine arts skills with cutting-edge multimedia software. At the high school, the art department offers an array of courses that encourage self-expression and promote skills for analyzing, critiquing and appreciating the arts. The program cultivates students' interests through a variety of media and prepares them for advanced study or careers in the visual arts.



*“The message is simple ... if you have a dream, we will find a way to help you make it happen!”*

-Dr. Francesco Ianni, Superintendent of Schools



# Athletics

Oyster Bay has a long tradition of athletic excellence. Our athletes have been successful at the state, county and local level, with some breaking Nassau County records! Some student-athletes also go on to excel in college and professional ranks.

At the middle school level, students can participate in 20 different teams throughout the fall, winter and spring seasons. In addition, we offer intramural programs in fencing and golf.

At the high school level, students can participate in 32 teams.

Some recent athletic successes include:

- A NYS Class B Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- News 12 Scholar Athlete
- All-State Division II Athlete – Wrestling
- All-Long Island Athlete – Girls Fencing
- Nassau County Individual Champions – Wrestling
- Conference Individual Champion – Girls Winter Track
- State Champion in Rowing
- All-League Athlete – Field Hockey
- League IV Champions – Field Hockey
- Nassau County Class “C” Champions – Volleyball

Oyster Bay-East Norwich is a close-knit community that enjoys cheering on our District’s athletes and recognizes the importance that athletics play in our students’ secondary experience.



## HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

### Fall

Cheerleading  
Boys and Girls Crew  
Boys and Girls Cross Country  
Field Hockey  
Football  
Boys and Girls Golf  
Sailing  
Boys and Girls Soccer  
Girls Tennis  
Boys and Girls Volleyball

### Winter

Boys and Girls Basketball  
Boys and Girls Bowling  
Cheerleading  
Boys and Girls Fencing  
Boys and Girls Indoor Track  
Wrestling

### Spring

Girls Badminton  
Baseball  
Boys and Girls Crew  
Boys and Girls Golf  
Boys and Girls Lacrosse  
Sailing  
Softball  
Boys Tennis  
Boys and Girls Track and Field

## MODIFIED ATHLETICS (GR. 7-8)

### Fall

Boys and Girls Crew  
Boys and Girls Cross Country  
Field Hockey  
Football  
Boys and Girls Golf  
Sailing  
Boys and Girls Soccer

### Winter I

Boys Basketball  
Girls Volleyball

### Winter II

Girls Basketball  
Boys Volleyball  
Wrestling

### Spring

Baseball  
Boys and Girls Golf  
Boys and Girls Lacrosse  
Sailing  
Softball  
Boys and Girls Track and Field





# *Innovation and Technology*

Innovation and technology at Oyster Bay are integral parts of our students' lives, contributing to a collaborative environment and providing them with **valuable skills to succeed in the 21st century**. Throughout all grade levels, students are afforded numerous hands-on experiences with real-world applications. We are confident that this will yield tremendous results in preparing our students for postsecondary education and fieldwork.

Beginning with a coding and robotics curriculum for students in grades K-6 and continuing to high school, where students can take courses in computer programming, coding and architectural engineering, Oyster Bay-East Norwich is at the forefront of engineering education on Long Island.

Ultimately, students are learning to think critically, which promotes real-world problem-solving skills and prepares them for the next phase of their lives.



# *High School Library and Media Center*

The Oyster Bay High School Library offers students a truly unique learning experience. The physical space itself is like no other high school library in Nassau County. Its high ceiling and painted steel girders make it a truly inspirational space. The library provides access to college-level research databases such as JSTOR and Proquest, and provides 24-hour access to countless e-books and audiobooks via Sora. To encourage students to create innovative research projects, the library has two 3-D printers, digital cameras and video recording devices available. And with two new innovation labs opening shortly within the library, students will have additional spaces to collaborate amongst their peers and faculty.



# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- 3D Printing Club
- AGAPAE Literary Magazine
- Art Club
- Back Stage Club
- Be The Change
- Birthday Wishes
- Broadcasting Club
- Chess/Gaming Club
- Coding
- Environmental Club
- First Lego League Robotics
- French Club
- Girls Club
- The Harbour Voice
- Health Club
- History Research Club
- Interact
- International Club
- Internship Club
- Literazzi Literacy Magazine
- Mathletes
- Model UN
- SADD
- SALP
- Science Olympiad
- Science Research (Robotics)
- Social Justice Club
- Student Council
- Theater Arts
- Yearbook

# HONOR SOCIETIES

- National Art Honor Society
- Business Honor Society
- Foreign Language National Honor Society
- Math Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta)
- National Honor Society
- National Junior Honor Society
- English/Quill and Scroll Honor Society
- Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society
- Science National Honor Society
- Tri-M Music Honor Society

# Student Life

The district’s academic program is enhanced by a wide range of extracurricular programs that support our students’ variety of interests. Through their involvement in various clubs and activities, our students develop vital leadership and communication skills that they carry with them upon graduation.

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# School Counseling

We are extremely proud of our school counseling services, which provide a range of services for students in grades K-12. In addition to supporting students in the areas of social-emotional learning and well-being, our counseling staff is vital in the college matriculation process for our high school students. Through their guidance, our high school students and families are able to better navigate the college application and financial aid process. Students are assigned an experienced school counselor upon their arrival to Oyster Bay High School in seventh grade and continue with the same counselor until grade 12. This allows ample time for formative relationships to be built, allowing our students to receive individual guidance in achieving their postsecondary goals.

In recent years, Oyster Bay-East Norwich graduates have matriculated to pursue postsecondary education at the following universities:

Adelphi University  
 Boston College  
 Bucknell University  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Clemson University  
 College of Charleston  
 Cornell University  
 CUNY Hunter College  
 CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
 CUNY Queens College  
 Duke University  
 Elon University  
 Florida Gulf Coast University  
 Fordham University  
 Georgian Court University  
 Harvard University  
 Hofstra University  
 Institute of Culinary Education  
 Iona College  
 Ithaca College

James Madison University  
 Lafayette College  
 Long Island University, Brooklyn  
 Long Island University, Post  
 Louisiana State University  
 Marist College  
 Michigan State University  
 Molloy College  
 Moravian University  
 Muhlenberg College  
 Nassau Community College  
 New York Institute of Technology  
 New York University  
 Northeastern University  
 Ohio State University  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Quinnipiac University  
 Seton Hall University  
 Springfield College  
 St. John's University



State University of New York  
 Binghamton University  
 Buffalo State College  
 Cortland  
 Delhi  
 Farmingdale State College  
 Fashion Institute of Technology  
 Geneseo  
 Maritime  
 Old Westbury  
 Oneonta  
 Stony Brook University  
 University at Albany  
 University at Buffalo  
 Syracuse University  
 Tarleton State University  
 Texas A&M University  
 Texas Woman's University  
 Tulane University  
 Union College  
 University of Alabama  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Irvine

University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of California, San Diego  
 University of California, Santa Barbara  
 University of Colorado, Boulder  
 University of Florida  
 University of Maryland  
 University of Miami  
 University of New Hampshire  
 University of Scranton  
 University of South Carolina  
 University of South Florida  
 University of Southern California  
 University of Tampa  
 University of Valley Forge  
 University of Virginia  
 Vassar College  
 Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Virginia Tech  
 West Virginia University



# What Makes *Our Schools* *So Special?*

*“Oyster Bay is a close-knit community and has allowed me to foster meaningful relationships with students, parents and colleagues that will last a lifetime. Our students are provided with numerous opportunities to contribute to the school and the world around them. From music to athletics to extracurricular clubs, there is no shortage of ways for all students to feel included in the Oyster Bay family.”*

**– Science Teacher**

*“Roosevelt is more like a home than a job to me. It is full of friends, students and families all working together to help each child achieve their goals. I love OBEN!”*

**– Kindergarten Teacher**

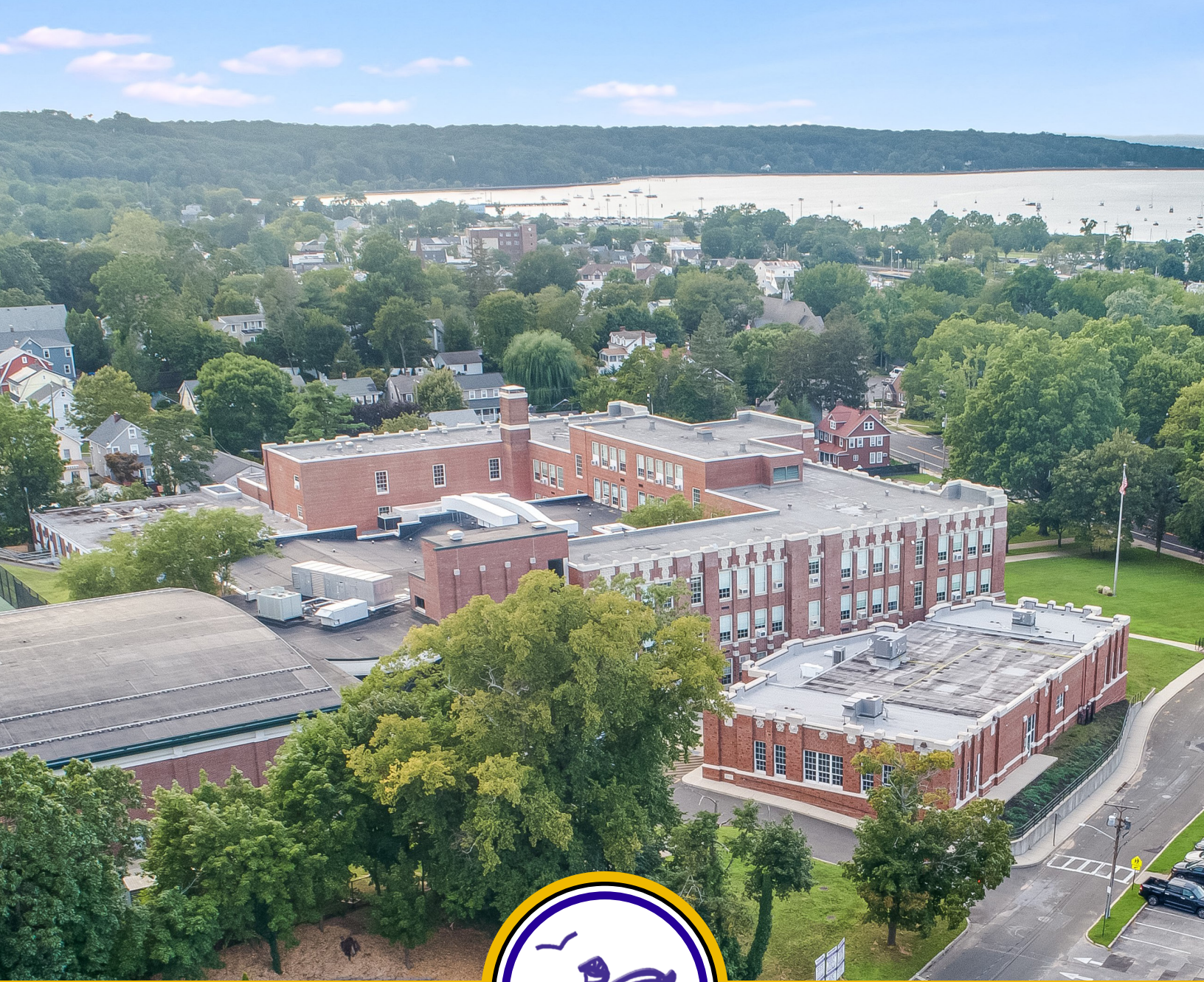
*“Roosevelt is such a special place for our youngest learners to grow! I love our sense of community here. The staff works together to create the most engaging, meaningful and fun learning experiences for our students. We are truly a warm and caring family at TR.”*

**– Science and Tech Teacher**

*“This tiny school district on the North Shore of Long Island is truly a hidden gem. Every member of the OBEN learning community works together to help all students reach their maximum potential.”*

**– Principal**





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