





# 2023 - 2024 Oyster Bay Middle/High School Club Handbook

Dear Oyster Bay Students,

Here at Oyster Bay Middle/High School we encourage you to get involved. Joining clubs and activities is a great way to meet new friends and make an impact on your school while also practicing your leadership skills. Involving yourself in activities that you are passionate about can make your years here much more enjoyable.

We are lucky to have such dedicated staff members who advise these clubs with the same goal in mind; to help students get involved while having fun and to help develop and grow a sense of community amongst our student body. By providing our students with a variety of opportunities, we are able to ensure that there is a club for everyone at Oyster Bay Middle/High School. If you have an idea for a club we do not offer, we are always willing to discuss the possibility of founding a new one!

The purpose of this handbook is to provide you with information about each club we offer at Oyster Bay. We hope it will help you discover all of the amazing opportunities you have to get involved and motivate you to join some clubs. If you have any questions, please contact the adviser whose contact information is listed along with the club description.

We look forward to seeing our students at club meetings in the near future!

Sincerely,

Ms. Melissa Argaman Principal Mr. Robert LoCastro Assistant Principal Mr. John Pardue Assistant Principal

# CLASS ADVISOR INFORMATION

Name of Class Council	Advisor	Meeting Day & Time	Frequency	Location
Class of 2024	Ms. Paula Norton Ms. Kathy Brown	Every other Thursday @ 2:20	Bi-Weekly, as needed	Library
Class of 2025	Mr. Richard Geiger Ms. Victoria Wink	Tuesdays @ 2:20	Bi-Weekly	Gym
Class of 2026	Mr. Sean Hogya Ms. Kayla Pollenz	After school, dates vary	Monthly	Counseling Center
Class of 2027	Ms. Ariana Esposito	TBD	As Needed	Gym
Middle Level (7 – 8)	Ms. Fran Sotiriou	Wednesday from 7:15-7:45 am	1st and 4th Wednesday of each month	Room 306

## **Clubs & Organizations**

#### **3D Printing Club**

Advisor: Mr. Chris Weber

Meeting Days & Times: Thursdays from 2:25 - 4:30 PM

Frequency: Weekly Location: Room 304 Google Code: dpuzmul

Grades: 8 - 12

Oyster Bay High School's 3D Printing Club is intended to teach and educate the students of Oyster Bay High School on how to properly handle a 3D printer and create new 3D designs. We are a group of students who are passionate about 3D printing and we want to expand our knowledge of this art while engaging others on how to do the same

#### **AGAPAE**

Advisors: Ms. Megan Galioto

Meeting Days & Times: Wednesdays @ 2:20 PM

Frequency: Weekly as needed

Location: Room 304 Google Code: chhjwfi

Grades: 9 - 12

Oyster Bay High School's Literary Art Magazine is for students who work together to produce and publish an annual magazine that showcases OBHS students' literary and artistic accomplishments. Meetings include reading, discussing and editing student writing, as well as laying out the magazine, and coordinating student art and computer graphics with the literature. The magazine has been recognized for excellence by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA), frequently winning Gold Medals in the CSPA annual critiques. The 2014 edition won a CSPA Crown Award.

#### **Art Club (Middle Level)**

Advisor: Ms. Elizabeth Manning

Meeting Days & Times: Wednesday from 2:20-2:50 PM

Frequency: Weekly Location: Room 101 Google Code: qmwbgci

Grades: 7 - 8

Middle Level Art Club gives students time to work with different mediums, learn about new crafts, or just have extended studio time. We can work with materials such as clay, origami and markers. Weekly attendance is not mandatory and all students can participate whether they have art or not!

#### **Back Stage Club**

Advisor: Mr. Alex Dollin

Meeting Days & Times: Fridays @2:30 PM

Frequency: Weekly Location: Room 103

Grades: 7-12

This club is responsible for the lighting, sounds, stage, crew, and scenic construction for play, concerts, shows, school building meetings, board of education meetings, and more.

#### Be The Change

Advisors: Mr. John Andriaccio and Mr. Matthew Brown Meeting Days & Times: Friday 7:20 am – 7:50 am

Location: Room 306 Google Code: 23d5wl7

Grades: 9 – 12

Be The Change Club embodies the spirit of Challenge Day while carrying out a variety of fun activities that incorporate "good will", philanthropy, and community building into fundraising. Each year the Club members choose worthy charities and then spend their time devising fun activities involving students, faculty, and staff to support those causes. It is a large club that has universal membership and accepts new members at any time.

#### **Birthday Wishes**

Advisor: Ms. Brittany Cahill

Meeting Days & Times: 1st Thursday of every month from 2:16-3:00

Frequency: Monthly in Person Only

Location: Room 220

Grades: 7 − 12

The Birthday Wishes Club brings birthday parties to children living in homeless shelters across Long Island. Some of our activities include wrapping presents, designing and creating arts and crafts projects, and making goodie bags. Students are expected to attend our monthly meetings and participate in several fundraising events that take place throughout the school year. This club welcomes students in grades 7-12 and is always looking to accept new members.

#### **Broadcasting Club**

Advisor: Mr. Alex Dollin, Elizabeth McGee, Lindsey Oliva, & Teriann Chiappardi

Meeting Days & Times: Varied, Depending upon events taking place

Frequency: Varied, Depending upon events taking place

Location: 103 Grades: 7-12

The Sports' Broadcasting club is intended to help engage students in the world of sports' broadcasting. Producing, broadcasting and editing the district's athletic contests will be the first priority. Additionally, the students will learn how to create scripts for broadcasting district events. The students in the sports broadcasting club will attend home athletic events and live stream games on the district's Athletics' YouTube page. This club would also engage students in the field of journalism and sports broadcasting.

#### **Chess/Gaming Club**

Advisor: Ms. Kayla Pollenz

Meeting Days & Times: Fridays @2:30

Frequency: Weekly Location: OBHS Library Grade Levels: 7 – 12

The Gaming Club wishes to provide students the chance to play their favorite video, board and card games in a safe and welcoming environment. Membership in this organization is open to all Oyster Bay High School students. Video game tournaments are held throughout the year. The club meets every Friday after school in the Library.

#### **Coding Club**

Advisors: Ms. Suprabha Malhar-Jain

Meeting Days & Times: Wednesdays @2:20 pm

Frequency: Weekly Location: Room 208

Grades: 7 − 12

The Coding Club is for everyone, it is a place that brings people together, regardless of their current level of knowledge, gender or background. We all have the right to learn, and we believe learning is more fun and efficient when we help each other along the way. We are about inspiring young minds to be creators of technology. We recognize that coding is "Essential" and "Everybody should learn to program a computer, because it teaches you how to think" -Steve Jobs

#### **Environmental Club**

Advisors: Ms. Paula Norton

Meeting Days & Times: Thursday @2:20 pm

Frequency: Twice Monthly

Location: Room 114

Grades: 7 − 12

At the Environmental Club, our goals are to increase awareness and actively do our part to help save the planet. We would like to inform students and staff about different ways they can reduce their eco-footprint, organize events such as cleanups etc., fundraise for different organizations, and implement more sustainable products throughout the school. We are unable to do this without your support, so please join our club!

#### First Lego League (ML) Robotics

Advisor: Mr. Sean Hogya & Mr. Justin Pearlman Meeting Days & Times: Monday 2:40 -4:00PM

Frequency: Weekly Location: 118

Google Code: ziepmnn

Grades: 7-8

The First Lego League team will take part in this year's international "Superpowered" Competition. Students will meet weekly to plan both aspects of the competition. Advisors will instruct students on how to build a robot, customize its design and build for various challenges and obstacles provided by LEGO, as well as conduct meaningful research on student created topics on this year's theme.

#### French Club

Advisor: Mr. Maxime Lavallee

Meeting Days & Times: Fridays @2:20

Frequency: Biweekly

Location: 303

Google Code: iwjedwy

Grades: 7-12

The French Club will be a place for students who are interested in deepening their understanding of the culture and history of the Francophone world. It will also be a great opportunity for students to spend time with other motivated French students and to practice interacting in the language.

#### **Girls Club**

Advisor: Ms. Kayla Pollenz

Meeting Days & Times: Tuesdays 2:30 - 3:00PM (subject to change)

Frequency: Weekly Location: TBD Grades: 7-12

Girls Group is intended to serve as a support group for girls grades 9-12 by creating a space that invites all high school girls despite having different interests and being part of different activities. Conversation is key to each meeting. Meetings will start with each member sharing a highlight and lowlight of their week. Once that is done any member can bring up a topic they wish to talk about. Girls have the ability to ask others for advice or just be able to vent about something going on in their lives.

#### **Harbour Voice**

Advisor: Ms. Megan Galioto

Meeting Days & Times: Thursdays @2:20 pm

Frequency: Weekly as needed

Location: Rm. 304 Google code: vbu3pqj Grade Levels: 9 – 12

The Harbour Voice is the student newspaper for Oyster Bay High School. Students write, edit, and publish articles that are relevant and insightful for the Oyster Bay student community. Writing for The Harbour Voice provides students with an opportunity to shed light on local events and advocate for the issues that matter to them. Working on the school paper comes with great responsibility as students are informing public opinion. Every year, student articles are submitted to various writing contests.

#### **Health Club**

Advisors: Ms. Victoria Wink

Meeting Days & Times: Wednesdays from 2:20 – 2:50 pm

Frequency: Weekly

Location: Gym/Weight Room

Google code: sengqt6 Grade Levels: 7 - 12

Health club is supervised open gym time where you can play any sport/game you would like! We will also spend time throughout the year in the high school weight room where you will have access to cardio machines, free weights, etc. Let's get moving and have some fun!

#### **History Research Club**

Advisor: Mr. David Pontillo Meeting Days & Times: TBD

Frequency: As needed

Location: 305

Grade Levels: 9 - 12

The History Research Club would allow students interested in the Social Sciences to pursue their own independent research outside of the regular school day. Student members with a passion for history would be able to investigate many sources and then develop their own ideas and theories about historical events and their impact. The students in this club will devote their research towards making a research project for the National History Day competition, which takes place in the spring.

#### **Interact Club**

Advisor: Mr. Anthony Caputo

Meeting Days & Times: Wednesdays @2:20PM

Frequency: Twice Monthly Location: Room 204
Grade Levels: 9 - 12

The purpose of the Interact Club is to provide opportunities for young people to work together in a worldwide fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding. Interact Club members participate in service learning that benefits their local community as well as in projects designed to develop an awareness of global issues. New members are always welcome.

#### **International Club**

Advisors: Ms. Fran Sotiriou

Meeting Days & Times: Tuesday 2:20-3:20 pm

Frequency: Bi-Weekly

Room: 401

Grade Levels: 7 - 12

The International Club is designed so students can experience cultural diversity through planning and attending several annual projects. Our mission is to develop leadership and positive communication skills among our students as well as promote international awareness within our school and community.

#### **Internship Club**

Advisor: Ms. Sandra Mark

Meeting Days & Times: Mondays from 2:20-2:40 pm (Beginning Oct. 2)

Frequency: Biweekly Google code: dnansw5 Location: Room 404 Grade Levels: 11 – 12

The focus of this club is to provide a structured learning experience by collaboratively engaging students with employers outside of the school building. The objective is for students to practice a skill set that will allow them to become college and career-ready.

#### Literazzi Magazine

Advisor: Ms. Diana Yen

Meeting Days & Times: Fridays 2:45 - 3:15 pm

Frequency: Once per month from September-December. Twice per month from January-May.

Location: Room 308 Google Code: gt5rap3 Grade Levels: 7 – 8

A 7th and 8th grade online publication which includes short stories, poems, fan fiction, book reviews, artwork, comics, photography, and student life articles from our talented study body. We are looking for writers, artists, and anyone else interested in expressing a creative student voice.

#### **Mathletes (High School)**

Advisors: Mr. David Lazar

Meeting Days: Monday 2:20-2:50 pm, plus competitions

Frequency: Bi-weekly Location: Room 312 Grade Levels: 9 – 12

The purpose of Mathletes is to provide an opportunity for students who want to expand their mathematical skills beyond the classroom and compete in monthly competitions on Tuesdays in the Nassau County Interscholastic Mathematics League.

#### **Model UN (United Nations)**

Advisor: Mr. David Pontillo

Meeting Days & Times: Friday after school

Frequency: Monthly Location: Room 305 Google Code: 3demxue Grade Levels: 9 - 12

Model UN is a simulation in which a student becomes an ambassador of a foreign country. It is their job to learn about their country, and then do their best to represent their country at the UN General Assembly. At these meetings, the ambassadors debate critical problems facing our world. Students must put forth their nation's positions, and vie to have their nation's ideas adopted by the General Assembly. This club encourages research, debate, public speaking, and more.

#### **Science Research (Robotics)**

Advisor: Mr. Andrew Schlendorf & Ms. Maria Zambuto Meeting Days & Times: Friday 2:30 p.m. – 4:30pm

Frequency: Weekly Location: Room 118 Google Code: 2pavm4a Grade Levels: 9 – 12

The goal of the robotics club is to learn about engineering, technology and working together while designing and building a robot. Each year, we build a robot that achieves a certain goal and then we compete in a nationwide tournament against other teams. Over the course of the year, we learn about mechanics, computer programming, physics, computer design, teamwork, fundraising and how to solve all kinds of robotics problems.

#### **SADD**

Advisor: Mr. Matthew Brown

Meeting Days & Times: Wednesday 2:20 - 3:20PM

Frequency: Weekly Location: Chorus Room Google Code: 40wmdue Grade Levels: 9 – 12

This Club recognizes that adolescents are faced with making potentially destructive decisions each day of their lives. The Club explores these issues and students aim to be positive influences in the lives of their friends and family members. SADD wants to educate its members and take a stand against alcohol and drug use, drinking and driving, violent behaviors, negative attitudes toward others, and all forms of oppression. The club follows a "no use policy" regarding drugs and alcohol. Members support those who struggle with these issues while

providing the best possible means of positive peer influence through alternative activities and influence. The Club offers healthy activities that promote constructive decisions such as Red Ribbon Week, Grim Reaper Day, and Open Mic Nights. Enrollment is open and students typically join based on their availability.

#### **Science Olympiad**

Advisors: Ms. Karla Melara

Meeting Days & Times: Friday 2:20-3:00PM

Frequency: Weekly Location: 220

Google Classroom: dlkbjpq

Grade Levels: 9 – 12

In the Science Olympiad club, we work in groups to answer science related questions on a national or state level. We also participate in local science competitions.

#### **Social Justice Club**

Advisors: Mr. Matt Brown

Meeting Days & Times: Thursday 7:30AM

Frequency: Bi-Weekly

Location: 302

Grade Levels: 7 - 12

The Social Justice Club strives to raise awareness of social issues throughout the world, including our own community. We hope to spread a positive view of collaborating with others without social pressures. During the meeting, we discuss topics that affect our community, country, and planet. We welcome anyone who is willing to respectfully participate in our activities.

#### **Student Athlete Leadership Program (SALP)**

Advisor: Ms. Erin Murcott Meeting Days & Times: TBD Frequency: Weekly and as needed

Location: TBD Grade Levels: 11 – 12

The Student-Athlete Leadership Program consists of a select group of 11th and 12th grade student-athletes that participate in a unique training program focused on issues relating to self- esteem, substance abuse prevention, sportsmanship, civility, bullying, and teasing. These student-athletes are accepted based on an application and recommendations by coaches and teachers. By attending a series of training sessions throughout the school year, the high school's student-athletes prepare to conduct presentations for fifth and sixth-grade students at the Vernon School. These presentations enable these student-athletes to serve as positive role models for younger members of the community.

#### **Student Council (Middle Level)**

Advisors: Mr. John Andriaccio & Jill Sanborn Meeting Days & Times: Wednesdays 7:20 am

Frequency: Weekly Location: 206 Grade Levels: 7 – 8

We host age-appropriate activities. We participate in annual events such as the Bay Cup (7th vs. 8th grade) Olympics, year-end celebration, and the Food Drive & Toy Drive. Our officers run fundraisers and organize our group. This club provides a great opportunity to enhance your leadership skills.

#### **Student Council (High School)**

Advisors: Ms. Danielle Urtheil and Ms. Deanna Cali Meeting Days & Times: Before School, days vary

Frequency: Bi-weekly (more frequently before an event)

Location: The Counseling Center

Grade Levels: 9 – 12

Join Student Council to provide activities for all students, promoting school spirit and community engagement. Take advantage of the opportunity to work with your peers and make for a happy and memorable High School experience. Our annual events include Spirit Week, Homecoming, Food Drive, Toy Drive, Valentines for Veterans, and other charitable initiatives.

#### **Yearbook**

Advisor: Ms. Lesley Perullo & Tara Przybyla Meeting Days & Times: Mondays, 2:20-3:00PM

Frequency: As Needed

Location: 212 Grade Level: 7 -12

The goal of the Yearbook Club is to create our new "Reflections" yearbook. The students will design the cover, develop the layout, and photograph the student body, sports, clubs, faculty and staff. The student members and club advisors will work together to learn the effort and dedication that goes into each and every aspect of the yearbook: writing, editing, photography, business marketing, computer skills, graphic design, etc.

### **Honor Societies**

#### **National Art Honor Society**

Advisors: Ms. Maria Randazzo

Meeting Days & Times: Thursdays or Fridays 2:20PM

Frequency: Monthly, as needed

Location: Room 102 Google code: rzbiheu Grade Levels: 10 – 12

The purpose of the National Art Honor Society is "to inspire and recognize those students who have demonstrated outstanding ability in art as well as to foster excellence and dedication in the pursuit of knowledge about art. The National Art Honor Society furthers the creative abilities, talents, and aesthetic awareness of its members, as well as the school's entire student art enrollment. Enrollment in art courses are required for joining and maintaining their membership.

#### **Business Honor Society**

Advisor: Ms. Sandra Mark

Meeting Days & Times: Fridays from 2:20-2:40pm, Beginning Oct. 6

Frequency: Monthly

Location: 404

Google code: o6knolj Grade Levels: 10 – 12 Our purpose is to recognize Business students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in our Business program. ELIGIBILITY: Students must be currently enrolled in business; seniors must complete 3 units in Business by the end of the current school year; sophomores/juniors must complete 2 units in Business by the end of the current school year (student should be planning to continue for at least one additional credit prior to graduation). CRITERIA: In Business Education courses: Minimum of 88 percent or B+ or 3.5 GPA Overall: 80 percent or B or 3.0 GPA. Any questions, please email the Ms. Mark @ smark@obenschool.org.

#### **Foreign Language National Honor Society**

Advisors: Ms. Elizabeth Manning Meeting Days & Times: TBD

Frequency: TBD Location: TBD

Grade Levels: 10 – 12

The purpose of this society is to recognize high achievement in Spanish, French and American Sign Language by students at secondary schools and to promote continuity of interest in the language studies. Students must have an average of 90 or above for Level II, III, and IV (Quarter 1 and II) to be eligible to apply. As a member of the society, students are expected to be active members and participate in the various activities throughout the year such as organizing fundraisers to support local and international organizations and serving as Language tutors to the under classmates.

\*\*Enrollment in language courses is required for joining and maintaining their membership. \*\*

#### Math Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta)

Advisor: Ms. Elaine Thompson

Meeting Days & Times: Thursday @ 2:20 PM

Frequency: 1st Thursday of each month

Location: Room 215 Google Code: mpummnw Grade Levels: 9 – 12

The Math Honor Society gives students the opportunity to meet with other students who have a demonstrated love of and achievement in mathematics. In meetings, students will prepare for Mu Alpha Theta contests, create math instructional videos for the community, and explore scholarship opportunities.

#### **National Honor Society**

Advisor: Ms. Keegan Harris Meeting Days & Times: TBD

Frequency: TBD Location: TBD

Grade Levels: 10 - 12

The National Honor Society (NHS) is composed of students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students in NHS organize community fundraisers and tutoring projects, participate in volunteer activities, and support scholarship through their collaborative leadership and effort. NHS members are expected to play a vital role in bringing the community together around service and leadership.

#### **National Junior Honor Society**

Advisor: Mr. Michael Ingrassia Meeting Days & Times: TBD

Frequency: TBD Location: TBD Grade Levels: 7 – 9

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is a national organization which recognizes excellence in middle level school students. Students must have a 90+ average to receive an invitation and application forms. Students must show excellence in academics, citizenship, service, leadership and character to be selected. Members must attend monthly meetings, participate in the service project, and the induction ceremony.

#### **English/ Quill and Scroll Honor Society**

Advisor: Dr. Deirdre Faughey

Meeting Days & Times: Friday @ 2:20 Frequency: Third Friday of the month

Location: Room 200B Grade Levels: 9 – 12

Quill and Scroll is the international honor society for high school journalism and creative writing students. Membership is only considered for students in grades 10-12 and for excellent work in the school newspaper, yearbook or literary magazine. Members of the Quill & Scroll will learn more about the field of journalism and creative writing. The English Honor Society celebrates students who have excelled in their ELA classes.

#### **Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society**

Advisor: Mr. David Pontillo

Meeting Days & Times: Friday After School

Frequency: Twice per month

Location: 202

Google Code: a4ng2wk Grade Levels: 11 – 12

The Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society recognizes students who excel in the social studies and have a true passion for the subject. Students can apply in January of their junior year to become a member and inductions take place every spring. As members of Rho Kappa, students work together to develop one social studies-based event to host yearly at OBHS.

#### **Science National Honor Society**

Advisor: Ms. Lisa McDougal Meeting Days & Times: TBD

Frequency: TBD Location: TBD Grade Levels: 11 – 12

Science National Honor Society (SNHS) is a service-oriented club. Students are invited to join SNHS their junior year and must be enrolled in the Honors Science Program and/or AP Science Courses and have maintained a minimum 90 average (unweighted) in those courses. The activities of the SNHS include: (1) assisting the Second Grade Science Night (2) judging the Seventh Grade Science Fair (3) planning and attending the SNHS Induction and (4) assisting in the District Science Fair.

#### **Tri-M Music Honor Society**

Advisor: Mr. Matthew Sisia

Meeting Days & Times: Monday/2:20 p.m. Frequency:

Frequency: Monthly or as needed

Location: Band Room Grade Levels: 10 – 12

Tri-M is the international music honor society for students in grades 10-12. It is designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and to inspire other students to excel at music and leadership. The OBHS chapter of the Tri-M Honor Society has performed holiday music at local children's hospitals and throughout our community, run NYSSMA tutoring sessions for students in grades 5 and 6, and organized an iPod drive to aid the elderly in our community suffering from Alzheimer's disease and Dementia. The Tri-M Honor Society is a positive, driving force behind so many of the extraordinary events that occur in the Oyster Bay High School community.



## **Have Fun!**



## **Get Involved!**



#### **Board of Education**

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#### Oyster Bay Middle/High School Administration

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