

Find the tuition free education your daughter deserves, at Our Sisters' School

There's nothing more important than your child's education.

Ensuring that your child is both challenged and nurtured, inspired and empowered, uplifted and energized is a challenge for any parent. It is hard to sift through all the options. District schools, charter schools, parochial schools, private schools.

In the end it comes down to one question: What's best for my child?

If you're the parent of a fourth-grade girl, you might find that answer at the open house for Our Sisters' School, located right here in the heart of New Bedford.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/969071477180856/>

What is Our Sisters' School?

Named after the "sister sailors" of our city's whaling era, OSS is an independent, tuition-free, non-religious middle school that opened in 2008 with the goal of educating and inspiring economically disadvantaged girls from the New Bedford area. With small class sizes – only 18 girls per grade – each time Our Sisters' School selects a student, it makes a thoughtful, long-term investment in the future of a courageous young woman.

Read what a parent recently wrote during Teacher Appreciation Week:

"To the entire OSS teachers and staff – you are courageous and

fearless. You have gone above and beyond during a very challenging academic year to teach in person all year, and accommodate each student's needs.

We are amazed and inspired by your kindness and bravery. You put your health at risk, and choose in-person teaching while schools throughout the country choose remote teaching.

We are so grateful, and we appreciate you for everything you do each day. Our daughter and her sister sailors are very lucky to have teachers and staff like you all. Thank you! Thank you!"

Why consider OSS?

Because an OSS education is dynamic. It's exciting. It inspires and challenges. Strong academics are coupled with positive character development as students explore Core Values of Community, Citizenship, Leadership and Excellence with a growth mindset. Their alumnae demonstrate the power of an OSS education as they thrive in their high schools, colleges and beyond.

What is it that makes OSS different?

It starts with the dedicated, skilled team of teachers who eagerly engage students each and every day, offering depth of experience, skill and commitment to foster student growth and achievement. A rigorous, extended school day goes from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., offering each student a robust learning schedule including comprehensive, literacy-rich core academic instruction, social and emotional learning, fieldwork, local partnerships, and action for social justice. The last hour of each day, called Evening Study, is dedicated to supervised homework completion and academic support.

The opportunities at OSS are boundless. From design thinking, natural sciences, and STEAM to visual and performing arts, including music, theater, dance, studio and digital arts.

There's sports, physical fitness and developmentally appropriate health and wellness education. There's project-based learning, public speaking, and electives that foster student voice and choice.

Additional supports like tutoring, mentoring, and counseling are a part of the OSS experience. And when your time at OSS winds down, there's preparation and support for the *transition to high school*. OSS graduates have earned a high school diploma 100% of the time and 92% have applied and been accepted to college.

How do I learn more?

To join Our Sisters' School's voyage check out the open house at 10 a.m. on June 5: facebook.com/events/969071477180856/ Prospective parents and students are welcome to attend in person. You may also email us for additional information or call the office.

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