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The best education takes place in an environment where teachers, students, parents, volunteers and trustees—our people—all work together to pursue common goals.

During middle school years, students discover who they are and what they can do.

Education at OSS is a transformative voyage. It impacts a community. And our world.
JOCELYN MITCHELL  
SCIENCE TEACHER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD

“I love when students realize that science is everywhere, and they connect complex ideas to the real world. They get passionate and start asking questions I’ve never even asked myself! I feel like I learn more from the girls than what I teach them, and I’m better because of this. We have core values and high standards at OSS, and I can’t stand in front of students who trust me, who believe in me, and not ask them to hold me to those same standards.”

ANGIE TAVARES P’14, 17, 20  
SOCIAL WORKER

“OSS gave my girls a love for learning and it changed their lives. OSS changed my life! I dropped out of high school in ninth grade. I got my GED, but never considered college—until I became a parent at OSS. I was always there…volunteering, sitting in on classes, talking to people. The message was so inspiring: take responsibility for your own learning, your own self-worth. You can do it. So, I did. I graduated with a 4.0 and a bachelor’s degree, and I’m a social worker now! That’s the power of this community. It brings out the best in people.”
TAMPSON TAVARES ’12
NEW BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL ’16; UMASS DARTMOUTH ’20
“OSS taught me that learning isn’t just sitting there while a teacher explains things. It’s challenging yourself and even teaching yourself. I took Algebra II in 8th grade and I had to find my own path to understand it in a way that would ‘stick’ in my brain. In high school, I took AP and honors classes. Then in junior year, I was out for three weeks due to surgery and had to teach myself everything I missed in class. I still earned straight As because I knew I could teach myself! That, along with lifelong friends, is what OSS gave me.”

KEEILAH JEWELL ’18
THE HOTCHKISS SCHOOL ’22
“I’ve always been a leader, but I didn’t always lead effectively. At OSS, I learned that leadership isn’t just about telling people what to do. I learned about teamwork. When you’re with a small group of girls for 11 hours a day, you have to manage your feelings and defuse tension. That skill helped me feel comfortable and confident when I got to Hotchkiss. I was elected class co-president on a platform of increasing inclusivity and showing that the youngest students can contribute good ideas too.”
WE ARE OSS.

OSS is a community of people who care for one another.

OSS students experience authentic learning in an empowering and joyous environment.

OSS teachers purposefully instill in our girls the confidence to be self-reliant and independent thinkers.

OSS educational experiences and opportunities are designed where every one will grow with a sense of achievement and pride.

OSS students are encouraged to become increasingly accountable for, and invested in, their roles as active citizens in the world at large.

OSS impacts lives, fosters integrity, broadens horizons, sets goals, and encourages fearless exploration.

Sarah Herman, Head of School
LESLEY CISNEROS ’19  
DARTMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ’23

“OSS pushed us to do things we wouldn’t have tried or been able to do—like summer camp. I never even slept away from home before, and now I go to New Hampshire and sleep there for a month every summer! It’s fun. I learned how to swim and I’ve even jumped off a waterfall! OSS gave me the tools to help me face my fears and take responsible risks.”

MODUPEOLA OLANUBI ’19  
DARTMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ’23

“The School taught us to become better writers and better students. I’m more organized now, and I can work under pressure and manage my time. We always knew when and if we needed help, and how to get it. I know that even though our class has graduated, we will still be able to turn to OSS when we advance through high school, apply to college and plan careers. OSS will always be there to prepare us for the future.”
IMPACT

Your support is a ringing affirmation of the School’s work, its people, and its purpose.

Unlike charter schools, OSS is not eligible for state funding as a single-sex school in Massachusetts. YOU make it possible for OSS to transform lives.

Our future will be built on a shared vision of success as we stay true to the School’s core values of Excellence, Community, Citizenship and Leadership.

We will continue to empower our girls.

“At its heart, OSS is about developing girls’ expectations about what they can do and who they can be.”

Russ Weigel, OSS trustee & former Head of School, Loomis Chaffee