

SOUND WAVES

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WELCOME BACK!



First Day of School

About the Sound School

The Sound School Regional Vocational Aquaculture Center is an accredited inter-district, college preparatory, high school, one of the 19 vocational agricultural centers in Connecticut, and a part of the New Haven Public School System. We are the first (full-time center) to concentrate in the study of aquaculture and marine trades.

Located on the banks of New Haven Harbor in historic Oyster Point. The Sound School boasts a five building campus with sweeping water views. This is the ideal location for the unique high school program with a dual focus on marine and agriculture sciences and technology. The Sound School offers students a blend of the academic and practical education necessary to succeed in today's ever-changing world. We enroll students from New Haven and twenty-one surrounding towns creating a community of diversity that develops students' social and intellectual skills.

Sound School students take courses in maritime history, literature of the sea, boat building, oceanography, marine biology, aquaculture chemistry and marine technology. Students enrolled in our Agricultural program (available only to New Haven students) take courses in natural resources, greenhouse technology, agricultural chemistry, veterinary science and hydroponics. All students take standard high school courses such as English, Math, Foreign Language, and History. We also offer a full range of after school activities including off-site sports.

The expanded Sound School curriculum provides an excellent background for a wide range of choices after graduation. Solid training in Math, Science and Marine trades allows students to pursue further education in college, the technical trades, or apply their vocational and personal skills directly in the job market. Students who are interested in land and sea sciences, trades and careers are urged to apply.

THE SOUND SCHOOL PAC PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Sound School Parent Advisory Council, otherwise known as PAC, focuses on creating community between the parents, staff, and students. We encourage students and their families to actively participate in PAC sponsored events. Our community service projects not only allow our students and their families to take an active role in helping their community, they also allow the students to obtain the community service hours that are required of them in order to graduate.

Communication is key at The Sound School especially since our school community is made up of students and families from over 20 Connecticut towns. With many of our students coming from other participating districts, perhaps the biggest contribution PAC provides to The Sound School is our daily email communications. Through daily email communications, parents find out important information including opportunities to become a part of The Sound School's community.

Our organizational objectives are:

- ◆ To support the mission of The Sound School
- ◆ To participate in the administration of The Sound School by adding the parents' point of view to the development of school policy, procedure, resource allocation and curriculum
- ◆ To aid in communication between the school, home and community
- ◆ To provide or create open forums for discussing issues pertaining to The Sound School between Parents and school administration
- ◆ To provide advocacy on behalf of the school to the community including (but not limited to) The Board of Education of New Haven and local towns

If you would like more information about The Sound School Parent Advisory Council, please email us at soundpac1@yahoo.com



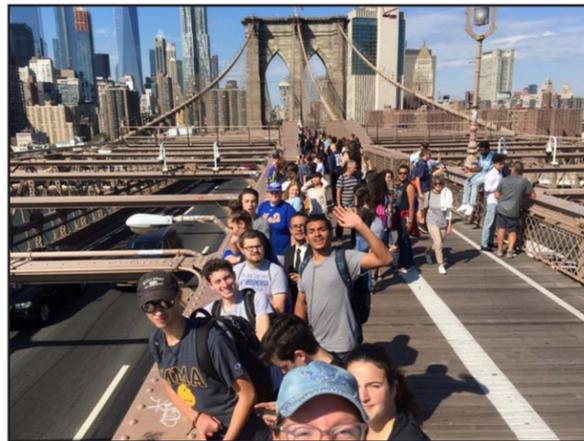
Ms. Gratz's annual first day selfie!



**FRESHMAN CAMPING TRIP
CLASS of 2021**



Sophomore students and their self-composed fish studies.



Mr. John Buell's 20th Century history classes on their annual trip to New York to cross the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges. This trip is a part of their unit studying the East River Bridges of New York as an expression of the peak of the Industrial Age.

Our Debate team has been selling baked goods this week raising funds to purchase Debate hoodies for their new members. They will be outside the school store at Foote tomorrow, Thursday, as well. Stop by, have a snack and help your fellow students.



A TYPICAL DAY AT SOUND SCHOOL



And that helicopter that landed at Shell and Bones today during school so someone could have lunch -



After-school ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) had their first meeting today. The team builds a model that must meet specific criteria to compete in a regional competition (and possibly international) with simulated tasks of actual ROV's.

**The Mass Bay Open Water Rowing Challenge
October 7, 2017**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25  Christmas Day No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School
31	Notes:					

IMPORTANT DATES:

OPEN HOUSE
November 1st 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Opportunity to DONATE BLOOD
 There have been so many devastating events impacting our country recently: The shooting in Las Vegas and the hurricanes that have impacted so many people in Texas, Florida & Puerto Rico. There are actions we can take that empower us, our students, and our community and can support our country and our world. The American Red Cross has asked us to hold a Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 10 from 8:00-1:30 and we are going to answer the call for help. The Student Council will continue collecting donations for the remainder of the week.



The Student Council will be hosting Pink Week on October 16th – October 20th in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We will be hosting a Pink Pumpkin Design Contest along with other pink-inspired activities. Stay tuned to announcements and posters around campus to learn more about that week. Start planning your pink outfit now for national Wear it Pink Day on October 20th!



hey you.

yes, you. stop being unhappy with yourself. you are perfect. stop wishing you looked like someone else or wishing people liked you as much as they like someone else. stop trying to get attention from those who hurt you. stop hating your body, your face, your personality, your quirks. love them. without those things you wouldn't be you. and why would you want to be anyone else? be confident with who you are. smile. it'll draw people in. if anyone hates on you because you are happy with yourself then you stick your middle finger in the air and say screw it. my happiness will not depend on others anymore. i'm happy because i love who i am. i love my flaws. i love my imperfections. they make me me. and 'me' is pretty amazing.