

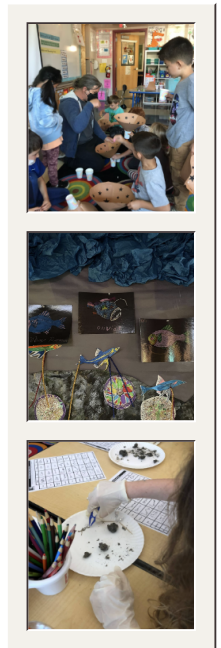


Ocean Shore Middle School



What Makes Ocean Shore Middle School Special

- **Consistent Environment:** Stability reduces anxiety and social pressures from transition to new school in 6th or 7th grade.
- **Leadership Opportunities:** Students mentor younger peers and take on roles in pods, buddies, student council, and Oceans 411.
- **Strong Relationships:** Long-term connections with teachers and peers foster personalized support and deeper learning.
- **Smooth Social Development:** Fewer social pressures allow students to mature at their own pace in a nurturing atmosphere.
- **Cross-Age Interaction:** Buddies and helpers create responsibility and empathy, strengthening community bonds.
- **Identity Building:** Extended time in the same school enables exploration of interests and talents without disruption.



OSS has been awarded a \$75,000 Middle School Foundation Academy Grant!

The goal is to help prepare 5th-8th grade students for successful college and career experiences by incorporating the CTE Pathway in Arts, Media, and Entertainment (AME) skills and content into their curriculum. OSS is partnering with local businesses and CTE programs in JUHSD.

Middle School Highlights

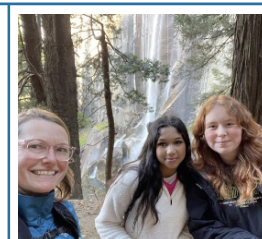
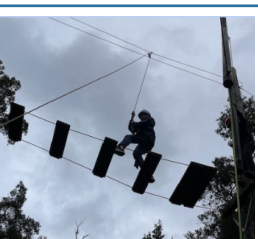
Leadership Opportunities- Student Council, Pods, Buddies, Peer Mediators, Yearbook, Community Service & Fundraising

6th Grade: Band, Calistoga Overnight

7th Grade: Hidden Villa Overnight, Ropes Course, Electives

8th Grade: Yosemite for Everyone!, 20% Project, Skip Day, Dinner Dance, Graduation, Site Council Position, Electives

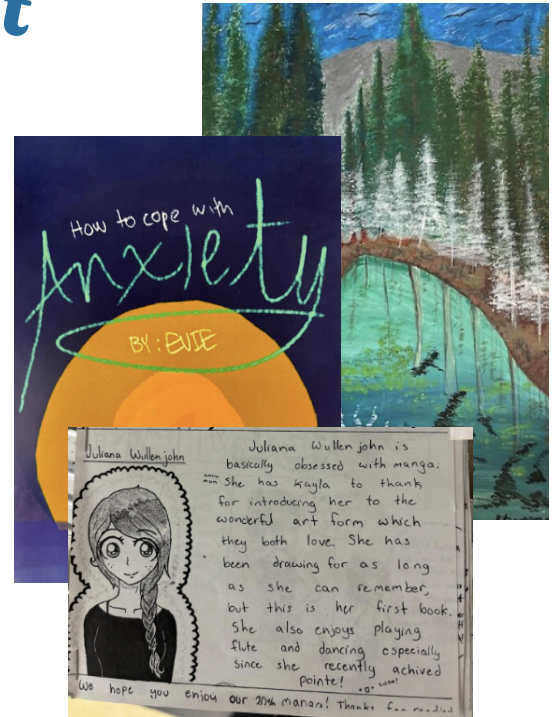
7th & 8th Grade Electives: Debate, Teacher's Assistant, Oceanography, Digital Media, Advanced Band, Coffee Cart



20% Project

An exciting opportunity for 8th graders to explore their interests and passions! Inspired by Google's 20% rule, this **self-directed learning adventure** allows students to choose a topic that truly excites them. Whether they want to learn a new skill, pick up a language, or lead a community service initiative, the possibilities are endless. Throughout the year, students will dive into their projects and share their unique stories, products, and experiences in May.

The 20% Project **fosters the development of 21st-century skills** by enhancing students' time management, self-directed learning, communication, collaboration, and presentation abilities.



Yosemite Field Trip

- PTO supports 100% class participation.
- Students spend 4 nights in Yosemite National Park.
- Environmental Science program is lead by Naturebridge.
- Students get outside their comfort zones by challenging themselves in various ways.
- Deepens the community connection between teachers, classmates & parents.



Oceans 411 is a program where Kindergarten through 8th grade students at Ocean Shore School are involved in learning and teaching about the ocean. Many students go on to pursue careers inspired by marine science as a result.



Ocean Shore School prepares students for all public and private high schools through district-approved curriculum, project-based work, hands-on activities, technology use, and field trip experiences.