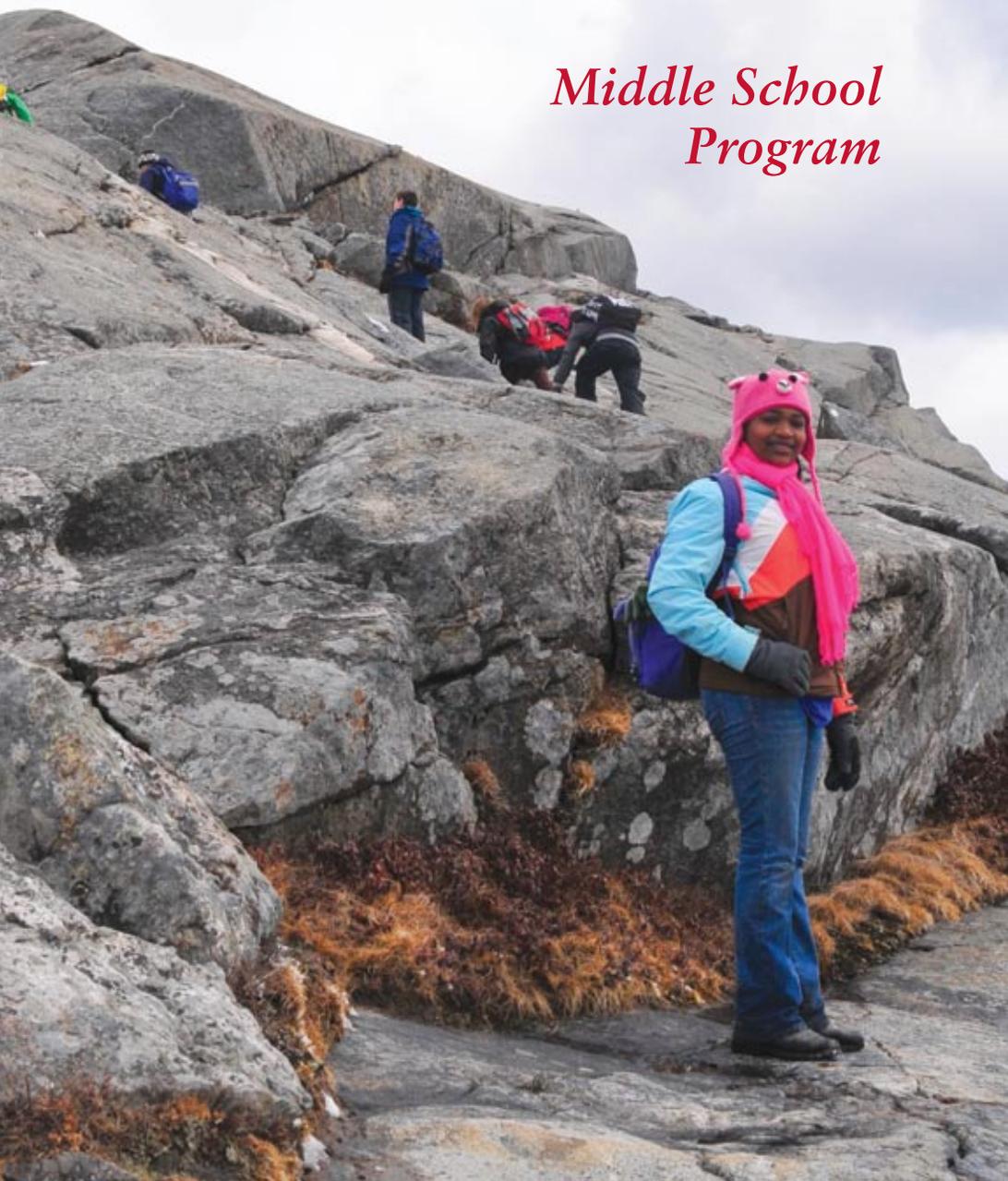




The  
**WALDORF SCHOOL**  
of GARDEN CITY

*Middle School  
Program*

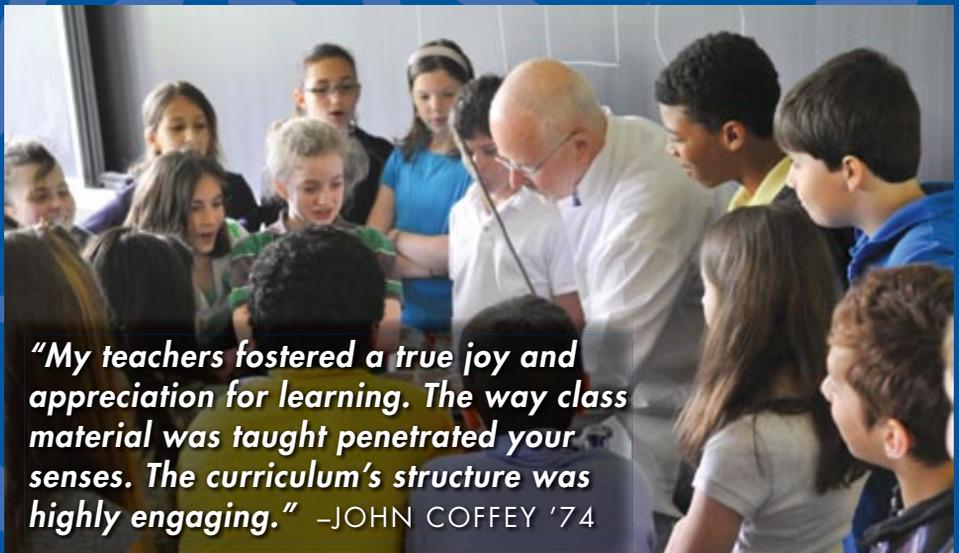


A MIDDLE  
SCHOOL FOR  
THOSE WHO  
DO NOT WISH  
TO REMAIN  
ANONYMOUS



## WHAT MAKES THE WALDORF SCHOOL OF GARDEN CITY

so remarkable? We're intentionally small, so all students get the attention they deserve. Many core academics are taught in intensive blocks, providing learning that is deep and thorough. Woodworking and class plays are as much a part of the curriculum as math and science. In seventh and eighth grades, students go (twice!) a year to our to campus in New Hampshire for a week of bonding together in the great outdoors, sail the ocean on a seaworthy nineteenth century schooner for their eighth grade trip (location varies from year to year), and travel into New York City's many cultural hotspots to experience firsthand the history, art, music and architecture they've studied. From teaching felting to how to propel a rocket launcher, our creative and dedicated teachers serve as guides, inspirers, and points of first contact with the wider world of ideas for our students.



***"My teachers fostered a true joy and appreciation for learning. The way class material was taught penetrated your senses. The curriculum's structure was highly engaging."*** –JOHN COFFEY '74

## MUSIC

In addition to chorus, playing the recorder and rhythm work, students in the middle school join forces to create an orchestra. Students perform at local venues and participate in NYSSMA, All Country and Long Island String Festival competitions. The Music Program is headed by Dr. Dale Stuckenbruck. A Grammy nominated musician and classically trained violin virtuoso—Dr. Stuckenbruck’s distinguished record is an example of the excellence with which we seek to surround our students.





## GLEN BROOK

The Waldorf School of Garden City owns and operates Glen Brook—a 250 acre farm in southern New Hampshire. During the middle school years, students take annual trips to the farm. Astronomy comes alive as the voice of the teacher is heard against the backdrop of the New Hampshire starry sky. Epochs of geology are written on the walls of stratified rock in a local cave. Stories are shared around a roaring campfire. Moving through the landscape as a community, students develop a strong connection to a place that invites appreciation and stewardship for the earth.

*“The diversity in Waldorf education demonstrates that both the professional and personal aspects of life must be balanced in order to achieve success. My time at the farm was a hands-on lesson in teamwork. Mirroring what was learned there to business, has enabled me to trust and rely on co-workers, delegate multiple responsibilities, and realize that every part of an organization must contribute towards a common goal.”*

—NICHOLAS CROCE '90

## ANNUAL CLASS PLAYS

Each grade performs a class play together annually, where students learn to refine acting and speaking skills, practice stagecraft (design, costumes, hair and makeup, backstage management, choreography), and perform music to present a sophisticated piece of performance art. Past choices have included Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*, to *Fiddler on the Roof*, a work that epitomizes personal growth and transitions and features an incredible score.

*"It was great seeing people do things other than sitting in a classroom. Making art, acting and visiting the school's farm with my classmates made school feel more like a living community than just a typical school."*

—HEATHER CAMPBELL GEE '80



## THE ARTS

The Waldorf School of Garden City sees the arts as a means by which to deepen students' self-knowledge and self-development. Our goal is to engage students in meaningful work and activities, and excite them about life itself. Students move through various artistic media in the fiber, visual and woodworking arts.



## **SUSTAINABILITY**

Our middle school curriculum makes use of our onsite fully cultivated quarter-acre field and greenhouse. In addition to learning about biodynamic farming principles, students prepare meals with what they have grown. Middle school students personally deliver harvest surpluses to a local food bank. These experiences expand students' view as they begin to appreciate the power of sustainable agriculture in alleviating world hunger and poverty.

## **VISITING AND APPLYING TO THE WALDORF SCHOOL OF GARDEN CITY**

Choosing a school is an important decision and a campus visit is one of the most important steps in making the right choice. Most of our families tell us that when they visited WSGC, met our students and faculty, and experienced our community spirit, they knew they had found their school. Please call 516-742-3434 to schedule your visit today.

The Waldorf School of Garden City has established an online application process to help families request information and manage the application process.

Please visit [www.waldorf-garden.org/admissions](http://www.waldorf-garden.org/admissions) for more information.



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