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of GARDEN CITY

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7th & 8th GRADE PROGRAM



Who We Are

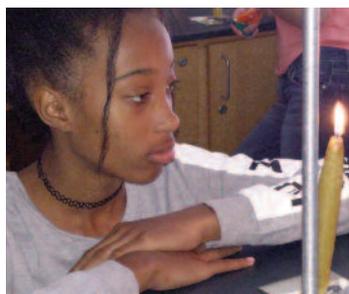
WE GUIDE STUDENTS TOWARDS BECOMING CREATIVE, SELF-PROPELLED, AND PASSIONATE THROUGH FACULTY COLLABORATION.

Founded in 1947, the Waldorf School of Garden City offers an engaging, hands-on, and academically rigorous middle school curriculum.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Waldorf School of Garden City educates children to meet the world with purpose, gratitude and respect. Our curriculum, inspired by Rudolf Steiner, progresses in accordance with child development, awakening students to the experience of knowledge, strengthening their sense of moral responsibility, and empowering them to act with courage and conviction. The School's aim is to graduate a diverse group of young people distinguished by the scope and acuity of their minds as well as the depth and integrity of their character.

Working as a team, our middle school faculty integrates the Humanities, Science, Math and Art curricula based on main themes, using field trips, art and craft projects, scientific studies, as well as theatrical and musical performances.



INTEGRATED LEARNING Our Aim

The challenges of our world demand that future leaders be unconstrained by disciplinary boundaries and linear solutions to complex problems. Our classes prepare graduates for 21st-century leadership. Education in its truest sense comes not from knowing the right answers but from learning how to ask insightful questions. Classroom discussions are vibrant and engaging. Our faculty are experts in their fields—innovative educators who are willing mentors and lifelong learners.

Athletics

WE VALUE THE CAMARADERIE OF TEAMMATES, THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM COACHES & SHARING OUR VIBRANT, SCHOOL SPIRIT.

At the Waldorf School of Garden City, the ideal of the well-rounded student athlete is consistent with the highest levels of athletics and academic success.

and learn the value of movement while incorporating healthy activity and habits into their lives.

PSAA

Our school is a member of the Private School Athletic Association (PSAA). The PSAA includes a highly desirable group of committed schools that seek excellence in athletics while holding the student-athlete and the school's academic mission as the center of focus.

We are committed to teaching students how to work collaboratively, embrace diversity, persevere through challenges with resilience, and compete with integrity. Over the years, our school's athletic program has received numerous honors, awards, and championships

In addition to the varsity sports program, we support a wide range of extracurricular programs, including those that present significant opportunities for recreational participation.



Throughout the School's history, its student athletes and teams have met that unique challenge, demonstrating that academic and athletic excellence complement each other.

THE PROGRAM

The Athletics program at our School aims to enrich the life of the whole person. We are invested in competitive excellence as we challenge our student-athletes to develop into their best selves as athletes, teammates, students, and ultimately, citizens of the world. As athletes, they embody physical strength



The Arts

WE CELEBRATE THE EXPERIENTIAL ARTS DISPLAYED ON WALLS, IN SHOWS AND PERFORMANCES.

Learning through doing and learning through making are twin aspects of the same fundamental attitude towards education that permeate our curriculum. Students participate in a full complement of artistic classes in theatre, music, fine arts, woodworking and fiber arts.

7th Grade	8th Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Eurythmy › Perspective Drawing › Soap Stone Carving: Animals › Class Play › Chorus, Recorder › Orchestra › Circus arts › Felting › Shoemaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Eurythmy › Watercolor Painting › Drawing › Sculpture/Modeling › Sewing Simple Clothing using Machines › Class Play › Chorus › Orchestra › Circus Arts



Curriculum

WE INTEGRATE LEARNING IN A HANDS-ON, MEANINGFUL WAY TO ENGAGE STUDENTS WITH THE CURRICULUM AND THE WORLD.

MAIN LESSONS

In the 7th Grade, students explore ancient Asia, the beauty of Italian Renaissance art, and the excitement of discovery in the 15th and 16th centuries. The science curriculum includes the study of fire, acids and bases in Chemistry, as well as learning how the human body function in Physiology. They see perfection in Mathematics, discover the use of machines in Physics and experience the magic of the imagination through creative writing.

In the 8th Grade, students study the economic history of Africa, and stories of uprisings for change in Revolutions and American History. Platonic Solids allows for the creation of forms while Physics includes exploration of hydraulics and aerodynamics. Chemistry includes the study of carbohydrates, proteins and fats, and Anatomy introduces the skeletal and muscular systems. The 8th Grade Play is a final creative project for the whole class.

7th Grade

- > Asian Geography
- > Renaissance History
- > Exploration and Discovery
- > Chemistry
- > Physiology
- > Algebra
- > Geometry
- > Physics
- > Creative Writing

8th Grade

- > African Geography
- > Revolutions
- > American History
- > Platonic Solids
- > Chemistry
- > Physics
- > Anatomy
- > 8th grade Play



FIELD TRIPS

Main lessons are enriched with field trips, such as a sail on the **Hudson River Clearwater Sloop**. The students help raise the sails on a traditional sailing ship and learn about the river's wonders and cultural significance. Other local trips include **Hempstead Plains** and the **Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center** at Jones Beach, where students learn about local eco-systems and participate in community service projects.

7th Grade

Renaissance Main Lesson: a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Life Science: Hempstead Plains Preserve, Jones Beach Bay Walk and the New York Botanical Gardens

Physics: New York Hall of Science

8th Grade

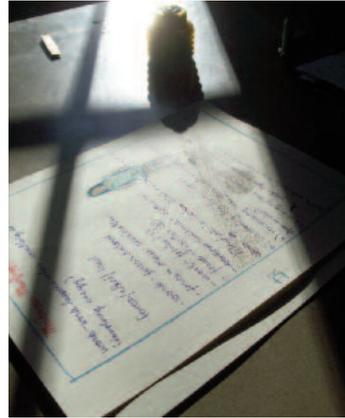
American History: Cold Harbor Whaling Museum, the African American Museum and the New York Historical Society

Physics: Cradle of Aviation Museum

Life Science: Thimble Island/Long Island Sound and Shelter Island

WEEKLY RHYTHM

Students begin the day with movement, speech and Main Lesson, followed by daily academic classes and by weekly opportunities to immerse themselves in craft, art, music and environmental studies. Shared social activities for 7th & 8th grade students also include meals, recreation and discussion groups.



7th & 8th GRADE WEEKLY COURSEWORK

- > Integrated Physical Science and Life Science supporting environmental awareness
- > Math Classes Daily: Pre-Algebra and Algebra
- > Literature and Language Arts daily
- > Library Science and technology classes each week
- > World language study: German and French
- > Eurythmy, Movement and Physical Education in morning classes
- > Gardening classes each week
- > MS Sports Teams: Soccer, Basketball, Softball
- > Shared lunch and recreation periods for 7th and 8th grade classes
- > Leadership class each week: current events, community service and debate
- > Craft, Fiber, Wood and Fine Art classes twice each week
- > Chorus and Orchestra classes twice each week



COMING OF AGE

It is a Waldorf tradition to offer a coming of age experience for our 7th and 8th grade students. The transition from childhood to adulthood is a significant stepping-stone in everyone's life. It defines one's movement toward adulthood and the corresponding awakening to a new understanding of oneself and the world. This program includes one week of special programming for the 8th grade at Glen Brook.

GLEN BROOK

As an educational facility of The Waldorf School of Garden City, Glen Brook welcomes grades 3-12 every year. These week-long programs dovetail Waldorf Education with Glen Brook's unique offerings. In the middle school, Glen Brook supports both the science and history curriculum through the following activities:

7th Grade

Mechanics: Students lift heavy objects using levers, pulleys, and fulcrums; they hoist each other to the ceiling of the barn in a "bosun's chair;" and have an introductory experience on the high ropes course, which focuses on an introduction to both mechanics and group social dynamics.

OVERVIEW

Orientation: In the first week of school, the 7th and 8th grade classes discuss summer reading, share meals, play games and enjoy a fall sail on the Clearwater Sloop.

Group Meetings: Guest speakers, the School's social worker and various teachers lead class meetings and small group discussions surrounding the myriad issues faced by adolescence.

8th Grade Coming of Age Trip: The 8th grade girls and boys spend a week at Glen Brook, engaging the body and the will through a variety of activities. The goal of this week is to empower students to maintain respectful relationships and to make healthy choices using their growing skills and capacities.

8th Grade

Colonial American History: Students live and learn the diverse activities that made up life in colonial New England – from maple sugaring (at the Camp's sugarhouse), to stone wall building, woodwork and construction technique, and handicrafts.