



OUR SISTERS' SCHOOL

Taking Shape



Middle school is a time when students develop fundamental skills that help shape their future. It is also a time when each student's sense of their unique identity begins to take shape.

Finding ourselves is a life-long endeavor.

At OSS, girls find themselves in an environment that's inclusive and nurturing, inspiring and motivating - our students learn to think, question, and envision for themselves. We strive for excellence so that our girls can live up to their greatest potential.

In these pages, taken from our recent Portrait Series, you'll meet several students on this essential journey.

"The teachers truly do care about you and you have so many different resources here. It's really amazing, and it's a lot of fun to see all you can do here and how far you can go."

Daishaly '23



Passion

Giselle '24

One of my passions is space. I love space so much because I like to explore, learn new skills and dream about everything that we have yet to discover. I just like the thought of going to an unexplored planet. In the future, I aspire to be a role model for women in space. There aren't many women in space, so I would like to be an inspiration for girls and show them that anything is possible.



Champions

Vera '26

This photo shows my love for soccer and the rain. In this photo, I'm playing my championship soccer game. I chose this image because it's a cool photo to look at and it brings good memories. It was a good game and we won, against our worst competition. This game was tough because it was in the rain. I also chose this picture because I love the rain and it's fun to run around in. I had many photos to choose from but I know this is the one.



Me

Janellie '24

This is the authentic me who cares about herself. This picture shows me it is okay to love myself and to be me. It represents the real me, the me that is always giggling and always goofing around and will never stop being myself no matter what.



Beach Day

Dioskarlys '24

The reason I chose this picture is because I love to go to the beach. I take great pleasure in going to the beach because there are so many things to do like watch the sunset and sunrise, swim, and spend time with family and friends. A second reason why I love the beach is because there are so many varieties of creatures like crabs, dolphins, whales, sharks, etc.

I decided to use a photo of my shadow because usually people imagine self-portraits as your face, but it can be so many different things.



Gia '23 & Allison '23

We are OSS

Unique yet united. Humble yet proud.

With eager persistence, we carve out our path.

Finding joy in our work, leaving progress in our wake.

We discover ourselves through our impact on others,

Creating who we want to be, in the world we want to see.

We step with confidence out of the past

Because we know we are the future.



Books in Nature

Abigail '26

My portrait shows my love for reading and being outside. Nature is a part of my life and is something that I'm passionate about. I'm interested in learning more about it. The book that I'm reading is a part of the Harry Potter series. I recommend this book to people who haven't read it yet. I used a flower as a bookmark to show that I like flowers and the way they smell. I chose to keep my school uniform on because this photo took place on the school property and when I got accepted to OSS, it changed my life. I also chose to wear a crystal because I like to wear jewelry and crystals make me happy.



A Breath of Fresh Air

Maia '25

My portrait represents how much I love the outdoors and how I wish to go where I please. I chose to lay on the grass for this portrait because I love the feeling of the grass. I feel comfortable at OSS, which is why I took this photo in the garden. I love the garden! I love growing things; I love to figure out cool things about the outdoors as my knowledge about it is limited.

I chose to wear this outfit because my style is a big part of who I am. I am intentional about my accessories and what I wear. The pieces in this outfit are things I purchased myself, and express some of the independence I am gaining.

I hope you took away something about my life and about myself through my photo.



My Dream

Payton '23

The kitchen is my happy place. Cooking is my passion and gives me the opportunity to be creative. I am going to be a chef. When I make food I get to be creative because I can just experience different ingredients and spices. In the kitchen I create many beautiful meals my family and I enjoy.



Aim for the Goal

Skylar '23

In this piece the hoop is my main goal. The opponents are my distractions and people that are trying to bring me down. My determination is strong, I am not stopping myself and aiming for the hoop, my goal.



Impact

With small classes, exceptional teachers, supportive staff and committed volunteers, OSS brings out the best in students. Here, our girls develop a strong academic foundation along with critically important life skills. They learn who they are, what they're able to achieve, and how to pursue it. It is our joy to watch this happen, each and every day.

It would not be happening without YOU. OSS is tuition-free and not eligible for state funding. It is only because of community support that we can give our students the education they deserve. Thank you for helping to make this possible - each and every day.

“When I first came to OSS...I wasn't really taking an active role in my learning...but then something changed. I realized that school matters and I have to take advantage of opportunities that come my way. I have to be engaged. I've grown a lot at OSS, and the lessons and tools I've learned will benefit me for the rest of my life.”

Allison '23



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FRONT COVER:

Who I Am Now

Yleishca '25

My portrait represents who I am now and how far I've come. I chose this piece because it reminds me that I am capable of going through the hard moments and also the good moments. Many people don't know my story of how I got sick when I was a baby. When I tell my story, I don't want people to think of me as the girl who got sick. I want people to know me as the girl who even though she went through a hard time, she still has a smile on her face today. It makes me feel more stronger to know that I was once in a hospital bed with monitors, close to not making it. But, I am now healthy and better than before. I hope that you can take something away from this piece.
