

## **Lyme-Old Lyme High School Hosts Open House for Prospective Students, Thursday, March 23**

### ***School offers tuition options for students not resident in Lyme or Old Lyme***

On Thursday, March 23, Lyme-Old Lyme High School (LOLHS) welcomes prospective students *who do not currently attend a Lyme-Old Lyme School* and/or their parents to visit the high school during its spring Open House for Prospective Students. In order to offer a customized experience for each prospective student and/or their parents, interviews are being offered throughout the day to accommodate varying schedules. Interviews will be preceded by a student-led tour of the high school. This format is intended to allow all attendees an opportunity to gain an overview of the school and interact with current students, as well as to obtain answers to individual questions and information on curriculum, student opportunities and more.

In terms of the type of students and/or families the District is aiming to attract, Lyme-Old Lyme Schools Superintendent Ian Neviasser explains, “This event is offered for students in a variety of situations such as students whose families are looking to move to the area, students who reside here but attend private, parochial, or magnet schools, and tuition-paying students who live in other towns.”

In April 2016, LOLHS was named the eighth best public high school in Connecticut by US News & World Report in their listing of *Best High Schools*. Moreover, LOLHS was ranked nationally at #429 and consequently, as one of the top 500 schools in the country, was awarded US News & World Report’s highest honor of a gold medal. Within the state, LOLHS had the highest ranking of any school in New London County and came in ahead of Simsbury, Greenwich and Darien High Schools.

Year after year, LOLHS graduates are accepted into a wide range of diverse and highly selective schools across the US and in some cases, internationally. The Lyme-Old Lyme School system has become a pipeline to the Ivy League schools and the “Little-Ivies” in addition to such schools as Duke, MIT and Stanford, and in the most recent figures available, over 88 percent of LOLHS 2014 graduates pursued higher education.

Facilities at the high school are exceptional with state-of-the-art technology implemented throughout the building thanks to a \$49 million renovation project completed in 2014. The math, science, language, and technology and engineering areas along with the art, music, drama and athletic facilities are now of a quality and sophistication that resembles a college environment, rather than a high school.

Current enrollment at LOLHS is 487 students across Grades 9 through 12 and the average class size is between 15 and 18. The school offers a full spectrum of core subjects taught in-house, including 17 Advanced Placement subjects, and also an extensive range of online classes taken through the Virtual High School program. Students also have the option to pursue the acclaimed Techno-Ticks robotics program along with more than 35 other extra-curricular clubs including High School Bowl, Mock Trial, and Key Club. Lyme-Old Lyme High School enjoys exceptionally strong music, drama and art programs, which have been recognized with numerous awards both at the state level and nationally. The school’s athletic program has similarly received innumerable honors over the years and is proud to have several past, present and future Olympians among its alumni.

If you would like to attend this informative event, please call Glynis Houde at 860-434-2255 to schedule your appointment. For further information, contact Tracy Lenz, Director of School Counseling, at 860-434-2255 or [lenzt@region18.org](mailto:lenzt@region18.org) or James Wygonik, Principal, at 860-434-1651 or [wygonikj@region18.org](mailto:wygonikj@region18.org).