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Ossining High School Teachers Share Their Passions

(OSSINING, N.Y.) – Ossining High School junior Aidan McHugh recently described OHS Guidance Counselor Peggy Butkier’s short lecture on The History of Auto Racing as “really interesting.” The lecture was one of more than 50 offered during the school’s first-ever “Seminar Day” that allowed OHS staff members to talk to students about their personal interests, hobbies, passions. But while staff members shared their knowledge about near-to-the-heart topics, the teachers shared something else as well – their humanity.

“We got to see them more as people than teachers,” Aidan said.

The list of workshops was as eclectic as it was long: Latin Dance for the Novice, Pete Seeger, How Cars Work, Join the Peace Corps and Save the World, Scuba Diving, Memoir Writing, Motorcycling...and more. There was also a winter hiking trip to Turkey Mountain and visits to several nearby colleges.

Proper training, protective helmets, and “leather, leather, leather,” was stressed in Motorcycling. In College Dorm Cooking 101, students learned the ins and outs of making macaroni and cheese and pita pizza.

“Mr. Tyner plays the violin!” exclaimed a student as social studies teacher Mike Tyner played parts of Mozart’s 25th symphony with a string quartet in the hallway.

After participating in Hip Hop as a Means for Social Change, led by teacher Zach Yonkler, sophomore Melva Villa said, “We learned how to really listen to the lyrics.”

PHOTO CAPTION

From left, junior Jessica Yunga plays drums with OHS social studies teacher Rachel Wile and attendance officer Ulric Watson during Seminar Day.

The Ossining Union Free School District, nationally recognized for its mission to further the success of all children, serves approximately 4,200 pupils in six schools: Roosevelt School for newborn to four-year-olds, Park Early Childhood Center for kindergarten through first grade, Brookside School for grades two and three, Claremont School for grades four and five, Anne M. Dorer Middle School for grades six through eight, and Ossining High School for grades nine through 12. [December 19, 2007]

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