



**Junior**

**Born and Raised:** Dedham

**Elementary School:** Oakdale

**Link Crew:** 1<sup>st</sup> Year

**Language(s):** English

## Olivia Brancato

Hi guys welcome to Dedham High! My name is Olivia and I am here to help make your transition into high school as easy and exciting as possible! As incoming freshmen it is a new start, so my biggest piece of advice is to take advantage of opportunities our school has to offer, such as clubs, sports, and activities happening in the school. To share a little bit about me, I am a junior and have grown up in Dedham all my life; Oakdale Graduate:))). I love playing sports, so I play soccer and lacrosse for DHS, and outside of school I compete for hip hop at K&M Dance Studio, and play club soccer. For school, I am in the interact and SADD club, and Secretary for my class in Student Government. Aside from activities, I like to spend time with friends, listen to music, and am currently binge watching The Vampire Diaries on Netflix (Yes, I realize it sounds basic & cheesy but highly recommended; 10/10). At home I have a younger brother going into eighth grade at the middle school, and three pets: a golden retriever, and two cats. Aside from those fun facts you may or may not have found interesting, back to the topic. My favorite thing about high school has to be the independence and respect you are given, which is a huge change from middle school. In high school you are now responsible for a lot more such as making decisions on your own terms and managing your time more wisely, while still trying your best and always looking for ways to challenge yourself. This might seem tough, but there are so many students and staff members like myself that will always be there to help you! I am loving high school so far and I am having a lot of fun! Overall, I am pumped for this upcoming school year and looking forward to meeting you all. Never feel afraid to ask me a question! :) PS. yes, it's a selfie from my instagram.