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# Sachem Central School District

## *Sagamore Middle School*

September 1, 2022

Sagamore Students and Parents,

Greetings from Sagamore! It is hard to believe a new school year is just around the corner. The custodial and main office crews have been working diligently throughout the summer to get the building ready for the year ahead. We are eager to see students in the building on Tuesday, September 6!

The staff at Sagamore seeks to form a partnership with students and parents. The first contact should be the classroom teacher if you have academic or social concerns. The Guidance Department is available to facilitate communication and provide strategies to help students succeed academically and socially. The Administration stands ready to help as well.

Attendance in class plays a crucial role with the academic success of a child. Be mindful to schedule appointments for your child outside of the school day whenever possible. Please remember to call the main office if your child is going to be absent or late on any given day.

Student class schedules, locker assignments and bus information have been posted to the Parent Portal for all three grade levels. Please print the class schedule in the evening on Monday, September 5 and have your child bring it with them on the first day. It is unlikely but there may be adjustments to the schedule, such as room assignments, in the coming days.

Please review the following important information:

### **Breakaway Lanyard/ID Card Plastic Sleeve**

It is district policy to have all students wear ID cards on the bus and throughout the school day. Starting the first day of school, students will need to display a previous school ID card or a copy of their class schedule with their name facing out. New ID cards will be provided after the start of school. Be sure to purchase/reuse a lanyard with a breakaway feature for safety purposes.

### **Chromebooks**

Students in grades 7 and 8 who were in Sagamore/Sachem last year should bring their fully charged Chromebook to school starting the first day. Students in grades 6 and students in grades 7 and 8 who are new to Sachem will get their Chromebook during the first days of school (not the first day). Chromebooks need to be *fully charged* and brought to school *every day*.

### **School Meal Accounts**

School meals will no longer be at “no cost” for students. Please add money to the PaySchools account to purchase school meals. Information about this was emailed home and is available on the Sagamore website. You can also find forms for reduced fee/free meals if you qualify.

### **Backpacks/String Bags**

We are encouraging students to use string bags while in school but will allow the use of a bag that is most comfortable for the child. The bag and all materials have to fit under the seat of the desk/chair when in class. It can not be in the aisles or at the child's feet to avoid a tripping hazard. Students are encouraged to make regular stops at their lockers to drop off and pick up needed materials. Students will not be allowed to bring their backpacks/string bags to lunch or physical education classes. The locker visit after these classes is a good time to exchange materials for upcoming classes.

### **Student Drop Off/Pick Up**

If you are driving your child to school, the busses will let out at ~7:40 AM. All traffic will be stopped until the busses release students and depart the Sagamore lot. This will take approximately 10 minutes. We encourage you to drop off students between 7:25 and 7:35 AM to avoid being held on the lot. We will hold students in the auditorium until the start of the day. Students can not be dropped off prior to 7:25 AM.

Dismissal will be at 2:40 PM. Cars will not be allowed to move on the lot after 2:40 PM until all of the busses fill and depart Sagamore.

Here are some dates to note for September:

Tuesday, September 6	- First day for all students
Wednesday, September 7	-Sports start for students in grades 7-8
Monday, September 12	-School Pictures (in PE Classes)
Tuesday, September 13	-School Pictures (in PE Classes)
Thursday, September 22	-Open School Night (Grade 6)
Monday, September 26	-Schools Closed (Rosh Hashanah)
Tuesday, September 27	-Schools Closed (Rosh Hashanah)
Wednesday, September 28	-Open School Night (Grade 7-8)

We hope you have enjoyed the summer of 2022. The Sagamore staff is looking forward to the school year ahead. Enjoy these last days of summer recess!

Sincerely,



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