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Sachem Central School District

Sagamore Middle School

August 2019

Sagamore Students and Parents,

Greetings from Sagamore! We hope your summer months included rest, recreation and time with family and friends. The custodial and main office crews have been working diligently throughout the summer to get the building ready for the year ahead. You will notice some new upgrades as you enter the building for the 2019-20 school year: a new security vestibule, movement of the nurse's office to the main office hallway, shiny hallway floors and a resurfacing of the gym floor. The Sagamore staff is ready and looking forward to new adventures in the 2019-20 school year!

Here at Sagamore Middle School we strive to create the best and safest learning environment for all students. Students should not carry backpacks of any size or oversized bags during the school day. Regular visits to the locker is encouraged. Students are permitted to use standard string bags throughout the day. The bag should only have only one large pocket. Optimally, students should use their locker as often as possible and only use the string bag as needed. We are using AM and PM binders to help minimize trips to the locker. Having no backpacks in the classrooms, cafeteria, and hallways will improve safety and the learning environment. The building is structured with grade level hallways so students having the majority of their academic classes in one area of the building. This will allow more opportunities to visit lockers.

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.

We have added Academic Teams to grade 7 and 8 to enhance connections with students and communication with parents about potential academic and social concerns. We have adjusted the Guidance Counselor assignments to accommodate this shift to building wide teaming so that the counselors can be integral members of the grade level teams. The counselors will work closely to discuss students as we undergo this transition.

Counselor Assignment	Grade Level
Ms. Jargo	Grade 6 Students
Ms. Sorrentino	Grade 7 Students
Mr. Zilberstein	Grade 8 Students

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.

We are continuing to go **GREEN** with most documents and notices posted to the Sagamore website. As in the past, progress reports and report cards will be accessed on the e-school parent portal. Anyone who does not have access to the internet can contact the Sagamore Main Office and arrange for mailings to be provided.

Please note the first day of school for students is **Wednesday, September 4th**. Please print the schedule on the evening of Tuesday, September 3 and have your child bring it with them on the first day. Though unlikely, changes can still be made with class periods, room and teacher assignments.

The coming year will be filled with enriching academic experiences and opportunities to give back to our community. Strong academics, leadership, citizenship and social responsibility are hallmarks of a Sagamore education. We will continue to offer extra-curricular opportunities for students including sport teams, performing groups, clubs, dances, field trips and the musical production, to name a few. We hope you will arrive in September refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead. Middle School is about new experiences so become involved!

The *Sagamore Student Handbook* and *Sachem Board of Education Code of Conduct* are included with this Messenger posting and linked to the Sagamore website. Please review these documents with your child prior to the start of school and sign the form at the end of this notice. Please have your child return the signed form to their homeroom teacher on the first day.

Please note some important dates for the month of September:

Wednesday, September 4 th	First Day of School!
Thursday, September 5 th	Middle School Sports Begin (Grade 7-8)
Thursday, September 12 th	Open School Night Grade 6 Parents (7:00 P.M.)
Thursday, September 19 th	Open School Night Grade 7-8 Parents (7:00 P.M.)

We are looking forward to the arrival of our new and returning students. Please be sure to check our website throughout the year for updates on upcoming events at the Sagamore Middle School.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Sincerely,



Frank Panasci
Principal
Sagamore Middle
School

**Form Acknowledging Review of
Sagamore Handbook and BOE Code of Conduct**

August, 2019

To Sagamore Parents and Guardians,

We look forward to a successful opening of school and an exciting year ahead! Grade level assemblies will be conducted sometime during the first two weeks of school to highlight sections of the *Sagamore Handbook* and the *Sachem Code of Conduct*, review strategies for academic success and discuss behavioral expectations. We are requesting that students and parents/guardians review the *Sagamore Handbook* and *Sachem Code of Conduct* together at home before the start of school. The *Sagamore Handbook* and the *Sachem Code of Conduct* are available on-line on the Sagamore homepage. The *Sachem Code of Conduct* is also accessible from the Board of Education policy section of the Sachem homepage. If you are unable to access the documents on-line, simply send in a note with your child requesting a hard copy. Your child should deliver the note to the Main Office and a hard copy will be provided to them.

Please review the *Sagamore Handbook* and the *Sachem Code of Conduct* (**posted on the Sagamore website**) with your child, sign the form below and have your child return the bottom portion of this notice to their homeroom teacher on the first day of school.

Sincerely,
Frank Panasci, Principal
Donna Gregory, Assistant Principal
John Galligan, Assistant Principal

Sagamore Middle School
Sagamore Handbook and Sachem Code of Conduct Review
August 2019

I have been provided access to the *Sagamore Handbook* and the *Sachem Code of Conduct* for review with my child.

Date: _____

Student Name (Print): _____ Student Signature: _____

Parent Name (Print): _____ Parent Signature: _____

Please sign and have your child return the bottom portion of this page to their homeroom teacher on the first day of school.