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Sachem Central School District

Sagamore Middle School

September 2020

Sagamore Students and Parents,

Greetings from Sagamore! It is hard to believe school is starting in just a few days. These last 6 months have brought about unprecedented challenges that we never could have envisioned. We will continue to meet these challenges with grit and determination and develop the best possible educational environment under the circumstances. We are a strong community and will support each other as we maneuver these uncharted waters!

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 for the 2020-21 school year: new lockers, a refurbished auditorium and new parking spaces behind the gym. Hallways have been taped down the middle to set one way lanes for hallway traffic. Stay to the right of the center divider! We have placed spacer circles in areas such as the cafeteria to keep students 6 feet apart while on lines.

Guidelines from NYSED (New York State Education Department) and the DOH (Department of Health) recommend both 6 feet distancing and mask use to maintain safety in schools. Students will be required to wear masks on the bus and in all areas of the building, except when they are eating lunch and during mask breaks provided by teachers. All students and staff will need to complete a health screening before coming to school using a provided link to a Google form. More information regarding the health screening Google form will be forthcoming from the district. We know these guidelines may cause discomfort with some but we will persevere. This allows us to open schools for in person instruction!

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. Attendance has greater importance with students being in attendance on alternating days. Please remember to call the main office if your child is going to be absent or late on any given day.

Student schedules will be posted on Tuesday, September 8th. Notice will be provided when they are accessible. Please print the schedule in the evening on Tuesday, September 8 and have your child bring it with them on their first day.

Students will be attending school on alternating days with the hybrid model. **They will be designated as an A-C student or a B-D student on their schedule.** The exception is for students enrolled partially or fully in 8:1, 12:1 and 15:1 self contained classes who will be attending school every day. Below are the scheduled days for September so you can determine school attendance days. Hybrid students on days they work from home and Remote Learning students will complete lessons and assignments through the Google classroom for their assigned classes.

First Days of School

- A-C students will attend school starting on Wednesday, September 9th
- B-D students will attend school starting on Thursday, September 10th

The *Sagamore Student Handbook* and *Sachem Board of Education Code of Conduct* are included with this Messenger posting and will be 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 their first day.

We are very much looking forward to having students back in the building! Enjoy the Labor Day weekend.

Sincerely,



Frank Panasci
Principal
Sagamore Middle
School

September Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		9/9 - A	9/10 - B	9/11 - C
9/14 - D	9/15 - A	9/16 - B	9/17 - C	9/18 - D
9/21 - A	9/22 - B	9/23 - C	9/24 - D	9/25 - A
	9/29 - B	9/30 - C	10/1 - D	10/2 - A

A-C Students- attend school on A and C days

B-D Students- attend school on B and D days

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

September 2020

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 during the first days 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

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.