

SAGAMORE MIDDLE SCHOOL

FAQ'S 2020-2021

When is the first day of school?

The first day of school for A-C students is Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

The first day of school for B-D students is Thursday, September 10, 2020

How can I get more information about Sagamore?

Most information can be found on Sagamore's main page at

http://www.sachem.edu/schools/sagamore_middle_school. The information posted is updated daily including morning announcements.

Sagamore also has information posted on Facebook and Twitter

When school is in session, will visitors be permitted to the building?

Unfortunately, visitors will not be permitted at this time.

If my child forgets something at home, how can I get it to them?

Parents will be permitted to drop items for their child in the safety vestibule.

For health reasons, please label the item prior to dropping it off.

Will my child be able to take part in clubs or extracurricular activities this year?

Due to social distancing, clubs and all other activities will be limited. More information will be provided after the start of the school year.

When will my child receive their schedule?

Students will have access to their schedule on Tuesday, September 8 via eSchool Portal.

Will students be able to use their locker during the day and how often can they use them?

Students will be assigned a locker which can be accessed before period 1 and after period 7. We are allowing backpacks to be used in school during the A/B Day Hybrid Instructional Model due to the need to carry all supplies throughout the day and with the reduction of the number of students in the hallways. We will return to the string bag only protocol when we return to the standard instructional model with all students present every day.

Can lockers be decorated inside or out?

You can decorate the inside of your locker with things that will not damage the locker – no stickers! You can only use magnetic decorations. No decorations will be permitted on the outside of the lockers.

What happens if a student misses the afternoon bus?

Students will have to call home and arrange for pick up since there will be no late buses running until further notice. Regular dismissal from school is at 2:30PM.

How can grades be checked?

Students can check their grades on the eSchool student portal at:
<https://studentportal.eschooldata.com/Sachem>

How will extra help be conducted?

Extra help will be provided using the teacher's Google Classroom and Google Meet.

What is the dress code?

Students should dress comfortably and modestly. Please read the dress code in the Student Handbook for the additional rules.

What time can I bring my child to school?

Students should arrive at school no earlier than 7:45am. Students arriving at this time will be supervised by a staff member outside until the doors open for all students at 8:00am.

Will the National Junior Honor Society take place?

Students who have earned the status of being selected will be inducted in The National Junior Honor Society in a virtual ceremony in November.

Health and Safety

Are face coverings required on the bus to and from school?

Face coverings are required at the bus stop, on the bus, and when entering the school.

Should I have my child bring in hand sanitizers or wipes?

Students should bring a small bottle of hand sanitizer and wipes with them to school each day.

Are face coverings required during school?

Face coverings must be worn by students and staff during the school day.

Will there be any mask breaks?

When social distancing of 6 feet or more in the classroom, teachers will give the students a brief mask break each period. Students may also remove masks while eating breakfast or lunch.

Can my child bring his or her own mask to school?

Students should bring at least two masks with them to school each day. They must be school appropriate and shall not interfere with the district's dress code policy. If students should need additional masks during the day for any reason, they will be provided one by the school.

What measures are in place to socially distance students while at school?

Every classroom will be designed to maximize space and distance between each student. We will utilize outdoor spaces when possible, limit large gatherings, and control student movement in the halls and restrooms. Students will use desks instead of tables in the cafeteria. Students will not be permitted to share items in classrooms or food/drink in the cafeteria.

How often will the school be cleaned?

Schools will have routine cleaning throughout the day, focusing on major touch entry points in common areas such as doorknobs, handles, light switches, and soap dispensers. All classrooms and gathering areas will be cleaned and disinfected in the evening.

What precautions are you taking on school buses?

- Students will be encouraged to stay socially distanced while at the bus stop. This must be a joint education effort between families and school personnel.
- Students will be socially distanced as much as the physical capacity of the bus allows. Students will load the bus from back to front in order to encourage social distancing throughout the bus ride.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be on each bus, and students will be encouraged to use it upon entry and exit.
- Students will also wear masks while social distancing. Bus drivers will have disposable masks to hand out to students in the event a student does not have his or her mask.
- Ventilation will be incorporated into the bus.
- Although the CDC recommends cleaning buses once a day, our district will clean buses twice per day. Bus drivers will wipe down high-touch areas between each run.

What mental health supports are available in school?

There are three guidance counselors available to students as well as a drug and alcohol counselor, school psychologist, and social worker.

Guidance Counselor by grade:

(The assigned counselor will move with the students until they go to the high school)

Mr. Zilberstein: Grade 6 Counselor
Ms. Jargo: Grade 7 Counselor
Ms. Sorrentino: Grade 8 Counselor
Ms. Bennett: Drug and Alcohol Counselor

School Psychologist: Dr. Dohrman

School Social Worker: Ms. Romanski

Assistant Principals:

Ms. Donna Gregory, Assistant Principal (8th Grade)

Dr. John Galligan, Assistant Principal (6th and 7th Grade)

How many nurses are in the building and how do I contact them?

There are two registered nurses at Sagamore: 631-696-8600 (ext 2)

Ms. Semler- asemler@sachem.edu

Ms. Guardino- eguardino@sachem.edu



During the School Day

What are the school hours?

School begins at 8:10am and the day ends at 2:30pm. Students must be seated and ready to begin by 8:10am.

How long is each class period?

Each class period is 43 minutes. Passing time between classes is 4 minutes.

Will students get recess during lunch?

Students will have the opportunity to have recess each day after lunch.

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Do students have to wear ID cards and what can they used for?

Students will be issued an ID and lanyard on day one of school. They must wear their ID all day and can be used to take out books in the library and used to scan their ID for lunch to avoid touching the keypad in the cafeteria.

Are there assigned seats in the cafeteria?

Students will choose their seat in the cafeteria or classroom for lunch. After several days, students will need to utilize that seat going forward.

Where will students eat lunch?

Various hot and cold food options will be made available to all students. Students in grade 7 will either eat in the cafeteria or classroom. Students in grades 6 and 8 will eat in the cafeteria.

Will students be allowed to share materials in class?

For health and safety reasons, students will not be able to share materials in class. Some courses such as art will provide students with individual kits to be used in the classroom for projects. We are asking that students do not share any of their personal belongings with their friends and/or other students.

Will the library be open for students after school?

At this time, for reasons of health and safety, there will be no after school activities.

Can my child play a sport this year?

The start of fall sports has been delayed until September 21. Section XI will make the final determination about sports for all seasons prior to this date. When the final decision is made, we will communicate that information to you.

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