

SACHEM SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Important 2005-06 School Year Information from Your Board of Education

New Acting Superintendent is Ready for a Great Start!

Dear Community Residents,

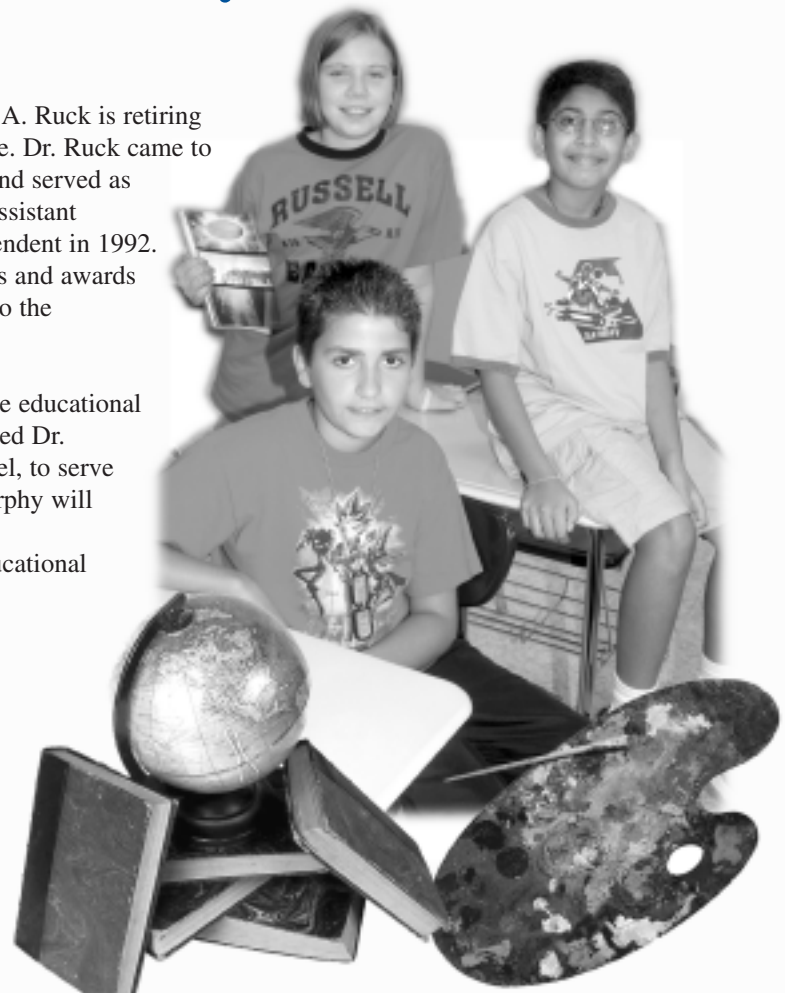
As you may already know, Superintendent of Schools Dr. James A. Ruck is retiring from the Sachem Central School District after 25 years of service. Dr. Ruck came to the district in 1981 as principal of Sachem High School North, and served as executive principal of both North and South campuses, then as assistant superintendent for secondary schools, before becoming superintendent in 1992. During his tenure in the district he has received numerous honors and awards for his educational contributions. Dr. Ruck's last day of service to the children of this community is September 30.

We consider the superintendency the most critical position for the educational organization of Sachem Schools. We are pleased to have appointed Dr. Charles Murphy, previously assistant superintendent for personnel, to serve as the acting superintendent upon Dr. Ruck's retirement. Dr. Murphy will remain in that position until June 30, 2006, or until a permanent superintendent has been selected. A talented and enthusiastic educational leader, Dr. Murphy is dedicated to the Sachem Central School District. He served as principal of Hiawatha Elementary School from 1997 to 2002, assistant superintendent for personnel from 2002 to 2004, and most recently, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. We are extremely pleased to have him on staff to fill this critical position.

We look forward to a productive and exciting year for our students in 2005-06!

Sincerely,

The Sachem Board of Education



Please see back page for information about the district's new procedure for sex offender notification



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Administrative Appointments 2005-2006

A number of administrative positions have been filled over the summer:

- **Paul Kopp** will be serving on special duty at this point and will be moving into the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction position effective October 1, 2005. Mr. Kopp previously served as principal of Sequoya Middle School and Sagamore Junior High School, and as an assistant principal at the high school level.
- **Gail Grenzig** has been appointed as the assistant superintendent for personnel, effective July 28, 2005. She has previously filled the role of assistant personnel administrator in Sachem.
- **John Aleksak** has been appointed as principal at Sachem High School East; he fills that role following his position as assistant principal at the high school level for the past 18 years.
- **José Cruz** has returned to the role of assistant principal, and will be working at Sachem High School North, where he has had years of very successful service to the high school students.
- Upon the retirement of **Rosemary Desimone**, principal of Tamarac Elementary School, we are pleased to announce the appointment of **Bernadette Gentile** as principal, effective August 1, 2005. Ms. Gentile previously served as an elementary assistant principal in the Three Village School District.
- Following the retirement of **Joan Adomsky**, principal of Merrimac Elementary School, we are pleased to announce the appointment of **Dawn Christian**, effective August 1, 2005. Mrs. Christian previously served as an assistant principal at Sachem High School North.
- **Thomas Logatto**, who previously served as assistant principal at Samoset Middle School, has been appointed as principal at Sequoya Middle School.



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2005-2006 Board of Education Meeting Dates

The Sachem Board of Education encourages your participation in the educational affairs of our community. In meeting the challenge to provide the best possible educational programs for each of our students, your elected Board makes decisions that concern students, parents, staff members and every resident of our school district. We encourage your participation in the process.

All meetings are at 8:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise on the district calendar.

Thursday, September 8, 2005	Work Session	Samoset Middle School
Tuesday, September 20, 2005	Regular Meeting	Samoset Middle School
Thursday, October 6, 2005	Work Session	Sagamore Middle School
Tuesday, October 18, 2005	Regular Meeting	Sagamore Middle School
Thursday, November 10, 2005	Work Session	Seneca Middle School
Tuesday, November 15, 2005	Regular Meeting	Seneca Middle School
Thursday, December 8, 2005	Work Session	Sequoya Middle School
Tuesday, December 20, 2005	Regular Meeting	Sequoya Middle School
Thursday, January 5, 2006	Work Session	Samoset Middle School
Tuesday, January 17, 2006	Regular Meeting	Samoset Middle School
Thursday, February 9, 2006	Work Session	Sagamore Middle School
Tuesday, February 14, 2006	Regular Meeting	Sagamore Middle School
Thursday, March 9, 2006	Work Session	Seneca Middle School
Tuesday, March 14, 2006	Regular Meeting	Seneca Middle School
Thursday, April 6, 2006	Work Session	Sequoya Middle School
Tuesday, April 18, 2006	Regular Meeting	Sequoya Middle School
Tuesday, May 9, 2006	Regular Meeting	Samoset Middle School
Tuesday, May 16, 2006	Annual District Meeting	Polling Places
Thursday, June 8, 2006	Work Session	Samoset Middle School
Tuesday, June 20, 2006	Regular Meeting	Samoset Middle School



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Parents for Megan's Law Sex Offender Email Alert Program

As of September 2005, Sachem Central School District will replace mailed sex offender notification postcards with a new email notification system developed by *Parents for Megan's Law (PFML)*. Funded by the county, state and federal governments, PFML is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of childhood sexual abuse through education, advocacy, counseling, policy and legislative support services. Subscribers to PFML's email alert system will be notified when a moderate or high-risk sex offender moves into the Suffolk or Nassau County Police Department's jurisdiction, and will be directed to the *Parents for Megan's Law* website to access a full copy of the notification provided by county law enforcement agencies. This service is provided at no cost to residents.

The district currently pays the cost of printing and mailing 34,000 postcards to community residents each time we receive a police department sex offender notice. The postcards, which take approximately ten days to distribute, do not provide personal information about offenders, but rather instruct residents on how to obtain further information from local schools, the District Office or a state-sponsored website. The new email notification system will achieve the same objectives in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

Below is a registration form from *Parents for Megan's Law* for those who wish to enroll in the email alert system. Once you have registered, the organization will notify you via email each time the Suffolk or Nassau County Police Department distributes a sex offender notice. **The district will discontinue the use of the postcard system.** If you choose not to register for the email alert, you may still access the information by logging onto the PFML website at www.parentsformeganslaw.com. Residents without internet access may utilize computer facilities at the Sachem Public Library. In addition, notices will continue to be available to be picked up in person at all district schools or the District Office. Please be aware that according to New York State Law, "It is illegal to use this information to commit a crime against any of these individuals or to engage in illegal discrimination or harassment against these people."

It is unfortunate, but necessary, that we all take this opportunity to review safety rules with the children and remind them to avoid circumstances that increase their vulnerability. Please keep this in the proper perspective for your children by reassuring them that we do have a safe community, but that they need to be alert and careful. We will continue to notify staff members in each of our schools, and rest assured that we will remain vigilant in order to safeguard your

	Parents For Megan's Law Helping To Manage Megan's Law & Prevent Childhood Sexual Abuse www.parentsformeganslaw.com	Headquarters P.O. Box 145 Stony Brook, New York 11790 (631) 689-2672
Sex Offender Email Alert Program		
<p>Parents For Megan's Law (PFML) will actively notify you each time we are notified by either the Suffolk or Nassau County Police Departments of a moderate or high risk sex offender. Be advised, at this time, we are only notified of offenders residing within the Suffolk and Nassau County Police Department's jurisdiction, not within all local municipal police departments.</p> <p>Please be aware that information on registered sex offenders is always available from our website and from our office at no cost. However, the Alert program is an additional service we are providing at the request of the community. The suggested donation helps to fund the services we provide to the community, which include: advocacy for families whose children have been sexually abused; prevention education workshops for children and adults; Megan's Law helpline; counseling services for children and adults; and policy and legislative support services.</p>		
Here's How It Works		
<p>Register for the Sex Offender Email Alert Program using the form below. Each time a moderate or high risk sex offender notification from Suffolk or Nassau County is disseminated to us, we place that information, including photo, on our website at www.parentsformeganslaw.com. After signing up for the program you will receive email alerts informing you of the offender's name, date of birth, zip code and a link to the page on our website where you can view the entire notification, including photo.</p> <p>Parents For Megan's Law is a not-for-profit, 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is to prevent and treat childhood sexual abuse through the provision of education, advocacy, counseling, victim services, policy and legislative support services.</p>		
----- Cut Here and Mail To: Parents For Megan's Law, PO Box 145, Stony Brook NY 11790 -----		
There is no cost for this service but donations are greatly appreciated.		
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