



# *Sachem Central School District*

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## **Sagamore Middle School**

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### **Form A- Principal's Welcome Back Letter**

August 2016

Sagamore Students and Parents,

Greetings from Sagamore! Hopefully you are enjoying the summer months spending time with family and friends. 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.

We are excited to be joining the Sagamore community which has a rich tradition of academic success and service to the community. A new school year is just around the corner and we are looking forward to the many adventures which lie ahead. 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 staff at Sagamore seeks to form a partnership with the 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.

Please note the first day of school for students is **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Student schedules will be available on the e-school Parent Portal on **Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> after 3:00 PM**. We will be unable to accommodate students walking their schedules prior to the start of school as we will be moving materials, supplies and furniture up until the afternoon on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We don't want to compromise the safety or impact the necessary work of the building staff.

Please have your child return the forms posted to the school website which require completion and signatures to their homeroom teacher on the first day (see chart at the end of this notice). Additional forms will be distributed during the first days of school and need to be returned to the homeroom teacher at the earliest opportunity. These forms are necessary to

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maintain your child's safety, academic programs and eligibility to participate in co-curricular activities and sports.

I thought it might be useful to note some important dates for the month of September:

Tuesday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of School!
Tuesday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Middle School Sports Begin (Grade 7-8)
Thursday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Open School Night <b>Grade 6</b> Parents (7:00 P.M.)
Monday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open School Night <b>Grade 7-8</b> Parents (7:00 P.M.)

The custodial, office and administrative staffs have been working dutifully throughout the summer to prepare for the year ahead. 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 remainder of your summer!

Sincerely,



Frank Panasci  
Principal  
Sagamore Middle School

**Forms on the Sagamore Website which need to be reviewed and/or completed**

- Sagamore Welcome Back Letter- **“Form A”**  
(Please Review)
- Sagamore Student/Parent Handbook- **“Form B”**  
(Please Review)
- Sachem Board of Education Code of Conduct- **“Form C”**  
(Please Review)
- Sagamore Student/Parent Handbook and Sachem Code of Conduct Acknowledgement- **“Form D”**  
(Please review, sign and have your child return to their homeroom teacher on day 1)
- Student Image Use Form- **“Form E”**  
(Please review, sign and have your child return to their homeroom teacher on day 1)
- Internet and Computer Acceptable Use: Parent Letter- **“Form F”**  
(Please Review)

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