

# Welcome to Samoset Middle School's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation



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Ms. Prusinski, Drug and Alcohol Counselor

# Orientation Agenda

- Presentation
- Questions
- School Tour/Lockers

# School Expectations

## *Students Will Act Respectfully:*

- Follow the directives of Samoset's faculty and staff.
- Treat your peers as you would like to be treated.
- Handle school property with care.

## *Students Will Act Responsibly:*

- Come to class on-time and prepared to work.
- Complete all assignments to the best of your ability.

# Dress Code

- Please dress appropriately
- No flip flops/slide



# Backpacks

- Students are permitted to bring backpacks to school, but they must be stored in their locker.
- Students must use string bags between periods 1-7.
- Why?
  - Safety! Backpacks create a hazard in the hallway and during fire drills.
  - Health! Spinal compression, shoulder and neck injury, muscle strain.



# Lockers

- Not to be feared!
- Great organizational tool!
- To be used between classes
- Each student will be assigned his/her own locker with a built-in lock.
- Keep your personal belongings locked up!



# Lockers

- Locks may NOT be brought home. They MUST stay in school!
- You may not use your own personal lock for your locker. You must use the lock provided for you by the school.
- If you lose your lock, you will be charged 5 dollars for a replacement.
- If there is an issue with your locker and or lock please go to the main office and they will assist you.

# Security Vestibules

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-Parents must show ID.

-Parents are not allowed into the building without an appointment.



# Electronic Devices

- All students are discouraged from bringing to school any and all electronic devices.
- If you choose to bring them into school, they **MUST** be locked up in your locker **BEFORE** school and **NOT** taken out again until **AFTER** school.
- There is no reason to bring any electronic devices to school. This includes: e-books, cell phones, cameras, gaming devices, ipods, mp3 players, etc.



# Bullying

- Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance.





# Bullying:



- In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:
  - An Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
  - Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

# CYBERBULLYING



- “Cyberbullying” is harassment or bullying occurring through any form of electronic communication.
- 90% of middle school students have been Cyberbullied.
- Effective July 1, 2013 DASA requires a designated school official to address incidents of cyberbullying even if they occur off school grounds.

# Dignity For All Students Act (DASA)

- DASA seeks to provide the State's public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function.
- For more information please visit:
  - [StopBullying.gov](http://StopBullying.gov)
  - <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact/>

# Bell Schedule

Period	Time
HOMEROOM	8:10 - 8:14
Period 1	8:14 - 8:56
Period 2	9:00 - 9:42
P.O.W.E.R TIME	9:42 - 9:54
Period 3	9:58 - 10:40
Period 4	10:44 - 11:26
Period 5	11:30 - 12:12
Period 6	12:16 - 12:58
Period 7	1:02 - 1:44
Period 8	1:48 - 2:30
Extra Help/Clubs/Sports	2:34 - 3:17

\* Homeroom is located in your Period 1 class



# P.O.W.E.R. Time

Providing Opportunities With Everyday Readings



P.O.W.E.R. Time is an acronym used for periods of silent and sustained reading in which all administrators, teachers, staff and students read literature for enjoyment. The adults model for the students the habit of reading every day for pleasure, and the students are provided with regular, quiet time to enjoy a piece of literature of their choice.

# Reading Your Schedule

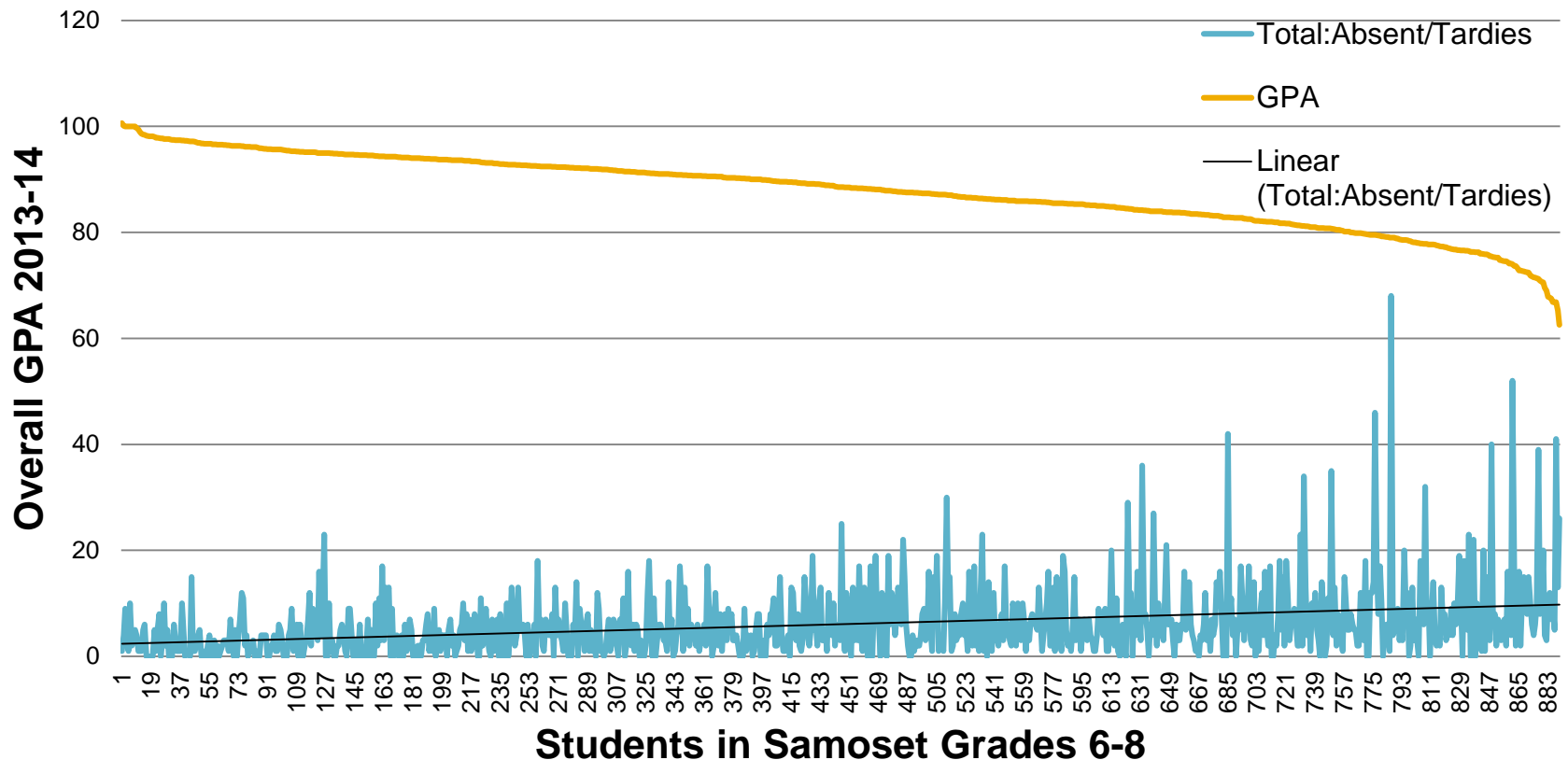
Days	Period	Term	Room	Course#	Course	Sec	Teacher
A,B	HR	1,2,3,4	343	9999999	Homeroom	19	G. Larsen
A,B	1	1,2,3,4	343	1035663	Mathematics-6	7	G. Larsen
A,B	2	1,2,3,4	344	1025663	Soc Studies 6	2	T. Gambino
A	3	1,2,3,4	334	1085562	Flex 6 alt	6	A. Pickersgill
B	3	1,2,3,4	348	1036733	Math Enrich Alt	2	C. Hanley
A	4	1,2	122B	1098063	Music-6-Alt	1	J. Bennett
A	4	3,4	123A	1075663	Art-6-Alt	8	N. Creamer
B	4	1,2,3,4	GYM	1116163	Phys-Educ-6	2	M. Golini
A	5	1,2,3,4	347	1015663	Lang Arts 6	5	A. Canellys
B	5	1,2,3,4	121	1097463	Orchestra-6	1	W. Gerrity
A,B	6	1,2,3,4	342	1045663	Sci/Health 6	3	L. Guzzo
A,B	7	1,2,3,4	CAFE	1997063	Lunch	4	X. Staff

\* Homeroom is located in your period 1 class



# Effects of Frequent Lateness and Absenteeism.

## Effects of Missing Class Time



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## Top 10% of Samoset

- Average GPA 97.4
- Average # of Absences 2.87
- Average # of Tardies 1.85

## Bottom 10% of Samoset

- Average GPA 74.4
- Average # of Absences 10.15
- Average # of Tardies 7.84

\*Lower 10% - Absent 3.5 more times and Tardy 4.2 more times.

# Lateness Policy

2019-2020

- Late Arriving Students.
  - Students arriving late must sign in at the Main Office.
  - Excessive unexcused lateness (3) will result in disciplinary action.
  - The only excused latenesses are due to illness or doctor's appointments.

# Attendance Policy

2019-2020

- Student Attendance.
  - The only excuses for being absent are illness, death in the family or a religious holiday.
  - The procedures for an absence are:
    - 1. Call the school phone number 471-1700, extension 1.
    - 2. Send a note in with your child on the first day back to school to explain the absence.
  - Excessive unexcused absences will result in disciplinary consequences.

# Academic Teams

- You will travel from class to class together with your team of classmates.
- You will make friends quickly.
- Your teachers will get to know you well.
- Parents can meet with their child's entire academic team or with individual teachers.



# Naviance

- On-line program which can be accessed from home or school through the Schem Webpage.  
<http://player.vimeo.com/video/46032210?autoplay=1>
- Supports students in:
  - pairing their personal interests with careers goals
  - Selecting college and career training programs to meet those goals
  - documenting application data such as community service hours and participation in clubs and sports

# Extra Help

- Extra help is available either before or after school.
- You can meet with your classroom teacher or any other teacher who teaches the same course because our curriculum is consistent in all classrooms.
- Be proactive! Ask for help before your grades begin to slip.



# Your First Week as a 6<sup>th</sup> Grader:

- Bring in your school supplies
- Ice breaking activities
- Lockers
- A-Day/ B-Day Schedules
- Lunch
- School Activities begin in October!



# Bus Schedules

- Know your REGULAR and ACTIVITY bus *schedules and stops*.
- Write these in the front cover of your agenda!
- Learn how to get home from these bus stops.
  - You can exit from any door!

# Immunizations

- Any student entering Samoset this fall who is 11 years old or older, must have the following vaccines:
  - Varicella (chicken pox)
  - Tdap – Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis
- Are you up-to-date?
- Have you handed in proof to our school nurse?

# Breakfast

- Students who take the bus and buy breakfast can get a breakfast pass.
- Students must get breakfast prior to going to homeroom.

# How can parents support their new middle school child?

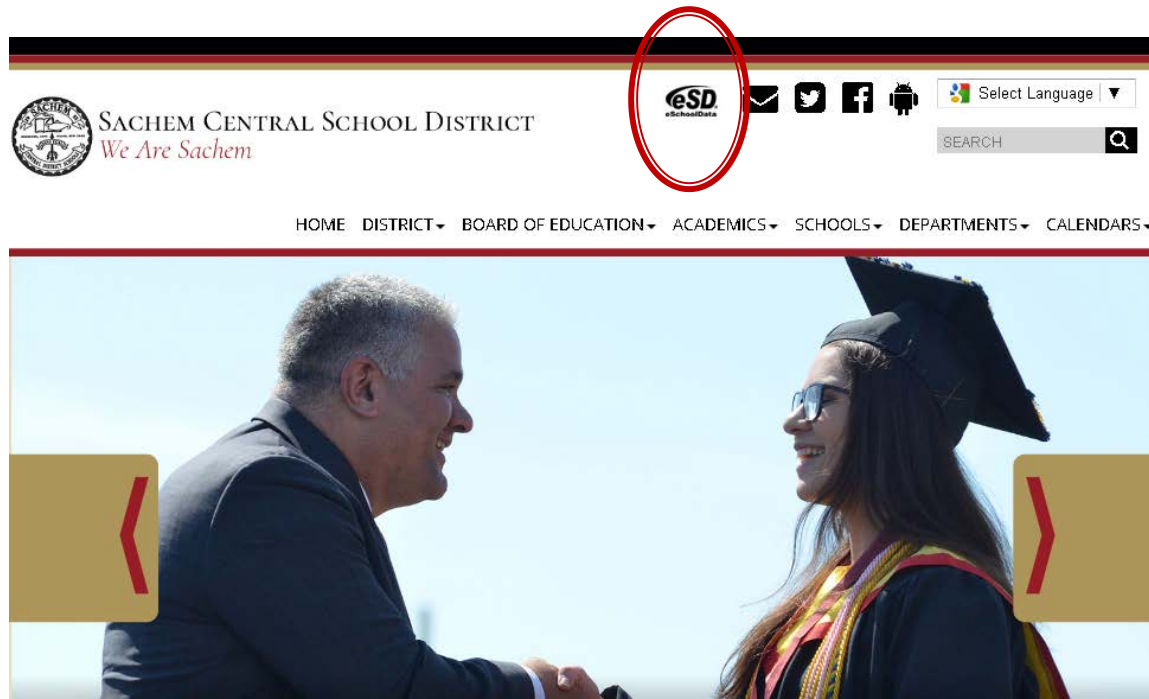
- Go over bus stops and schedules.
- Provide a quiet space for daily homework.
- Provide the color-coded school supplies the teachers requested in order to teach the students about organizational strategies.
- Encourage your child to request extra help from his or her teachers.
- Establish a healthy bedtime.
- Have your child eat a good breakfast each day or sign him/her up for our breakfast program.

# Agenda Books

- Each student is given an agenda book to write down their homework in everyday.
- This will help the students stay organized.
- Parents can check to make sure all homework is completed.
- Replacements can be purchased for 5\$.

# E-School (Parent Portal)

- Can be used to view information such as grades and progress reports.
- Can be accessed through Sachem's website, [www.sachem.edu](http://www.sachem.edu)



# We are here to support YOU!

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  - Mrs. Huisman, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Counselor
  - Mr. Baumiller, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Counselor
  - Mrs. Miller & Mrs. Dellagar, Nurses
  - Ms. Prusinski, Student Assistance Counselor
  - Mrs. Wottawa, Social Worker
  - Dr. Zaino, Psychologist
  - Mrs. Goldhammer, Librarian
  - Department Chairs
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- Call Samoset Middle School at 471-1700.

# Samoset PTSA

- Provide a variety of services to the students of Samoset, including but not limited to:
  - Field trips, presentations, and fundraising.



# Questions & Answers

Q & A

You have

Questions

We have

Answers

# Tours/Lockers

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- Please stop by the gym to receive your locker.