



## Seneca Middle School Quarter I Newsletter 2020

### GRADE 8

#### NEWS AND INFORMATION

We hope this newsletter will help answer some frequently asked questions and to help your child navigate his/her 8th grade year at Seneca. Since we are all dealing with a new educational environment, we want to continue working with students and families on how we can assist you this year and help you with your child's transition to high school. This year, Mrs. Salvia and Mrs. Conte will be working with all 8th grade students in every aspect. As always, if there are any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to either of us via email (gsalvia@sachem.edu or aconteperotta@sachem.edu) or phone (631.471.1850). We are here to help you.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION

Seneca Google Classroom: Code: styqxli

Grade 8 Google Classroom: Code: 6tiacpe

Seneca Website:

[http://www.sachem.edu/schools/seneca\\_middle\\_school](http://www.sachem.edu/schools/seneca_middle_school)

Twitter: @SachemSenecaMS

Instagram: seneca\_ms



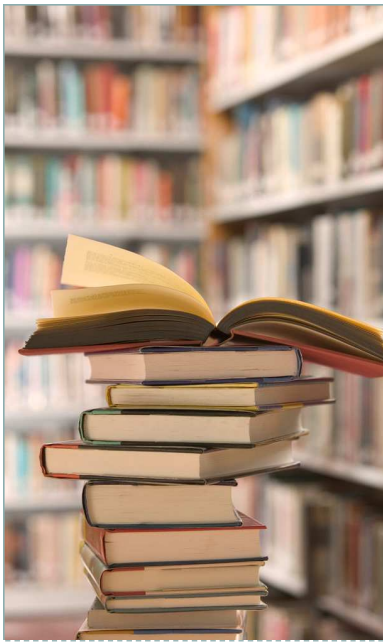
#### ADMINISTRATION

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PRINCIPAL

DENISE DOLAN  
DR. GEORGIA AFKENDIOU  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

#### GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT STAFF

- KARA PROCTOR  
Grade 6 Counselor
- JAMES DUFFY  
Grade 7 Counselor
- ADA CONTE  
Grade 8 Counselor
- STEPHANIE GARCIA  
Substance Abuse Counselor
- EVA SANSONE  
Social Worker
- CYNTHIA TLOCZKOWSKI  
School Psychologist



## Accessing the Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is a very important resource available to you to make sure your student is making adequate progress. It is a highly secure, internet-based application through which you can view details of your student's school records including their grades for each class. To access the Parent Portal, you need a device with an internet connection. For the best browsing experience, we recommend Safari 5.0, Google Chrome 27, or Internet Explorer 11, or later. To access the Portal, go to the District home page at

sachem.edu, scroll down to Family Resources and click, then click on eSchool Parent Portal. Once there, follow the instructions provided. Once you log into the Portal, click on your student's ID number in blue. Use the menu on the top to find the information you are looking for. For your student's classes and grades, choose gradebook. If you need more guidance, please call Ms. Conte, who will be able to talk you through the steps.

*"Some people look for a beautiful place; others make a place."*

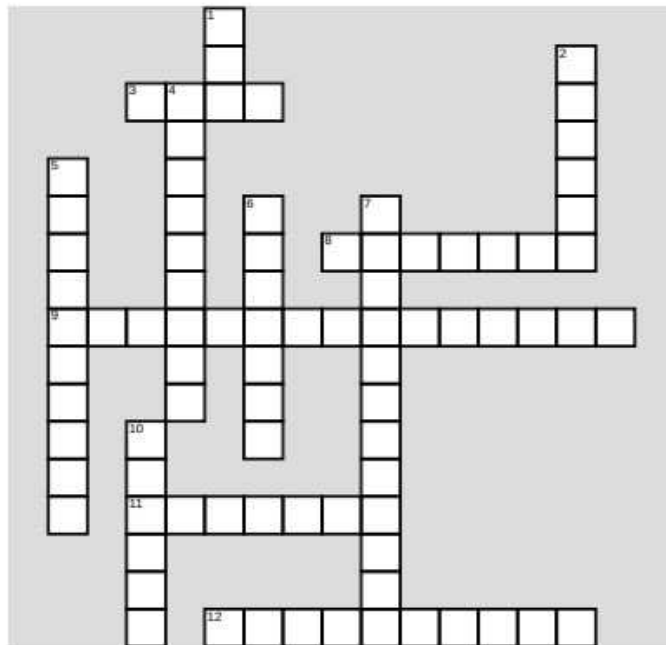
*Hazrat Inayat Khan*

### TIPS FOR REDUCING THE STRESS OF HOME LEARNING

- Try to start your day by 8:30 a.m. when working from home. This way you can stay on schedule.
- Establish a routine!
- Organize your Google Classroom to be in the same order as your schedule.
- Use your agenda to write out daily assignments and check off when complete.

## Getting Ready for High School

High School Bound!



### Across

- 3 Divisions I, II and III  
8 NY State standardized exam(s)  
9 Person who assists students with a variety of issues  
11 The mean sum of grades  
12 Attend after middle school

### Down

- 1 Grade Point Average  
2 A level of a course(s)  
4 Synonym for Schoolwork  
5 A legal document containing grades  
6 A certificate awarded to a graduate  
7 Classes/credits needed for graduation  
10 Marks indicating the quality of a student's work

## EMPTY BOWL DINNER ORDER BY NOVEMBER 10

One in four kids in the U.S. face hunger each day. Please help this holiday season by donating to the Empty Bowl Dinner. All the money donated will provide food for Seneca families during the holiday season. Your contribution and generosity are greatly appreciated.

### Order Form:

<https://forms.gle/tcrqseAsX18TnaHW9>

Video: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nA9\\_o8CJjtHCMo7BFenXHksSpUOtI/Ssv/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nA9_o8CJjtHCMo7BFenXHksSpUOtI/Ssv/view)



*“Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice.”*

*Nelson Mandela*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**November 11**  
School Closed  
Veterans' Day

**November 16**  
Quarter I ends

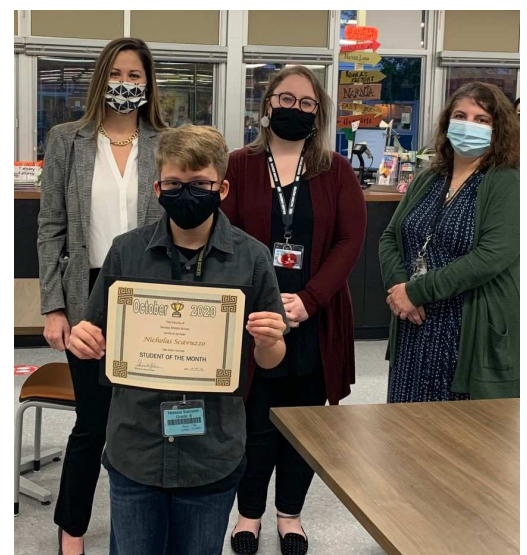
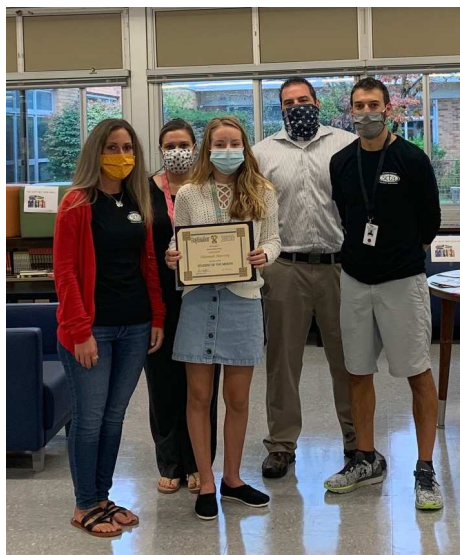
**November 20**  
Report Cards are  
posted on the portal  
after 3:00 p.m.

**November 25-27**  
School Closed  
Thanksgiving Recess



## RECOGNIZING STUDENTS

Seneca takes great pride in recognizing students any way we can. Each month, we celebrate our Students of the Month, nominated by classroom teachers. For the month of September, we recognized 8th grader, Hannah Harvey and in October, Nicholas Scavuzzo was recognized. Only 27 students get selected for Student of the Month each year, so this is a great accomplishment for our students. We are so proud of them. Each week, we also recognize Students Who Make a Difference, and to date, we have acknowledged over 165 students. Their photos are displayed on the website every Friday and Monday. We also celebrate students' academic success at the end of each quarter through our Renaissance Program, and special recognition is given to students who achieve Academic Excellence with an overall average of 95% or better.



The PTA is looking forward to a wonderful year with the students and families of Seneca. We would like to invite you to join the Seneca Middle School PTA. Anyone can become a member. When you join the PTA, you immediately become a member of the State and National PTA Organizations, as well as your local unit. Help us have a stronger voice for all of our children! There is no obligation to volunteer as a member. The cost of membership is

\$8.00 per person. If you would like to become a PTA member, please click on the Memberhub link. Your membership cards will be emailed to you. Your Seneca PTA Membership may be purchased all year long!! Seneca PTA Membership is \$8.00 per person.

<https://seneca.memberhub.store/?fbclid=IwAR0BzcT5Ndid5E2EHwZZsyheHyFBeHvHxHJdlRaTwj2vUfMF8MBrQ9Sz4QA>

*“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of a parent.”*

*Jane D. Hull*

**PTA President**  
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Hospitality**  
Charlotte Green

**Treasurer**  
Kelly Walstrum

**Council Delegate  
Box Tops**  
Nicole Cudjoe-Golding

**Arts-in-Education**  
Gail Craner

**Spirit Wear  
School Store**  
Hillary Sesack

**Membership**  
Laura Weldon

**Book Fair**  
Jennifer Simone

## REFLECTIONS CONTEST “I MATTER BECAUSE...”

Reflections projects are due Nov. 13th. We would love to see your creativity, Seneca!!! This year’s theme is I MATTER BECAUSE... Use your talents in Film, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Literature and Dance. We had 4 projects move onto NY State Competition last year; let’s go for Nationals this year!! Any questions please contact [Charlottegreen@optonline.net](mailto:Charlottegreen@optonline.net)

