

**Sagamore Middle School
2021-2022
6th Grade Orientation**



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- Check out their link at <https://sites.google.com/view/sagamore-ptsa/>
- Contact the Sagamore PTSA at : sagamoremspts@gmail.com

Please join...they are a great partner in the education of all Sagamore students!

Fall Pictures....a PTSA sponsored event!

Dates:

Tuesday, September 14 and Wednesday, September 15

Pictures will be taken during Physical Education Class...

Make-Up Date:

Thursday, October 7

6th Grade Courses

The Following Courses are for the Majority of Students:

- ELA (meets for an extra period every other day)
- Science
- Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Modern Living (Family and Consumer Science)
- Innovation Lab (Technology)
- Lunch

The following courses vary for each student:

- Music- BOC (Band/Orchestra/Chorus) or General Music
- Math Enrichment (not scheduled with same students as the Mathematics 6 class)
- AIS Math/AIS ELA
- Resource Room
- Re-teach/AIS for Collaborative (Integrated) Students
- ENL Content Class

(Some courses can vary based on Special Education, ENL, AIS needs and music choice)

An Actual Schedule

Courses

Days	Period	Term	Room	Course#	Course	Sec	Teacher
A,B	1	1,2	55	1085063	FACS - Modern Living	1	K. Barnes
A,B	1	3,4	59	1125564	Innovation Lab-6	2	D. Lux
A	2	1,2,3,4	15	1015663	ELA	5	L. Shannon
B	2	1,2,3,4	GYM	1116163	Phys-Educ-6	5	L. Onorato
A,B	3	1,2,3,4	15	1015663	ELA	5	L. Shannon
A,B	4	1,2,3,4	CAFE	1997363	Lunch 6	1	X. Staff
A	5	1,2,3,4	54	1098063	Music-6-Alt	3	Y. Schievelbein
B	5	1,2,3,4	07	1036733	Math Enrichment	8	K. Parkinson
A,B	6	1,2,3,4	13	1025663	Soc Studies 6	8	L. Sciarrone
A,B	7	1,2,3,4	14	1035663	Mathematics-6	10	B. Weinstein
A,B	8	1,2,3,4	03	1045663	Science 6	12	K. Broadbent

Days- “A,B” meets every day “A” meets on A days only “B” meets on B days only

Period- 8 Periods in a day

Term- 1,2,3,4 = Full Year 1,2 = Semester 1 (first half of year) 3,4 = Semester 2 (second half of year)

Room- Use Map

Course Number- Student does not need to know

Course- Class name

Sec- Student does not need to know

Teacher- They will greet you and help you find your way!

6th Grade Teaming

- The majority of 6th Grade Students are assigned to a single team
- A team consists of 4 teachers
 - 1 teacher – ELA
 - 1 teacher – Mathematics
 - 1 teacher – Science
 - 1 teacher – Social Studies
- Academic Classrooms/Lockers in the grade 6 hallway
- Travel to Modern Living/Music/Innovation Lab/PE/Lunch/Special Classes

Sagamore Bell Schedule

<i>Period</i>	<i>Time</i>
Homeroom	8:10-8:16
1	8:16-8:59
2	9:03-9:46
3	9:50-10:33
4	10:37-11:20
5	11:24-12:07
6	12:11-12:54
7	12:58-1:41
8	1:45-2:28
PM Announcements	2:28-2:30

First Days of School

Bus Stop

- Be there by 7:30 for the first few days
- Route numbers and bus stops will be on the parent portal
- Write down your *bus route number*, you will need it at dismissal

Homeroom is your Period 1 Class

- Staff members will be in the halls to help you find your rooms
- Homeroom starts at 8:10 AM

Classes Periods 1-8

- Listen for class expectations and needed materials
- Be sure to get your google classroom information from your teacher
- Bring home any paperwork for your parents/guardians

Dismissal

- Busses park in a slot that corresponds to the route number. Route 1 is the first bus by the front gate, Route 2 is the second bus, etc.
- Routes 1-8 are in the front of the building, Routes 9-20 and minibuses are on the side of the building.
- The route numbers are painted on the ground by the bus door.
- Report to the correct bus route number...the bus may be in a different spot than the morning!

Things to Remember

ID Cards

Students will be issued ID cards and will be required to wear them on a provided lanyard once issued. Your school picture will be the image used on the ID card.

Locker Tips

Do not share combinations! Be sure to let the AP office know about locker issues.

Personal Electronic Devices Are Not Allowed to be Used in School

This includes cell phones, gaming devices, etc.

Phones are available for student use for Emergencies

If they are seen they will be confiscated!

No Hats/Head Covers are to be worn within the building

Medical Verifications

Vaccination Requirements Entering Grade 6

1. TDAP
2. Varicella
3. The last polio vaccination after your child turned 4 years old.

Paperwork from Doctor's Office needs to be provided to Ms. Semler or Mr. Hummel (Sagamore Nurses) prior to the first day of school. The main office can accept paperwork if they are unavailable.

New York State Law:

If not in compliance you can not attend school!

Having a hard time academically or socially...

Who do I turn to for help?

- Talk to your parents/guardians ...tell them about your day
- Review your google sites, homework and class notes daily
- Reach out to your teachers...

Teachers are always eager to help their students achieve success!

- Reach out to your guidance counselor...Ms. Sorrentino for Grade 6

Our counselors are trained to provide assistance in a discreet way!

- Parents can request a team meeting with your child's teachers

Meetings can be conducted via a virtual platform (such as Google Meets)

- Contact administration

Additional People Who Can Help You

Our School Psychologist

Dr. Dohrman

Our School Social Worker

Ms. Romanski

Our Nurses

Ms. Semler and Mr. Hummel

Our Substance Abuse/Violence Prevention/Student Support Counselor

Ms. Bennett

Our Librarian

Ms. Walker

Your 6th Grade Assistant Principal

Dr. Galligan

COVID Protocols (at this time)

- Masks- final guidance will be provided in the near future
- Temp Checks/Health Screening- will not be needed
- Cafeteria- students will eat in the cafeteria and there will not be table Shields
- Desk spacing is 3 feet (normal distance)
- Contact tracing will occur if there are positive cases

More guidance will be coming soon!

One to One Devices- New this year!

- The plan is to distribute devices during the first weeks of school
- Students are expected to have them daily
- They are expected to be fully charged prior arrival in school
- Opens up many great new possibilities for instruction!

Self Guided Tour

- Follow your schedule and open your locker.
- Complete the scavenger hunt.
- Go to the PTSA table by the AP office to get your prize after completing scavenger hunt.
- Stop by the Sachem Public Library Table to learn about their programs and get a library card.
- There is still summer construction being completed so you may see equipment, supplies and furniture in the halls.

At Sagamore Middle School we:

- Provide a safe learning environment that addresses the unique intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth of the middle school students within our community.
- Maintain synergistic relationships between all stakeholders of the Sagamore Middle School Community.
- Work collaboratively with the Sagamore Community to foster and maintain a developmentally appropriate learning environment that promotes active learning within the classroom and fully prepares students for the rigors of high school.
- Support appropriate middle school character development that maintains a strong foundation of values based on the principals of citizenship, mutual respect, acceptance, self-advocacy and integrity within our school community.

*Have a Great
School Year!*