

Sachem Central School District

Sagamore Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. The custodians, clerical and other staff members have worked hard all summer to prepare the building for a new school year, and we thank them for all their efforts. The faculty and staff are excited to welcome students back and to have our hallways filled with the excitement and positive energy a new school year brings. A new school year presents opportunities for new beginnings – new classes, new faces, and new courses. Additionally, we will continue to focus on making our school mission the core of our daily work with all students.

The first day of school for all students will be on Thursday, September 5, 2024. Our school hours are 7:50 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. (Periods 1-9). Sixth grade schedules will be posted on Monday, August 26th after 3 p.m. and seventh and eighth grade schedules on Tuesday, August 27th after 3 p.m. A copy of the bell schedule is posted on our website. The first day of school is an “A” day. Students in Grade 6 should bring a copy of their schedule with them on their first day of class as well as their ID which will be given to them along with a lanyard at orientation. Grade 6 orientation is on Wednesday, August 28th at 10:00 am or Thursday, August 29th at 6:00 pm. Students in Grades 7 and 8 should bring their ID from the previous year; a new one will not be given. Students will be required to swipe their ID card at a kiosk as they enter the building each day, so it is important students wear it every day. This will be necessary in order to align with our safety and security procedures and Board of Education Policy. If students misplace or lose their ID, they can obtain a new one for \$5.00. It is important for students to adhere to this protocol.

Students will be permitted to use their hall locker at the beginning, middle, and end of the day. When students enter each morning, they should go to their locker and pack for their morning schedule. Midday, they should switch out their items for the afternoon and only go back to their locker at the end of the day to pack up and go home. Students are permitted to use string bags or reasonably-sized backpacks that fit in the bin under the desk (12 inches by 7 inches). No backpacks are allowed in the classroom aisles.

When students enter the building on the first day of school, they will report directly to Period 1. The Student Handbook and Code of Character will be discussed during the first week of school with all students. A copy of the Handbook can be found on the school webpage. Please read and discuss all information with your child. Students will be responsible for reading and following all District Policies during the school year.

We encourage all our students to get involved and join as many clubs as they can. Club information will be posted on the website, and a monthly calendar of meeting dates will be posted on the main page as well.

As a reminder, cell phones, AirPods, Smartwatches, and headphones are not permitted during school hours. If your child brings in any of these items, they will be collected at the beginning of every period and held in a secure location until the class period ends. These items cannot be visible at any point during the school day, including the hallways, recess area, and cafeteria. We provide a telephone in the main office and guidance office exclusively for student use.

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All students should have their Chromebook from last year and should bring it with them on the first day of school. Students new to the building will receive theirs on Thursday, September 5. Each student will be responsible for having their Chromebook charged and ready each day.

If you need to bring something to your child while they are in school, you can leave the item(s) in the security vestibule. Also, if you need to pick your child up from school for any reason, you must have valid identification with you. No student will be released without proper identification and the person's name must be listed in e-school. The information on the emergency listing in e-school should be updated as needed.

The Empire Program is not being provided at any of the Middle Schools this year. Please expect your child to take the 2:40 p.m. bus unless they are staying after for a club, sport, or extra help.

All students entering the 7th grade must have received the Meningitis vaccine and have provided documentation to the health office prior to September 5, 2024. Please note that students will not be permitted to remain in school without the proper documentation. Also, all 6th grade students who will be 11 years old prior to September 5, 2024, must have received the Tdap vaccine or have a note with an appointment (within two weeks of their birthday) to receive the vaccine on file in the health office. Students that still need a 2nd Varicella or a Polio booster vaccine are also required to receive these vaccines or provide a doctor's note with a pending appointment date. If your child is 11 years old, all pending appointment dates should not exceed September 16, 2024. Students without proper documentation will not be permitted to remain in school.

Your child's bus number can be found under the "Bus" tab on the portal. Students are not permitted to take any bus other than the one assigned due to health and safety reasons. Please remember, the school bus is an extension of school, and all school rules apply at the bus stop and on the bus. All parent drop-offs and pick-ups will take place in the front of the building. It is very important that you follow the directions of the security guards in charge of guiding traffic. The doors will open for all students at 7:40 a.m., and parents are encouraged to not drop off their child prior to that time. No student may be dropped off in the bus designated areas. We ask for your full cooperation in order to guarantee that all students are safe as they enter and leave school each day. This route will also allow for a smoother traffic flow in the morning as well as in the afternoon. If you plan on picking up your child at the end of the school day, please park in the designated area. Please note that once the school buses are on campus, cars will not be permitted to leave school until all buses have departed from the building.

All students are expected to be in school on time each day. Good attendance is important and sets the standard for good habits. Chronic absences or lateness's will affect students' participation in extracurricular activities and field trips. If your child is absent from school, please call the attendance office the morning of the absence. A written absence note is required when your child returns to school.

As we continue to work with students each day, our staff is dedicated to the growth of every child by assisting them with developing a positive self-image, a strong desire for learning, and a sense of respect for self and others. We look forward to a collaborative partnership.

We look forward to seeing the students next week. Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Sincerely yours,

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