



SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Administrative Appointment



District Appoints New Executive Director for Special Education

The Sachem Central School District is proud to announce the appointment of Michael Saidens as the new executive director for special education. Mr. Saidens accepts the position after most recently serving as the principal of Tamarac Elementary School for 10 years.

The vacancy left by Mr. Saidens will be filled by an interim principal, Arlene Wild, who joins Sachem from the Smithtown Central School District where she served as a principal for 15 years.

In addition to Mr. Saidens' time as the principal of Tamarac Elementary School, he previously held the position of principal at the Early Childhood Center and Pre-School in East Islip for five years, was the assistant principal of Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School in the Harborfields Central School District for two years and was a teacher at Mills Pond Elementary School and Accomsett Elementary School in the Smithtown Central School District for six years.

Mr. Saidens holds a Bachelor of Science degree in management from Clemson University, a master's degree in special education from Dowling College and a professional diploma in school district administration from Stony Brook University. Adding to his expansive résumé in education, Mr. Saidens has New York State certification in school district administration, elementary education and special education.

Featured News



The science of sound was on display during a recent activity at Hiawatha Elementary School in the Sachem Central School District as fifth grade students in Tara Sigilo's class rotated between five stations in the building's STEAM room.

The Sachem Alumni Association inducted the Sachem Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2019 on Saturday, December 14.



First grade students at Merrimac Elementary School recently performed several choreographed dances for an audience of family and friends as part of the Circle of Dance program.


Students across grade levels at Waverly Elementary School recently attended a special assembly that promoted peace throughout their school community and beyond.








Sachem High School East students from the Sports and Entertainment Management classes attended a field trip to MetLife Stadium to gain expert insight from business executives and learn the history of the sports venue.

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December 19, 2019

Dear Sachem School District Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members:

This season provides us with opportunities to celebrate and to reflect. Thinking back on the past few months of the school year makes me extremely proud of the Sachem School District community, and all that we continue to accomplish. Our students and staff have demonstrated commitment and focus in the classroom, on the stage, in athletic competitions, and with countless other pursuits. Additionally, our students, organizations, classes, and staff have been dedicated to a multitude of charitable activities and events for community members in need. These efforts have helped to brighten the holidays for many.


This is also a time of year to be thankful. Many of you are aware that I was injured in a fall that required surgery and a brief hospital stay earlier this month. I am happy to share that I am feeling much better and I look forward to returning after the holiday break. I am truly thankful for the support that I have received from so many of you during this recovery.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the district administration, we thank you for everything that you do to make our district one of the best places to work, teach, and learn. We hope that the holiday break affords you with the time to rest, and recharge with family and friends. The last day of classes prior to the holiday break is this Friday December 20, and classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

During the first half of the school year we have made many improvements that we are very proud of including upgrades to instructional technology, increased opportunities for our students, the completion of the security vestibules and visitor management systems, and upgrades to infrastructure throughout the entire school district. To learn more about these enhancements and more, I invite you to visit our website at www.sachem.edu or follow us at our various social media outlets including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (@SachemSchools and @SachemSuper).

Happy Holidays!

Warmly,



Kenneth E. Graham, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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Announcements



9/18/19 - SCPD, Detective Lent
School Security

10/2/19 - SCPD, Detective DiLena
The Hazards of Vaping

1/15/20 - Kevin Alter
Opioid Addiction: One man's journey from addiction to healing.

2/12/20 - Matt Wells, Principal at Cayuga
Cyber and Social Media Safety

4/15/20 - Jonathan Chiamonte, SEL Chair and Teacher at North
Peer Education: Social and Emotional Offerings Across the District



Calendar

View Upcoming Events

Board of Education

The Board of Education is composed of nine community members elected by district residents to serve overlapping three-year terms of office. The Board has the responsibility to ensure that all students receive the best education possible, as well as to express and represent the views of the community in matters affecting education.



Upcoming Meetings

January 15, 2020

Board of Education Regular Meeting 7:30 PM

Samoset MS- Board Room

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Mission Statement

The Sachem Family (students, parents, employees and residents) works interdependently to develop leaders of great character who are highly competent, confident and caring. Most importantly we are motivating our students to become the best possible version of themselves.

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