



SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
*We Are Sachem*

# Our Story

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## Congratulations GRADUATES



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The end of June marked a joyous time for the Sachem Central School District, as we collectively celebrated the countless accomplishments of our students across the district during moving up celebrations and the annual commencement ceremonies at both High School North and East.

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### Sachem East Celebrates Class of 2021 Graduates

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A sun-filled sky greeted an enthusiastic crowd of family, friends and distinguished guests at the Sachem High School East commencement ceremony on June 24, honoring the tremendous achievements of the Class of 2021. Those assembled wished them well as they began the next chapter of their lives.

As a sea of smiling seniors took to the field adorned in red caps and gowns, the commencement ceremony at Sachem East began with the recognition of the graduates who would be entering a branch of the armed services. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and "The Star-Spangled Banner" was then performed by the Sachem High School East Symphonic Choir.

High School East Principal Louis Antonetti offered the seniors heartfelt advice to carry into all areas of their lives. "Our time on this planet is limited, but our time here always reveals the truth about ourselves and others," he said. "We get one life, we get one body to keep healthy, one mind to keep at peace. They say all you need to achieve happiness is a fit body, a sound mind and a house full of love, and all three things take work to achieve."

During a lighthearted address that followed, valedictorian Mackenzie Szlosek reflected on an inspirational poster in her father's office on which a river navigated a rock that blocked its path. She shared words of encouragement based on this image with her fellow graduates.

"I can promise you that not much in life will present a greater challenge than a global pandemic did," she said. "We will succeed and achieve as a result of our built-up persistence and tenacity, stay with the current and carry on no matter how large or jagged the rocks may seem, because in the end, it is the river that emerges victorious."

Class president and salutatorian Jayden Reilly then delivered a speech that highlighted the importance of time and how imperative it is to make the most out of each moment. "I believe we have been given a new perspective on how we should use, value and cherish our time," he said. "Time is the one resource that money can't buy. It is the one resource that you are currently wealthier than Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos and Bill Gates in, and regretfully, it is the one resource we always take for granted."

As the congratulatory remarks concluded and the diplomas were presented, family and friends cheered emphatically as the new graduates threw their caps to the sky, exiting the field as alumni of Sachem High School East.

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## **Annual Commencement Celebrates High School North Class of 2021**

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Smiles and cheers from family and friends welcomed a distinguished group of graduating seniors on June 25 to a sun-covered field for the Sachem High School North commencement ceremony honoring the Class of 2021 and celebrating their collective accomplishments.

As "Pomp and Circumstance" carried through the air, the excited graduates took the field at Fred Fusaro Alumni Stadium for the last time as students of the Sachem Central School District. The commencement exercises then began with the national anthem performed by the Sachem North Symphonic and Treble Choir Seniors, conducted by Cara Caliendo.

Principal Andrew Larson began his address by recognizing several students who would be entering the armed services following graduation. As he continued, he spoke to the great hopes he has for this outstanding class and their future.

"When I look at you, I am in awe of the immeasurable potential and talent you possess," he said. "You have proven yourselves on the field, on stage and in the classroom and are now ready to go out into the world and show everyone what a Sachem graduate can do."

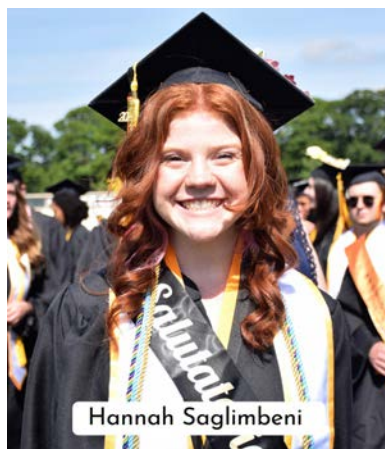
Valedictorian Erika Sneider then took the stage and reflected on what her fellow classmates have overcome and the great things they will achieve next in life. "I am so grateful to have grown up with all of you," she said. "I know we are going to change the world in ways both big and small, and I couldn't be prouder to graduate with all of you today. So, as we leave Sachem North and move on to what comes next and pursue our dreams, make sure you look around and soak it all in because we have a bright future ahead."

Continuing the ceremony, class president Nicholas Maloney delivered an insightful speech, sharing a history of the Sachem Central School District and how the visions of great success held by the founders of the district have been met by graduating classes such as theirs.

Board of Education President Alex Piccirillo then began the presentation of diplomas. After the final diplomas were presented, cheers and applause echoed across the field as students emphatically threw their caps to the sky, exiting the field as alumni of the Sachem Central School District.

Additional Graduation Photos

## Congratulations to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of Each Class



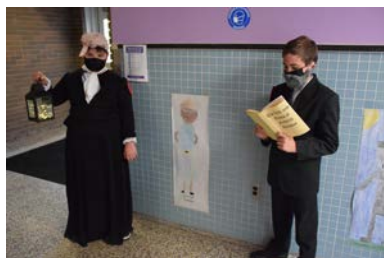
## Latest News



A recent project at Sachem High School East in Keith Connelly's English as a new language technology class taught students about welding and offered a chance to hone their skills.



Fifth grade students from Tamarac Elementary School recently created a Civil War wax museum displaying several prominent figures from this important period in American history.



This year, the Sachem High School East DECA Club, led by business teacher William Ward, won numerous awards in the annual DECA Competition. In addition, the club participated in several engaging community activities, including volunteering to work with the Farmingville Chamber of Commerce for the holidays.

Volume and technology created a perfect pair during a recent activity at Waverly Avenue Elementary School, as fifth grade students in Emily Cole's class utilized the Tinkercad design program to create structures of a certain volume.



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## 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

**July 7, 2021**

**Board of Education Reorganizational Meeting 6:30 PM**

**Samoset MS- Board Room**

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*Enjoy!*



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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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