

# Our Story

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### **District Welcomes Two New Elementary School**

### **Counselors**



This year, the Sachem Central School District welcomed two new school counselors to serve the elementary buildings in the district.

Katie Healy and Justin Morales have joined the Sachem Central School District to assist students in working well together, adjusting to a new school or grade level, setting goals, and building study, leadership and decision-making skills. Additionally, the new counselors will be able to assist parents with understanding the developmental changes of childhood, improving parent-child communication and providing additional learning support.

These professionally trained counselors will serve as essential liaisons that identify student needs and ensure academic, personal, social and emotional success.

## **Sachem Welcomes Three New Elementary**

### **Principals**







This summer, the Sachem Central School District Board of Education was proud to appoint three new principals at Chippewa, Lynwood and Merrimac elementary schools.

Catherine Dulovic joins Lynwood Elementary School as the new principal after most recently serving as a third grade teacher at Lynwood. A veteran educator who has taught in the Sachem Central School District since 2004, Mrs. Dulovic has been an integral part of the Sachem school community serving on curriculum writing teams across subject areas, fostering the development of digital citizenship through responsible technology use in the classroom and designing meaningful lessons utilizing reading, writing and math workshop methods.

Elizabeth Tucci joins Merrimac Elementary School as principal after most recently serving as the assistant director for special education in the Sachem Central School District for five years. During her time in her previous position, Mrs. Tucci had direct oversight of the speech, hearing and vision departments, chaired the committee on preschool special education and the committee on special education and participated in professional discussions related to curriculum enhancement, effective teacher evaluation and technology for staff and students.

Michael Saidens Joins Chippewa Elementary School as the new principal of Chippewa Elementary School after most recently serving as the executive director for pupil and personnel services in the Locust Valley School District. Prior to his time in the Locust Valley School District, Mr. Saidens served as the executive director of student services in the Sachem Central School District and was principal of Tamarac Elementary School for nine years.

We welcome these three new principals to the Sachem school community and wish them well as they begin the new school year.

### **Service Dogs Coming to Sachem High Schools**



Sachem Welcomes Service Dogs to High School Buildings

At the Sept. 22 meeting of the Sachem Central School District Board of Education, the Board was introduced to two new, furry friends, Oakley and Bailey that will soon be joining the Sachem school community as service dogs in both High School East and North.

The dogs will be available in the future through the guidance office to help students with stress management and anxiety and to boost morale in the school buildings.

### **Student Spotlight**



Sachem Student-Author Recognized by the NYSSBA

At the Sept. 1 meeting of the Sachem Central School District Board of Education, Aviah Singh was recognized by a representative from the New York State School Boards Association who presented the district with the Champions of Change Award.

The district received the award for Aviah's authorship of her antibullying book, "Be You. Be Cool. Be Kind." The Champions for Change Award is presented to districts whose students or a particular student take action to create positive change in the world.

## Sachem North Holds Court Dedication Ceremony



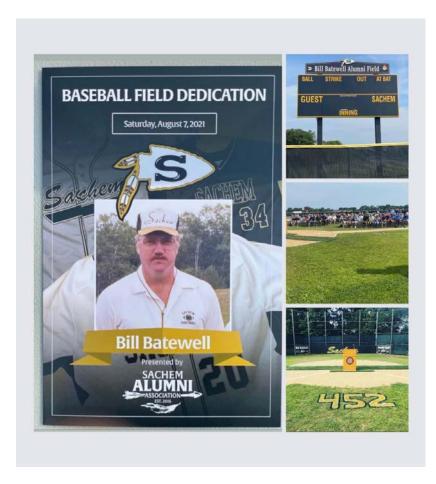
On Tuesday, Sept. 21, Sachem High School North held a heartwarming ceremony where the gymnasium court was dedicated to past Sachem teacher

Matthew "Dezy" DiStefano who tragically passed away from cancer in January 2020.

The emotional ceremony celebrated the incredible life of Dezy and the everlasting mark he left on the Sachem community through his time as an athlete, teacher, coach and overall inspiration, sharing his message of positivity and hope through his mantra, "We Get To."

### Sachem North Dedicates Baseball Field to

### **Former Coach**



On August 7, 2021, the district honored Bill Batewell, former North HS baseball coach by naming the varsity baseball field in his honor.



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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 October 6, 2021 Will be live-streamed on our YouTube 7:00pm

Click Here to View All Agendas and Minutes

## **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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