



SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
*We Are Sachem*

# Our Story

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## Student Spotlight

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### National History Day Participant

Sachem High School East freshman Olaf Tur competed in the Long Island Regional National History Day competition at Hofstra University. Olaf's paper was about the life of Witold Pilecki, a Polish intelligence agent and voluntary inmate of Auschwitz, who spent two and a half years gathering intelligence from within the camp. His research was completed as part of a brand-new freshman class at Sachem called Humanities Research.

Olaf had to defend his paper and explain his research as part of the interview process. He competed in the Senior Research Paper category against 22 other entries from Long Island.

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## Featured News

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Students from both Sachem High Schools learned about history, architecture and culture in Austria, Switzerland and Germany over spring break. Teachers Dawn DelSeni and Erin Gearns led students on this incredible educational tour. It was a wonderful week filled with new experiences, friendships and memories that will last a lifetime!

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Senior student-athletes signed their national letters of intent to play their respective sports at the collegiate level during spring signing day. During this second round of signings, 37 students committed to continuing their athletic careers after high school.

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Buildings celebrated PARP, or Pick a Reading Partner. This year's PARP theme at Hiawatha Elementary School was "Chill Out and Read!" Mrs. Smith's class had the highest percentage of readers and as a result had the opportunity to pie the principal.

At Wenonah Elementary School, PARP kicked off with a fun-filled show from the Harlem Wizards. At the end of the PARP program, the basketball-themed celebration continued with an outdoor basketball game featuring teams of Wenonah teachers.

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Ten Sachem High School students from both East and North traveled to Rochester to compete in the DECA state competition. At the state competition, the Sachem team took home more than 15 top 10 medals. Additionally, four students qualified to attend nationals.



Teams of fifth grade artists at Waverly Elementary School competed against each other and the clock during the Art Chopped Finals. The competition, led by art teacher Susan Kinsey, challenges teams of three to use mystery art supplies to create a project following a given theme. The concept is based off the popular Food Network show, "Chopped."

Students in Ms. Sicari, Mr. Celentano and Mrs. Rapuano's class at Merrimac Elementary School wrote and published their own book, "Our World of Kindness." They collaborated to write about acts of kindness with the hopes of inspiring others. The class held a book launch to celebrate the students' success.



## Student-Musicians Honored by BOE



At the April 18 Sachem Central School District Board of Education meeting, several student-musicians were honored for performing in regional showcases and competitions.

Sachem Chairperson for Secondary Music Gerard Giglio introduced groups of musicians and applauded them for their participation in elementary and secondary Suffolk County Music Educators' Association festivals, the New York State Council of Administrators of Music Education conference and the Long Island String Festival Association performance. Additionally, some of the top Sachem student-musicians who participated in All-State, All-Eastern or All-National conferences were recognized.



A Look Inside Our Schools: April Recap



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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

**May 3, 2023**

**Will be livestreamed on our YouTube and held in person.**

**7:00pm**

**May 16, 2023**

**Will be livestreamed on our YouTube and held in person.**

**7:00pm**

[Click Here to View All Agendas and Minutes](#)

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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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