



SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Our Story

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Student Spotlight



All-State Musicians

Three talented student-musicians in the Sachem Central School District have been selected by the New York State School Music Association to participate in the prestigious 2023 All-State Music Conference. An additional six students were chosen as alternates. The annual festival is among the highest honors a high school musician may achieve.

Congratulations to the following Sachem students:

All-State

- Jaden Rudnicki, HS East – Symphonic Band, French Horn
- Jeremy Cruz, HS North – Mixed Chorus, Bass 2
- Robin Gillespie, HS North - Symphony Orchestra, Percussion

Alternates

- Armaan Sandhu, HS East – Snare Drum
- Mason Vaughn, HS East – String Bass

- Jacob Flores Zeranski, HS North – Violin
- Ryan Panzarino, HS North – Alto Saxophone
- Christopher Sneider, HS North – French Horn
- Avi Talsania, HS North – Flute

Every year, over 6,000 students from across New York State audition for the All-State Honors Ensembles by preparing an accompanied level VI NYSSMA solo and 13 scales to play for a professional adjudicator, as well as demonstrating proficiency in sight-reading. Of these 6,000+ students, fewer than 500 are chosen. Students must receive a score of 98 or higher in order to be considered for participation, and the vast majority of participants receive a perfect score on one or multiple auditions. These nine Sachem students are truly among the top musicians from across New York State to be selected.

The All-State Winter Conference will take place in Rochester from Nov. 30-Dec. 3. While in Rochester, the students will rehearse and perform with nationally recognized conductors in their musical ensembles. All performances take place at the historic Eastman Theatre in downtown Rochester.

Congratulations to these impressive musicians on this tremendous achievement!

Featured News



Sachem students and staff were in the Halloween spirit! Ahead of Halloween, many elementary schools held “trunk-or-treat” events as a safe option for families to celebrate within their school communities. On Oct. 31, several buildings held parades for students to show off their costumes to friends and families. Celebrations continued across the district as students participated in Halloween-themed classroom activities including arts and crafts and even

pumpkin picking.



Students and staff across the district supported Breast Cancer Awareness Month throughout October. Students were excited to wear pink, participate in walks and raise funds to support the cause.



Students at High School East kicked off homecoming weekend with a pep rally on Oct. 6. Sachem pride was on full display as students gathered in the gymnasium over the course of two different sessions. Fall season teams were individually introduced and welcomed into the gymnasium through a tunnel of cheerleaders. Additionally, football players, cheerleaders and Arrowettes visited some of the elementary schools earlier in the day to get younger students excited about the weekend.

The Sachem Robotics team has stepped up to assist schools across the region by initiating a robotics parts donation program. After noticing a lot of teams from New York City had robots made of wood or lacking parts at a regional competition, Sofia and Stefanie Karayoff (Class of 2023) came up with the idea to collect unused parts from other Long Island teams and donate them. This community project now reaches 50 teams in the five



boroughs - with Sachem at the hub.



The Sachem East Drama Club stepped on stage to learn from a professional actor during a theater workshop on Oct. 4. Class of 1991 Sachem graduate Jeffrey Schechter went back to his roots to teach students a dance for their upcoming production of "A Chorus Line." Schechter performed in the last Broadway production of "A Chorus Line," making him a valuable resource for students as they prepared for the musical.



Our Sachem Family is committed to creating a Culture of Care throughout our community. All of our students, staff and families are welcomed and cared for in our schools. Across our buildings, students and staff are involved in a great many projects, activities and lessons that reinforce our Culture of Care.



Students and staff at Sachem High School North created an unforgettable experience for a 9-year-old pediatric cancer patient named Tenzin through a "bridging rooms project." The project was brought to Sachem North by James

Orrigo, a motivational entertainer who partners with the Children's Cancer Research Fund to create memorable, music-centered experiences for pediatric patients.

Orrigo works with kids throughout the country who are battling pediatric cancer and helps them write a silly song and create their own cartoon music video. He then brings the cartoon music videos to life with the help of schools across the U.S.

Orrigo approached Sachem North to bring Tenzin's music video to life. Tenzin created a song about a store he runs out of his own hospital room called "Junk and Stuf" where he sells goodies including lemonade and cosmic brownies. Several departments collaborated to bridge Tenzin's hospital room to the classroom. The music department scored the song Tenzin and Orrigo created, and the art department created props to turn the building's little theater into a real-life "Junk and Stuf" store. Additionally, the school held a bake sale to raise funds for Tenzin and his family.

Tenzin arrived at Sachem North on Oct. 26 to film his music video and see his store in-person. He received a warm welcome as the student body lined the main entrance to greet him and cheer him on. Throughout the day, he interacted with Sachem North students who were more than excited to make Tenzin's day one he will never forget.



[Click here for a video recap!](#)

BOE Recognizes Student and Staff Member



The Sachem Central School District recognized a high school student and staff member at its Oct. 11 Board of Education meeting.

The first recognition of the evening acknowledged High School North student Ashley Edgar who was applauded for receiving a perfect score on her AP Capstone Research Assessment. Her research studied how the behavior of fish is influenced by melodies and rhythm. She is one of only 357 students worldwide and the first student in Sachem history to earn this achievement.

Additionally, the Board of Education recognized a staff member at Grundy Avenue Elementary School for her life-saving efforts. Last month, Ashley Kenyon, a lunch aide at the building, saved a student who was choking on a chicken nugget by performing the Heimlich maneuver. The child was assessed by the school nurse and safely returned to class. The Board and district administrators thanked Ms. Kenyon for her quick thinking and actions that saved a student.

Thank you for sharing your

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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

Nov. 15, 2023

Will be livestreamed on our YouTube and held in person.

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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