



**Seaford Middle
School
2021-2022**

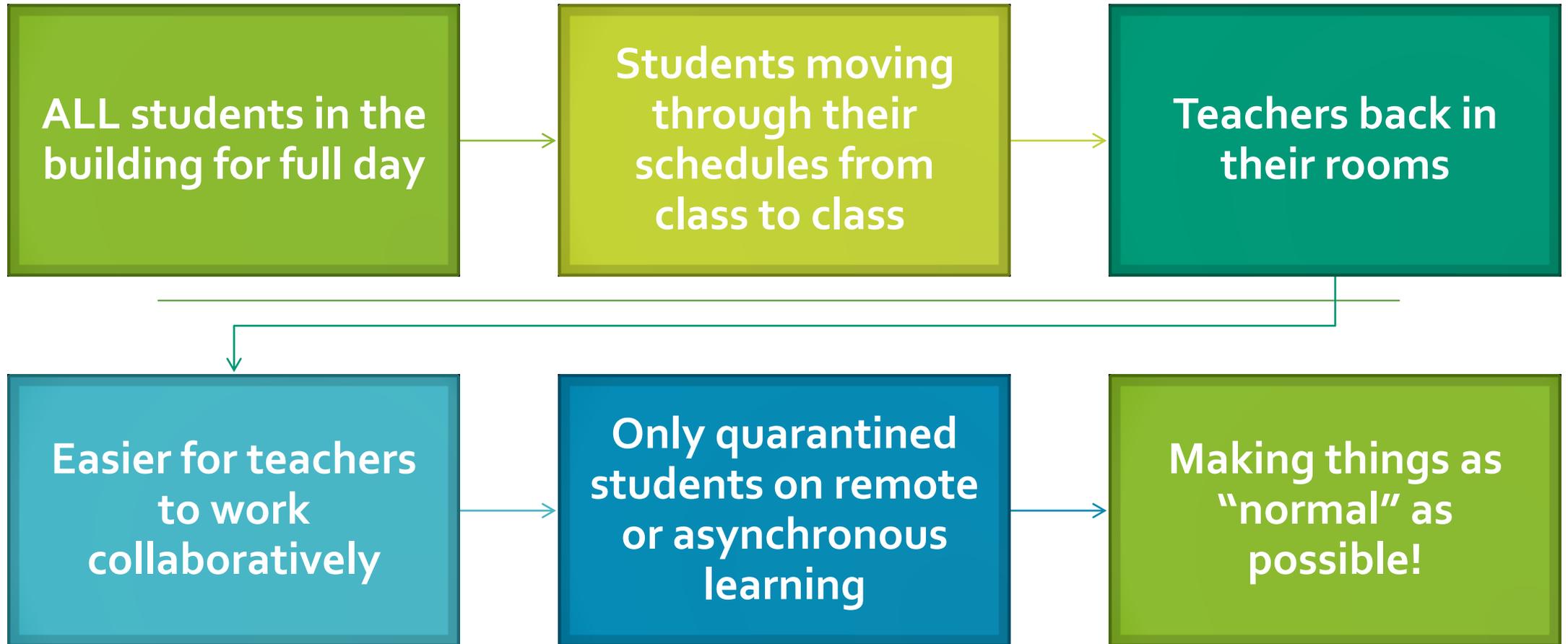
EXPLORATION, DISCOVERY, GROWTH



IT'S GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME!

Getting back to "normal" as much as possible!

KEEPING THINGS SAFE WHILE KEEPING THINGS GOING!



The Middle School Philosophy

Bridge between elementary and high school

The belief that the whole child is educated

Teaming

Block Scheduling in 6th Grade

Exploring a rich variety of subjects and learning experiences (the 9 period day!)

Supports where needed

Have fun while doing it!





ACADEMICS

NEVER FORGET
9/11
20 Years

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HERALD SCHOOLS

Seaford sixth graders transition to middle school

Seaford Middle School sixth graders have been adapting to a new school building this year after matriculating from Seaford Harbor and Manor Elementary Schools.

Middle school students were last year met with a wave of learning challenges due to restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. But things are returning to normal for many of the sixth graders who this academic year moved from an elementary school to middle school, as changing classes and locker usage have returned this year.

Giuliana Viggiano said she likes switching classes because "it gets me moving and it's fun to meet new teachers," Giuliana Viggiano said of switching to a new room when the bell rings.

In Seaford, when students reach sixth grade, they matriculate into the middle school building on Sunset Avenue. The former Harbor and Manor students will now spend the next seven years together, until they graduate from Seaford High School in 2028.

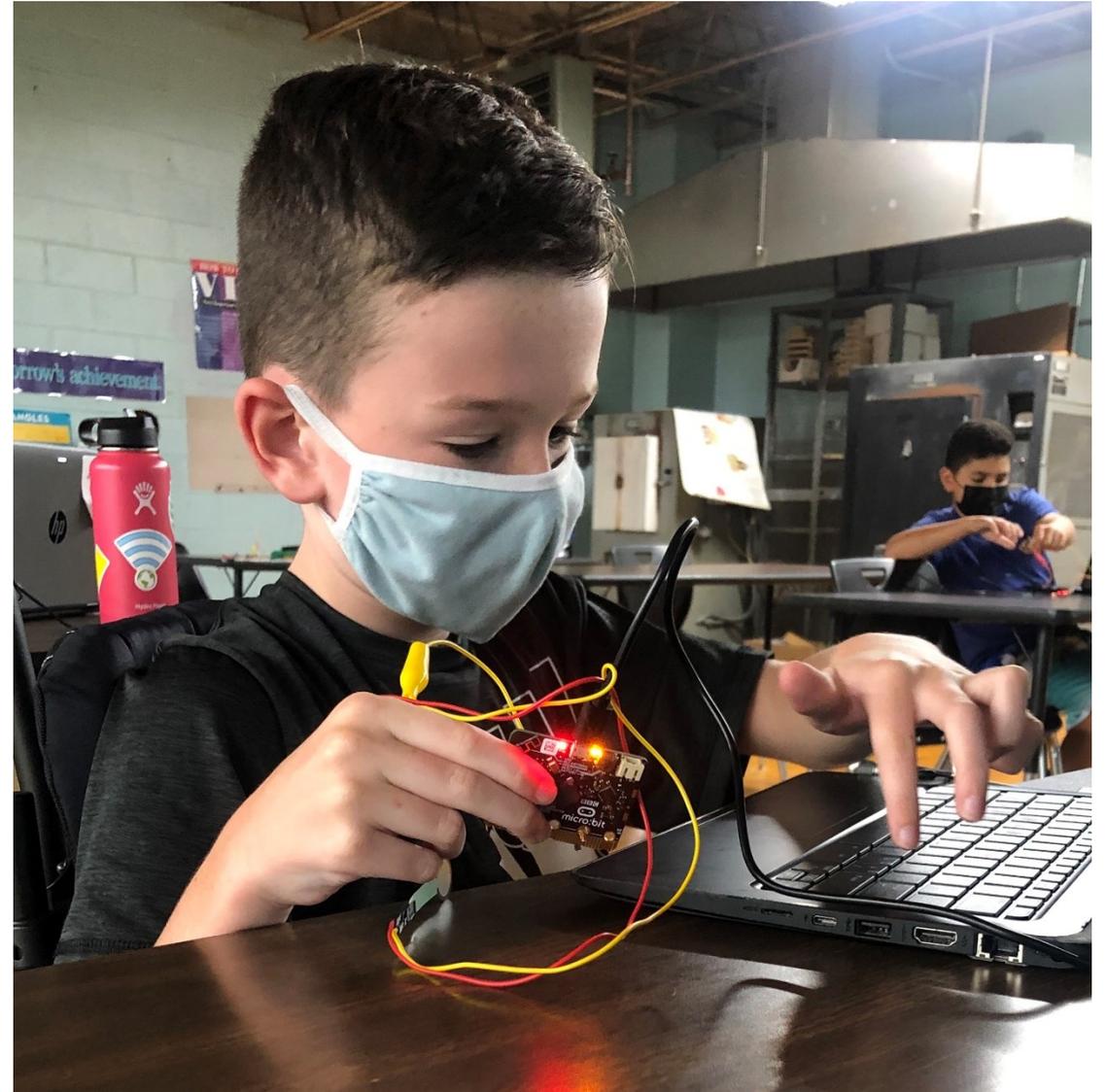
Middle school also means new academic opportunities for some students. Giuliana selected the exploratory course "Science of Food." Students can take four exploratory classes per year, one per quarter. The course selection is varied to appeal to different interests.

Prior to the start of the school year, students received an email with course descriptions and were able to select their first two exploratory classes. In a few months, they

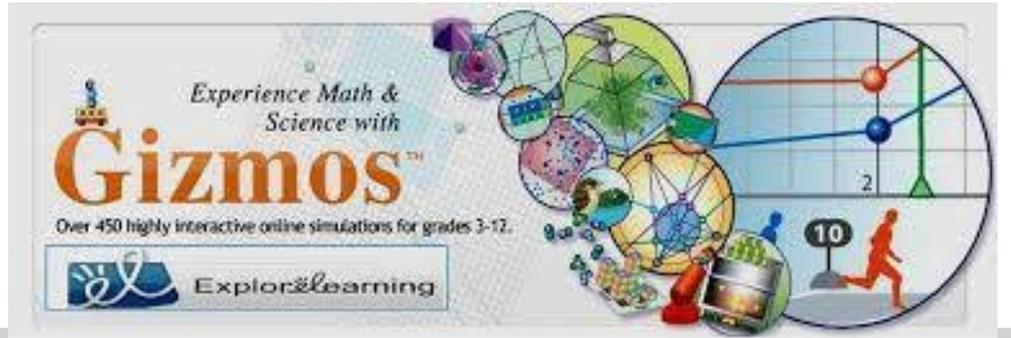


6th Grade

- 1½ periods of ELA & Math with dedicated Science and Social Studies classes
- The Wheel: General Music, Project Lead the Way, Art, and Family & Consumer Science
- Enhanced “new” Science curriculum – Gizmos!
- Keyboarding opposite Physical Education
- Go Math program
- New Digital Social Studies Textbook
- Rollout Teachers Writing Workshop
- Exploratories, Band, Chorus, and Supports



7th Grade



ELA, Math, Science, & Social Studies



The “new” Science curriculum! Gizmos Again!



Health and Physical Education



Full-year French and Spanish programs



Art and Family & Consumer Science



Exploratories, Band, Chorus, Supports, General Music

8th Grade



ELA, Math,
Science, & Social
Studies



Algebra



Living
Environment for
all 8th graders! Lab
opposite Physical
Education.



Living
Environment
support classes



Exploratories,
Band & Chorus,
Supports



Two Technology
Classes :
Foundations and
Coding/Robotics

New Exploratories!

- Share the Good News
- Be a Student Leader
- Around the World in 80 Days
- Inventions and Discoveries
- Engineering and Design
- Brain Games and Puzzles
- The Art of Origami

So what is this Exploratory Thing?!?

SIXTH GRADE

- Art of Origami
- Cartooning Art
- Computer Game Design
- Fun With Science
- Printmaking
- Science Of Food
- Sew What?!?
- European Art & Culture

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

- Architectural Design
- Around the World in 80 Days*
- The Arts!
- Be a Student Leader*
- Brain Games & Puzzles*
- Chemistry In Our Lives
- Engineering and Design
- Strategies in Chess!
- Current Issues in Health
- Educational Technology
- Engineering & Design*
- Examining Law
- Forensic Science
- Inventions & Discoveries*
- Literature & History Through Film
- Nature Studies I and II
- Reading Roundtable
- Science Wizards
- Share the Good News!*
- Strategies in Chess

* = new course

The Academic Program



The Extra Help program



Library Homework Clubs



Implementation of the RULER Approach, Habits of Mind & Lions Quest SEL program across the disciplines



Continuation of the Standards Based Grading Committees and implementation of its tenets



We continue to examine and discuss the many academic pathways for our students in all areas in our building



How can we adapt to the current state of our buildings while staying true to the learning standards?



HERALD SCHOOLS

Digital programs advance learning at Seaford M.S.

There's been no shortage of technological tools at Seaford Middle School, where educators have utilized digital resources to accommodate tech-savvy students.

Eighth-grade English teacher Elizabeth May utilizes the website JeopardyLabs, inspired by the popular game show, to create educational quizzes. The program allows teachers, including May, to generate questions based on each lesson.

In a press release, May said the tool helps students prepare for book-related exams. May said she is able to mix in some grammar questions to help students keep their language skills sharp.

"It's fun and it's gets them talking together," May said.

Spanish teacher Danyi Hamilton utilizes the program Blooket to review Spanish language with students. The program, which students access from district-issued laptops, offers numerous games to test their understanding of Spanish words and phrases or their ability to conjugate verbs.

In one of the Blooket games, called Gold Quest, students competed for the most coins by "stealing" from their classmates with each correct answer. They matched an English expression with the

Spanish translation in the multiple choice game.

"It's a great tool to assess where they are before a lesson or at the end of a lesson," Hamilton said of Blooket.

Another Spanish teacher, Melanie Levy-Roberts, recently had students create their own fictional restaurants and used PowerPoint on the Office365 Suite to make digital menus and recipe guides. Each group had to create a menu in Spanish with breakfast, lunch, dinner, beverages and fruits.

Eighth graders in Michael Milano's social studies class recently studied the Progressive Era and created digital presentations on related topics, including muckraking journalists from the period. Students used PowerPoint's Sway program, or Prezi, an online presentation preparation resource, and had to embed images and video clips to make their presentations more interactive.

After every group presented, Milano digitized all of the projects into a larger presentation as a resource for students. He shared the documents through the Microsoft Teams channel to give them student-generated reference material for future tests and quizzes.



Courtesy Seaford School District

STUDENT GRIFFIN LUFT got an answer correct while playing a Blooket game for his Spanish class, led by teacher Danyi Hamilton.

Professional Development

Stand Alone & Embedded in Team Meetings and Faculty Meetings



- Teachers' College Writing
- ICT Teams Training
- Wilson Reading Training
- Empathy For All!
- Standard's Based Grading- Rick Wormeli
- RULER Approach – Marc Brackett
- Safety Protocols



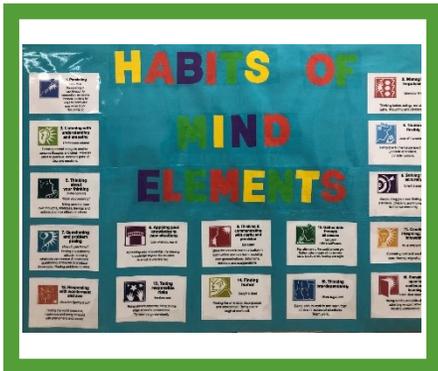
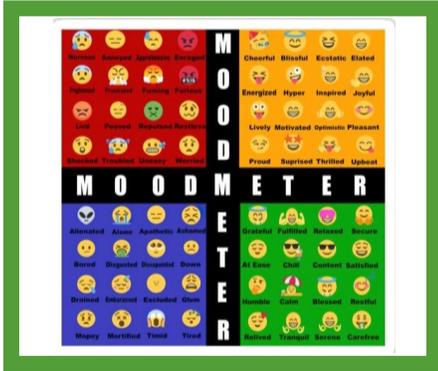
SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL



Student Support Services

- OUR ADDITIONAL Shared School Psychologist
- Individual Responsive Counseling
- Dynamic Groups
- Parent-Team Meetings
- Classroom guidance visitations
- Hosts High School Guidance sessions for 8th graders
- Administration and Guidance hold 6th grade Parent Orientation, 6th Grade Student Orientation, 7th grade Parent Orientation, and AIS meetings

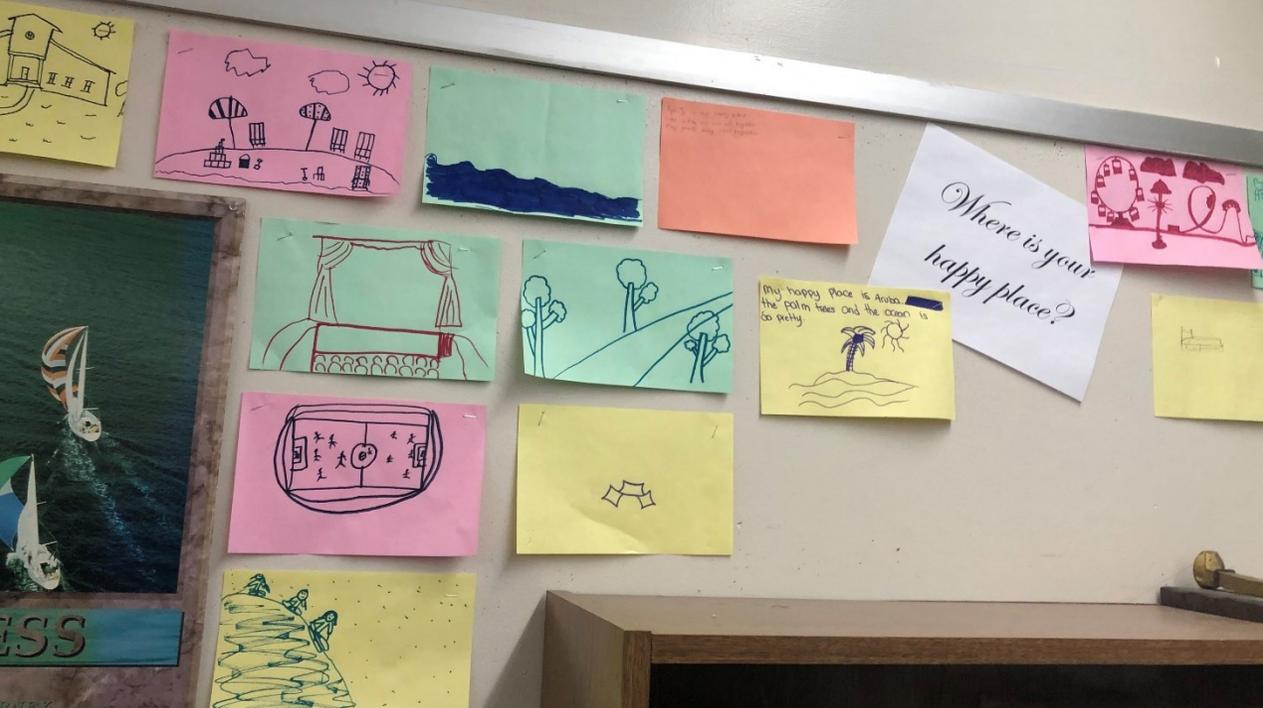
Ruler Approach, Lions Quest, Habits of Mind...oh my!



- Students and Faculty engaging with these programs through:
 - Classroom Instruction
 - A.S.K
 - Faculty Meetings
 - Team Meetings

<p>Tips for Managing Anxiety</p> <p>November 9, 2021 9:45-10:15am</p>	<p>Navigating Challenging Behaviors</p> <p>December 7, 2021 9:45-10:15am</p>	<p>Fostering Self-Esteem in Your Child</p> <p>January 4, 2022 9:45-10:15am</p>
<p>Coping with Daily Stress & Frustrations</p> <p>February 1, 2022 9:45-10:15am</p>	<p>Join us on Zoom!</p> <p>Meeting ID: 997 8836 9219</p> <p>Passcode: Seaford</p>	<p>Strategies to Help Motivate Your Child</p> <p>March 1, 2022 9:45-10:15am</p>
<p>Learning to Communicate Assertively</p> <p>April 5, 2022 9:45-10:15am</p>	<p>Fostering a Growth Mindset in Your Child</p> <p>May 3, 2022 9:45-10:15am</p>	<p>The Importance of Self-Care</p> <p>June 7, 2022 9:45-10:15am</p>

Family Engagement



How do you, as staff of SMS, want to feel while at school?



As a class we want to feel

- Relaxed
- Respected
- Calm
- Energized
- Positive
- Inspired
- Helpful
- Awake
- Happy
- Prepared
- Comfort
- Confident
- Brave
- Safe
- Encouraged
- Recognized
- Useful

To Have these feelings we will...

- Overcome
- Encourage each other
- Have Self Confidence
- Take creative risk
- Have Faith/Hope
- Be a team player

In order to feel this way consistently, we will...

support each other	Appreciated	support each other
support each other and show thankfulness for each other.	Rest, prepare and work with others well	need to maintain a positive mindset, try not to let things bother me.
need support and positive reinforcement	Think of one positive thing a day. Recognize how my emotions can impact others. Support others.	safe
build relationships	support one another	work together
Come to work every day prepared and with a positive mindset.	reinforce ideas	talk to each other? get the faculty room back to a meeting place?



WELLNESS ROOM

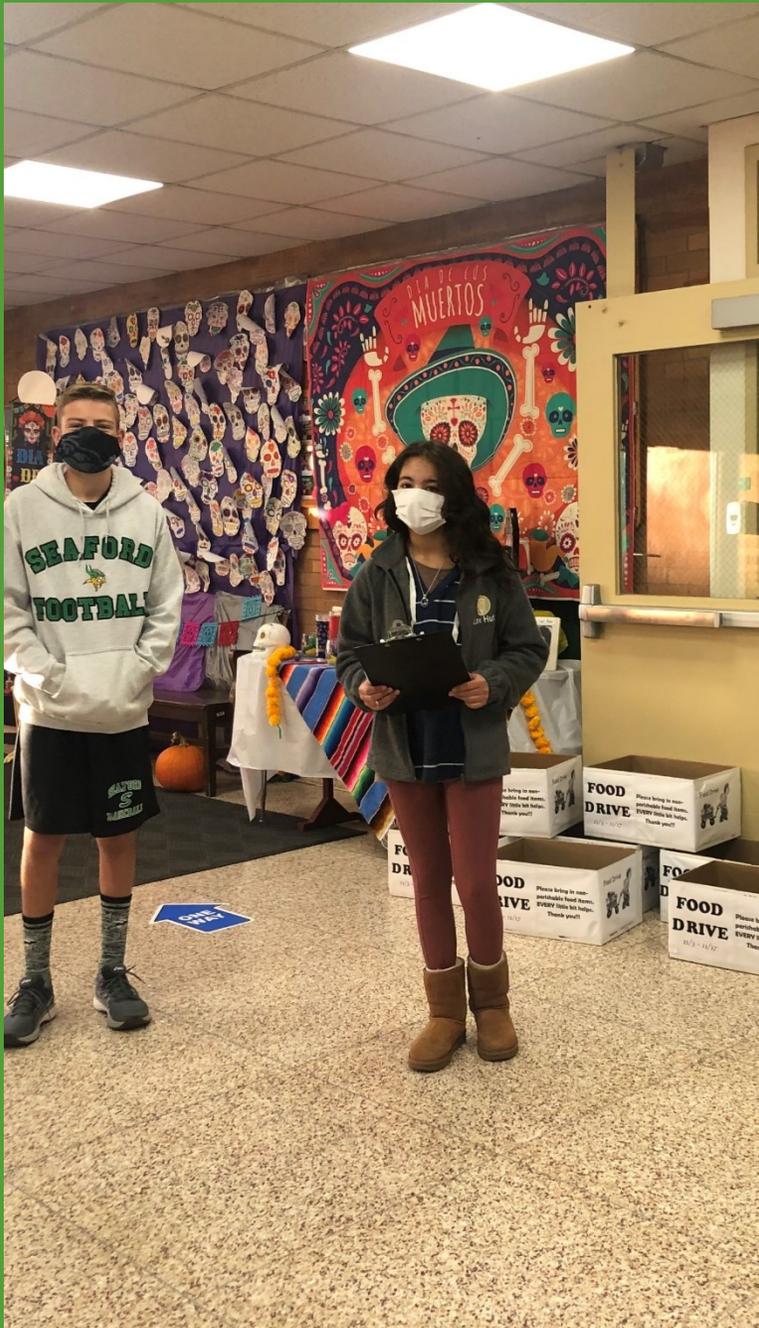


EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
AND
COMMUNITY
OUTREACH

Clubs are Back!

- American Sign Language
- Art Club
- Culture Club
- Jazz Band
- Memory Book Club
- National Junior Honor Society
- P.A.C.C.
- Robotics Club
- Science Club
- Service Club
- Student Council
- Table Tennis Club
- Woodwind Ensemble





Community Outreach

- Halloween Boo Drive – raised money for Multiple Sclerosis
- Recycling Program Up and Running
- Seaford Food Drive for families in need
- Deck the Doors – raised money for families in need
- Holiday Gift Drive for children in need
- NJHS Members' Individual Projects for the Seaford Community!

Facilities and Safety

The building has been returned!

Ongoing Safety Committee Meetings

New School Map & reworking the school cameras

Lock Down and Reunification Drills along with typical fire drills

Working with our P.O.P. officers



ON THE HORIZON!

Looking Forward.....



- Back to “Normal!”
- Teachers' College Writing Project for 7th Grade
- Professional Development for TC in 6th and 7th
- Project Lead the Way for 7th Grade
- Continue to roll out standards-based grading initiatives
 - Examining our grading and assessment practices
 - Working with Directors to facilitate ongoing vertical articulation and standards-based instruction
- The New Wellness Suite
- Two more club proposals:
 - Chess Club and Mathletes!

- <https://youtu.be/cEWFGyixhKg>