



# SEAFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Seaford Harbor School

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Dear Seaford Harbor School Community,

I hope this letter finds you making fun summer memories with friends and family and full of excitement as we prepare to embark on another wonderful school year at the Harbor School! We have been busy preparing for our students' return and look forward to their smiling faces on Tuesday, September 3, our first day of school. Further, we are excited to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Tara Savage, to our wonderful school family, and she looks forward to getting to know you all. If you would like to visit and say hello to Mrs. Savage, there is a Meet and Greet planned for Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-12:45 am on the big playground at the back of the school.

Our talented team of teachers have been hard at work over the summer, preparing fun and engaging lessons and ensuring that every student's experience at the Harbor School is truly exceptional. Our commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive and nurturing space for all students remains unwavering. This year, we are excited to announce that our school theme is "I Can See the Leader in Me." We encourage our students to tap into their leadership potential and seek out ways to shine bright through leadership, collaborating with others and showing their true Harbor Pride through their actions and words.

Throughout the year, you can look forward to a variety of exciting events, educational opportunities and chances for your child to shine as a leader both academically and personally. Many of these events are made possible through the dedication of our PTA and their commitment and partnership to giving our students the greatest experiences. We would love for you to be a part of these events as well! Please join the Harbor PTA and come to their first meeting on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm, hosted in the All Purpose Room.

Your child's placement will be available on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> under "Documents" on your parent dashboard. Kindergarten placement will also be available on both the portal, and will be sent home in the mail. If you have difficulty accessing this information, please call the main office. We have a commitment to staying connected with our families; therefore, please regularly check our Harbor School Website for updates to the "Virtual Backpack" and "School Correspondence." These two links will carry important school information, as well as correspondence that is sent out via Shoutpoint for your reference.

Let us approach this school year by encouraging our children to tap into their leadership skills, a willingness to learn and try new things and a commitment to supporting one another. Together, we will have a fantastic year of learning, innovation and memorable moments!

## Seaford Harbor School: Staying Connected

### \*Important Reminders

- We will be using the five-day schedule. This schedule impacts our Supportive Area Classes (Reading, Math, Speech, OT, PT, etc.), as well as our special area classes. Each school day will be numbered 1 through 5. This information can be found on our school website homepage, under "Virtual Backpack." It is suggested that you post this calendar in your home for easy reference as you organize your children's daily schedules.
- Please call the school each day that your child will be absent. To report an absence, please contact one of our clerical assistants at 516-592-4181.

### \*Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

- Students may arrive at 8:55 am. Students who come early for music lessons, extra help, etc. must enter through the main doors beginning at 8:00 am.
- Students are considered late after 9:10 am. Students must enter through the main doors and parents must sign them in with our security guard. Students will receive an orange late pass and report to the main office to check in with Ms. Cella or Ms. Vitelli.
- The day ends at 3:10 pm and students are dismissed from their classrooms to either their appropriate bus or as a walker.
- If a bus is running late, families will be notified through the Remind App. Please see below for sign-up information.
- ***If a student must leave early for an appointment or obligation, please try your best to sign them out and pick them up prior to 2:00 pm. This will ensure the smooth operations of the school day and assist us in dismissing all students safely.***

### \*Grade Level Specifics

- All first and second grade students will enter the main right door. If you are facing the Harbor School, this is the main entrance on the right.
- All third, fourth and fifth graders will enter the main left door. If you are entering the Harbor School, this is the main entrance on the left.
- **Kindergarten Students:** Ms. DeSanto, Ms. Ardito, Ms. Corchia and Ms. Breuer will use the main right door to enter and the kindergarten doors to exit. Ms. DeGroff's classroom will use the main door on the left for both entry and exit.

### \*REMIND App Bus Updates

**Please Note: We will be transitioning to ParentSquare, a new communication platform, in the fall. The REMIND app will be used temporarily, due to parent familiarity, until the transition is complete.** If a bus is running late or there is a bus emergency, parents will be alerted via the REMIND App. Please join the appropriate REMIND group below. This will allow for easy communication to keep you informed of any transportation emergencies or announcements. **The REMIND app is a one-way communication and cannot receive replies.** If you would like to contact the school, please call 516-592-4180 or Ms. Margaret Cervini in the transportation office: 516-592-4016.

To receive text updates through the REMIND app, please select your child's bus and follow the instructions below:

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#### **Bus 1**

Text @harborbus1 to 81010

#### **Bus 7**

Text @harborbus7 to 81010

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#### **Bus 2**

Text @harborbus2 to 81010

#### **Bus 8**

Text @harborbus8 to 81010

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#### **Bus 3**

Text @harborbus3 to 81010

#### **Bus 15**

Text @harbor15 to 81010

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#### **Bus 4**

Text @harborbus4 to 81010

#### **Bus 16**

Text @harbor16 to 81010

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#### **Bus 5**

Text @harborbus5 to 81010

#### **Bus 19**

Text @harbor19 to 81010

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**\*\*\*If your child rides Bus 21, you will receive a call if the bus is late or if there is any emergency. \*\***

### \* Dates to Remember

New Student Tour: Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am *(This event is only for new students who registered over the summer and will receive an invitation)*

Kindergarten Meet and Greets: Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> (10-11 am), Wednesday, August 21 (5-6 pm), Thursday, August 29 (3-4 pm) Location: Primary Playground

♥First Day of School♥: Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

September 11<sup>th</sup> Ceremony: Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm (SHS)

September PTA Meeting: Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm

Back to School Night: Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
(Additional information will be provided)

Harbor Family Fall Festival: Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-8:00 pm

### Welcome Back Documents

The entire "catalog" of traditional "Welcome Back Mailing" documents will be posted to the district website under the "Virtual Backpack" in the coming weeks.

Please note anything with an \* indicates your response may be required. The documents highlighted below will be distributed to students on the first day of school. Please make sure to complete and return to the classroom teacher.

If you would like a hard copy of any documents, do not hesitate to call the main office who can assist you.

Here is what you will find:

#### Documents from Central Office:

- ✓ Free & Reduced Lunch Application\*
- ✓ BMI Letter\*
- ✓ Health Letter
- ✓ Inclement Weather Letter
- ✓ Allergy Letter

#### Documents from Harbor School:

- ✓ One-page Five Day Calendar
- ✓ Extra Help Pass
- ✓ Reunification Plan Document\*
- ✓ Code of Conduct Sign-Off\*
- ✓ Emergency Contact Sheet \*
- ✓ Allergy Letter: Seating Permission Slip\* (Please PRINT, complete and return by August 15)

As always, we are just a phone call away! It is going to be a great year filled with learning, leadership and fun! Go Vikings!

Yours in Harbor Pride,

Mrs. Bisulca and Mrs. Savage