

UPDATES FROM THE PRINCIPALS



JANUARY
EDITION



Dear Seaford Middle School Families,

Happy New Year, Seaford Middle School community! As we welcome 2025, it's a great time to reflect on the incredible events and achievements that wrapped up 2024 while looking forward to what's ahead. December was filled with energy, creativity, and festive spirit, and we are excited to share some highlights with you.

The annual Science Fair was a true showcase of our students' innovative thinking and hard work. From experiments that explored the scientific method to creative projects, the fair highlighted our middle schoolers' incredible curiosity and talent. Each project demonstrated hours of dedication and a passion for learning. Congratulations to all participants for their efforts, and a special thank you to our teachers and families for supporting this event.

Our holiday concerts brought the warmth of the season to life through music. Our band and chorus students delivered stunning performances, leaving the audience in awe. The holiday spirit was in the air as our young musicians showcased their growth and talent. A huge thank you goes to our music department, Ms. Sherwin, Mr. Coacci, and Ms. Ferguson, for their tireless work in preparing the students and organizing such a memorable event.

December's teaming event was a festive favorite—our Gingerbread Tower Building Challenge. Students worked in teams to construct the tallest and most structurally sound towers using gingerbread and a variety of decorative materials. The activity encouraged collaboration, creativity, and problem-solving, all while spreading holiday cheer. It was a fantastic way to bring students together and celebrate the spirit of teamwork during the holiday season.

As we move into January, we are gearing up for some important milestones and exciting activities. Marking Period 2 concludes on January 24, and we encourage all students to stay focused on their goals and finish the marking period strong. This is a great time for students to reflect on their progress, set new goals, and strive for their personal best.

We are also looking forward to our second Activity Night later this month. These events are always a highlight for our students, providing an opportunity to connect with friends, enjoy fun activities, and create lasting memories. Stay tuned for more details about what's in store for this month's event—we can't wait to see everyone there!

We are excited to introduce our new lunch and recess program, designed to give students more structured and engaging activities during break times. The attached article provides more information and provides a closer look at the changes and benefits this program will bring to our students.

Thank you again for your continued support of Seaford Middle School. Here's to a successful and rewarding 2025 filled with learning, growth, and achievement. Let's make this year our best one yet!

Joe Polite - Assistant Principal

SEAFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL'S NEW LUNCH AND RECESS PROGRAM

We are excited to introduce an innovative addition to our students' daily routine: the new lunch and recess program. This initiative aims to enrich the lunchtime experience by blending social, physical, and cognitive engagement opportunities for all our students.

The cornerstone of this program is our newly unveiled Student Activity Center, located in what was formerly the south cafeteria. This space has been thoughtfully designed to provide a variety of activities that cater to diverse student interests and encourage active participation and teamwork. Students will have the opportunity to:

- Enjoy friendly competition with air hockey, foosball, and ping pong tables.
- Engage in creative and strategic thinking through board games and educational games.
- Participate in traditional outdoor recess activities, promoting physical fitness and teamwork.
- Engage with the library to explore resources and enjoy a quiet, reflective space.

The structure of the lunch and recess period will allow students to eat for the first half of the period and then choose their preferred way to spend the remainder of their time, whether that's exploring the activities in the Student Activity Center or heading outside for some fresh air and play. Students will stay together as a Team during their distinct lunch and recess periods. This further supports our goal of having students view their school Teams as their family while at Seaford Middle School.

This program is the result of feedback from our Schools to Watch site visit and reflects our commitment to continuous improvement. By incorporating these enhancements, we aim to strengthen our teaming model in the middle school, fostering collaboration and a sense of community among students.

This marks the first phase of our enhanced lunch and recess program. Future phases will include additional activities and opportunities as we continue to gather feedback from students and staff to ensure this program meets the needs and interests of our school community.

We believe this initiative will foster a balanced approach to wellness, encouraging students to build relationships, develop skills, and recharge during the school day.

We are currently in the process of preparing the Student Activity Room and we will update the community with a timeline for when the recess and lunch program will go into full effect.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to provide an engaging learning environment for all our Seaford Middle School students.



