

UPDATES FROM THE PRINCIPALS



MAY
EDITION

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

Dear Seaford Middle School Families,

I hope this finds you well! As we approach the end of the 2024-2025 school year, we are excited for our students to take part in end of the year festivities, including field trips for each grade. Field trips are excellent opportunities to extend classroom learning out into the world. They are also great opportunities for students to form bonds with their classmates and strengthen relationships.

Below is additional information regarding each grade's trip along with background information to help enrich the experience and appreciation of the venues.

We hope that our students enjoy these opportunities as well as the remainder of the school year!

In Seaford Middle School Pride,

Dr. Morey

6th Grade Trip to the Cradle of Aviation

The Cradle of Aviation Museum, located in Garden City, New York, stands as a testament to Long Island's pivotal role in the history of flight. Housed in a modern 150,000-square-foot facility on land once part of Mitchel Air Force Base, the museum showcases over 75 aircraft and spacecraft spanning more than a century of aerospace history. Its eight exhibit galleries chronologically display artifacts ranging from early hot air balloons to the Apollo Lunar Module LM-13, which was built by Grumman in nearby Bethpage but never flown to the Moon.

The museum's origins trace back to the 1970s when aviation enthusiasts began collecting and restoring aircraft. In 1980, it opened in the unrenovated hangars of Mitchel Air Force Base. A significant renovation in the late 1990s led to the grand reopening in 2002, transforming the museum into a state-of-the-art institution. Today, it features interactive exhibits, including a "cockpit trail" where visitors can sit in aircraft cockpits from various eras, and a planetarium with a pure laser projection system offering immersive shows.

Beyond its exhibitions, the Cradle of Aviation Museum plays a vital role in education and community engagement. It partners with local schools and organizations to promote aerospace education and careers, offering programs that inspire future generations of innovators. You can learn more about the Cradle of Aviation by visiting their website [here](#).

END OF THE YEAR FIELD TRIPS

7th Grade Field Trip to the Tenement Museum

The Tenement Museum, located at 97 and 103 Orchard Street in Manhattan's Lower East Side, offers an immersive exploration of New York City's immigrant history. Established in 1988, the museum preserves two historic tenement buildings that housed over 15,000 individuals from more than 20 nations between 1863 and the 1980s. Through guided tours of these restored apartments, visitors gain insight into the lives of diverse families, including German Jews, Puerto Ricans, and Holocaust survivors, among others. The museum's exhibits highlight themes of identity, public policy, and urban development, fostering a deeper understanding of the immigrant experience in America.

In addition to its core exhibits, the Tenement Museum offers a variety of programs that connect past experiences to contemporary issues. The museum also engages visitors through interactive experiences, including costumed reenactments and neighborhood walking tours, which enrich the storytelling and encourage reflection on the ongoing relevance of these histories in today's society. [You can learn more about the Tenement Museum by clicking here.](#)

8th Grade Boat Trip at Captree State Park

Captree State Park, located at the eastern tip of Jones Island in Bay Shore, New York, is a 340-acre state park renowned for its recreational offerings centered around saltwater activities. Accessible via the Robert Moses Causeway and Ocean Parkway, the park features the Captree Fleet, the largest public fishing fleet on Long Island, comprising 24 to 28 independently operated charter boats. These vessels provide opportunities for fishing, scuba diving, sightseeing, and excursions in the Great South Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Additionally, the park boasts two large fishing piers suitable for crabbing and fishing, a marina, and a boat launch for vessels longer than 14 feet, facilitating direct access to the State Boat Channel. [To learn more about Captree State Park you can click on this link.](#)



