# UPDATES FROM THE THE PRINCIPALS



## JUNE EDITION



Dear Seaford Middle School Families,

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, May was a month full of celebration, creativity, and meaningful milestones.

Our students successfully completed the New York State ELA and Math exams. We're proud of the focus and effort they brought to each assessment, and we appreciate the support of our staff and families in helping students feel confident and prepared.

On May 9, we held our final Middle School Activity Night of the year. Students enjoyed music, games, and time with friends, capped off a great series of events that brought our school community together throughout the year.

On May 12, we welcomed families of our incoming 6th grade class for a New Student Orientation. Dr. Morey and I gave a presentation introducing the middle school experience and highlighting the supports and opportunities awaiting their children. It was a great first step in helping students and families feel welcomed and informed as they prepare to join us in September.

Our students' creativity was on full display at the Districtwide Art Show on May 15, where Seaford Middle School was well represented with outstanding pieces. The talent, detail, and imagination in their artwork made us incredibly proud.

Looking Ahead to June:

Join us on **June 2** at 7:00 PM on the high school football field for Seaford Middle School's 60th Anniversary Concert. Enjoy performances from our middle school students, including a special commissioned piece.

June 4: National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony (6:30 PM) and 8th Grade Awards Night (7:30 PM) at the high school. Please refer to the invitations for more details.

June 4 & 5: 6th and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Exploratory Fair

June 11: At the Board of Education meeting, we'll celebrate our teaching staff receiving tenure, recognizing their hard work, impact, and commitment to Seaford students.

June 16: Last day of regular classes.

June 17–24: Finals Week begins. Please see the attached schedule.

June 25: 8th Grade Graduation – a proud moment to celebrate our students as they complete their middle school journey and take the next step toward high school.

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for a wonderful year. We're grateful for your partnership and support, and let's finish the year strong!

Thank you, Joe Polite - Assistant Principal

# DISCOVER YOUR CHILD'S PASSIONS: THE SEAFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPLORATORY FAIR

#### What Are Exploratories?

At Seaford Middle School, Exploratories are an essential part of the middle school experience, offering students the chance to explore a variety of subjects beyond their core academics. From art and music to technology, world languages, physical education, and other elective courses, exploratories give students a chance to discover their interests, develop new skills, and prepare for high school choices.

#### Why Are Exploratories Important?

**Discovery and Exploration:** Middle school is a time for students to try new things and uncover their strengths and passions.

**Holistic Development:** Exploratories encourage creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork—important skills that go beyond the classroom.

**Preparation for High School:** Exploring different disciplines helps students make informed decisions about electives in high school.

Life Skills and Confidence: These classes provide hands-on learning that builds communication, problem-solving, and time management skills.

**Academic Support:** We also offer academic support classes as part of the exploratory schedule to give individualized help when needed.







#### Introducing the 2025 Exploratory Fair

To help students make informed choices for the next school year, we are excited to host our annual exploratory fair on June 4 and 5 in the cafeteria during periods one and two:

#### June 4

7th grade students

#### June 5

6th grade students

During the fair, students will visit interactive stations staffed by exploratory student representatives who will showcase their courses, answer questions, and share examples of student work. This hands-on experience will help students better understand each exploratory option and identify what excites them most.

In preparation, our PPS staff, Mr. Scaldaferri and Ms. Mullins, will visit 6th and 7th grade classes on June 2 and 3 to deliver brief presentations explaining the exploratory selection process and sharing important updates for next year.

#### **How Can Families Support Their Child?**

We encourage families to engage with their children about the exploratory fair and their choices. Ask them about the courses they explored, what sparks their curiosity, and how these experiences align with their goals. Your interest and support play a crucial role in their growth and decision-making. Dr. Morey and I strongly encourage that students and families complete the exploratory selection form together.

This is a valuable opportunity for students to reflect on their interests and take an active role in shaping their middle school experience. By completing the selection form together, families can ensure that choices align with both curiosity and long-term goals. We're excited to see our students take this next step in their journey, and we thank you for your continued partnership in supporting their growth and success.







### Seaford Middle School Finals & Regents Schedule 2024-2025

Note: All finals end by 11am each day.				
Date	Course		Date	Course
Monday, June 16th	Last Full Day of Classes for all middle schoolers			Half Day of Classes
				Regular morning bus run
Tuesday, June 17th	Half Day of Classes		Monday, June 23rd	6th grade: Social Studies final
	Regular morning bus runs- no 8th graders			7th grade: Math final
	6th grade: finals review			8th grade: FLACS exam (8:00 start time)
	7th grade: Social Studies final			
	Afternoon bus runs (11:15)- 8th graders only.			Half Day of Classes
	8th grade- Living Environment Regents (afternoon exam @ 12:15,			
	students arrive by 11:45)			Regular morning bus run
			Tuesday, June 24th	6th grade: Math final
Wednesday, June 18th	Half Day of Classes			7th grade: Science final
	Regular morning bus runs- no Algebra students. Regular			
	morning for 8th graders enrolled in Math 8.			8th grade: ELA final
	6th grade: ELA final			
			Wednesday, June 25th	Regular morning bus run to <b>Seaford High School - 8th grade</b>
	7th grade: ELA final			only
	8th grade: Math 8 final			8am: 8th graders only- graduation rehearsal
	Afternoon bus runs (11:15)- Algebra students only.			10 am: students walk back to SMS for yearbook distribution
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	Algebra 1 Regents @ 12:15 (afternoon exam- students arrive by 11:45)			11am: 8th graders return home from Seaford Middle School
				7pm: graduation ceremony at <b>Seaford High School</b>
Thursday, June 19th	Juneteenth observed			Grade 6 & 7:
	School closed			No classes- only student who need make-ups
				6th grade: make-up exams
Friday, June 20th	Half Day of Classes			7th grade: make-up exams
	Regular morning bus runs			
	6th grade: Science final		Thursday, June 26th	Rating Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS) Report
	7th grade: World Language final			cards available on Infinite Campus by 3pm.
	8th grade: Social Studies final			cardo avalidade on milite oumpus by opini

















