



SEAFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Seaford Middle School

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Dear Seaford Middle School Students and Families,

September is quickly approaching, and we are excited to welcome you back to a new school year! It promises to be an amazing year at the Middle School, and I am excited and honored to work alongside our dedicated teachers and staff to make this a fun, meaningful year of learning and growth.

Below are updates and reminders for the new school year, along with important resources and documents.

Seaford Scholars

We continue the growth of Seaford Scholars Student Profile by creating opportunities for our students to grow social emotional and academic skills that will prepare them for the rigors of secondary, and post-secondary education and the opportunities that will present themselves throughout life! One immediate aspect that all students and families can participate in is the nomination of "Seaford Scholars of the Month". Towards the beginning of each month, a nomination form will be shared on Parent Square identifying an individual Scholar Trait and a rubric that describes the characteristics of the trait. We encourage any interested student or family to fill out the nomination form. Honorees will be announced at the end of each month. The first trait, resilient, will be open for nominations on September 5th. Selected students will receive a certificate, a special scholar reward, and have their picture hung in the middle school entrance.

Parent Portal Access

The Parent Portal is a great tool for tracking your child's academic performance and attendance and a great source of information about their schedule. For help in accessing the portal, including setting up your account, [useful information can be found here](#). Please reach out to our technology department with any questions.

Student Schedules & Lockers

Student schedules will be posted to the Parent Portal at 3 pm on Friday, August 22nd. Students in grade 6 will receive a printed copy during their orientation on August 25th or August 26th. Students in grades 7 & 8 will receive printed copies of their schedules in their 1st period class on the first day of school. Locker information will also be posted on the portal and distributed on the first day of school. Students, *please keep your locker combination private, safe, and secure so that no one else has access to it!*

Cell Phone Policy

As per New York State law and Seaford UFSD policy, students are not allowed to possess cell phones during the school day. Students who choose to bring a cell phone to school each day are asked to keep it in their locker for the duration of the day. Please be aware that students are responsible for the safety of their cell phone, which includes keeping it, and any other valuables brought to school, locked in their locker. Seaford Middle School will follow a clear ladder of consequences for students who do not comply with the cell phone storage requirements.

We understand that families may have concerns about staying in touch during the day. Please rest assured that in the event of an emergency, every classroom is equipped with a landline phone. If a parent needs to contact their child, the school's main office can always be reached (516-592-4200). Communication between home and school will remain seamless and reliable.

Lanyard & ID Policy at Seaford Middle School

In an effort to keep our students safe and secure in the building, all students will be required to wear their ID on a school lanyard as they enter the middle school each morning and throughout the day. IDs and lanyards will be provided to students during the first week of school (6th graders will receive theirs at orientation). Students who lose their IDs or lanyards will be responsible for purchasing a replacement set. The cost of a replacement ID set is \$7 (\$5 for a new ID, \$1 for a new lanyard, \$1 for a plastic holder). New lanyards and IDs will be distributed to the 7th & 8th grades during the first week of school. *We ask that returning students wear their IDs from the prior year until they receive their new set.*

Exploratory Shifts for the 25-26 School Year

We are excited to announce an innovation to our exploratory program at Seaford Middle School that will offer additional opportunities to our students.

Starting this Fall, exploratory classes will now be offered quarterly. This means that students will have the opportunity to take up to 8 different courses each year, further allowing them to broaden their horizons and learn more about their interests by engaging in additional exploratory courses.

This will also have a profound impact on our support labs. Now, students will be encouraged to move in and out of support labs with greater frequency so that they can engage in exploratory classes once they've made satisfactory progress in their support classes. We believe that this will provide a more balanced approach to our support programs and encourage students to take advantage of the variety of opportunities available to them at the Middle School. Please note that we will make every effort to place students in exploratory courses that were selected on their "wish list" earlier in the Spring. If a student is not placed in an exploratory course during the first marking period that they selected, our counselors will work on placements in that course later in the year.

Therapy Dog Visits

We are excited to welcome back Lucie, our school's A.K.C certified therapy dog, for weekly visits this year! Our visits with Lucie focus on fostering empathy and compassion between students and animals while also providing them with the opportunity to enjoy the dog's companionship for a brief visit during the day.

Visits will take place during lunch periods and students will have the opportunity to visit with Lucie during 10-minute sessions. Each week, Lucie will come during different lunch periods to provide all students with the opportunity to engage with her if interested. Students can sign up for visits with a member of our PPS staff when Lucie comes to visit. More information will be shared with students about the sign-up process at the beginning of the year.

Lucie will be housed during her visits in the middle school Wellness Center. Lucie's handler and a member of our PPS or counseling staff will also be present for the duration of her visit. All appropriate health and safety protocols will be followed to ensure that any potential allergens will be cleaned up upon the conclusion of her visit. If you would like to opt out of these visits, [please fill out the form found at this link](#) and return it to Ms. Kaminski in the Main Office.

Locker Decoration Protocols

This year, we will continue with a new procedure introduced at the end of last year regarding locker decorations for birthdays that we hope will help improve upon this celebratory practice. When students request a pass to decorate a friend's locker for their birthday the students will be instructed that they will be responsible for taking down the decorations after **1 week**. We hope that this new practice will create the opportunity to celebrate a birthday while also maintaining the cleanliness of the building. The student whose locker is decorated is also welcome to take down any decorations, photos, or other items preemptively that they wish to save. Students will learn more about this during the beginning of the year Team huddles.

Digital Correspondence

Moving forward, an increasing amount of material that may have been mailed home in the past will be emailed home and then posted to a "[school correspondence](#)" link on the Seaford Middle School website. If you find yourself not receiving emails, please reach out to Ms. Ferraro in the Technology Department to work through the problem. She can be reached at (516) 592-4390.

Parent Square Platform

Parent Square continues to be a quick and useful way to communicate with teachers, counselors, and administrators at Seaford Middle School. Families who require assistance in setting up their accounts or have questions about the platform [can find useful information at this link](#). Students who need assistance in accessing the student facing platform, Student Square, can reach out to Mr. Vishal Persaud, the middle school technician, for assistance.

Supply lists

Class supply lists were shared previously in July and can be found at this link: [School Supply Lists - Seaford Middle School](#).

Back to School Night

Our Back to School Night is Tuesday, September 9th from 6:30-8pm. A special bell schedule will mark the passage of our 9-period day. Families and students can travel from class to class and meet with each teacher. This is an exciting opportunity to build connections with the staff, and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

After School Library Program & Extracurricular Activities

Our Library support program will begin after school on Monday, September 15th. You can find the schedule on the Seaford Middle School website along with the subjects available for support each day.

Extracurricular activities and clubs will officially begin on Monday, September 15th. More information about club offerings is posted to the school website under "School Correspondence" and "Get Involved @ SMS". Feel free to reach out to club advisors directly with any questions.

Welcome Back Mailing Documents

The entire "catalog" of traditional "[Welcome Back Mailing](#)" documents has been posted to the middle school web site under the "School Correspondence" tab. Feel free to reach out to the middle school Main Office with any questions or to obtain a printed copy of any document.

Here is what you will find, please note that files will be continuously uploaded through the remainder of the summer:

Documents from SMS

- ✓ SHM Bus Schedule 2025-20256
- ✓ SMS Bell Schedule 2025-20256
- ✓ "Get Involved at SMS": Extra-curriculars Offerings
- ✓ "Athletics @ SMS": Teams by season for 7th and 8th grade students

Documents from Central Office

- ✓ BMI Letter*
- ✓ Health Letter
- ✓ Inclement Weather Letter
- ✓ Allergy Letter

Documents from Parent Organizations

Please support our parent organizations. We simply could not be successful without them!

- ✓ PTSA
- ✓ Booster Club
- ✓ SEPTA
- ✓ Seaford Symphony

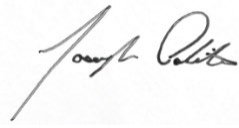
We are excited to welcome our incoming 6th graders and to welcome back the returning 7th and 8th graders. The 25-26 school year promises to be filled with excitement, learning, and fun! Please reach

out with any questions, we will see you soon and hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer. **Go Vikings!**

Yours in Seaford Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raghi" followed by a stylized flourish.

Dr. Raphael Morey
Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Polite" in a cursive style.

Mr. Joseph Polite
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