

# UPDATES FROM THE PRINCIPALS



OCTOBER  
EDITION



Dear Seaford Middle School Families,

We are off to a fantastic start to the 2025–2026 school year, and September brought back the energy we have been waiting for all summer. On September 2, we welcomed students through our doors, and the excitement was contagious. The building quickly came alive with the sound of lockers slamming, friends reuniting, and classes diving right back into learning. It is always a reminder of what makes this school such a special place.

A week later, on September 9, we hosted our annual Back-to-School Night. Families had the unique opportunity to follow their children's schedules, meet our teachers, and experience a glimpse of life as a Seaford Middle School student. The night was filled with positive energy and meaningful conversations, reinforcing the strong partnership between home and school that helps our students thrive.

On September 11, we continued an essential tradition with our candlelight ceremony in honor of 9/11. Students, families, and staff gathered to reflect, remember, and pay tribute. The ceremony was heartfelt, and the sense of community was evident in the quiet strength and respect shown throughout the evening.

Later in the month, our first teaming event of the year added some lighthearted fun. On September 26, students gathered for an ice cream social where the challenge was not just to enjoy a scoop but to guess the flavor. With laughter, teamwork, and more than a few surprised taste buds, students began earning points for their teams in what promises to be a spirited year of competition and friendship.

Looking ahead, October promises to be just as exciting. On October 17, we will host our first Activity Night of the year, giving students the chance to spend an evening together outside of the classroom, enjoying music, games, and plenty of fun. The very next day, October 18, we join the district in celebrating Homecoming, a highlight of the fall and an opportunity to show our Seaford pride. To close out the month, on October 31, we will hold our second teaming event: a pumpkin painting contest with a twist. Faculty members will bravely serve as inspiration for pumpkin portraits, and students will compete to capture their likenesses in creative and entertaining ways. It is sure to be a contest filled with imagination, humor, and school spirit.

Thank you for your continued support!  
Joe Polite  
Assistant Principal

# GROWING THE SEAFORD SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT SEAFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Seaford Scholars program continues to grow as we work to highlight the traits that guide our students in becoming their best selves. This year, we are excited to share several new additions that make the program even more meaningful.

One of our newest features is Mindful Monday, a weekly opportunity for students to pause, reset, and focus on the Seaford Scholar trait of being mindful. These activities emphasize the importance of mental health, stress management, and intentional choices, reminding students that success comes from balance as much as effort.

We are also strengthening our Seaford Scholar of the Month recognition. Each month, one student from every team is celebrated for exemplifying a designated trait. These students are nominated by teachers, fellow students, families, and community members, and honored schoolwide. This year, we are highlighting winners more prominently through social media and the school webpage so the entire community can share in their achievements.

To give students an even stronger voice, we have selected two Seaford Scholar Student Representatives to serve as student leaders of the program. They will help promote the initiative, model the traits in action, and inspire their peers to follow their lead.

Advisory lessons will continue to play a crucial role, providing teachers and students with opportunities to connect, reflect, and practice applying the traits to real-life situations. These conversations make the Seaford Scholar profile something students live out every day, not just a set of words. And of course, students will have new ways to show their pride with fresh Seaford Scholars swag: wristbands, stickers, clothing, magnets, and cups will be available throughout the year.



