Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to SES! We are very excited for you to join our community. Below is a list of summer events and the school year's initial important dates that you may find helpful. Like all of our wonderful community activities, these events could not happen without the help of our dedicated PTA members.

If at any time you have questions about an event or want to learn more about volunteering, please don't hesitate to email our PTA co-presidents at ses_pta@westportps.org

Date	Event	Time/Location
Saturday, July 25th	**Kindergarten Play Date**	**10 am (SES playground)**
Monday, July 13th	**Library Meet-Up**	**4:30-5:30pm (Westport Library)**
Sunday, August 9th	**Kindergarten Play Date**	**Time TBD (SES playground)**
Sunday, August 23rd	**Kindergarten Play Date**	**Time TBD (SES playground)**
Monday, August 24th	**Meet the Teacher Day & Touch A Bus**	**SES**
Tuesday, August 25th	**First Day of School**	**8:30am (SES)**
Thursday, August 27th	**Afterschool Ice Cream Social**	**3:30 - 5:00 pm (SES playground)**
Wednesday, September 2nd	**Principal's Coffee**	**10 am (Compo Beach)**
Monday, September 7th	**Labor Day**	**No School**
Tuesday, September 8th	**Back to School Night (K-2)**	**Evening (SES)**
Friday, September 18th	**Early Release/Professional Development**	**11:30 am Release**
Monday, September 21st	**Yom Kippur**	**No School**
Thursday, September 24th	**School Picture Day**	**SES**

SES Sites, Apps, and Tools:
There are many different touchpoints of communication AND different apps that serve different purposes - don't worry! It may seem overwhelming at first, but they will all fall into place quickly.

You will receive information about how to download and/or access all of these over the course of the summer or during the start of the school year:

- **Saugatuck website (ses.westportps.org) -** "Information for incoming families" tile.
- **Powerschool** - the website that houses information about teacher assignments, bus assignments, attendance/late arrivals, and student reports.
- **School Dismissal Manager (SDM)** - the app for inputting changes in your child's dismissal routines (including picking up mid-day)
- **ParentSquare -** a communications portal where all emails and alerts from the school and PTA are sent through and housed for future reference
- **Bus App** (currently FirstView) - an app for tracking your child's bus.
- **My School Bucks** - the site through which you are able to fund an account for your child to purchase food at school.

- **Membership Toolkit** - the PTA membership website that also houses the SES directory and information about school functions, volunteer signups, and logowear
- **Saugatuck Scoop** - the weekly email communication from the PTA to all SES families, Friday morning at 6 am
- **Instagram** - follow the PTA @thesaugiescene for the most up-to-date information about what's going on at SES!

Getting involved

There are so many ways for parents/guardians to volunteer at school. At the beginning of the year, the PTA will circulate information about how to get involved. You must be a PTA member to volunteer at school, so be sure to complete your membership once you receive that information (in early Fall as well).

- **Kinder Recess** - only Kindergarten families have the opportunity to volunteer during your child's recess!
- **Classroom specific** - room parent, art smart volunteer
- **School-wide** - there are over 60 committees that offer opportunities ranging from gardening to fundraising to art to the library. Whatever your interest or passion, we have a role for you!

Please let us know how we can make the transition into SES as seamless as possible for you and your child. We hope to see you over the summer and look forward to welcoming our Kindergarteners in the Fall!