Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am grateful and proud to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year as your new Superintendent. As the parent of a high school age son and a long time educator, I am aware of the many issues that face both parents and students.

I applaud the MS/HS PTA for creating this newsletter as a means to keep us in touch. I look forward to seeing you at the many outstanding events that will take place during this school year for our Middle School and High School students and their families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stimmel

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Why should YOU become a MEMBER of the PTA?

As a member of the PTA, you will be helping the PTA provide school support such as guest speakers, 8th grade awards, the Renaissance program, Pre-Prom event for the Seniors, and Senior scholarships. Membership is open to all including grandparents, aunts, uncles, co-workers and teachers. Your support is important!

To become a member of our PTA, you may join directly by clicking here or you may write a a check payable to Sayville MS/HS PTA and download the form from the school website. Click here for the form.

By becoming a member you may receive discounts at Hertz, Life Lock, MetLife Auto and Home, Ticket Monster Perks. With Ticket Monster Perks you may purchase discounted tickets to aquariums, city tours, theme parks, cruises, museums, water parks, ski resorts and much more.

275 members in 2016/17. Lets reach 1,000 members for 2017/18.

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Dr. John E. Stimmel
Superintendent of Schools

Upcoming Events

October 17, 2017 at 7 pm
PTA Meeting, MS Cafe’

October 29, 2017 at 1 pm
Jets vs.Falcons Fundraiser
See Flyer

School Closings

September 21-22, 2017
Rosh Hashanah

October 9, 2017
Columbus Day

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TECHNOLOGY CORNER

Did you know you can download the school calendar on your cell phone? To learn how, go to “how to subscribe” on the school website.

To access the digital backpack for all schools, click here.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back! We understand how busy everyone is, however, it is important to make sure everyone is aware of what is going on in our schools. The PTA Board has decided to only hold two (2) PTA meetings a year (October/May) and provide every family, via the portal a monthly newsletter containing important information provided by the Superintendent, the Principals of the Middle School and High School as well as the Board of Education.

We hope that this Newsletter will be informative to you and provide you with one resource to get the latest events and activities going on in our schools. You can also follow us on Facebook.

We wish the students the very best this coming school year.

Your PTA Board,

Erin Hynes, President
Nancy Clark, Treasurer
Jennifer Mercorella, Recording Secretary
Susan Bonfiglio, Corresponding Secretary
Christina Adams, Membership/Fundraiser Coordinator

GATHER A GROUP OF YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND CO-WORKERS FOR SOME SUNDAY FOOTBALL! The JETS fundraiser is open to anyone so share the flyer. Have tickets but need a parking pass. Purchase your pass through us and save money! A portion of each ticket and parking pass is given to the Sayville MS/HS PTA. To order tickets, parking passes or to share the flyer click here.

**Sayville MS/HS PTA Jets Offer**

Every ticket purchased will receive a 2017 Jets Winter Hat!  
- 300 Level Endzone Tickets (Section 331) @ $75.50 per ticket  
- 300 Level Corner Tickets (Section 346) @ $81.00 per ticket  

Portion of the proceeds will go to benefit Sayville MS/HS PTA.

vs ATLANA FALCONS v NEW YORK JETS  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017 - 1:10PM  
METLIFE STADIUM, EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ

Tickets are available while supplies last!

To purchase tickets click on the link below or type it into your web browser:

[nyjets.spinzo.com/sayville](nyjets.spinzo.com/sayville)

For more information, please contact:  
Nancy Clark - nclarkfamil@optonline.net

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This year the Sayville MS/HS PTA has set up a REMIND 101 account to inform its members about upcoming events and information. The benefit of the REMIND 101 account is to allow members of the MS/HS PTA to stay informed throughout the school year. Please use your cell phone to text 81010 and enter the following message: @ssayv. Thank you.

- **Do you have kids in multiple schools?**
- **Are you overwhelmed with all the fundraising?**
- **Or perhaps you just don’t like fundraisers!**

If this is you, you can still show your support to the Sayville MS/HS PTA with your tax deductible donation by donating directly through PayPal! It is simply!

Click here to donate

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**Treasurer’s Report**

2017/2018 Beginning Balance - $2,267.41  
Budget to be voted on at the October 17, 2017 meeting held at the MS Cafe at 7 pm.
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“And now let us welcome the new year, full of things that never were.” ~ Rainer Maria Rilke

Beginning anew is both exciting and challenging. We look forward to assisting you meet these challenges and find success.

We, as a Sayville High School family, look forward to working with each student to assist them in fulfilling their potential and successfully accessing their education.

Please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to assist you with any suggestion or concern you may have. I can be reached at 631 244-6600 or rhoffer@sayvilleschools.org.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you know, we at Sayville High School have worked diligently to provide a safe, bully-free learning environment. We are committed to taking proactive steps thwarting a problem that is present in schools everywhere. Our efforts this year will continue to focus on raising awareness about bullying and cyber bullying with students and parents.

We have invited Mr. John Halligan to speak with our students via a presentation on Wednesday, October 4th. He will relay his own tragic experience as a father whose 13 year old son took his own life in 2003, after incessant bullying by peers both in school and online. Mr. Halligan further shares that Ryan wrestled with underlying mental health issues and depression, factors that contributed to Ryan’s vulnerability and suicide. His story is riveting and powerful as it reminds students that there is a person with feelings and a heart on the other end of the screen.

His presentation will commence with a video collection of home movie clips and photographs of Ryan. From there, Mr. Halligan will proceed to narrate Ryan’s story and the factors leading up to his son’s suicide. Our students will gain perspective from the Halligan family as their child was a victim of bullying and cyber bullying. They will also gain awareness regarding the signs of teenage suicide and how to best help a friend. As Mr. Halligan’s presentation culminates, students will have the opportunity to ask questions. For more information, I encourage you to visit: www.RyansStory.org, a website honoring his son.

Due to the sensitive nature of the topic, I wanted to inform you in advance. I encourage you to ask your child about the presentation and perhaps share a discussion at home. If for any reason, you would prefer that your child not attend this presentation, please send a written note to Sayville High School prior to Wednesday, September 27th.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 631-244-6600 and/or via email at rhoffer@sayvilleschools.org.

Sincerely,

Ronald Hoffer
Principal

Principal Ronald Hoffer
Twitter: @SayvilleHS
rhoffer@sayvilleschools.org

Upcoming Events

September 19, 2017 at 7 pm
HS Senior College Information Night

September 26, 2017 at 7 pm
HS Open School Night

September 26 - 27, 2017
Yearbook Pictures in PE Classes

September 28, 2017 at 6:30 pm
Sayville/Connetquot College Fair at Sayville

Senior Information

SAT Registration
www.collegeboard.com

Registration Deadline Exam Date
October 5, 2017 November 4, 2017

ACT Registration

Registration Deadline Exam Date
September 22, 2017 October 28, 2017

Fall Team Yearbook Pictures

September 19, 2017 through October 28, 2017

Visit the High School’s Golden News Flash by clicking here for a list of all the dates, times, and location for each Fall Sport.
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a great start at Sayville Middle School. Staff members have been hard at work preparing and planning for the start of school and the arrival of our students. We are looking forward to working together as a team to provide your child the very best educational experience. We are committed in preparing students to be lifelong learners ready for college, career, and citizenship. We will provide an educational environment that is academically excellent, responsive to the developmental needs and interests of young adolescents, and socially equitable for all students.

Upcoming events

One issue of major importance locally and nationally is bullying and cyber bullying. This is a societal problem that impacts all ages and communities. As part of our ongoing Wellness Program, we are continually looking to enhance our programs. We are committed to taking serious, proactive steps to curb a problem that is impacting students in Sayville and across America. We have made arrangements with Mr. John Halligan to speak at Sayville Middle School on October 4th and Chris Hollyfield to speak at Sayville Middle School on October 19th.

Upcoming Events

- September 28 -29, 2017
  Picture Day

- September 29, 2017 at 7 pm
  Dance ($5.00 plus school permission slip)

- October 4, 2017 at 3:15 pm
  Site Based Team

- October 4, 2017 from 7 - 8:30 pm
  Ryan Halligan Story (parents)

  During the day - Ryan Halligan Story – 7th and 8th Grade Presentation
  For more information, click here

- October 16 - 20, 2017
  Wellness Week

- October 19, 2017 (Grades 6-8)
  Chris Hollyfield presentation
  For flyer click here

- October 19, 2017 at 7 pm
  Youth Alliance - Family Night District Wide
  See brochure for more information

- October 20, 2017
  Peer Leadership Conference - Selected 8th grade students and 10 middle schools from around Long Island will participate

- October 20, 2017 at 7 pm
  Dance

- October 26, 2017 at 7 pm
  Frost Valley Parent Meeting

- October 27, 2017
  Spirit Day - wear purple and gold

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The following Clubs and Activities are open to all students’ grades 6 - 8:

- Yearbook/Computer Club
- Student Council
- School Store
- Math Club
- History League
- Young Science Researchers (Explorer’s Club)
- Art Club
- HOPE

Auditions are required for the following Clubs and Activities:

- Musical Production
- Chamber Orchestra
- Show Choir
- Jazz Ensemble
- Stage Band
- Wind Ensemble

For more information about the clubs, visit the presentation.