

September 10, 2022

Dear SAU 90 Staff and Families,

We are pleased to remind you that our schools will host a curriculum night/open house this month. We are excited to welcome our families back into our schools, and we look forward to seeing you there. We know that this month is very busy as we all return to routines and extra-curricular activities. However, this is our opportunity to share expectations, begin to develop new relationships, and set our students up for success. We hope you are able to attend.

This week, I spent time visiting our youngest learners at Centre School. Preschool started on Tuesday. It was refreshing to see our “littles” in school and acclimating to a new school year. Be sure to check out our Facebook post for a peek at Centre School students.

We continue to focus on the social emotional learning of all of our students, and I was able to see Morning Meeting in action. Our Centre and Marston School students begin their day with a morning meeting where they are greeted by their teachers and classmates, there is sharing of news and announcements, a greeting, and often a fun activity. The purpose of these daily events is to provide our students with a sense of belonging, significance, purpose, and fun. Each of our students is a valuable member of our community. Our teachers and staff pride themselves on their relationship with their students as they strive to know each student individually. As part of our beginning weeks in school, we are working with students to establish their hopes and dreams for the school year. These are often revisited throughout the year to ensure that school is a meaningful experience for each student.

This afternoon, Hampton Academy held their first pep rally of the school year! Emphasis was on building school spirit and discussing expectations. Students enjoyed time with their classmates and teachers during this fun interactive assembly. Additionally, Geskus provided a photo booth for the day to capture moments of our excited students! This year, our middle school students will participate in advisory. The purpose of this time is to ensure that every child has a meaningful relationship with an adult and belongs to a community of peers. Advisories have the potential to improve academic achievement and the overall school experience for students in middle grades.

Next Tuesday, is the primary elections and Hampton Academy serves as the town’s polling site. The polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM and will be held in the gymnasium. To accommodate this, we are working with First Student and our town officials regarding bus routes and safety. Please be mindful in the mornings and afternoons during arrival and dismissal as traffic will be re-routed to accommodate the election. There will be more information shared with Hampton Academy families.

This week, I met with Anthony Panciocco, Director of Child Care Services for the YMCA. They are hoping to offer a before and after school program in our district. However, they continue to be challenged with staffing. If you love our students, are looking to get involved, and have the time before or after school, this could be a great opportunity. Please see the attached flyer.

There are a number of forms that were sent out the first week of school. Please be sure that you return these forms as soon as possible. Remember our data is only as accurate as the information we have on file. Please be sure to keep your information up to date. We are asking all families to complete a Free and Reduced Lunch Form this year. This helps with federal funding and ensures accuracies with accounting.

Last but certainly not least... the PTA is planning a Halloween Town on Marston Way this year at Marston School on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Please see the attached flyer! And, remember to become a member of our PTA, if you have not already done so!

Next week is our first five-day week of the school year!! Remember to pace yourselves...

See you at the Seafood Festival,  
Dr. Lois B. Costa  
Superintendent of SAU 90