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CHAMPIONS!

Sachem East field hockey captured its second state championship this season



For the second straight year, the Sachem East field hockey team came back to Long Island with a New York State championship. Playing at Cicero-North Syracuse High School, Sachem East defeated Liverpool, 3-0, in mid November.

Senior Karyn Ryan scored two goals for Sachem in the victory. Katie Trombetta scored a goal with 40 seconds left in

the game. Cara Trombetta and Katie Shanahan added assists.

“It’s amazing to think about,” Ryan, a senior, told Newsday of the legacy her team is creating and the reputation it already has established. “I couldn’t be more proud to be part of a . . . great team like this.”

The Arrows, who beat Williamsville North 6-0 in the state semifinals on Saturday, finished

the season a perfect 22-0.

Sachem East has not lost a game since Oct. 24, 2011, a stretch of 390 days and has won its last 29 games. That’s a mark of 43-1 over the last two years.

Jordan Miller recorded her 16th shutout of the season. Sachem has also recorded nine shutouts in its last 12 playoff games spanning the last two seasons.

Letter from the editor

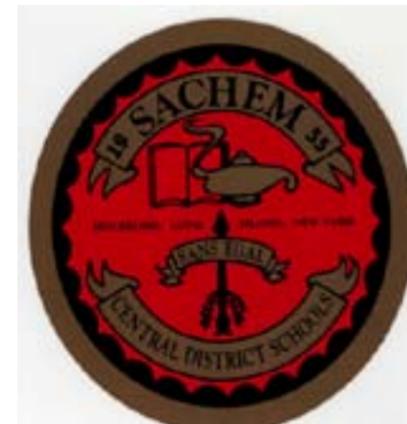
It’s been a busy fall in Sachem. This past month has been a blur. From state championships to board meetings, a brief break due to Hurricane Sandy and plenty of other meetings, functions and events in the school district, there has been a long list of ways to help keep Sachem informed.

Through our social and digital media platforms in Sachem, we gained thousands of followers this month. We are also in the works of launching “The Sachem News Hour” radio show on WSHR, Sachem Radio, which will officially debut on Thursday, Nov. 29.

As I’ve said before, there are many communication initiatives we’re working on in Sachem with the goal of keeping you all informed as much as possible. Stay tuned for more to come.

If you’re not already following us on Twitter, you can find us @SachemSchools, and likewise with Facebook.com/SachemSchools. Each month we’ll expand this publication, offering more and more interesting stories and tidbits you can’t get anywhere else. If you have any news or information you’d like us to share across our multiple digital platforms, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. You can email me at CVaccaro@Sachem.edu. #GoArrows!

-Chris R. Vaccaro



From Superintendent Nolan’s desk



Dear members of our Sachem Community,

This has certainly been a challenging start to our school year. The recent hurricane left many folks without power for an extended period of time and we also lost seven days of instruction. Please know that we will never place our students in a situation where they would not have the ability to meet with success, and our staff members will do everything possible to have our students thoroughly prepared for all assessments. Sadly, some folks experienced far more tragic losses and we continue to remember them in our thoughts and prayers. If you know of anyone who may still be in need of assistance, please feel free to contact us and hopefully we can provide some help or relief.

We are extremely excited about the many ways our students have demonstrated great character and leadership during these difficult times since the hurricane. There are countless stories of our students using their time and talents

in very humble and unassuming ways to help others near and far. The Sachem Family continues to work interdependently to develop leaders of great character who are highly competent, confident and caring. Most importantly, we are motivating our students to become the best version of themselves.

It was certainly evident during the past few weeks. In speaking of leadership, please look for the notices about our two parent nights during the last week of November. The Covey Institute has been so impressed by our schools that they would like to use our schools and our district as a leadership model for others to visit. On Tuesday, Nov. 27 and Wednesday, Nov. 28 Mr. Gary McGuey from the Covey Institute will be with us to present The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People to our parents. The first night will be held in the auditorium at sachem East at 7:00 p.m. and the second night will be held in the Sachem North auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be distributed in each of our eighteen schools, so be sure to get yours as soon as possible because I am sure they will go quickly. We look forward to seeing you!

On behalf of the entire Sachem Family I wish you and your family a very peaceful and happy Thanksgiving!

Key Sachem District Calendar Items

November

- *Nov. 25: Suffolk County Division I football championship, Stony Brook U., 11:00 a.m.
- *Nov. 27: PTA Council Meeting, Sachem HS East, 7:30 p.m.
- *Nov. 27: Covey Parent Workshop, Sachem HS East, 7:00 p.m.
- *Nov. 28: Covey Parent Workshop, Sachem HS North, 7:00 p.m.

December

- *Dec. 5: Board of Education work session, Samoset MS, 7:30 p.m.
- *Dec. 9: Father’s Club Festival of Trees/Lights, Sachem HS North, Noon-7:00 p.m.
- *Dec. 19: Board of Education regular meeting, Samoset MS, 7:30 p.m.

January

- *Jan. 2: Board of Education work session, Samoset MS, 7:30 p.m.
- *Jan. 3: Curriculum Night, Sachem HS North, 7:00 p.m.
- *Jan. 7: Curriculum Night, Sachem HS East, 7:00 p.m.

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The Sachem North wrestling program is hosting a Santa pancake breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 2 from 8-10 a.m. The event will take place at the Applebee's on Middle Country Road in Lake Grove, N.Y. Cost is \$10 per person. Price include: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and beverage (coffee, juice, soda or tea). Come and have the Sachem North Varsity Wrestlers serve you breakfast. P Please contact Rosemary at 631-487-7081 or johnsoncanoekid@optonline.net or Mary at 631-737-2587 or mcbpmb61@optonline.net. Please make checks out to Sachem North Wrestling.



Sachem North Wrestling Santa Pancake Breakfast



Sachem East has big bullying awareness month

October was National Bullying Awareness month. The Peer Educators and Project SPECTRUM at Sachem East, led by teacher Erin Regan-Gearns, participated in many activities that aimed at encouraging students to stand up to bullying. Project SPECTRUM is run by 11th and 12th grade Peer Educators and stands for Sachem Promotes Equity Cooperation Tolerance Respect Unity Mediation. East hosted local author and Sachem parent, Patty Blount, to discuss her new novel Send. Mrs. Blount met with students throughout the day to discuss the inspiration for her work as well as her personal experiences as the mother of a victim of bullying and the negative impact bullying has on the families of both perpetrators and victims. Students and teachers alike were moved by Mrs. Blount's presentation and are excited to read her novel, which is available on Amazon.com. Mrs. Gearns secured funding through a partnership with Donors Choose.org and The Bully Project: 1 Million Kids, for her students to have a private viewing of the documentary Bully at

Loews in Stony Brook. Bully, released in March of last year, received much media attention as it provides a shocking and painfully realistic look into the lives of several young people who have been bullied, two of whom took their lives in response to the harassment they endured. The Peer Educators were so moved by the stories and experiences portrayed in the film that they have begun working on ways to encourage their peers and younger students to stand up to bullies and give a voice to those who may be unable to stand up for themselves. There are many projects in the works to deliver these messages at East, other buildings, and the community over the next few months. Peer Educators also attended the Unity Day Conference, sponsored by The Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding together with the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission and the Suffolk County Anti-Bias Task Force. Students in attendance learned about topics such as cyber bullying, bullying legislation on the national and local levels, and strategies to raise awareness in schools.

SACHEM IN THE KNOW...

DEC. 7: MERRIMAC HOLIDAY EVENTS

The Merrimac PTA will be hosting its annual Holiday Emporium on Thursday, Dec. 6 and Friday, Dec. 7. They will be having a Holiday Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 8. The Holiday show "Books Alive" will be on Dec. 21.

DEC. 7: NORTH ARROWETTES HOST AUCTION

The Sachem North Arrowettes are hosting their annual Chinese Auction on Friday December 7th at Samoset Middle School. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. They have a lot of great baskets and prizes. A 50/50 raffle and performances by all four North Arrowette teams. (Samoset, Seneca, JV and Varsity).

TAMARAC BASKET AUCTION

Tamarac Elementary is holding a Basket Auction fundraiser and is looking for donations from local businesses or families to be auctioned. Please contact Roseann Cianciulli at (516)903-1556 or orroejoe338@optonline.net.

INTERACT CLUB RAISES \$2K

The Interact Volunteer Club 5k recently held in Sachem raised more than \$2,100 for the Wounded Warrior Project. There were more than 70 participants. Students and staff also worked diligently to raise money and to get donations from local businesses for the raffle after the race.

MARCHING BAND PLACES 4TH AT STATES

After a long practice on the fields of Liverpool High School, a broken down bus en route to the hotel and Hurricane Sandy roaring up the coast, the Sachem Arrows Marching Band placed fourth out of the 11 bands in the Large School 3 Division at the Syracuse Carrier Dome Championship on Sunday, Oct. 28. The Arrows received a score of 81.30.

SUBMIT NEWS UPDATES

Please send all news and info updates for The SCENE and any Sachem platforms to SachemPR@Sachem.edu and they will appear.

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Sachem's Model United Nations club wins big at Pat-Med conference

Sachem's Model United Nations Club strung together a very successful debate at Patchogue-Medford High School in November. Peter Amato (PJ), a senior and Co-Secretary General of the club, won the top award of Best Delegate in the Security Council Debate. This is the toughest competition as every school has its best debaters representing them in this committee. Amato was assigned to represent the

country of Syria which is currently in the center of developments in the Middle East. In his speech announcing Amato as the winner, the debate chair said, "PJ is the best delegate I have seen in my four years of participation in Model UN Conferences..." and praised his skills of diplomacy and negotiation. Sophomore Brian Richer took second place Honorable Mention in his debate session in the African Union

Committee. Brian was representing the Democratic Republic of the Congo and won for his enthusiastic representation of his assigned nation. As this was only Richer's fourth conference participation Sachem is going to be seeing many more wins from him in the future. Sachem's next conference is at Plainview High School on Friday, Dec. 14 and Saturday, Dec. 15.

Sachem Robotics Team Aftershock wins Hills Invitational

The Sachem Schools FIRST Robotics Team #263, known also as "Team Aftershock", packed up their 2012 robot named "Sigma", and won the inaugural Half Hallow Hills (HHH) Invitational meet Sigma's goal is to shoot and score baskets with a smaller basketball after acquiring and loading them into its feeder system.

The Sachem Robotics team had traveled many miles with the 2012 robot build - Suffield, CT; New York, NY; Hofstra, NY; and then the FIRST Robotics 2012 Championship event in St. Louis, MO - the HHH Invitational would be the last major competitive event for Sigma.

There were 22 robotics teams in attendance on Saturday, and through many preliminary rounds of competition the Sachem robot performed well. When the top four teams had to choose two additional team to form their alliances - the top team, Miller Place (#514) chose Hauppauge (#358) and Sachem (#263) to compete with them in the semi-final rounds.

At the end of the semi-final rounds the alliance that Sachem was a part of, now advanced to the finals. They would face the other finalist alliance of Brentwood, Patchogue-Medford, and Cold Spring Harbor.

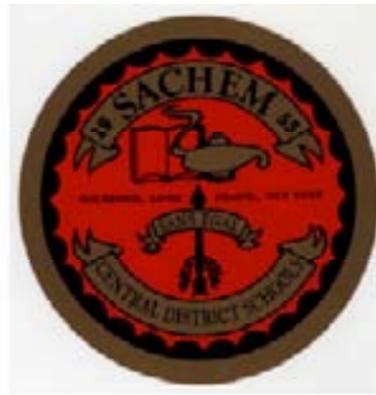
It would take winning two out of three rounds of competition to win the finals - the alliance Sachem was in went out onto the field of play and won the first two rounds. There would be no finals third round played today.

The Sachem Robotics Team: "Aftershock" is a combined effort of students and alumni from both East and North campuses of Sachem High School. Each year the Robotics Team builds a new 120-pound robot to compete in the FIRST



robotics competitions against other teams from all across the country and world. Their competitions take place regionally on Long Island, New York City, Connecticut and nationally in St. Louis, Missouri. Students work together and with teachers and engineers from several companies across the area to build a robot from the ground up. During competitions this year the Sachem team used a four position team setup - driver, shooter, mentor and human player. However, there were many others involved in building Sigma - mechanical, electrical, programming, and

communications. Truly a team effort to make this robot perform successfully on the field of play. The Sachem Robotics team would like to thank the Sachem School Board for their continued support, the teams many sponsors, and many parents/family/friends for their continued support also. The team is now looking forward to the announcement of the 2013 build that will be on January 5th, 2013 with a regional kickoff announcement meet-up being held at Stony Brook University. -Words by Ed Christiansen



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Sachem Little League



"The Best Game in Town"

Sachem Little League Announces Winter Baseball!!!

That's right; here is your chance to play winter baseball! Sachem little league has partnered with Center Island Sports to offer indoor baseball from January until the beginning of March.

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For information call Fred Forgione at 631-737-0008, email him at ryocards@yahoo.com

Or go to www.sachemll.com today to register!!!

2013 Spring and Summer Registration

Sachem little league will be hosting walk in registration at Nokomis Elementary School which is located across the street from the Sachem Public Library. Registration dates and times are below:

Friday January 11th: 7:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday January 12th: 10:00am-2:00pm

Friday February 1st: 7:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday February 2nd: 10:00am-2:00pm

Friday March 1st: 7:00-9:00pm and Saturday March 2nd: 10:00am-2:00pm

You can register online anytime by visiting www.sachemll.com

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Sachem youth

lacrosse

Winter Lacrosse clinic

For all skill levels

at KK Athletics ON TURF

we provide helmets and shoulder pads

--Grades pre k thru 1st--

+ON THURSDAY'S 6:30PM-7:30PM Starting December 6th +Learning basic skills (passing, catching, cradling, scooping, offense/defense, teamwork, sportsmanship, and pride. Cost \$100

--Grades 2nd and 3rd--

Will play winter season of 8 games (each grade has its own team) at long island sport plex in Sayville. Plus once a week practice @ kk athletics Wednesday nights 7pm-8pm cost is \$125

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6	Tuesday / Friday	\$ 60.00
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8	Monday / Saturday	\$ 75.00
9	Wednesday / Saturday	\$ 90.00
10	Tuesday / Saturday	\$ 90.00
11	Tuesday / Saturday	\$ 90.00
12	Monday /Friday or Saturday	\$ 90.00
13-14	Tuesday / Saturday	\$ 155.00
15-18	Wednesday / Saturday	\$ 155.00
SOFTBALL		
4-6	Wednesday / Saturday	\$ 60.00
7-8	Thursday / Saturday	\$ 60.00
9-10	Wednesday / Saturday	\$ 70.00
11-12	Monday / Thursday	\$ 75.00
13-17	Tuesday / Thursday	\$ 85.00

REGISTRATION DATES	
REGISTER ONLINE THROUGH 3-18-13 **REVISED REGISTRATION DATES**	
January 24	Merrimac Elementary
January 25	Merrimac Elementary 7:00pm -8:30 pm
Or REGISTER ONLINE WWW.SYAG.COM	
GAME DAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE	
WEEKDAY START TIMES: • 5:30 - APRIL GAMES DIVISIONS 7 AND UP and ALL MEDFORD GAMES ALL SEASON • 6:00 - MAY / JUNE GAMES DIVISIONS 7 AND UP (EXCEPT GAMES AT MEDFORD) • 6:00 - ALL GAMES in the 4,5,AND 6 YEAR OLD DIVISIONS ALL SEASON SATURDAY GAME TIMES WILL BE POSTED ON WEBSITE	

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ATTENTION 1st-5th

Graders

 **Arrowette for a Day** 

YOU are invited to join the **Sachem North Varsity Arrowettes** for a fun filled morning of dancing. You will be stretching, learning technique, turns, leaps, pom motions, kick sequences and dance routines. We are ready to help you become the best dancer that you can be while having fun at the same time!

When: Sunday December 16th, 2012

Where: Sachem North High School Back Gym

****** 212 Smith Road, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Sign-In: 8:45am

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Cost: \$25 (Includes Arrowette t-shirt)

PARENTS: TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET SOME HOLIDAY SHOPPING DONE!!!!

Please mail a check to reserve your spot. Make sure to include your child's name, school and the grade they are in. T-shirts are on a first come, first serve basis. All checks need to be made payable to Sachem Arrowettes. You may also pay at the door.

Mail to
Sachem Arrowettes
411 Blossom Street
Holbrook, NY 11741



Sachem North High School Wrestling

Pancake Santa Breakfast

Sunday, December 2, 2012

8:00am-10:00am

Applebee's

3145 Middle County Road

Lake Grove, NY 11755

Tickets Cost: \$10.00 per person

Price include: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and beverage (coffee, juice, soda or tea)

Come and have the Sachem North Varsity Wrestlers serve

You breakfast. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$5.00 each.

Please contact Rosemary at 631-487-7081 or johnsoncanoekid@optonline.net or

Mary at 631-737-2587 or mcjpmb61@optonline.net

Please make checks out to Sachem North Wrestling

Name _____ Phone Number _____

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