

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! We are very excited about this upcoming year. Please know that schedules will be finalized and distributed on the first day of school. Homeroom and team assignments will be emailed on **August 24th for grades 6-8 by noon.**

Principal Jason Calichman and Assistant Principal Lori Sanborn are entering their third year together as an administrative team.

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to the Middle School:

- Patricia Cepeda, 7th-grade Math teacher
- Lara Dandreo, 5th-grade Science teacher
- Susan Henderson, 7th-8th ELL teacher
- John Leger, front desk security
- Lucia Papile, 7th-grade ELA
- William Talbot Penniman, 5th-8th Robotics teacher
- Olivia Wilson, 7th-grade special education teacher

This year, school will start for students on **Tuesday, August 28th.** Middle School hours are 8:00 to 2:20 p.m. On the first day of school, students will report to their homerooms where they will be handed their schedules and their locker assignments.

ATTENTION 5th-Graders: 5th-grade start time for the first day of school is 8:45 am. After the first day all students are expected to be in homeroom by 8:00 am.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- There will be an ice cream social on **August 16th, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.** for all incoming fifth-grade students. Only fifth-grade students will receive their class and locker assignments at that time.
- **August 23rd at 10 a.m.** - 7th grade Nahant Slush & Locker Day.
- **School will be closed on Friday, August 31st, and Monday, September 3rd to celebrate Labor Day. School will also be closed on September 10th & 11th in recognition of Rosh Hashanah, and September 19th for Yom Kippur.**
- Please note: You can access the school year calendar on the district website at www.Swampscottps.org
- **Picture day is scheduled for - September 4th** - Retake day TBD
- **Curriculum Nights:** Tuesday, **September 25th** Grades 5 & 6 at 6:00 p.m.
DATE CHANGE: Wednesday, September 26 Grades 7 & 8 at 6:00 p.m.

We hope you are having a wonderful summer, see you soon!