

SACKETS HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL



Home of the Patriots

The Sackets Harbor Central School District is a small K-12 school of approximately 475 students. The school is the center piece of the historic Village of Sackets Harbor which celebrates the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and a local destination for tourists, boaters and visitors to our region on an annual basis. The close proximity to the regions only international airport also makes the Sackets Harbor area a preferred location to live and raise a family.

The community and school district work closely on many activities throughout the year and the school was recognized as the inaugural recipient of the New York State Center for Rural Schools at Cornell University's Community Vitality Award. The community hosts the annual Can Am Days; the area's largest Lacrosse tournament, the 1812 Shootout; Home of the Alzheimer Association's Memory Walk; Concerts on the Waterfront Series; Made In New York Festival; Haunted Walks of Sackets Harbor; Holidays in the Harbor; and many more community-wide events for everyone to enjoy. The village is a sought after destination by locals as well and sits just eight miles from the County Seat in Watertown, which is the largest urban center of the region.

The community is very proud of its historical significance having served as a military encampment during the War of 1812. Many of the homes in the village appear on the National Historic Register. Much of the Madison Barracks complex has been renovated into townhouses and condominiums that overlook the shores of Lake Ontario. New construction is underway to add more apartments and single family homes that capitalize on the beautiful scenery and location. The community is the headquarters for the New York State Seaway Trail, Battlefield Museum, and Military Cemetery. Visitors can spend the day enjoying the restaurants, small



specialty shops and taking in the gorgeous views of the waters of Lake Ontario, one of the Five Great Lakes. Visitors and locals can traverse the War of 1812 Bicentennial Trail constructed as part of the community's health and wellness initiative that flanks the school district property. The community also features "Old McDonald's Farm" which is a popular attraction for families with young children. The modern farm provides learning opportunities, tours, hayrides, and up close interaction with over a 1000 animals.

The school district has a rich history of providing individual attention and creating an atmosphere for all students to meet their true potential. The district has a full complement of services for our special needs students and academic intervention services for our struggling learners. The district offers Advanced Placement and College level courses through distance



learning. Students are afforded many extra-curricular activities by which to keep busy. Patriot Pals, Envirothon Club, Spanish Club, Whiz Quiz, Library Club, Patriot Impact, SPARK, SPARK Jr. National Honor Societies, Art Club, World Literature Club Travelers, and many other activities appeal to a wide variety of interests. In recent years the school district's Spanish Department has twice been awarded the NYSAFLT James E. Allen

Distinguished Foreign Language Program Award. At the secondary level community service, job embedded shadowing experiences, senior school-to-work internships, as well as experiential learning activities are established for students to meet the college and career readiness initiatives of the National Race to The Top (RTTT) school reform. Our graduating Seniors have been very successful in gaining entrance into some of the top higher educational institutions; St. Lawrence University, Syracuse University, Harvard, Duke University, University of Rochester, Cornell, as well as all of the Universities in the SUNY System, to name a few.

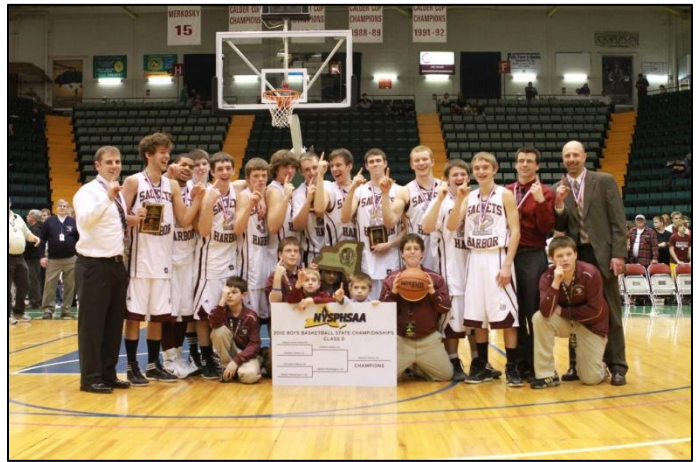


Our district prides itself in having a tremendously successful character education program that promotes the tenants of the Dignity For All Students Act. The school climate and culture embraces diversity and are fortunate to have approximately 25% of our student body be connected to the nearby Federal Military Base at Fort Drum. The district enjoys an excellent



collaboration with the Fort Drum Educational Liaison Office and collaborates to provide programs for our students during times of deployment and provide supports for our military families. We are fortunate to have private housing and apartment complexes to meet the housing needs of our military families coming to the Fort Drum region.

The school, despite its small size, provides three season sports in soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, and cheerleading. We field competitive teams at the Modified, Junior Varsity, and Varsity levels in the Frontier League and NYS Section III. As a school community, we support our athletes and celebrate the success of the first ever Frontier League Boys' Varsity Basketball Team to win a State Championship in 2012. Our school mascot, "the Patriot" and school colors of maroon and white are proudly worn and displayed. The school district also has marching band,



instrumental concert band, chorus and students can participate in area Bi-County, Allstate and NYSSMA music competitions. Our marching band, "The Sentinels", provide musical



entertainment in the community at various events throughout the marching season.

Sackets Harbor Central welcomes all new families to the region and wish you well as you adjust to our rather long winters, invigorating spring, incredibly beautiful summers, and the changing of the season into fall. **WELCOME!**



Sackets Harbor Central Graduating Class of 2013