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News from Saranac Central School District

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## Superintendent's Greeting

We enter the 2009-2010 school year with much enthusiasm and promise following our notable achievements in 2008-2009. Highlighting this past year's accomplishments are Morrisonville Elementary's State validation as a "Model School for Excellence" and our strong student growth performances on the NYS ELA and Math examinations in grades 3-12. I compliment the students for their outstanding scores and also recognize the staff and administration for their hard work and dedication. Additionally, I want to acknowledge the Board of Education and community for their continued support of the programs and activities we provide to meet the varied needs of all our students here at Saranac. We pledge to continue building on our successes by focusing on identified areas in need of improvement.

The following list of goals assists and directs our energies toward ongoing improvement. The Board of Education reviewed these goals this past July 2009. The 2009-2010 District goals are:

- I. Increase literacy and math achievement for all students, particularly for students in identified subgroups.
- II. Establish a systematic approach for student interventions in an effort to reduce the number of classified students and to provide assistance for all struggling

students.

- III. Review District Five Year Plan for ongoing facility improvement including technology with an emphasis on "Going Green."
- IV. Enhance a safe and supportive learning environment for all students.

Progress updates toward the achievement of these goals are evaluated by the District throughout the year. A quarterly progress report will be published in our newsletter as well as on our school web site ([www.saranac.org](http://www.saranac.org)). Please take a moment to review this information.

Embedded in our District goals is the commitment to consistently maintain all school facilities. To meet this planned outcome, an Energy, Technology and Facilities study by SEI Design Group, Inc. is expected to be completed this fall. A final report will be presented to the Board of Education and soon afterwards, public information meetings will be convened to solicit input from the community.

In concert with the District goals, long range planning is always on the forefront. Contingent on our facilities study and the marketing of our closed elementary buildings is a plan to phase in a universal Pre-K beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. This important program will help to

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# Student Grades Available Online

Saranac High School and Middle School students and their parents will be able to see grade and attendance reports online. Edline, a Chicago company that has been providing web-based solutions to schools for a number of years, will allow information regarding students' progress to be posted to a secure website. Those reports will provide information to students and their parents in a timelier manner than the traditional method of quarterly report cards. Report cards will still be sent home at the end of each quarter, however.

School administration will be uploading progress reports to Edline

every week in the Middle School and every two weeks in the High School, beginning on September 28th. These reports list data from all of a student's classes. Teachers may upload individual class reports from their courses more often than the school-generated reports, if they choose to do so. Please contact your child's teachers for any questions regarding their individual class reports.

Students who are new to a building will receive a new activation code during the first week of school. Those students who are returning to the same building are able to use their username and password from

last year. Parents of students moving into a new building will need a current activation code. No new activation is necessary if there was no building change.

Parent access codes are available for the 2009-2010 school year by stopping in at the appropriate main office. If it is not possible to stop in during school hours, call the office and an access code can be emailed to you. An instruction sheet will accompany the codes and all that is needed is a computer with internet access and a web browser. Please call the High School or Middle School main office with any questions.

## Senior Privilege Pass

The Board of Education has reestablished the Senior Privilege Pass. This pass grants Saranac senior citizens admission to home extracurricular events at half-price. The exceptions are State and Sectional events.

Individuals who are 55 years of age or older may stop by the District Office in Dannemora to pick up their pass. When entering any home event, just show your pass at the door and you will be entitled to half-price admission. Please enjoy!

## Academic Intervention Services Parent Meeting

A District-wide Academic Intervention Services (AIS) meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Instruction Room at the Senior High. This informational meeting will explain the program and provide parents with an opportunity to share their input.

## New Website Available To Obtain Tax Data

In order to provide a faster and more convenient service, 2009-10 school tax data for property located within the Saranac Central School District is now available on-line as follows:

Property located in the Town of Plattsburgh: <http://egov.basny.com>

Property located in all other towns within Saranac District: [www.taxlookup.net](http://www.taxlookup.net)

## School Closing Information

WIRY 1340-AM  
Plattsburgh

WEZF 93-FM  
Burlington

WVMT 620-AM  
Colchester

WOKO 98.9-FM  
Burlington

WJOY 1230-AM  
Burlington

TELEVISION

WPTZ NEWSCHANNEL 5  
@ SUNRISE

## Parent Volunteers Needed

The Saranac Central School District is seeking volunteers to serve as parent members on the Committee on Special Education. Parent volunteers must have a child with a disability being educated in the Saranac Central School District. Volunteers must reside in the District and be available during the school day to attend District Committee on Special Education meetings. If interested, please contact Kathleen Moore at the Saranac Special Education office at 565-5646.

# School Calendar

In response to community questions regarding school starting dates, I thought it would be helpful to share with you the following information.

From the District's perspective, the most important factor influencing school calendars is providing sufficient emergency closing days for the safety of students and staff during the months of inclement weather. Historically, the school establishes 6 emergency closing days each year. The number of mandated school days (180 State requirement/181 days Saranac Central School District requirement), State testing dates, federal and state holidays also impact school calendars.

The September 7th Labor Day date presented a unique situation this year since Labor Day is the latest it will ever be in September.

Once all calendar criteria is considered and discussed,

a school calendar draft is created, reviewed by a school committee and then recommended for Board of Education adoption. Ideally, no one prefers starting school before Labor Day. Unfortunately, considering all conditions, requirements and factors, the District thought it was in the best interest of the majority to begin school before Labor Day.

For information purposes, Labor Day in 2010 occurs on September 6th. Please contact school administrators by phone, email or in person and share your thoughts regarding 2010 school starting dates to enable the District to better meet our community needs.

Kenneth O. Cringle  
Superintendent of Schools

## Tax Impact Update

As you may be aware, school districts have the ability to control school expenditures, but unfortunately, have no control over property/housing assessments. For this reason, the Saranac Board of Education and Administration have taken a conservative approach when projecting tax rates during budget hearings. Historically speaking, the District's tax rate projections have consistently been higher than the actual established tax warrant.

This school year is no exception. At the April 2009 budget hearing, the District officials estimated a tax rate increase of \$1.10 per thousand of assessed valuation for the 2009-2010 school year. Recently, at the August 3rd Board of Education meeting, a tax warrant was approved establishing a tax rate increase of \$.64 cents per thousand. For reference purposes, a house assessed at \$100,000 will pay an additional \$64.00 over the 2008-2009 school tax bill.

The District promises to continue to maintain reasonable tax efforts while maintaining quality programs for the varied needs of all students.

## Saranac Middle School Open House

There will be an open house at the Saranac Middle School on Monday, September 14, 2009 beginning with a cook-out supper from 5:00-5:45 p.m. provided free of charge by the Middle School FSO.

The Open House will run from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and will include the following schedule:

6:00-6:20: meet with your child's team of teachers all together for a short presentation.

Team 6AB: meet in the Large Instruction Room

Team 6CDEF: meet in the Auditorium

Team 7: meet in Rooms 120-121

## Emergency Numbers

In the event of an emergency, or if you are having difficulty contacting the various school buildings, please use the following phone numbers:

Senior High School .....	293-8200 or 293-8220
Middle School .....	293-1405, 293-1407 or 293,8257
Kathy Moore - Middle School .....	293-1379
School Lunch Program .....	293-8257
Saranac Elementary .....	293-6602 or 293-6603
Morrisonville Elementary .....	563-2929 or 563-6120
Bus Garage .....	293-7127
Buildings & Grounds .....	293-7645
District Office .....	492-7451, 492-7452 or 492-7508

Team 7/8: meet in the Cafeteria

Team 8: meet in the Library

6:20-7:00: tour the building and classrooms.

\*\*If you would like to have a parent-teacher conference to discuss your child's progress, please ask the teacher to schedule one at another time.



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# School Nutrition Program

Nutritious breakfast and lunch meals are served every school day in our school cafeteria. Meals served must meet Federal nutrition requirements. Lunch meals provide one-third of the recommended daily allowances (RDA5) for protein, vitamins A & C, calcium and calories. Breakfast provides one-fourth recommended daily allowances (RDAs). Current regulations require that meals are lower in fat and saturated fat. Students who choose one portion of each food item and milk that we offer each day will benefit nutritionally and receive the one-third RDAs at lunch and one-fourth RDAs at breakfast. Our goals include assisting students in establishing life long good eating habits. All snack foods that are sold in the cafeteria meet state nutritional guidelines and, thereby, are lower in fat and sugar.

Monthly menus are distributed to students in schools. Menus can also be accessed and printed from our District website at: [www.saranac.org](http://www.saranac.org) - click on Departments, click on Food Services, and click on the appropriate building.

## Wellness Policy

This is a Nutrition and Physical Activity policy that is a federal requirement for all school districts nationwide that participate in the National School Lunch Program and was adopted by the Saranac CSD Board of Education in 2004.

The policy includes recommendations for healthy school meals, physical fitness opportunities, guidelines for sales of foods and beverages for snack foods and vending sold during meals and on school grounds, and recommendations for types of foods and beverages sold in fund-raising, school activities, celebrations and meetings or other school related functions.

## Cafeteria Point of Sale Systems

All Saranac CSD cafeterias continue to be equipped with computerized point of sale systems. Our computerized point of sale system is called NutriKids. This system allows all students and their families the opportunity to prepay for meals, similar to a debit account, thus eliminating the exchange of cash at the point of sale which speeds up the cafeteria lines. Students and families should realize that when their balances are low they will be reminded by the cashier to replenish their accounts. With the sweeping popularity of this convenience in the cafeteria, many students are prepaying for meals as well as families who are utilizing the NEW Online Prepayment option. The computerized systems also provide confidentiality as to students who qualify for free or reduced meals, as frequently money at the cash register does not change hands due to the high

volume of pre-paid student accounts. If you have any questions regarding this system, please call Kathy Dupraw @ 565-5705.

## Online Prepayment available

Beginning in late August 2007, parents now have the opportunity to take advantage of a convenient, easy and secure Online Prepayment service to deposit money into their child(ren)'s school meal account at any time. This service also provides parents and guardians the ability to view your child's account balance and account activity use through a website called MyNutrikids.com. An informational letter was sent to parents in August regarding this new service. Information on this service is also available through the District website at [www.saranac.org](http://www.saranac.org) by clicking on the Food Service link and then on the MyNutrikids link. Any parents/guardians who would like information on this program should call Kathy Dupraw, Food Service Director/ Nutritionist at 565-5705.

## Meal Charge Policy

Beginning in September 2007, a Meal Charge Policy was implemented. The Saranac CSD Board of Education has adopted the specifics of the policy that the Food Services Department will oversee.

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## PRICES FOR THE 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<b>Breakfast K-12:</b>	<b>\$ 1.25</b>	<b>Adult Lunch:</b>	<b>\$3.55</b>
<b>Reduced Breakfast K-12:</b>	<b>\$.25</b>	<b>Student Milk:</b>	<b>\$.55</b>
<b>Lunch K-5:</b>	<b>\$1.85</b>	<b>Adult Milk:</b>	<b>\$.55</b>
<b>Lunch 6-12:</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>		
<b>Reduced Lunch K-12:</b>	<b>\$.25</b>		

Please refer to our Web site [www.saranac.org](http://www.saranac.org) for a complete description of the Saranac Central School District's Nutrition and Physical Activity Policy promoting good nutrition and physical health for students, faculty, staff and our school community.

# Meal Charge Policy

The Saranac Central School Board of Education recognizes that on occasion, students may forget to bring meal money to school. To ensure that students do not go hungry, but also to promote responsible student behavior and minimize the fiscal burden to the District, the Board will allow students in particular grade levels who may forget meal money to “charge” the cost of meals to be paid back at a later date subject to the terms of this policy.

## Intent:

The intent of this protocol is to establish and communicate concise, reasonable and updated expectations for staff response associated with requests by individuals to charge meals provided by cafeteria services. A committee consisting of parent representatives, administration and the school food services director/school lunch manager with guidance from the State Education Department/ Child Nutrition Administration Unit developed this administrative protocol.

## Elementary/Middle School (K-8):

- A student may charge 3 meals maximum (one charge per meal) until after the charged meals have been paid. (Meal definition: lunch or breakfast)
- After 2 charges, a call to the home will be made for students in grades K-5.
- If after 3 instances, those charges are not paid, then a letter will be sent home to the parent/guardian via the school food services director/school lunch manager or designee.
- A student who has charged a meal may not charge or purchase “ala carte” snacks.
- In the case of subsequent meal charging, at lunch the child will be provided with a cheese sandwich (2 slices of bread and 1 slice of cheese) and milk, or at breakfast, a child will be provided with 2 toast and juice, rather than a school lunch or school breakfast. In the case of a student who is lactose intolerant, a peanut

butter and jelly sandwich as an alternative will be provided, and if medically appropriate. In the case of either of the above alternative meals, the student’s account would not be charged further.

The food service director/school lunch manager or designee will coordinate communications with the parent/guardian to resolve the matter of multiple unpaid charges. With a continuous unpaid balance that is not resolved, the Business Manager will be notified for further review.

## Employees:

- Employees with an assigned PIN number and a \$0.00 balance may charge 1 meal. (Meal definition: lunch or breakfast)
- An employee who has charged a meal may not charge or purchase “ala carte” snacks.
- Employees who would like to prepay for meals may be issued a PIN number and utilize an account through the District Point of Sale (POS) system. Employees who do not request a PIN number must pay for meals at the time of purchase.
- Employees with 1 charge will be reminded by the food service worker/cashier about their charge.

## Suspected Abuse of This Policy:

If cafeteria services staff suspects that a student may be abusing this policy, written notice will be provided to the parent/guardian that if he/she continues to abuse this policy, the privilege of charging meals will be refused.

## Annual Notification By Principals:

The Principal of each grade span will provide notice to parents/guardians on an annual basis prior to the opening day of school, outlining the requirements of this policy. The policy shall also be published in appropriate school based publications for each grade span.

# Exit Poll Survey Results

The Saranac Central School District Board of Education would like to thank the community members for their willingness to complete this exit poll survey during the budget vote on May 19, 2009.

Of the 278 Saranac residents who voted on the 2009 Budget Vote, 128 participated in the exit poll survey. Their responses are categorized and tabulated for your review.

Please note that not all respondents answered all questions.

## Saranac Central School District 2009 Budget Vote Survey Summary

### Question 1a: Did you vote in favor of the school budget?

	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	113	49	43%
No	12	12	80%
Totals	128	61	48%

### Question 1b: Why or Why Not?

#### Voted Yes

Rank	Category	Comments	Percent
1	Education	22	47%
2	Budget	16	34%
3	Taxes	4	8%
4	All Other	5	11%
Totals		47	100%

#### Voted No

Rank	Category	Comments	Percent
1	Taxes	8	66%
2	Budget	2	17%
3	All other	2	17%
Totals		12	100%

**Question 2: Please rank the following items in order of what you consider the most important (1-4, 1 being the most important)**

	Ranked #1 Yes/No	Ranked #2 Yes/No	Ranked #3 Yes/No	Ranked #4 Yes/No
Taxes	34/11	21/1	21/2	26/0
Curriculum	57/3	18/2	22/4	5/3
Student Discipline	8/1	30/4	20/4	41/2
Budget	13/1	30/4	36/1	22/6

	Ranked #1	Percent	Ranked #2	Percent	Ranked #3	Percent	Ranked #4	Percent
Taxes	45	34%	22	20%	23	21%	26	25%
Curriculum	60	45%	20	18%	26	23%	8	7%
Student Discipline	9	7%	34	31%	24	22%	43	41%
Budget	14	10%	34	31%	37	34%	28	27%
Other	6	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	134		110		110		105	

**Question 3: What is your opinion of the work of the School Board?**

	Yes Vote		No Vote		Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Excellent job	18	16%	0	0%	18	14%
Good job	44	39%	1	8%	45	36%
Acceptable job	44	39%	6	46%	50	40%
Not a good job	6	5%	4	31%	10	8%
Questionable Job	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%
Terrible Job	0	0%	2	15%	2	1%
Total	113	100%	13	100	126	100%

# Bus Discipline Policy

Students should recognize the importance of their cooperation in providing a safe and orderly environment on the bus by following the established rules and being respectful of those in charge. Parental cooperation is vital to the success of our transportation program. Therefore, we ask that every parent review the importance of good bus behavior with their children.

In the event a student should exhibit inappropriate or unsafe behavior while riding a school bus, the student will receive a disciplinary white card. This white card must be signed by the parent and returned to the morning bus driver before they will be allowed back on the bus. Certain behaviors by students may also result in seat assignments for periods of time. Inappropriate behaviors have been grouped into four different categories - Category #1 being the least severe and Category #4 the most severe. Each Category comes with its own consequences which increase in severity for repeat offenses. For a complete summary and ranking of infractions for each category, please refer to the list on this page.

If you have any questions on the procedures, please contact the Transportation Supervisor, Ronald Packwood, at the Saranac Central School District Bus Garage, at 565-5631, between 6:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## *Summary of Ranking of Infractions are as follows:*

### **CATEGORY 1:**

- A. Littering on the bus.
- B. Students trying to take care of problems instead of letting driver take control.
- C. Feet and/or hands in the aisles.
- D. Any generally inappropriate action or behavior.

### **CATEGORY 2:**

- A. Loud disruptive behavior.
- B. Arguing loudly with other students.
- C. Unauthorized contact with other students (i.e., touching, hitting, pushing, shoving, pulling hair, kissing, etc.).
- D. Spitting on the bus.
- E. Improper/obscene gestures or language directed inside or outside of the bus.
- F. Unauthorized standing/walking while the bus is in motion.
- G. Throwing things on the bus or out of the windows.
- H. Bringing things on the bus that are not allowed (i.e., skateboards, boom boxes, glass containers, aerosol cans, etc.)
- I. Any action or behavior which generally undermines the existence of an orderly environment.

### **CATEGORY 3:**

- A. Hands/arms out of the windows.
- B. Disrespectful/discourteous remarks or actions toward the driver.
- C. Arguing with the driver.

- D. Stealing
- E. Threats to do harm to people or property.
- F. Use of aerosol sprays, perfumes and deodorizers.
- G. Riding or attempting to ride another bus while riding privileges are suspended.
- H. Forging a signature on a disciplinary white card.
- I. Getting off of the bus at an unauthorized location.
- J. Any action or behavior which represents unsafe or disorderly conduct.

### **CATEGORY 4:**

- A. Any fighting or physical assault on another student (i.e., choking, striking, beating, kicking, etc.).
- B. Damaging the bus or another student's property.
- C. Smoking.
- D. Sexual harassment.
- E. Indecent exposure.
- F. Possession or use on the bus of illegal items and/or items which are not allowed in school (i.e., pocket or other knives, tobacco, lighters, drugs, alcohol, etc.).
- G. Any action which endangers the health, safety or welfare of self or others.

## Saranac School Tracking Kids with Disabilities

The Saranac Central School District is interested in locating any children with a disability that live within the District and have not been previously identified.

The District is responsible for maintaining a roster of all disabled children from birth through age 21. The roster ensures that appropriate services are provided, as well as

assisting with staffing and funding for needed programs.

Parents residing in the Saranac District who suspect their child may have a disability but is not currently identified as having a disability or receiving services, should contact Kathleen Moore, Coordinator of Special Education, at 565-5646.

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# Anti-Harassment Policy

The Board of Education of the Saranac Central School District is committed to maintaining an academic and work environment that is free of discrimination. In keeping with this commitment, the District will not tolerate harassment of District employees and/or students by anyone, including any administrator, supervisor, co-worker, student, teacher, vendor, or visitor of the District.

Harassment consists of unwelcome conduct, whether verbal, physical, or visual, that is based upon a person's protected status, such as sex, color, race, ancestry, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental handicap/disability, medical condition, marital status, veteran status, citizenship status, or Amendments of 1972, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or other applicable federal and state laws and regulations. The District will not tolerate harassing conduct that affects tangible job performance or academic performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment or academic environment.

Sexual harassment deserves special mention. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other physical, verbal, or visual conduct based on sex constitute sexual harassment when (1) submission to the conduct is an explicit or implicit term or condition of employment or academic performance, (2) submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for an employment or academic decision, or (3) the conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person's work performance or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment or academic environment. Sexual harassment may include explicit sexual propositions, sexual innuendo, suggestive comments, sexually oriented 'kidding' or 'teasing,' 'practical jokes,' jokes

about gender-specific traits, foul or obscene language or gestures, displays of foul or obscene printed or visual material, and physical contact such as patting, pinching, or brushing against another's body.

All District employees and students are responsible to help assure that harassment is avoided. If you feel that you have experienced, witnessed or have information regarding possible harassment, you should notify the District's designated Title IX Compliance Officer or another District Official immediately. The Board of Education prohibits retaliation against anyone, who, in good faith, reports possible harassment, makes a harassment complaint, cooperates in a harassment complaint investigation or any related proceeding.

The District's policy is to investigate all harassment complaints promptly and thoroughly. The Superintendent of Schools is directed to develop and implement specific procedures for reporting, investigating and acting upon allegations of discrimination, including harassment, consistent with applicable law. To the fullest extent practicable, the District will keep complaints and the terms of their resolution confidential. If an investigation confirms that harassment has occurred, the Superintendent and/or the Board of Education will take corrective action, including, but not limited to, appropriate disciplinary action. Disciplinary action may include disciplinary proceedings and/or termination of employment.

A copy of this policy shall be distributed to all supervisory and non-supervisory personnel, employees, and students, and will be posted in appropriate places.

The Title IX Compliance Officer for the District is the Business Administrator, Saranac Central School District, P.O. Box 8, Saranac, NY 12981, (518) 565-5600.

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# Anti-Discrimination Policy

The Board of Education of the Saranac School District is committed to maintaining an academic and work environment that is free of discrimination. The District does not discriminate in employment or in education programs and activities which it operates on the basis of sex, color, race, ancestry, religion, national origin, age, physical or mental handicap/disability, medical condition, marital status, veteran status, citizenship status, or other characteristics protected by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VI

of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or other applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

All District employees and students are responsible to help assure that the District does not discriminate. If you feel you have experienced, witnessed or have information regarding possible discrimination or harassment, please notify the District's designated Title IX Compliance Officer, District Office, Saranac Central School, P.O. Box 8, Saranac, NY 12981, (518) 565-5600.

# Public Notification

## Lead

In accordance with the New York State Department of Health regulations, school districts are required to conduct tests of lead and copper content levels in water for all facilities for which they supply their own water.

In compliance with these regulations, Saranac Central School conducted water screening tests at the Saranac Middle School and Senior High Schools and at the Saranac Elementary School. All test results were within the New York State Department of Health guidelines.

For additional information or questions, please contact Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, James Giroux, at 565-5620.

## Asbestos

In accordance with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), all public and private K-12 schools in the United States are required to inspect their facilities for asbestos. An additional requirement of the regulations is that the parents and staff are to be informed that the inspection was completed.

AHERA inspections were performed in 2007. This notice is intended to serve as Saranac Central School's notice that it is in compliance with the AHERA regulations.

In 2007, the Asbestos Monitoring Control Plan was updated for all district buildings, as required by AHERA regulations.

These records and results are available to the public upon request. For additional information or questions, please contact Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, James Giroux, at 565-5620.

## Superintendent's Greeting

strengthen the District's academic program as well as meet our community needs in a variety of ways.

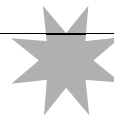
The Saranac Central School District, over the years, has earned a reputation of academic excellence. I am convinced with the continued support of the community and the diligent sustained efforts of our faculty, staff and administration, our District will continue to produce graduates capable of becoming leaders in any field of endeavor.

# Board of Education Meeting Dates

The Saranac Central School Board of Education conducts Board of Education meetings on the first and third Monday of each month, with exceptions as noted. Meetings are open to the public and are held at the District Office on Emmons Street, Dannemora. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. If necessary, an executive session is usually scheduled as the first item of business.

To reach the Board of Education web page, go to [www.saranac.org](http://www.saranac.org), and click on the Board of Education link on the left. The agenda for upcoming meetings will be posted the Friday prior to each meeting, and the minutes will be posted once approved by the Board of Education.

Board of Education Meetings (1 <sup>st</sup> Monday)	Board of Education Meetings (3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday)
July 6, 2009	July 20, 2009
August 3, 2009	August 17, 2009
*September 8, 2009	September 21, 2009
October 5, 2009	October 19, 2009
November 2, 2009	November 16, 2009
December 7, 2009	December 21, 2009
January 4, 2010	*January 19, 2010
February 1, 2010	**February 22, 2010
March 1, 2010	March 15, 2010
April 5, 2010	***April 22, 2010
May 3, 2010	****May 18, 2010
June 7, 2010	June 21, 2010
*Tuesday - Due to Holiday **Fourth Monday - Due to School Recess	***Thursday - Coincide with CVES Meeting ****Annual Vote



**NOTE: Board meetings for 2009-10 will be held on Mondays with few exceptions.**

## Polling Place

This year, the polling place for all District votes will be in the gymnasium at the **Middle School**.

This practice is consistent with the Board's decision to alternate the polling place on an annual basis. Advertisements regarding all District votes will be published in this District newsletter and the Press Republican newspaper.

# Pesticide Notification and Integrated Pest Management Program

New York State Education Law Section 409H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

Saranac Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- the school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following the application of a pesticide that would otherwise dictate the use of a 48-hour notification;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in our school buildings, please contact the District Office at 565-5600.

Please feel free to contact the Saranac Central School District IPM Coordinator, James Giroux, at 565-5620 for further information on these requirements.

# Policy on Drug and Alcohol Use/Abuse

The Board of Education of the Saranac Central School District is committed to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other substance use/abuse. This policy describes the philosophy of the District and the program elements the District will use to promote healthy life styles for its students and staff and to inhibit the use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other substances.

No persons may use, possess, sell or distribute alcohol or other substances, nor may they use or possess drug paraphernalia on school grounds or at school-sponsored events, except drugs prescribed by a physician. The terms "alcohol" and "other substance" shall be construed throughout this policy to refer to the use of all substances including, but not limited to: alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alikes, and any of those substances commonly referred to as "designer drugs." The inappropriate use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs is also prohibited.

Additionally, the following persons shall be prohibited from entering school grounds or school-sponsored events: any person exhibiting behavior, conduct, or personal or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol or other behavior-altering substances.

## Pesticide Notification

In accordance with the Education Law 409H, the District is providing this notification of pesticide use. The following treatments have been used in various District facilities:

- Bio Pesticide
- talstar-1
- cykick
- ecoarx
- escopeol-acu
- Avidon

The District is committed to a program of integrated pest management using minimal or no pesticides. For further information about this program, call James Giroux, Superintendent of Building and Grounds, at 565-5620.

# Continuing Ed. Fall Schedule

The Saranac Central School Continuing Education Program announces its fall programs. For more information on any listing, please call Saranac Elementary and ask to speak to Brenda Martin, Continuing Education Coordinator, 565-5900. The list of programs is as follows:

- Yoga
- Step Aerobics
- Five-Hour Pre-Licensing
- Book Club
- Quilting
- NYS Certified Snowmobile Safety
- Weight Watchers at Work Program
- Toning
- Middle Eastern Dance
- Wrapped Fabric Basket
- Painting with Watercolor 2
- Clear Creek Weavers Basket Class
- Baby-sitting Course

## Welcome

On behalf of the Saranac Central Board of Education, administration and the entire staff, we welcome you to school year 2009-10. It is with much enthusiasm that we open our doors to students on September 3, 2009.

Our buildings at Saranac Central are always open to the parents and community members we serve. If you wish to see a teacher, a principal, or just visit, please call the main office for an appointment. The telephone numbers are as follows:

<b>District Office.....565-5600</b> <i>32 Emmons Street, Dannemora</i>	<b>Sr. High School .....565-5800</b> <b>Athletic Director.....565-5735</b>
<b>Bus Garage.....565-5630</b> <i>3268 Rt. 3, Saranac</i>	<b>Guidance Office.....565-5810</b> <b>Nurse .....565-5806</b> <i>60 Picketts Corners Rd., Saranac</i>
<b>Morrisonville.....565-5980</b> <b>Guidance .....565-5931</b> <b>Nurse .....565-5923</b> <i>47 Sand Road, Morrisonville</i>	<b>Technology Department .....565-5684</b>
<b>Saranac Elementary.....565-5900</b> <b>Guidance Office.....565-5845</b> <b>Nurse .....565-5844</b> <i>18 Picketts Corners Rd., Saranac</i>	<b>Pupil Services/Special Ed.....565-5646</b> <i>70 Picketts Corners Rd., Saranac</i>
<b>Middle School.....565-5700</b> <b>Guidance Office.....565-5648</b> <b>Nurse .....565-5650</b> <i>70 Picketts Corners Rd., Saranac</i>	<b>School Lunch Manager.....565-5705</b> <i>70 Picketts Corners Rd., Saranac</i>
	<b>Superintendent of Buildings &amp; Grounds.....565-5620</b> <i>3268 Rt. 3, Saranac</i>

## Scholar Athlete

The Saranac Central Athletic Department is proud to announce that Bethany Raudenbush was selected to attend the National Federation of High School Sports National Leadership Conference held this summer in Indianapolis, IN. Bethany is a very well rounded student athlete. Athletically, she is a three sport student athlete: she participates and excels in soccer, indoor track and

outdoor track. She is also a leader in the classroom. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been on the honor roll every quarter since entering the high school. She is also involved in band as a clarinet player, and is very involved in the community: volunteering for the American Heart Association and participating in church activities.

**Kenneth O, Cringle, Superintendent**  
565-5600

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