

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Sayreville Middle School Student,

As everyone is aware, school safety is paramount since our country has experienced so many issues with school violence. Our school district continues to exhaust all means to make our schools as safe as possible for our students and staff. Thus, we are attempting to “turn over every stone” possible to prevent any atrocities from occurring in Sayreville. As you may or may not know, we will be constructing secure retention vestibules at SWMHS, the middle school, and at the Samsel Upper Elementary Schools this summer and at all of our remaining schools in the district, the following summer. In addition to this, since the spring of last year, an armed Sayreville Police Officer has been located at each school in the district as well as a Student Resource Officer (SRO) at both the Middle School and High School. As I am sure that all of you have experienced, we have also significantly tightened our visitor regulations and have progressed toward a color coded lanyard identification system (coming soon) designed for the purpose of assisting our staff in identifying the purpose of all adults in our schools. We also will begin screening visitors and their bags for harmful objects.

Thus, we are pleased to inform you that beginning this month **we will commence the screening of all visitors and students for harmful objects using our recently purchased and installed metal detectors**, which at the Middle School will be located at the main entrance of the school. In addition, later this month our students at the middle school will receive data encrypted student identification cards and green lanyards, **which they will be required to wear at all times in school so that our staff can identify them as active students**. Moreover, hopefully by the end of this month our students will actually use those cards to swipe-in to Oncourse after they go through the metal detectors, so that our staff can then verify that they are active students of the middle school. Therefore, please take the time to speak to your children about this and to emphasize how important it is that they take care of and wear their student IDs from the time they enter the building until the time they leave it. Naturally, we will do the same in school.

On Monday, March 11, 2019 the Middle School Administration will facilitate a test run of the procedures which will take place during the screening of students through our metal detectors. All belongings will be searched by our security staff and students will be asked to walk through the metal detectors prior to traveling to their morning locations. Please discuss this with your child.

While these measures may appear to be extreme to some, I hope that you can understand that we cannot possibly take the chance of making the same mistakes that have been made in the past in schools across our nation. Moreover, we can never ever become complacent when it comes to the safety and security of our students and staff by thinking “that something could never happen in Sayreville.”

Thank you for your time and feel free to reach out to the Sayreville Middle School Administration with questions or concerns.

Best regards!

Mr. Richard K. Gluchowski

Principal