



We are again excited to start our third year of the school-wide School Spirit Pennant. Last year, this initiative was a huge success as it illuminated and promoted the individual *development of; positive attitudes, skills, knowledge, and responsible behavior*. This school-wide recognition program will kick-off today with every 6th, 7th, and 8th grade student receiving a School Spirit Pennant. In just a few minutes, you will be placing your SSP on the outside of your personal hallway locker. Please put the entire sticker under your locker number.

In the weeks to come, stickers' representative of your involvement or deeds in the school will be awarded to you. These stickers will be placed on your School Spirit Pennant. Stickers may be awarded for; Random Acts of Kindness, Honor Roll, Athletic Involvement, Club Involvement, School Community, Perfect Attendance, Leading By Example, Most Improved Student, and Star Student. The Star Student sticker and the Most Improved Student sticker will be awarded to you throughout the year by your teachers. This year, for the **first time**, the **Leading by Example** sticker will not only be awarded to students who demonstrate overall leadership traits but who also stand up for others who are being bullied.

Large posters which define how each sticker is earned are visible throughout the building as well as the regular-sized sheets posted in your homeroom. Good luck!

Students can earn:

Star Student: Awarded **monthly**, to students, **by their teacher(s)**, who consistently exemplified a conscientious effort towards academic achievement and the practice of good character.

Most Improved Student: Awarded **each marking period**, to students, **by their teacher(s)**, for showing improvement in academics and/or behavior.

Athlete: Awarded to students who participate in SMS athletics. (Soccer, Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Basketball, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Softball, Baseball)

Club Member: Awarded to students who participate in clubs and activities. (Chorus, Instrumental, Odyssey of the Mind (OM), Yearbook, Floor Hockey, Track Club, Tennis Club, TAG, Wise Times, Student Council, IMPACT/Community Service Club, School Musical, Step Squad, Game it Up!, Literary Magazine, etc.)

Perfect Attendance: Awarded to students who have perfect attendance each marking period.

I Made the Honor Roll at SMS: Awarded to students who received High Honor Roll (Straight A's) or Honor Roll (A's and B's). Stickers will be awarded for the first 3 marking periods.

Random Act of Kindness: Awarded by Staff to a student who performs a self-less act or deed for a person or persons. (Returning an I-pod, cell phone, money/wallet, jewelry, holding a door, picking-up books, etc.)

Leading by Example: Awarded by Staff to a student who shows leadership traits that separate him/her from others. Someone who acts as a role model academically, socially and/or behaviorally. These leaders stand up for others who are being bullied.

School Community Award: Awarded by Staff to a student who goes above and beyond to contribute to the Sayreville Middle School community. (Beautification Day participants, Peer Leaders, students who assist teachers, special classes/ programs, etc.)