Sandy Creek Central School District celebrated 2020 commencement June 27, in the morning with a drive-thru ceremony. Community members were able to experience the commencement ceremony at a distance as the district live-streamed the whole event.

Each student in attendance crossed a stage to receive their diploma from either District Superintendent Mr. Kyle Faulkner or High School Principal Mr. Kevin Seymour and officially graduated while family members had the opportunity to take photos. Then, they got back in their vehicle and the next graduate’s family drove up.

Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Seymour both offered their words of encouragement in speeches to the graduating class and wished them all the best in their next steps, wherever they may lead.

The Class of 2020 valedictorian Madison Brown and salutatorian Marley Yerdon also gave pre-recorded remarks that were played via the livestream and over the speakers at the school.

After each student had the opportunity to sign the Class of 2020 banner, the vehicles paraded through the villages of Sandy Creek and Lacona with community members out to cheer them on.

A gallery of photos appears on Page 2, with complete galleries available via the district Facebook page, facebook.com/SandyCreekComets.

The nearby QR code leads to YouTube where you can watch the commencement stream in its entirety.

Second-grade students were still able to mark Flag Day as Mrs. Jackie Hobbs helped organize a short video.

In honor of Old Glory and the date it was adopted by the United States, June 14, a number of second-graders were featured in a video on the district’s Facebook page. Amelia Crast sang “You’re A Grand Old Flag” while others submitted a flag-themed photo or drawing.
Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic 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.

The following pesticide applications took place in the Sandy Creek Central School from March 2, 2020 to June 30, 2020:

- **There have been no pesticide applications during the above stated period.**

As a reminder, the Sandy Creek 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:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- 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 have not yet registered to receive 48-hour prior written notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to Shelley H. Fitzpatrick, Sandy Creek Central School District Business Administrator at:

PO Box 248  
Sandy Creek, NY 13145  
Phone: 315-387-3445 x1510  
Fax: 315-387-2196

Please feel free to contact Andy Ridgeway, the Sandy Creek Central School District pesticide representative at: PO Box 248, Sandy Creek, NY 13145, Phone: 315-387-3445 x1510, Fax: 315-387-2196 for further information on these requirements, including information on the products that have been applied in this school.

Sincerely,

Shelley H. Fitzpatrick  
Business Administrator  
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**Sandy Creek Central School District**  
**Request for Pesticide Application Notification**  
*(Please Print)*

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Fifth-Grade Class Celebrates Completion of Elementary School

The future Class of 2027 has completed Elementary School and a virtual graduation ceremony that premiered on the district’s Facebook page helped cap off the year.

Fifth-grade students were surprised with a video featuring Elementary School Principal Mr. Timothy Filiatrault and then a slideshow with every student announced.

Mr. Filiatrault opened the video by congratulating the students on a job well done and wished them well as they enter the Middle School in the fall.

“While I’m saddened that we can’t be together to celebrate, we still wish to recognize students for their accomplishments and share their memories of the time they spent here at Sandy Creek Elementary,” said Mr. Filiatrault.

The video can be seen in its entirety by scanning the nearby QR code on a smartphone.

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In early June, the High School and Middle School came together to offer its annual award ceremony and recognition events virtually.

Middle School Principal Ms. Amy Molloy and High School Principal Mr. Kevin Seymour hosted each ceremony, during which dozens of students were honored for their hard work and achievements during the 2019-20 academic year.

Dozens of high school seniors received scholarships during the event.

“Though we cannot have students in the building to host a typical ceremony for our ninth through 12th grade students, it is still extremely important to us that we highlight their successes,” said Mr. Seymour. “It is through the use of time management, dedication, passion and many other pieces that our students are able to meet the criteria for awards.”

Ms. Molloy echoed those sentiments, celebrating a strong year of growth for Sandy Creek students.

“It’s important for us to take the time to recognize our students for all they’ve done and worked hard for,” said Ms. Molloy.

The ceremonies can be viewed in their entirety by scanning the nearby QR codes with a smartphone.