July 11, 2021

Sandy Creek Families,

It is with deep regret that we inform you about a recent loss to our school community. On July 10th, Natalie Bauer, a sophomore at Sandy Creek High School, passed away as a result of a fatal car accident. This loss is sure to raise many emotions, concerns, and questions for our entire school, especially our students.

Our district has a Crisis Intervention Team made up of professionals trained to help with the needs of students, parents, and school personnel at difficult times such as this. We have counselors available for anyone who may need or want help surrounding this loss.

We have enclosed links to information that may be useful to you in helping your child at home.

- Children and Grief (focused primarily on infant through age 12): [https://www.sandycreekcsd.org/pub/1151](https://www.sandycreekcsd.org/pub/1151)
- The Five Stages of Loss & Grief: [https://www.sandycreekcsd.org/pub/1152](https://www.sandycreekcsd.org/pub/1152)

If you would like additional information or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Tanya VanOrnum, School Counselor, LMHC at (315) 529-8750, or (315) 387-3445 Ext. 1943 or email at tvanornu@sccs.cnyric.org. She can then make arrangements for you to speak with someone either in person or on the phone.

We are saddened by the loss to our school community and will make every effort to help you and your child as you need.

Sincerely,

Kyle L. Faulkner
Superintendent of Sandy Creek Central School District