

The Comet's Tale

Graduation 2022

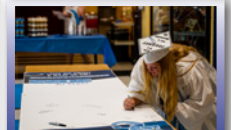
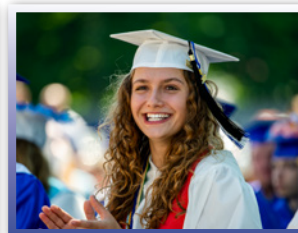
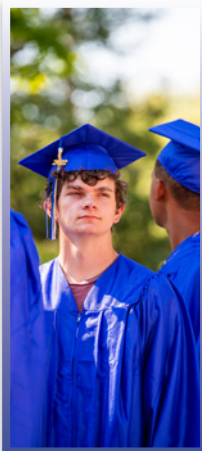
Congratulations Graduates!

Years of hard work, studying and dedication culminated in the ultimate achievement for the Sandy Creek High School Class of 2022 on June 25. The seniors were lauded for their accomplishments during the recent graduation ceremony. Class valedictorian Abigail Lantry and salutatorian Hailey McNitt shared words of encouragement with their peers before diplomas were presented to each graduate. From the tradition of signing the class banner, to the switching of tassels, the ceremony was a fitting end to the high school careers of the Class of 2022. Congratulations all! We know you will do great things. Once a Comet, always a Comet!



Free Breakfast, Lunch and Snack to Continue!

School Food Services breakfast, lunch and snack will continue to be FREE to all students in the 2022-2023 school year. We understand there has been confusion over the cost of school meals for next school year. Sandy Creek still qualifies under the Community Eligibility Program that grants free meals to all students. We will continue to provide the free meals under those programs during the 2022-2023 school year.



Our pre-k, kindergarten and fifth-grade students celebrated at their respective moving up ceremonies! All of the students excitedly await the next chapters of their school careers!



Second-grade students proudly marched and displayed their patriotism during the annual Flag Day ceremony at Sandy Creek Elementary.





Pesticide notice from Sandy Creek schools

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 February 10, 2022 to June 30, 2022:

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-hour 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 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

Sandy Creek Central School District
Request for Pesticide Application Notification
(Please Print)

_____ School Building

Name:

Address:

Day
Phone:

Evening
Phone:

Email
Address:



Capital Project Update

The second phase of the 2018 capital project is approaching the finish line. Over the summer recess, contractors will continue to focus on site cleanup, punch-list items, tying up loose ends and submitting record documents.

The remaining adjustments and corrections of lawns and areas around the parking lots will be completed, and final testing, inspections and integrations will take place during the upcoming months.

One of the highlights of this project has been the new bus garage, which recently earned the 2022 Design & Installation Award, presented by The American Concrete Institute of Central New York.

As of June 2022, the following work has been completed:

MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING

- Punch-lists (all trades)
- Record Documents

NEW MAINTENANCE FACILITY

- Punch-lists (all trades)
- Record Documents

EXISTING BUS STORAGE

- Punch-lists (all trades)
- Record Documents

The following work is ongoing or projected:

- Estimating for the final phase of the 2018 capital project
- Scheduling of the final phase of the 2018 capital project
- Bid packaging of the final phase of the 2018 capital project

Overall, construction work is 95 percent completed.

Sandy Creek Comet Crushers Returns for a Second Year



When Comet Crushers launched last year in the Sandy Creek Central School District, it became clear that the "Shark Tank" inspired event would be popular for years to come.

Over the course of eight weeks, students had to complete tasks such as designing a mantra poster; conducting entrepreneurial research; and creating a business plan, logo, slogan, illustration, design, magazine ad, commercial, jingle and pitch. Finally, they had to create a prototype — with an accompanying visual aid — and develop a presentation. All students presented to their classmates, and the top 10 were chosen to move onto the Comet Crushers Panel.

"It is always amazing to see our students step up and rise to the challenge," said Elementary Principal Tim Filiatrault. "Their projects and the work they put into this is so impressive and makes us all feel very proud! Their creativity and brilliance is so inspiring! They all 'crushed it' this year!"

The top three finishers received a cash prize, and all the finalists received various prizes and gifts for their participation. Phoebe Preston finished first with "The Toasty Bat," which helps softball and baseball bats stay warm in cold weather. Rounding out the remaining top three were Treylen Hunt, in second place for his "Cheer-You-Up Service," and Parker Rathbun, in third, for "The Wicked Light Up Box."

"Comet Crushers Day was amazing! The students were incredible, and I couldn't be more proud of them," said Christie Quenville, the fifth-grade teacher who came up with the idea and guided the process. "The challenges they pushed through, and the personal growth was astounding. I held them to some pretty high standards and boy, did they rise!"

Comet Pride is Community Wide

2022 Retirees

GAIL VAADI - ELEM TEACHER – 26 YEARS

CYNTHIA RUDD - ELEM TEACHER – 31 YEARS

RICK HALSEY – CLEANER – 23 YEARS

LORI VEZENDY - LUNCH CASHIER – 31 YEARS

JONNY BOENNING - CUSTODIAL – 26 YEARS

VAL MARSHALL - MUSIC TEACHER – 20 YEARS

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS
OF SERVICE TO THE
SANDY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT!**

**Sandy Creek Central
School District**

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124 Salisbury St.
Sandy Creek, NY 13145

Phone: 315-387-3445

Fax: 315-387-2196

District Office: Ext. 1510

Business Office: Ext. 1510

Elementary: Ext. 1110

Middle School/High School: Ext. 1910

Nurses' Offices: Ext. 1501

Elementary - Ext. 1503; **HS -** Ext. 1505

Transportation: Ext. 3330

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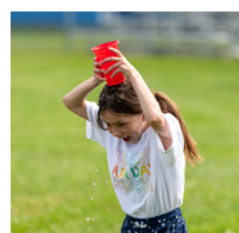
**Business Administrator/
District Clerk:**
Shelley H. Fitzpatrick

Dir. of Curriculum & Inst.:
Amy Howard-McCormack

Principals:
Elementary: Timothy Filiatrault
Middle School/High School:
Kevin Seymour



Sandy Creek Elementary Holds Outdoor Fun Day



During the final week of the school year, elementary students at Sandy Creek Central Schools were treated to a fun morning filled with outdoor activities.

Students were grouped together by grade level and then rotated through dozens of outdoor activities, taking place all over the school grounds. From water balloon toss to dodgeball, there were fun activities for all ages.

"We like to have fun as much as we can," said Elementary Principal Timothy Filiatrault. "With the year coming to a close, we wanted to celebrate the students for all their hard work and resilience throughout the school year. I'm so glad the weather cooperated!"

Summer Food Service Program

The Sandy Creek Central School District announces its participation in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Meals will be provided to all children 18 years and under without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, sex gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

Persons interested in receiving more information should contact:
Sandy Creek CSD,
124 Salisbury St.,
Sandy Creek, NY 13145-0248

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities, may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish).

Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:

Sandy Creek Central School Elementary Cafeteria
July 11 to Aug. 12
Monday – Thursday only

Meals will be served as follows:
Breakfast from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. only
Lunch from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. only

Persons interested in receiving more information should contact Tracy Sullivan, Cook Manager, Sandy Creek Central School District, 387-3445 ext. 1602.