

The Comet's Tale

GRADUATION 2023

Class of '23, Best You've Ever Seen!

Sandy Creek Proudly Offering Summer Meals Again this Year

We will once again be offering our summer meals program throughout the summer! Meals will be provided at the Sandy Creek Central School HS Cafeteria during the dates and times listed below.

July 10 to August 4
Monday – Friday

Meals will be served as follows:

Breakfast

from 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. only

Lunch

from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. only



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



Sandy Creek Community,

As we close out the 2022-2023 school year, we would like to congratulate the Class of 2023! Senior graduation is a culmination of many years of effort and achievement. These seniors have shown they are ready to begin the next chapter in their lives through diligence and perseverance throughout their time here at Sandy Creek.

Our seniors are successful largely due to their efforts, but there are many people that supported them along the way. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of these graduates. When a student reaches this achievement, it reminds us that it really takes a community.

Again, thank you to everyone for their efforts in making the 2022-2023 school year a success. We hope everyone has a great summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

-Kevin Seymour
Superintendent of Schools





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 11, 2023 to June 30, 2023:

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:



Congratulations to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2023!



Valedictorian
Abby Chen

Parents -

Mr. Yan Jin Chen and Mrs. Fen Xu Chen

Future plans -

Attend college for biology and pre-med

Activities - Chorus, Band, Drama Club, Marching Band, Concert Band, Student Council, Environmental/Science Club, History Club, Language Club, Show Choir, NHS, JV Volleyball, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track & Field

Advice for Underclassmen - Trust your sixth sense and make well-thought-out decisions.



Salutatorian
Marissa Brennan

Parents -

Mr. Jason Brennan and Ms. Melissa Day

Future plans -

Attend college to major in early childhood education and become an elementary teacher.

Activities -

JV Soccer, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Track & Field, JV Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball, History Club, Marching Band, OCAY League, Yearbook Club, Band, NHS, Student Council

Advice for Underclassmen -

Leave high school with as few regrets as possible. Don't be afraid to do something because of what others might think or say. Do what makes you happy!

Comets Crush Entrepreneurial Competition



Sandy Creek Elementary fifth-grade students have spent the past couple months carefully crafting their own entrepreneurial inventions, all in preparation for the school's Comet Crushers competition, similar to the popular television show "Shark Tank."

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

"Comet Crushers is a day well spent," said Heidi Metott, one of the panelists. "All the hard work and dedication put into the project shows. It's amazing to see students at this grade rise to such a challenge and excel at it."

The top three, as judged by a panel of SCCS staff, community members and small business owners, received a cash prize, and all the finalists received various prizes and gifts for their participation.

Dylan Ashby finished first with his "RC Power Sweep" invention. Placing second was Amelia Crast, who invented the "Make-Up Mushroom." Rounding out the top three was Dominick Moulton with his "Self-Leveling Siding."

"Season three of Comet Crushers was amazing," said Christie Quenville. "Watching the growth and confidence of the students throughout this project makes my heart happy. They have learned so much about themselves and gained lifelong skills to carry them in whatever direction they decide to go in the future. I could not be prouder of them!"

The project helps serve as a final steppingstone as the students complete fifth grade and prepare for middle school in the fall. Every student was able to learn valuable life skills such as work ethic, time management, public speaking, thinking outside the box, creativity, technology skills, and working and thinking under pressure.

The Comet Crushers would also like to thank all the volunteers, businesses and organizations that sponsored the competition and supported our students throughout the year.

2023 Retirees

PATTI KING - ELEMENTARY TEACHER - 31 YEARS

MICHELLE SHIRLEY - MATH TEACHER - 28 YEARS

DANIELLE JAMES - SCHOOL COUNSELOR - 24 YEARS

KATHY HECK - SCIENCE TEACHER - 24 YEARS

MARYANNE CRAST - BUS AIDE - 23 YEARS

CYNTHIA HAUER - BUS DRIVER - 16 YEARS

DOUGLAS MARSHALL - SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE - 10 YEARS

CANDY O'DONNELL - FOOD SERVICE HELPER - 22 YEARS

TAMMY THOMAS - SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE - 25 YEARS

**Sandy Creek Central
School District**

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**Elementary Students Cap Off Successful School
Year with Graduation and Moving Up Ceremonies**



SC Fun Day

To celebrate the end of the school year and reward students for all their hard work, the elementary school faculty and staff held an outdoor fun day during the last week of school. Students were treated to games and activities of all kinds, from kickball and dodgeball to a temporary tattoo station, and even an ice cream truck. It was truly a fitting end to another wonderful school year.

"This continues to be one of my favorite events of the school year," said Principal Tim Filiatrault. "These kids work so hard throughout the year, and they have more than earned a day like this."