

The Comet's Tale



SANDY CREEK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rock musician Jared Campbell helps launch Sandy Creek Elementary's "Be Good Comets" SEL Campaign



Sandy Creek Elementary School kicked off its new "Be Good Comets" Social Emotional Learning (SEL) initiative with the help of award-winning musician Jared Campbell.

Known for his powerful lyrics and rock sound, Campbell visited the school to perform and introduce students to themes of kindness, respect, leadership and a positive outlook on life.

Recognized by Billboard Magazine as one of the top independent musicians in the Northeast, Campbell

has traveled across the country performing for thousands in schools and venues, using his music to inspire and motivate.

The SEL Committee at Sandy Creek Elementary invited Campbell to develop a custom song for the "Be Good Comets" campaign, which encourages students to embody values like empathy, teamwork and manners. Campbell's catchy song lyrics included the words, "I am caring, I am confident, I am capable, and I am a Comet."

As part of the campaign, students who demonstrate the traits of being a good Comet will receive a "Comet Call-Out" ticket. According to school psychologist and SEL committee member Whitney Oak, "The Comet Call-Out tickets encourage staff members to recognize and commend students for demonstrating kindness, resilience and positive decision-making."

Since the program started, an average of 225 students have been awarded tickets each week. Of these students, five are randomly selected on Fridays and are celebrated during the morning announcements and throughout the day. The winners also get to wear a special lanyard and are gifted stickers and CDs which were generously donated by Campbell.

This special event was made possible through the Arts in Education program in partnership with CiTi BOCES, and it marks a memorable start to Sandy Creek Elementary's "Be Good Comets" campaign.



Congratulations to Brody Pecha, Sophie Harris, Haidyn Soluri and Simon Preston on their victory over Copenhagen in the first round of the popular North Country game show, "Whiz Quiz!"



Shout-out to the following middle school band members who were selected to perform at the All-County Music Festival in the beginning of November: Cecilia, Eli, Jax and Colton!



We are so proud of our students who participated in the first OCAV League Competition of the school year and finished in second place!

The team excelled during this year's event, titled "Olympic Odyssey: The Heart of a Champion." They designed an Olympic flag, created the tallest Eiffel Tower, tested their knowledge in quizzes and fought hard during the relay races!



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New SCCS Start Vocational class creates impressive fall décor



Students in Sandy Creek Central School's Start Vocational class recently embraced the fall season by creating beautifully crafted wood décor pumpkins. The project, led by teachers Marissa Paquin and Christopher Conway, is part of a new dual home, careers, and technology class aimed at building essential life skills.

"The purpose of this class is for students to gain everyday real-world skills," said Conway. "We work together to teach them how to do crafts, work with their hands, fix household items, cook and more."

The pumpkin décor project took approximately two weeks to complete, beginning with design work on a computer. The designs were then cut out using a computer numerical control (CNC) machine. Students finished the projects by following specific instructions to paint their pumpkins, adding a personalized touch to each piece.

"This is the first year for the class, and it has already been a success," Conway noted, highlighting the enthusiasm and hands-on learning experience the students have gained from the program.



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It was the perfect weather for a Halloween parade this year! From superheroes to princesses to spooky creatures, our students brought their Halloween spirit!





ANNUAL NOTIFICATION REGARDING DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Sandy Creek Central School District Annual Notification

Notice to Parents and Eligible

Students of Rights Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

To: Parents and Eligible Students Of Sandy Creek Central School District

You are notified that you have the following rights in relation to student records:

1. The right to inspect and review a student's education records.
2. The right of a student's parents or an eligible student to seek to correct parts of the student's education records which he or she believes to be inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student's rights. These rights include the right to a hearing to present evidence that the records should be changed if the district decides not to alter it according to the parents' or an eligible student's request.
3. The right to report or file a complaint with the Department of Education if the school district violates FERPA.
4. The right to exercise a limited control over other people's access to the student's education records.
5. The right to seek and correct the student's education records, in a hearing if necessary.
6. The right to be informed about FERPA rights.

You are further advised:

- a. The school district shall limit the disclosure of information contained in the student's education records except: (a) by prior written consent of the student's parents or an eligible student, (b) directory information or (c) under certain limited circumstances, as permitted by FERPA.
- a. If either a student's parents or an eligible student desires to obtain copies of a policy pertaining to student records, notification should be presented to: Kevin Seymour, Superintendent, Sandy Creek Central School District, PO Box 248, Sandy Creek, NY 13145.

All rights and protections given to parents under the FERPA and this policy transfer to the student when the student reaches age 18 or enrolls in a post-secondary school. The student then becomes an "eligible student."

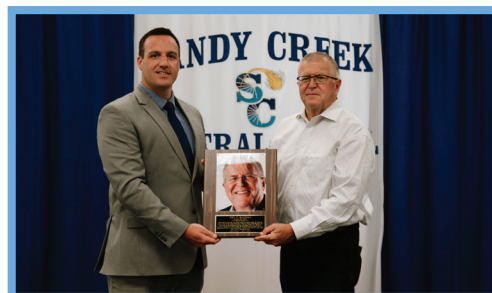
Directory Information

The school district proposes to designate the following personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records as directory information, and it will disclose that information without prior written consent:

1. The student's name;
2. The student's address;
3. The student's telephone listing;
4. The student's date and place of birth;
5. The student's class designation (e.g., first grade, tenth grade, and the like);
6. The student's participation in officially recognized activities and sports;
7. The student's achievement awards or honors;
8. The student's weight and height if a member of an athletic team;
9. Dates of attendance;
10. The student's photograph; and
11. The most recent educational institution attended before the student enrolled in the school district.

You have two weeks to advise the school district in writing, directed to the office of the school superintendent, of any and all items which you refuse to permit the district to designate as directory information about the student. The district may disclose directory information about former students without following the procedure specified for directory information.

Class of 1964 salutatorian joins the Sandy Creek Wall of Distinction as newest inductee



Joel Hastings, the salutatorian of Sandy Creek Central School's Class of 1964, was officially inducted into the district's Wall of Distinction. This honor, established by the district's Board of Education more than a decade ago, celebrates alumni who have achieved significant success in their personal and professional lives.

Hastings has built an impressive legacy since his graduation from Sandy Creek. After earning a cum laude degree from Oberlin College, he began a career with Holstein-Friesian World Magazine. Over the course of 60 years in the media industry, Hastings worked closely with dairy farmers and their organizations both in the U.S. and internationally. Notably, he transitioned his company into the digital age, developing a fully digital product line at dairybusiness.com.

His dedication to the community extended beyond his professional endeavors, as he also served as president of both the SCCS Board of Education and the local town planning board.

Hastings' induction holds special significance as it follows in the footsteps of his grandfather, Maurice S. Prescott. Prescott was a 1910 graduate of Sandy Creek High School who was inducted into the Wall of Distinction in 2013.

For those who would like to nominate an individual for the Wall of Distinction, please visit the Sandy Creek Central School District Office or call 315-387-3445, ext. 1512.

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Field Trip Fun!

SC elementary students have been busy traveling and adventuring! This year they have already been to local fire departments, Ontario Orchards, the Salmon River Fish Hatchery, Old McDonald's Farm and more!



Comet spirit filled the gymnasium during the fall middle and high school pep rallies!



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