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# Letter from the editors:

#### Dear Seniors,

As the end of the school year nears there are many things to keep in mind. There are so many events to remember from Senior Trip, to Prom, to Senior Picnic, to Graduation and all of the others in between. The one thing to keep in mind is your responsibilities.

As a senior you are expected to complete and submit your senior survey to guidance for graduation. Also,

you must begin to think about your next step, whether it be college, the armed forces, backpacking through Europe, or going into the work force. Dream big, set goals and accomplish many things. We are the class of 2007 and we need to set the pace for the next generation. Our class has so much potential to do great things, so let's so the rest of Sandy Creek what we can do.

So seniors, look around take it all in have fun, make memories, and be safe. Life comes at you fast, and as someone once said "Dance as if no one were watching, sing as if no one were listening, and live everyday as if it were your last."

Let's make the most of what we have left, because in less than ten weeks we'll never all be tied together by anything more than being the graduating class of 2007 from Sandy Creek Central School.

All the best,

Jen & Adrienne

### Talent Show by Frannie Felo

This year was the second annual talent show presented by the French club and select chorus with Mr. Ferguson as MC. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7pm, the contestants put on quite a show.

Third place was Vikki White, with her fabulous act of skating on heelies while hula hooping in a cheerleading uniform. Second were seniors Alexys Bush and Brent Crump with Rain on a Tin Roof.

First place went to All Else Fails which included Travis Bartlett, Cameron Thibault, Adam Sternberg, and Ethan Claflin.

#### Middle School News by Nikki and Megan Clark

Hey Middle School! Are you circle free? This year, the 7th and 8th grade students have been able to participate in the free fun days. Also, just recently, the 6th graders have joined in on the fun. Are you a middle school student who would like to have a free day of fun this quarter? Well, if you complete all assignments on time and do not receive any circles for missing work, you are eligible for the free day of games and movies. In addition, being prepared for class leaves you circle free! This has been a great incentive for students of the middle school to complete work well and on time. The middle school students, as well as teachers, love the new program and plan to continue it in the following years.





# Meet the Teacher... Mr. James Hunt by Brittany Scullen

Mr. James Edward Hunt was born August 25, 1975. He has one older brother. He graduated from General Brown High School. While in high school Mr. Hunt played football and basketball for General Brown. He attended Cortland Staate after graduating from General Brown. His first job was a Beverage Delivery Guy! He enjoys watching sports center and college basketball. His favorite movies to watch

are The Gladiator and Dumb-n-Dumber. His favorite color is blue. He likes listening to all kinds of music. He likes Pearl Jam and his favorite song is "Black" by Pearl Jam. He enjoys eating pizza, lobster, and shrimp. His favorite drink is Monster. His favorite quote is "Just Walk It Out"!! Mr. Hunt is currently a Physical Education teacher at our school. He coaches Boys Varsity Football, Boys JV

Basketball and also coaches Boys Biddy Ball. He decided to become a Physical Education teacher because "he enjoys showing others how to do activities and games." He also says that his PE teachers were also "some of the most influential people in his junior and senior years."

## Meet the Teacher...Mr. Christian Sturick by Tricia Stevens

Mr. Christian J. Sturick grew up in the town of Solvay, where he attended high school. After he graduated, he then received his bachelor's degree from SUNY Oswego State, and moved on to get his masters degree from Syracuse University. Mr. Sturick worked as a teacher at ESM before coming to Sandy Creek, where he is currently teaching tenth grade earth science. In his spare time, he likes to go hunting, fishing, and he also coaches our school's JV baseball team, and the Salmon River hockey team

When he is not busy coaching and teaching, Mr. Sturick is a member of the Air Force, which son for his recent deployment to Iraq for two months. There, he was an aircraft mechanic and his mission was to provide combat air support for ground troops. Although his living arrangements were not the greatest, having to sleep in tents and pods, he didn't mind the food. His favorite night of the week was Wednesday night, because it meant seafood at the chow hall. In the little spare time that he had, he worked out, played poker, and Madden '07 at the recreation hall.

While in Iraq, Sturick learned some of their customs and cultures. His favorite part of his trip was knowing that he was accomplishing his mission and saving lives. He also enjoyed receiving care packages from home – and the mint chocolate chip ice cream. The worst part about his trip was leaving his friends, family, and his students behind, especially during the holidays, although he did his

best to keep in touch via email, phone, and through letters.





# Meet the Teacher...Mr. William Fowler by Brittany Scullen

Mr. William Arthor Fowler was born May 19, 1965. He graduated from Sandy Creek in 1983. He played football, basketball and baseball. He attended Brigham Young University for 1 year, and then finished his college career at SUNY Oswego.

His first job was Delivering Construction Equipment. He enjoys watching college basketball and parental control. His favorite movie is <u>Si-</u> <u>lence of The Lambs</u> and his favorite color is comet blue. He also enjoys listening to classic rock and country music. His favorite band is AC/DC and his favorite song is "Fergilious" by Fergie". He loves eating lobster and drinking water.

His favorite quote is "If you always do what you always did, then you'll always get what you always got". Mr. Fowler is currently a 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher and coaches Modified Boys Football, Boys Varsity Basketball, and Girls Varsity Softball. He also is the head of Boys Biddy Ball.



### Skiing by Jen Howe

Due to a mild winter season beginning in December, and being diagnosed with Mono in early January, Diane Vezendy had a rather rocky beginning to her final skiing season as a high school student. Vezendy has skied for years and has accomplished many great goals as a skier, such as going to the Junior Olympics the past three years. Diane has been coached by her mother and Janice Sibilia for many years.

This season Diane was out of practice for over a month due to mono and had

only one week of practice before going to sectionals! What's even more amazing is despite all of the things gone wrong with her season Diane became the Section 3 Champion! However, she soon found herself between a rock and a hard place, when it came to states. Due to the fact that Diane had missed all of her races and so many practices all of the section three coaches had to vote for the decision of whether she should be allowed to attend states or not. With the majority vote in her favor Diane went to

states and above all of the seasons mishaps placed 10<sup>th</sup> out of sixty competitors. Also, at states, Diane's relay team placed fourth, missing a medal by only 5 seconds.

Diane plans to attend college and continue to ski throughout her college career. She has a goal of going back to the Junior Olympics next season. We all wish her luck with her skiing and whatever else she may pursue in her lifetime.



### Wrestling by Scott Luberto

This was a very exciting season for the wrestling team. The Comets wrestled tough all season and finished with a record of 19-6. Through hard work and dedication the team won all five tournaments they participated in, including the Section 3 Class D Tournament for the first time in 32 years. Most impressively, Sandy Creek sent ten wrestlers to the Sectional Tournament this year. Matt and Kris Shirley placed sixth and Scott Luberto placed third. Also Luberto advanced to the State Tournament,

where he broke the previous school record for career wins of 117. Remarkably, eight wrestlers finished the season with 20 or more wins, with three wrestlers with 30 plus wins. Derek Pfluger was very impressive accumulating 33 wins as a seventh grader. The Sandy Creek wrestling program finished with an astonishing 31 wrestlers who all contributed to a great season resulting in an honorable mention in the N.Y. State Rankings this year.





# Modified Girls Basketball by Karin Blanding

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Modified Basketball Team, coached by Mrs. Morrison, had nine players this year. They are; Shiana Johnson, Michaela Mothersell, Karina Decarolis, Brittany Foster, Deanna Buley, Samantha Desmore, Chelsea Elliot, Debra Joy, Amelia Yousey, and Sabrina Hays who is absent from the picture. The team's record as of March 9<sup>th</sup> was 3 and 4. Their toughest competition was Thousand Islands. They lost at there, but did put up a win at home. Mrs. Morrison said that if her that they would be able to win in their remaining games.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Modifed Girls Basketball Team was coached by Mrs. Solouri. She also had nine girls on her team; Shannon Garvin, Amanda Carusone, Shayniece Phillips, Kassi Gillette, Kristen Flory, Lyndsey Parker, Genia Sergis, Courtney Miller, and Tonya Nutting. The team's record as of March 9<sup>th</sup> was 0 and 7. Despite their record, Mrs. Solouri said this was one of the groups of girls who didn't have the opportunity to participate in Bitty-Ball, and that they have really improved over the last two years.

# Winter's End by Ethan Claflin

This year's Winter sports have left us with many victories, a few losses, and some great memories. The Creek has once again shown that we're not just some other hick town. We're a hick town that takes our sports more seriously than our tractor pulls. That being said there are some exciting titles bestowed upon our athletes that we'd like to recap.

This season the Sandy Creek Cheerleading squad became the Frontier League Champs. Their continued enthusiasm and, cheery attitudes brought them to the top, amazing job girls. Also claiming a Frontier League first place title this year was the Girls Volleyball team, who beat Beaver River, a HUGE rivalry in 3 games!! With a record of

14-7-0 the girls played a great season, nicely done. Placing second in their Frontier League Tournaments were the Boys and the Girls Varsity Basketball Teams. Here are their records for the season Boys: 15-8-0 Girls: 8-9-0 It's been a great season in general this year, congratulatory marks to all the Comets for their effort. Take five playas



# Technology by Niki S.

When I mention technology you probably will think of computers, cell phones and Ipods, but really technology can be anything from a spoon to a house. Unfortunately we have forgotten how great these peaces of technology are, living in our world of high speed. We don't ever stop and think how great our chairs are or how much we love our windows. Which is sad because although we don't think of these things as advance there are other places in the world that do.



### Elementary News by Eden Rudd

Now as school is coming to a drastic end, the elementary has been working very hard so they can soon have a relaxing rest of the year. Recently the fourth graders have had to endure the torture of the ELA's, as well as the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. After doing these state tests the fourth graders looked forward to having their Valentines Day party and their February break. Along with the forth graders enjoying their valentines day party, the kindergarteners also were very excited as one of the students said, "I like parties... a lot!"

Once back from their February break, the elementary students, began to focus on the Music in our Schools concert. The concert was directed by Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Hallett, during the two recorder songs. Also the elementary chorus, including many third graders, sang with the high school chorus as the high school band played the song "You Raise Me Up." Great job to the elementary in their performance; keep up the good work!

# **NHS** by Karin Blanding



On Saturday March 3, some of the National Honor Society members went to Oswego to participate in a Volleyball game. This game was set up in order to help the Oswego school raise money for a scholarship to be set up in the name of one of its previous members. For each point that was scored, the teams raised money from their sponsors. If your school won a match, your points were doubled. Oswego raised the most points, followed by Mexico, and last but not least, Sandy Creek. Participants from all schools played their best, and we would like to thank them all.



# Mock Trial by Rachel Freeman

Mock Trial is where teams of 8-12 students research legal issues involving stalking and learning to question witnesses, present evidence and make closing statements. Six high school teams are included in Mock Trial. Sandy Creek advanced as semi-finalists in the Oswego County Mock Trial Tournament. In the trial between Pulaski and Sandy Creek, the judge ruled in favor of Sandy Creek. The remaining teams advanced to the semi-finalists, which were held on Saturday, March 10th, at the Public Safety Center in Oswego. Sandy Creek faced Oswego High and brought home a glorious victoryand bringing home the county championship! The team includes Brittnea Bryden, Caitlin Clark, Lindsey Forcione, Ashley Haskins, Paul Kelly, Scott Luberto, Aaron Pittman, Troy Shirley, Kelsey Tyrell, and Phylicia Waggoner. The team is led by Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Stoker.



# Quotes by Ruzena Thibault

"Life is like a highway. There are exits that lead everywhere, people break down, make mistakes, and accidents happen. It takes a smart driver to make it to the end of the highway successfully and in one piece." -Scott Spence

"Just like at a birthday party, whether or not things are pre-decided, everyone should be given fair chance at a slice of the cake." -Anonymous



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#### Tyler Art Gallery by Kelsey Tyrrell

The Tyler Art Gallery presents local art in its two gallery rooms. Even the students and faculty have some lime light and space in the gallery.

The Gallery is located on SUNY Oswego campus. The student studios are right above the galleries and the performance center is located in-between the two galleries and down a flight of stairs.

The Galleries are open to the public thought the academic year Monday thought Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 12:30 to 4:30.

The senior class took a trip to the Tyler Art gallery on March second. The artist on display was Mary Giehl and her expedition was The unbroken Circle: Recent Work by Mary Giehl.

At the galleries where The unbroken Circle was on display we were asked to remove our shoes before entering. The exhibit was children's white clothes that were made and stitched together by Giehl. These were placed on the floor sown together in a circle that in the center of was a red box. There were red boxes in the center of the circles of cloths. In the boxes here facts about children in our country. On the walls were the patterns of the clothes.

"The Unbroken Circle is about our children here in the United States of America. It is about what across everyday to our children. The installation gives the audience a chance to participate with the work, by walking on it and by opening the red boxes."

-Mary Giehl

