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As we take on another year in print at Sandy Creek, we see some returning faces and new ones as well. Those returning are a guiding hand to those experiencing journalism for the first time. All staff members of "A Peek at the Creek" are required to meet the academic and behavioral standards that are required to be a journalism professional. The following students are the staff members for this year's newspaper:

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Another Year in Print

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- Megan Clark
- Nicki Clark
- Frannie Felo
- Shaylee Kirk
- Jordan Lehman
- Eden Rudd
- Nicole Schepard

OCAY Competition by Josie Stawicki

This year a group of musically and artistically talented students from SCCS attended the Oswego County Academic Youth competition. (OCAY) The tasks were given at 10:00 a.m. and required to be finished by noon. The three tasks were: a sculpture, a watercolor, and a

song, including original lyrics, a dance routine, and a keyboard part. Our group consisted of seven seniors (Ruzenna Thibault, Shane Donahue, Alex Compo, Kelsey Tyrell, Morgan Miner, Cindy Bacon, Sarah Bianco) and two juniors (Katylin Clark, Josie Stawicki). This

year's competition was held in Fulton on October 20th. Sandy Creek was privileged to take part in this creative event, and placed third!

Article by the Editors

On May 20th, 2006, at 8:00 am, the Bus Road-eo began at the Sandy Creek Fair Grounds. This is the second year that the Road-eo has been hosted in Sandy Creek. The Road-eo is a competition of school bus drivers state wide. This year there are forty contestants in all. Ten of the contestants drive transit buses, meaning that they drive the flat nose buses. The remaining thirty drive conventional buses. The top three winners receive trophies and go on to Albany for further competition.

There are three parts to the course- written, safety, and obstacle course. All participants are split up into three teams- red, white, and blue. When asked, Heather Hall said, “[The Road-eo is] a great way to makes new friends in other schoolditricks.” The three teams then take turns at each of the three stations completing the tasks at hand.

The first task is the written station. The bus drivers take a twenty question test, consisting of ten multiple choice and ten true or false ques-

tions. The content of the test ranges from drug/controlled substance abuse to rules of the road.

Second is the safety station. This task requires the drivers to pre-trip the bus. The check list contains checking lights inside and outside the bus, ensuring that safety equipment- including the first aid kit, fire extinguisher, etc.-are stocked and ready in case of an emergency, and making sure the tires, brakes, and suspension are “in good running order... safe and ready to pick up students,” answered Amy Wills.

The third station is the obstacle course. Hall stated, “[the obstacle course is] the most fun, but the hardest.” There are eight stages of the obstacle course. The bus driver must:

1. stop and pick up a student
2. weave in and out around four barrels
3. “Off- set Alley”
 - A. drive through narrow path without stopping or hitting tennis balls
4. make right-hand turn
 - A. must go over marked pavement

5. back up between cones
 - A. get as close as possible to horizontal pole without touching it
6. “Tire Alignment”
 - A. right side must be between two rows of tennis balls
7. drive between tennis balls on vertical poles
 - A. must stop as close as possible to line
8. must stop at Railroad Crossing
 - A. perform necessary safety procedure
 - B. proceed after crossing lights are off

The winners from Sandy Creek were Cyndy Hauer and Heather Hall.



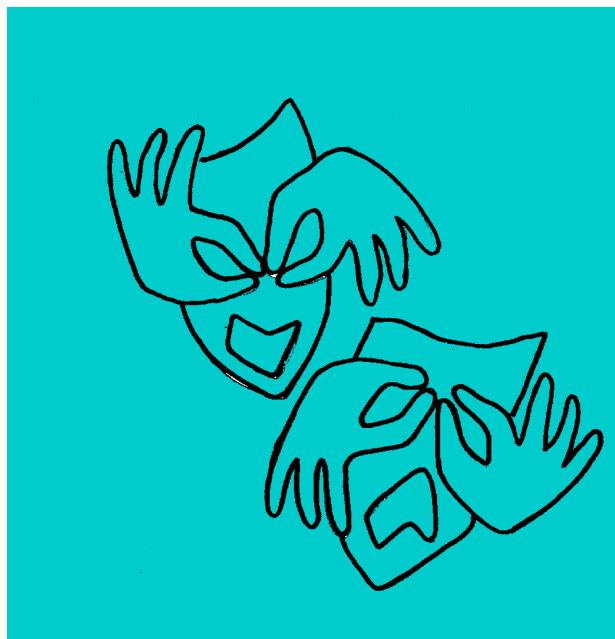
BY: Adrienne Teachout
Pictures: Jen Howe

Drama Club by Elizabeth Lawrence

Act it Out!

For their production, the Drama Club will be performing a one act musical and a one act play to take place on the same night. The decision as to which plays will be performed is still taking place. This special night is entitled

“A Night at the Theater.” Participation is not limited to either the play or the musical, as one person may try out for both. If you are interested in being a part of the performance, and you are not yet in Drama Club, consult with an advisor. This year’s Drama Club advisors are Ms. Bitz, Mrs. Hobbs, and Mrs. Marshall.



National Honor Society By Jennifer Howe



Are you a competitive person? Would you like to help the SCCS National Honor Society achieve a huge goal? Sign up and come to the gym on November 21st, 2006 to give blood. If our school reaches the highest percentage of donors in our region, \$2000 will be donated to our NHS fund. This fund helps us with all of our community projects such as last year's Thanksgiving dinner that we donated to families unable to afford a nice Thanksgiving. Last year 20% of the blood donors

in our region were 16 years old. Almost half of the 20% came from our school alone. The goal for our region this year is 25% of the eligible donors to be 16 years old. We collected 92 units of blood last year and I believe that with extended hours and more staff from the American Red Cross we can exceed that amount by far. Of the 90 units collected from our school 42 of those were from 16 year olds. The only school in our region that was even close



to us was APW.

So what does this all mean? This means that we need as many people we can get to possibly donate blood on November 21st, especially the 16 year olds, so we can receive the \$2000 for our NHS fund. If we don't get it there is a good chance APW would and we certainly wouldn't want that (Would we Stoker?) Also, if you are a 16 year old donor don't forget you must have the parent consent form filled out. **No Form- No Donation!!**



Technology by Rachel Hurd

How to save to a USB drive

Insert USB drive into USB 2.0 slot on computer
 Open, or create document you wish to save
 Click File-Save As then create document title
 Save in a known location on the computer to avoid loss of data
 Again click File-Save As, click drop down bar at top of window, select My Computer

USB drive will show up as a removable disk drive or a floppy drive
 Select the USB drive and either create a folder or save it straight onto the USB drive
 Computers will vary, if this doesn't work, ask a teacher or go online for help
 Always remember where you save data, save often, and save in multiple places to avoid losing your document

Middle School News submitted by Ms. Reidy

Each month the 8th grade teachers recognize students for being prepared and participating in the classroom with an award called the "Head in the Game Award."
 There is another award for doing a random act of kindness called the "Caught You Award".
 The following pictures capture our 8th grade recipients for the month of September. Awards were distributed during the 8th

grade mini pep-rally held in the high school auditorium on October 2nd.
 Way to go, 8th Graders!
 Here is a list of names of students to go with the pictures:
 "Caught You Award": Front: Ian Paddock Middle: Genia Sergis, Ed Scheppard, Shane Scullen, Jordan Kline, Tania Sergis. Back: Courtney Miller, Ricky Scott, Jessie Glenister, Cody Pruett, Caleb Snedeker, Jessica Mintonye. Not pic-

tured: Abe Robbins and Alex J. Henry

"Head in the Game":
 Front: Will Fancher, Tania Sergis, Dylan Gilman.
 Middle: Ed Scheppard, Logan White, Amanda Johnson, Matt Shirley, Jacob Halsey, Jarrett Luberto, Rachel Pretory, Lalitha Sergis, Linda Rudd, Dusty Harris. Back: Dallas House, Slater Schack, Jessie Glenister



Religion in Schools by Samantha Rood

Religion in the school system is a very complex, vastly opinionated subject that concerns a great number of people. Whether or not religious expression should be considered acceptable in schools, or to what extent, is a highly debated topic among the educational community. Exactly what rights and freedoms should or should not be granted to teachers and students inside an educational setting causes a great deal of conflict among those concerned.

I believe that religious freedom and expression is a liberty that should be granted to all Americans, and that inside an educational setting is no exception. People's rights should not be

limited just because they are in educational surroundings. However, it seems that policies in some schools can be bias on this matter. The voices of those practicing minority religions are sometimes smothered by the voices of the more commonly accepted.

I don't think that most people realize how much religion is incorporated into the academic system. Some school vacations are specifically placed around religious holidays. The thing that I have noticed that is most interesting is the information available to students concerning religions. If you search the internet from our school, you will find that content is restricted for obvious reasons. If you attempt to look up a specific religion such as Christianity, Buddhism, or Scientology, you

will have no problem with accessing the desired information. However, if you attempt a search on recurrently misunderstood religions such as Paganism or Wicca, most of the sites containing information on them are blocked, even if there is no objectionable content within them.

Such situations are something to think about when considering the rights of public school students. Complete information and opportunity should be available to students who desire to learn about or practice any religion they desire or to no one at all. Issues such as this are often swept under the rug because they do not affect the majority. In this day and age we like to think that we are all equal, but people that practice minority religions are reminded every day that we still have a long way to go.



Opinion by Jessica Blauvelt

How Much is Too Much?

Can television really influence young children's behavior? On average, children watch three to four hours of television daily. Within these hours, the children can witness programs that could change them.

Most television shows that now air are violent. This could cause a child to grow up thinking it would be okay to be violent, and even use violence as a way to solve their problems as they grow. Children could

also imitate what they see on television and end up hurting someone or even themselves. One might think that cutting back on what they watch is enough, but that is not the case. Even one violent program is enough to influence a child.

Should there be a cut-back on what they air? Some may find the violence amusing and entertaining to watch. They should also keep in mind that children's minds could be affected.

School Happenings by Kyanna Maloof

Welcome back to a new school year. This year, so far, has been pretty full with all of the games, like the Homecoming Game and Powder-Puff Football. And then the fun filled Spirit Week, with military day, sports day, twin day, pajama day/ senior toga day, and of course, the traditional blue and white day. Congratulations

to all of the most spirited students and teachers of the week.

October 7th was the much waited for Homecoming Dance. It was from 7 pm until 11 pm. This year it was held in the high school gym. The DJ, Ryan Jones, played all different types of music, rap, hip-hop, rock, country and more. Of course, you can't forget about

the main event in the dance- the crowning of the Home Coming King, Queen, Prince, and Princess. As for those who were nominated, first the freshmen: Koby Fowler, Jordan Lehman, Carly Decarolis, and Megan Clark. The sophomores were Taylor Ouderkirk, Mary Kate Blanding, Sebastian Goins, Michael Elkin, and Chelsea Crump. The juniors were Hampus Bjorkman ,

Sports

Football and Cheerleading by Brittany Scullen and Mary Kate Balnding

Varsity Football

Roster: Brad Wallis (capt), Brad Shippee (capt), JJ Ritter (capt), Tim Stevens (capt), Brent Crump (capt), Eddie Stevens, Koby Fowler, Brent Trexler, Will Donnelly, Paul Halock, Ben Stevens, Hampus Bjorkaman, Luke Link, Lyle Burnett, Tyler Gronau, Chris Paxton, Zach Presley, Coey Christman, Cory Maas, Logan McNitt, Matt Wood, Josh Thompson, Billy Trevett, Steven Thomas, Josh Nutting, John Hamlin, Mead Robbins, Troy Shirley, Jared Warren, Brandon Presley, Harry Crast, Jason Brennan, Mark "Dizzy" Marano, Shane Conzone, Bobby Allen

Statisticians- Adrienne Teachout & Kari Mickinkle

There are 12 seniors this year. Boys thank you for putting your time and effort in our football program. Good luck with all you do and more!!

Cheerleading

Roster: Stephanie Lindsey (capt.), Morgan McKenzie (capt.), Amanda Braley, Frannie Bray, Cassie Dash, Amanda Flory, Morgan Miner, Sarah Thomson, Danielle, Phylcia Waggoner, Emily Wallace, Brittany Braley, Brittnea Bryden, Nichole Tibbles, Allie Miller, Sagan Bush, Megan Clark, Alex Forcionne, Nickie Ginnan, Jamie Urquhart, Brittany Scullen (manager)

These 20 young ladies have worked very hard this season. They have overcome many hardships, learned and perfected a competition routine. They also put 2 school pep rallies, which were held October 6. On October 24th the girls won a competition at Watertown High School at 5:30 pm. We were glad to see everyone there supporting the girls.

Modified Football

Goals: Mr. Fowler
- win
- Teach inexperienced kids the game of football

Goals: Mr. Soluri
-teach the new comers the game
- win

The 2006 modified football team is very young, but good. Boys good luck with the rest of the season.



Cross Country By Ethan Claflin

Varsity

This season has been plagued with injuries for the girl's team and lack of interest for the boy's team. The girl's team consisted of seven runners. The team was led by Alissa Kersey and the senior trio of Diane Vezendy, Alicia Bradberry, and Amanda Allen. Junior Lyndsey Rowell was injured in the early season and unable to return. Sophomores Tiffany Crandall and Heather Schad were the girls other two runners. The girl's cross-country record in the Frontier League is 3-3. At

invitations Alissa Kersey placed in the top ten in every race. Winning the South Jefferson Invite and becoming League Champion.

The boy's team consisted of seniors Kevin Nemier, Kurt Prins, and Josh Ward. Kevin was the lead runner of our team with solid runs by Kurt and Josh. Records were not kept however, due to lack of the minimal amount of people required to be considered a team. Good job everybody have a nice, restful, recovering off-season.



Modified

Ms. McKiernan's inaugural season as cross country coach was one of advancement. Running for the comets boys team were Conner Luberto, Cody Donahue, and Ryan King. Highlights for the boys included Conner placing first at APW and at home. All the boys progressed steadily throughout the season, greatly

improving their times. As for the girls Tiffany Gill, Tara Stone, Torrie Edwards, Shelby Tedd, Lacey Lions, and Allie Miller all ran well. An accomplishment for the girls included Tiffany's second place finish at APW.

Girls Soccer by Ethan Clafin and Karin Blanding

J.V. Girls Soccer

The girls J.V. soccer team, led by Coach Stoker had a very successful season. In the end, their record was 7-8-2. Leading in scoring this year was Tayler Fravel with an impressive nine goals, followed by Captain Cassia King with five and Rachel Pretory with four. The girl's goal keeper, Captain Fantasia Grossman, was astonishing this year, perhaps the best in the J.V. league. Highlights this year included beating their rival, APW. Another great accomplishment for the team was having three consecutive shut outs, proving the strength of the Comets defense. Key

defensive players for the sandy creek team included Captain Karlie Decarolis, Tiffany Howlett and Amber Lizotte. While others such as Samantha Luberto, Christine Howe, Eden Rudd, Brooke Thomas, Irina Sergis, Rachel Rice, Dayaisha Eldridge, Stefany Quick, Angela Dayey, Lara-Jean Collier, and Nicki Clark were indispensable parts of the team.

Varsity Girls Soccer

“WHO CARES?”

By Ethan Clafin

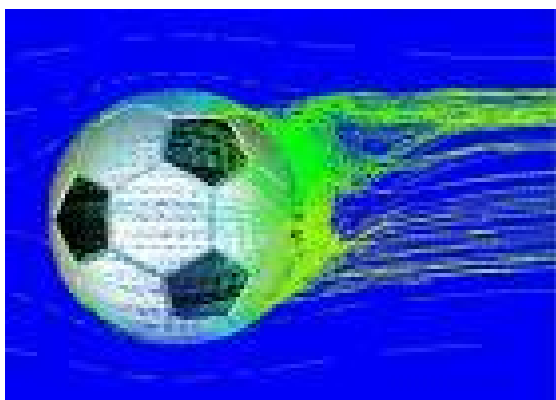
“Who cares?!” is the battle cry of the girls Varsity Soccer Team here at SCCS, but their per-

formance on the field shows that obviously it is not their mentality heading onto the field. The girls team has shown their finesse time and time again this year bringing in an impressive record of 9-7-3 (that would be wins, losses, and ties) including shutting down Beaver River's winning streak by tying them twice this season. The girls, seeded 12th for sectionals, beat Little Falls, the 5th seed, on Tuesday October 24th, 2006.

The Girls will travel to Cooperstown for round two of sectionals Thursday October 26th, 2006. Whatever happens girls remember who cares, all of

Modified girls

The modified girls soccer team, coached by Miss Williams, had a great season this year and ended their season with a record of 3 wins, 1 tie, and 2 losses. Unfortunately, because of poor weather conditions, the girls were unable to play IHC and Lyme. The team consisted of 16 girls: ten 7th graders, five 8th graders, and one 9th grader. All players grew consistently throughout the season and improved their game. Congratulations girls!!!



Boys Soccer by Scott Luberto and Karin Blanding

Varsity

This has been a very exciting year for the Varsity Boys Soccer team. They recorded the first win in the history of Sandy Creek varsity boys soccer. The winning goal occurred against South Lewis in exciting sudden death overtime with three seconds remaining. The final score was 2-1 with Kris Shirley and Ben White scoring for the comets. The team has made gigantic strides since last year, under the

leadership of Coach White. Returning players Gavin Bertram, Kevin Shirley and Scott Luberto were named captains of the team this year. Ben Thomas and Mike Elkin did a terrific job this year as goalies. Other players such as Alex Howland, Taylor Ouder Kirk, Paul Kelley, Ethan Clafin, Cameron Thibault, Mike Cambareri, Jarrett Luberto, Sebastian Goins, Dan Fancher, Dil-

lon Schroeder, Ryan Kempston, Josh MacVean, and Bobby Malik contributed greatly to the team.

Modified

Coached by Mr. Klopotoski, the boys modified soccer had a large team this year. The team consisted of 21 boys: Ben Wallace, Blake Bianco, Caleb Snedeker, Caleb Snyder, David Rice, DJ Myslivecek, Dylan Cordwell, Eric Wilson, Erik Shilling, Ian Miller, Jacob Halsey, Joey Cambareri, Kyle Nellis, Logan White, Michael Horth, Michael McNitt, Phillip Yerdon, Peter Yerdon, Ryan Hayward, and the team captains, Caleb Ward and Will Francher. Ryan Hayward and DJ Myslivecek scored the goals for the team this year. The team had a record of 1 win and 6 losses.

National Portfolio Day by Kelsey Tyrell



Despite the cold temperature of 47 degrees, young artists and college representatives traveled from all over to the Carrier Dome for National Portfolio Day. National Portfolio Day is when Art School representatives gather in one college to meet art students. The art students come to have their portfolios reviewed by the schools they wish to attend.

The traveling Sandy Creek students that went include Alex Compo, Shane Donahue, Amanda Blount, Amanda Allen, Brent Crump, and myself.

National Portfolio Day took place on the field of the Carrier Dome in Syracuse University. Schools from all over came to Syracuse to review student's portfolios. In doing so the representative from the colleges tell students what they need to make their portfolios what they should be to get into their colleges. This for all students is extremely helpful.

"Always be nice to those younger than you, because they are the ones who will be writing about you."

--- Cyril Connolly (1903 - 1974)

Snapshots at jasonlove.com



"Pennies aren't lucky anymore. Inflation. You gotta find at least a nickel..."

Snapshots at jasonlove.com



"Children, I would like you to meet your substitute teacher."

Meet the Teacher by Lindsay Thomas

Do you want to get to know a certain teacher at SCCS a little bit better? Well here's your chance, meet Ms. Christina Tooley.

Ms. Tooley attended Paul V. Moore High School in Central Square, where she played soccer, as a center half, and wing. After she graduated from high school she received her Bachelors degree in teaching at Oswego State University. Soon after she continued her education receiving her Master's Degree at Lemoyne College.

Before settling in here at S.C.C.S. Ms. Tooley was a teacher at her alma mater in Central Square, and also at South Seneca High School. Ms. Tooley said she has always wanted to be a teacher, but was never really sure whether she wanted to enter into high school or elementary level teaching. "After experiencing elementary school teaching, I decided on high school."

In her spare time Ms. Tooley likes coaching volleyball, cooking, and playing many other sports. Some other things she enjoys in her spare time are

Mint Chocolate Chip ice cream, coffee, crystal light and spending time with her rat terrier, Bruiser. Her favorite movie is Shakespeare in Love.

After growing up in Central Square, Sandy Creek is exactly how she thought it would be. "I like being here and I enjoy teaching here."

Picture of teacher

REMINDER

Stop by Guidance to receive information about SAT/ACT registration.

SENIORS:

Now is the time to begin applying to colleges and for scholarships if you haven't already done so.

The Sandy Creek Alma Mater

*Alma mater's children
gather*

*From a near and far
Cost to coast her sway
extended*

High her guiding star

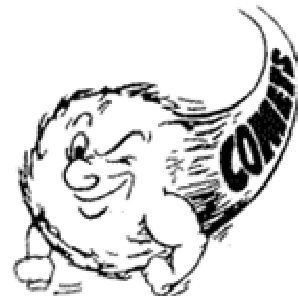
Lift the chorus

Sing her praises

*Proud her name we
speak*

*Hail to thee our alma
mater*

*HAIL OLD SANDY
CREEK*



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Cookies

by Douglas Adams

Submitted by: Michael Cambareri

This did actually happen to a real person, and the real person is me. I had gone to catch a train. This was April 1976, in Cambridge, U.K. I was a bit early for the train. I'd gotten the time of the train wrong. I went to get myself a newspaper to do the crossword, and a cup of coffee and a packet of cookies. I went and sat at a table. I want you to picture the scene. It's very important that you get this very clear in your mind. Here's the table, newspaper, cup of coffee, packet of cookies. There's a guy sitting opposite me, a perfectly ordinary looking guy wearing a business suit, carrying a briefcase. It didn't look like he was going to do anything weird. What he did was this: he suddenly leaned across, picked up the packet of cookies, tore it open, took one out, and ate it.

Now this, I have to say, is the sort of thing the British are very bad at dealing with. There's nothing in our background, upbringing, or education that teaches you how to deal with someone who in broad daylight has just stolen your cookies. You know what would happen if this had been South Central Los Angeles. There would have very quickly been gunfire, helicopters coming in, CNN, you know . . . But in the end, I did what any red-blooded Englishman would do: I ignored it. And I stared at the newspaper, couldn't do anything, and thought, *What Am I going to Do?*

In the end I thought, *Nothing for it, I'll just have to go for it*, and I tried very hard not to notice the fact that the packet was already mysteriously opened. I took out a cookie for myself. I thought, *That settled him*. But it hadn't because a moment or two later he did it again. He took another cookie. Having not mentioned it the first time, it was somehow even harder to raise the subject the second time around. "Excuse me, I couldn't help but notice. . ." I mean, it doesn't really work.

We went through the whole packet, I mean there were only about eight cookies, but it felt like a lifetime. He took one, I took one, he took one, I took one. Finally, when we got to the end, he stood up and walked away. Well, we exchanged meaningful looks, then he walked away, and I breathed a sigh of relief and sat back.

A moment or two later the train was coming in, so I tossed back the rest of my coffee, stood up, picked up the newspaper, and underneath the newspaper were my cookies.

The thing I like particularly about this story is the sensation that somewhere in England there has been wandering around for the last quarter-century or so a perfectly ordinary guy who's had the same exact story, only he doesn't have the punch line.

"People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them."

--- George Bernard Shaw, "Mrs. Warren's Pro-

fession" (1893) act II

Irish dramatist & socialist (1856 - 1950)