



THE COMET'S TALE

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Stewart R. Amell
Superintendent of
Schools

Congratulations Class of 2007

"A Message to the Graduates"

It's that time of year again when we say goodbye to our Seniors. For some students it is a time of rejoice...for others it is a time of nervousness and anxiety. Most of our graduates have chosen college but some head to the military and others directly into the world of work. Whatever their destination, I'm very confident that most of them are well prepared.

Graduating from high school today is no easy task. These graduates had to pass several difficult Regents Exams along with many challenging academic courses. They accomplished all this while participating in athletics, music, technology and art. Some even held after-school jobs. How did they do it? In my opinion, most of these students had nurturing family lives with supporting parents or guardians. I've been in education all my life, family support is the most important ingredient to a successful graduate. A special thanks to all our parents and guardians who met the challenge of parenthood. This will pay off big dividends in the future.

I had the opportunity to meet with most of our graduating seniors during the month of May to discuss the experience they had attending Sandy Creek Schools. Most of what they told me was very positive. They felt they had a good education at SCCSD and their teachers really cared about them. They also felt their school was safe and the curriculum prepared them for college or the world of work. Some suggestions were: more college courses, more parking for students and the opportunity to use the indoor track and fitness center during free time. I promised them that I would work on those suggestions because their ideas are important to me.

The student newspaper staff asked me again this year to give some final advice to the seniors. This is what I sent to them:

- * Continue your education. Today's labor market is very competitive and you must possess the skills necessary to compete for the best jobs.
- * Keep your family a priority in your life. Many of your family members, especially your parents, have sacrificed much for you. Appreciate what they have done for you.
- * Give back to your community. Get involved in some type of community service project. There are many individuals in this world that are not as fortunate as you. Help when you can, you will feel better about yourself when you do a good deed for another.
- * And finally, have confidence in yourself and don't be afraid to show it. You have accomplished much and still have many opportunities to show more.

Congratulations to the Class of 2007, I am very proud of you and will miss you!

IVISON'S INSIGHTS



Creg Ivison, President,
Board of Education

Congratulations to the Class of 2007. You have attained another milestone in the cycle of life.

You should be proud of your accomplishment and it should not be taken for granted, as there are many less fortunate in this country and even the community. I think I said it last year, but it is hard to believe how fast our graduates have grown. On behalf of the Board of Education, I'd like to wish each and every one the best in their endeavors. Most of all I'd like to personally thank those that are entering the military. It takes a special individual to make this type of commitment to our nation. May the Lord be with you, your families, and all the members of the military. We owe you our freedom.

I'd also like to congratulate all the students at SCCS for your accomplishments this year. While I can't begin to list all of the great things our students did, I want each student to know the community is proud. Whether you improved your test scores, wrapped Christmas presents, gave away food at the Friendship Shop, wrote to the members of the military, participated in mock trials, BOCES competitions, chorus, band, cheerleading, or athletics, you instill great pride in our community. Your hard work, determination, and spirit have done you well and will continue to pay huge dividends for you in the future. Keep up the great work.

For those that are not aware Debbie Carnes, Jim Clark, Justine Hammond, Carolyn Gaffney, Barb Orr, Sandy O'Neil, Rich Fuller, Connie Mothersell, and Linda Crast have or soon will become the class of 2007 retirees. So if you happen to see any of them, be sure to thank them for their many years of fruitful dedication to our children.

I wanted to thank the community for coming out to vote on May 15th and approving the budget, the capital reserve fund, and re-electing Jean Bonhotal and myself to the Board of Education. Without your support of SCCS our children would not have the facilities or programs available to be successful citizens of this great nation.

The Sandy Creek Central School District 2007 Valedictorian is Erin Clark



Parents: Layne and Anne Clark

College I plan to attend: University of Rochester

The teacher who inspired me most: Kevin Halsey

The best book I ever read: "A Million Little Pieces," by James Frey

My advice to my graduating class: Eat dessert first; life's too short.

What I hope to be doing in 10 years: Be successful in my chosen career and wherever life takes me.

How I hope to make the world a better place: By being aware and knowledgeable of our governmental decisions, social involvements and environmental issues so I make decisions that help our world be prosperous, safe and clean.

The Sandy Creek Central School District 2007 Salutatorian is Ryan Houghton

Parents: Ann and Allen Houghton

College I plan to attend: Clarkson University

The teacher who inspired me most: Mrs. Mary Maurer

The best book I ever read: "The Ultimate Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy," by Douglas Adams

My advice to my graduating class: Don't get caught up with the trivial little problems of the day, and remember it is people who are really important.

What I hope to be doing in 10 years: Working with technology that is not even imaginable at this point in time.

How I hope to make the world a better place: I hope to be able to either create or use the future's technology in order to help simplify and improve people's lives.



June Musings from the Middle School—Joanne Shelmidine, Principal

What a spring we have had! From an Apache visit to a moving Memorial Day assembly which was a culmination of the letter writing by our 7th grade Social Studies students under the direction of Mrs. Trudell. Our students learned that they do touch the lives of those beyond our walls.

New York State testing is complete. I am so proud of our students and our teachers. Preliminary reports are back and more of our students are meeting the state's benchmarks for proficiency. We have been focused on student success and we are seeing results!

Planning has begun for next year. We are busy finalizing the master schedule, and coordinating team activities. In addition, you will be hearing more about the National Junior High Honor Society being organized by Mrs. Burns and Mrs. C. Shirley. Teachers are signing up for professional development over the summer that will continue to improve student learning.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish Mr. James Clark a happy and healthy retirement. Mr. Clark has taught for 35 years and we are sad to see him leave. We know that he will enjoy his retirement.

As we work together to help your child be successful, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We all want the same thing—your child's success.



Have a safe and wonderful summer!

High School Summer Math Program—Maureen Shiel, Principal

The High School Math Department is once again offering summer courses here on Sandy Creek's campus. This year we will be offering Math B, Graphing Calculator, Math A for students who passed the course but failed the Regents exam, Math A for students who failed the Math A course, and Math A extended for students who failed the course. Students will be offered free breakfast and lunch and transportation will be provided. Classes start July 9 and end August 15, every Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Math A and Math B Regents exams will be offered here on the morning of August 16, 2007.

Elementary Retirees—Sue Ann Archibee, Principal

Five of our dedicated teachers are leaving the Elementary this June to join the ranks of happy retirees. Combined they represent over 150 years of teaching experience, having touched the lives of multiple generations of community members.



Debra Carnes, Carolyn Gaffney, Justine Hammond, Sandra O'Neil and Barbara Orr have contributed in so many ways in the classroom and in the school community at large.



Programs such as Great Body Shop, Elementary Student Council, Climate Committee, Career Days, Special Art Club, and PreK have all been run under their expertise.



Many other professionals have benefited under these talented, watchful eyes as well, as we were lucky enough to be student teachers, practicum students, and peers. I know because I personally owe a debt of gratitude to them for the models they provided me.



Please join me in celebrating their accomplishments and in wishing them well in the next phase of their careers!

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 or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site and times as follows:

Sandy Creek Central School Elementary Cafeteria
July 9th to August 10th, Monday through Friday.

Meals will be served as follows:

Breakfast from 8:00AM to 9:30 AM ONLY

Lunch from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM ONLY

All meals must be consumed in the cafeteria.

Persons interested in receiving more information should contact: **Debbie Archibee at Sandy Creek Central School, 387-3465 Ext 1602**

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Bus Poster Contest Winner

Each year our students are invited to participate in a School Bus Safety Poster Contest sponsored by the Transportation Department. Winners go on to compete on regional and state levels. This year Abigail Widrig from Mrs. Schickling's Second Grade Class won second place at the Regional Level, and has gone on to compete at the state level. Pictured is Mrs. Deb Stevens awarding Abigail her prize. Congratulations and good luck Abigail!



2007-2008 SCCS Budget

Thank you to the Sandy Creek Central School District Community for the successful passage of our 2007-2008 budget, bus purchases, and funding of our capital reserve propositions. These financial commitments will greatly enhance and insure the increased academic achievement of our students. We are also very grateful for our community members of the budget liaison committee for their continued involvement in the process. In these changing times of ever increasing housing assessments and costs of living, the children of our district truly appreciate your ongoing support!

Scenes from the Elementary School



SCCS Recognition of Staff and Students



High School Support Staff



Mock Trial



Elementary Support Staff



Food Service Staff



Buildings & Grounds



School Bus Aides



School Nurses



School Based Health Center



SCCS Board of Education



SCCS Administration



Teacher Assistants



Transportation Staff



Administrative Professionals



Cheerleading



Operation Cargo Pocket



School Fund-Raiser

Capital Reserve Fund

Thank you to the voters who authorized the funding of the Capital Reserve. The District will begin to fund the capital fund "savings account" in this current school year with any revenue it received in excess of the budgeted amount and with any unspent monies from the expense side of the budget up to a maximum of \$250,000 for the fiscal year 2006-2007. This Capital Reserve can only be used for additional renovations or alterations to our existing buildings and site. Additionally, this reserve has a life span of ten years and a final target funding level of \$2,000,000.

Currently the District is formulating a project that will be mostly paid for with the new categorical aid for buildings called EXCEL (EXpanding our Children's Education Learning). Any project expenditures not allowable under the EXCEL grant will be offset by the capital reserve. This new project will encompass the five categories of EXCEL, those being: Educational Technology, Health & Safety, Energy, Handicapped Accessibility, and Increased Capacity through Enrollment Growth. Details are forthcoming and will be relayed to you as soon as the plan is "ironed" out and has the preliminary informal approval from the State Education Department (SED). This process is necessary so that we don't go through all of the labor and expense of voting on a project then to have (SED) deny the funding of EXCEL. We want to be absolutely positive of the funding status prior to the vote.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION, JUNE 15, 2007



New York State Scholar-Athlete Team Awards

The New York State Athletic Association recognizes the academic accomplishments of athletic teams for each sport in each season. In order to be recognized, teams must achieve a certain standard of academic progress during their season's marking period. Each team has a minimum number of students required to have at least a combined average of 90% with each individual needing at least an 85% average. The NYSPHSAA will then award the top school (for each sport) as a State Champion.

You can see two banners that are hung in our gym for our Softball Teams that were awarded State Champion Scholar Athlete Teams.

We are very proud of our teams especially when they achieve academic success. It is a great reflection of our students, staff, parents and community.

Congratulations to the following teams for being recognized as New York State Scholar Athlete Teams for the 2006-2007 school year.

FALL— Football, Football Cheerleading, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer

WINTER—Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Cheerleading, Volleyball, Ice Hockey,
Wrestling

SPRING—Softball, Girls Track, Boys Track, Golf

Greetings from the School-Based Health Center

Summer's coming and starting July 9th to August 15th we will be open on M, T, W from 8:00 to 3:00. On the days that we are closed, patients can be seen at the Pulaski Health Center at 61 Delano St. in Pulaski.

For students who are not yet signed up or students entering Pre-K, you can pick up your enrollment forms at the School-Based Health Center, Pulaski Health Center or School offices. All school-aged children are eligible to participate.

Call us at 387-3620 to schedule an appointment. Don't forget those sports physicals, yearly physicals and well child checks!

2007 Sandy Creek Central School District Wall of Distinction Inductees

Sandy Creek Central School District is proud to introduce to you the 2007 Wall of Distinction Inductees. Throughout their lives, these extraordinary people have shown a high level of professionalism, distinction, and sufficient moral character as to represent a positive role model to students in the school district.

Agnes Grant
Class of 1914

New York State Mother of the Year—1953. Active member of the Red Cross, Grange, Home Bureau, 4-H Clubs, Sandy Creek Fair and Rural Letter Carrier Association. Newspaper correspondent for several local newspapers



Denver Miles
Class of 1940

U.S. Army Air Corp in the 15th Army, 456th Heavy Bomb Group, completing 51 missions. BS Degree from Oswego State Teachers College, M.S. Degree from Syracuse University. Middle School Teacher for 32 years at Sandy Creek Central School District. Active member in the Lacona Fire Department, VFW, and Village Players

The 2007 Wall of Distinction Ceremony will be held Friday, June 22nd at 6:15 p.m. in the District Office lobby immediately preceding the 2007 Alumni Banquet at 7:00 p.m. Tours will begin at 5:00 p.m.



Myron Lewis

Class of 1950

PH.D. Accomplished and recognized educator, developing highly acclaimed programs in the U.S. and numerous foreign countries focusing on establishment and growth of technology and business programs. Extensive experience with U.S. Department of Defense.

Joseph Heath

Class of 1964

Class Valedictorian. Attorney representing individuals such as prisoners of the Attica uprising, Native Americans—Oneidas and Onondagas, and Federal Expresso against Federal Express.



Mark Minor

Class of 1978

PH.D. Attended Oswego State and Syracuse University prior to being accepted at St. George's Medical School in Granada. Completed clinical in New York City and residency in Altoona, PA. After passing his boards, opened up a private practice in Huntington, PA. Also works as an MD in a nearby prison and wound clinic.



SCCS Pesticide Information

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 16, 2007 June 22, 2007:

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-hours 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, PO Box 248, Sandy Creek, NY 13145, Phone: 315-387-3445 x1510, Fax: 315-387-2196.

Sandy Creek Central School District

**REQUEST FOR PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTIFICATION
(Please Print)**

_____ School Building

Name: _____

Address: _____

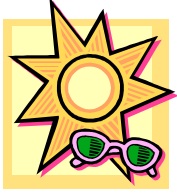
Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Please feel free to contact Chris Ouderkirk, 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

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES



PREVENTION

THE KEY TO A HEALTHY SUMMER

Prevent Sunburn:

- Wear sunscreen of at least 15 SPF, AND re-apply every 2 hours.
- Use lip balm- lips burn too!
- Wear sunglasses- eyes can be harmed by the ultraviolet rays.

Drink plenty of water- prevents dehydration and keeps skin supple.

Prevent exposure to Lyme Disease:

- Wear long sleeved shirts and tuck long pants into shoes when in the deep woods.
- Do a "spot check" after long periods of time outdoors. Check head to toe for ticks and other insects.
- Follow directions carefully when using Insect Repellents, especially those that contain DEET.
- Eliminate standing water. (Old tires, clogged rain gutter, buckets, etc.).

See your doctor if you develop a "bull's eye" type rash, stiff neck, fever, muscle aches, etc. These could be early signs of Lyme Disease.

Prevent Head Injury:

Wear a helmet **every time** you ride a bike, skateboard, or use in-line skates.

Prevent Swimming Accidents:

- Never swim alone- always swim with a buddy, even if the pool is in your back yard!

If you don't know how deep the water is- don't dive.

Attention Parents and Community Members

The District/Business Office—Ext. 1510, High School Office—Ext. 1910, Middle School Office—Ext. 1910, and Elementary Office—Ext. 1110, are open Monday through Friday during the Summer months. If you have any questions regarding your child's/children's classes or schedules, please contact any one of the offices above.

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Sandy Creek, NY 13145

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Elementary : Ext. 1110
Middle School/High School: Ext.: 1910
Nurses Office—
Elem: Ext. 1501; HS: Ext. 1502
Transportation: Ext. 3330

We're on the Web!
sccs.cnyric.org

COMMUNITY TRACK/WEIGHT ROOM INFORMATION



The Sandy Creek Central School District Weight Room and Track will be available until June 22nd and will resume community activity with the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the District Office at 387-3445, ext. 1510.

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