



THE COMET'S TALE

Sandy Creek Central School

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Coordinator: Janice Burns



Stewart R. Amell
Superintendent of
Schools

District Names Carolyn Shirley Middle School Coordinator

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I announce the appointment of Carolyn Shirley, a 26 year veteran of the school district, as Middle School Coordinator.

Joanne Shelmidine, who served as the Middle School Principal since 2004, recently left her position to become Superintendent of Schools in Remsen, NY. When Mrs. Shelmidine announced her departure, the Board of Education met with the middle school staff to discuss the future of the middle school program. Discussions focused on several issues including; going back to a 6-12 grade configuration, a district-wide trend of declining enrollments, the continual decrease in state aid, and the need to continue a middle school concept that has drastically improved student performance on state assessments. After much debate, the Board of Education decided to continue supporting the middle school concept but eliminate the middle school principal position, creating instead a coordinator's position that would include some teaching responsibilities. This decision not only gives the middle school the leadership it needs but also saves the District thousands of dollars in administrative costs.

Mrs. Shirley will facilitate all middle school programs, address middle school student management issues, work closely with parents and families, and also work as a partner with the high school principal, Maureen Shiel. Ms. Shiel will handle all administrative responsibilities at the middle school that are required by state law.

I am very confident that our middle school program will continue to move in a positive direction under the leadership of Carolyn Shirley.



Superintendent Amell and Ms. Shirley prepare for the upcoming school year.

MAC VEAN'S MEMOS



Brian MacVean, President,
Board of Education

It is with great honor that I serve the school community as President of the Board of Education for the 2010-2011 school year.

I have been on the Board of Education for nine (9) years and have previously served as the Vice-President for six (6) years. Over those years I have found my volunteering on the Board of Education to be both very rewarding and occasionally challenging. I would like to thank Greg Ivison for his past years as President and the leadership he exhibited. With his guidance, the Board of Education and the Administration have provided the necessary support for a safe and secure environment for our staff to educate our students.

Our Board of Education is still developing their goals for the 2010-2011 school year; however I offer this information as a pre-cursor to where the District is headed. As we advance into the second decade of the 21st century, our District's technology must also progress. Currently our classrooms are being fitted with SMART technology, both SMART boards and overhead projectors. This technology allows the teacher and students to interact through multimedia software. While this won't completely replace paper and pencil, it will allow students to work on problems collectively, take notes and print them off. Additionally, the exact areas that a student is struggling in can be pinpointed through data analysis of the student's on-line work. SMART technology will assist teachers in streamlining academic intervention according to each student's specific needs.

I take pride in stating that I am an alumnus of Sandy Creek Central School District. I have seen our District move from neighborhood schools setting to a main campus educational facility while maintaining our rural charm. I will strive to ensure that Sandy Creek Central School District remains as the best kept secret in the North Country!

REMINDER

**SCCS BOOSTER CLUB MEETINGS
4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM**

A New Year

Carolyn Shirley Middle School Coordinator

It's that time of year again. I am excited about our new school year and working with our middle school students and their parents. The middle school years provide a student with challenging and exciting learning opportunities. At Sandy Creek, we are extremely fortunate to have a faculty and staff that are committed to providing a rigorous academic program and setting high expectations for all. We also recognize and welcome family support and communication in building a successful experience for our students.

We have a new addition to our staff this year. Sandra Kinney will be working with our students in general music classes and chorus.

Having a positive school climate is critical for optimal learning. Students must feel safe in their learning environment. With this in mind, we will continue to embody the virtues of kindness, perseverance, and responsibility. We expect our students to be kind, work hard, and be responsible for their actions.

Although middle-school students are becoming more independent and increasingly involved in more activities outside the family, it is important that parents continue their involvement in their child's school and extra curricular activities. Help your child manage homework time, show interest in their studies, and acknowledge efforts made at school. Your understanding, adult judgment, and good sense of humor can make the middle school years a joy for both you and your child.

The Syracuse University School of Education Honors Sandy Creek Central School District as a District of Promise

On August 9, 2010 Sandy Creek Central School was recognized as a District of Promise for the inclusive education program in partnership with the Reading First literacy program. Sandy Creek is the first district that has been recognized and celebrated at the Annual Summer Leadership Institute that is organized by Julie Causton-Theoharis, Ph. D., George Theoharis, Ph. D. and Christy Ashby, Ph. D.

The Annual Summer Leadership institute is an interactive three-day school leadership institute that utilizes a multi-media approach combining film, the latest research and the keys necessary to create equitable and excellent schools for all students.

Joan Royle, Reading First Coach and Janice Burns, PPS Coordinator/CSE Chair accepted a banner to be displayed in the school and delivered a brief presentation outlining the programs and practices at Sandy Creek. George Theoharis cited Sandy Creek as a school that does not just talk about inclusion, but demonstrates an authentic inclusion philosophy and practice throughout the Pre K-12 district.



NETWORK UPDATES AND SECURITY

We've recently completed a major upgrade to the SCCS network which included increasing the fiber optic connection within the building and also increasing our wireless access. These upgrades were necessary to facilitate the increased security systems and also to help teachers take advantage of the vast amount of digital content available for their classrooms. Virtually all of the classrooms at SCCS now have ceiling mounted digital projectors and the majority of classrooms are also equipped with whiteboard technology. Students and staff have access to a large variety of network and internet based programs and software to facilitate teaching and learning. Many of these programs contain historical databases to track educational progress and target areas in need of improvement.

The technology staff at SCCS constantly seeks to keep a secure and safe learning environment for our staff and students. We maintain anti-virus and firewall hardware and software to protect our network and users but a large part of security rests with the individual. As part of that system, we are focusing on educating our student and staff population this year through staff development trainings and also student assemblies. By bringing in outside presenters we hope to keep our message to our educational community fresh and relevant. Please communicate to your child the need to maintain confidentiality and safety when they are using any internet accessible product. With the increase in internet accessible devices (smartphones, etc.) it is important to remember that your children can now be on the internet virtually anywhere and at anytime.

Fall Reminders from the Elementary

- Start time is 8:15 AM every day. Your child will be marked tardy if he/she arrives after 8:30 AM.
- If you are bringing your child in after 8:30 AM or picking him/her up before 3:00 PM, you must sign in/out by the office and notify office personnel. Children coming in late must have a pass from the office.
- All visitors must sign in and out by the office windows and secure a visitor pass from office personnel. Parents may not go to classrooms during the school day unless they have permission.
- Please mark your child's belongings with his/her first name and last initial. Check the lost and found in the lobby for missing items.
- Bus changes must be to the office by 10:00 AM to be honored for that day.
- Mrs. Waggoner is at the side door each morning and night, from 8 until 8:30 AM and 2:55 until 3:15 PM to help your child move safely to and from the building.
- Carefully check the monthly calendars we send home with students. The district calendar is printed in August and we have many changes that occur during the year. Each month's calendar is much more accurate and detailed. Additional copies can be obtained in the Elementary office or from your child's teacher.
- Read with your child for 20 minutes every day. Research proves that consistent practice in reading develops life long skills that lead to success!

Dedication Night at Sandy Creek Elementary

Our Open House will be a very special one this year, as we dedicate our library mural and rededicate our playground. Please plan to join us on September 30th, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the Elementary Gym for the start of the festivities. True Open House will begin at 6:15 PM this year to accommodate the ceremony.

First we will dedicate our library mural in memory of Joseph Dillenbeck and Riely Pottenburgh, brothers and elementary students who lost their lives in a fire in Richland in January of 2009. The mural is of a whimsical tree whose branches reach around our group reading area. It is hoped that students will enjoy reading under this tree's branches, and have a chance to read some of the titles we have established in the boy's names. When you are visiting, try to find the special leaves for Riely and Joey. The tree design incorporates ideas from our staff and the artistry of our librarian, Rebecca Fairchild. The book collection represents donations from staff, community members and other schools/organizations who heard of our tragic loss and wished to show their support. We thank everyone who has contributed to this project.

Next we will be ready to rededicate the Sean Thompson Memorial Playground. Our playground reconstruction is complete and the grass is growing in well, so after visiting the library mural at the start of the evening, we will walk through the courtyard and out the second grade area doors to the newly remodeled playground. There visitors will be able to view our play scape and related areas. Our students have been enjoying the equipment for some months, and the picnic area has been busy all summer. We are confident that we once again are able to "play all the way. To make a better day" (Sean's poem).

We look forward to seeing everyone here for the ceremonies and Open House!

The New 3-8 Testing Schedule

As you probably have heard in the news, New York State has recently changed several key components of our 3-8 testing program. They first changed the way our students were scored on the ELA and Math assessments that were administered last spring, and have now instituted a new testing schedule.

An important note to make is that the Social Studies tests for grades 5 and 8 have been eliminated. This means one less assessment for those students. We are not sure what effect it will have on the reports you receive on your child's progress. More information will be shared with you as we learn it. Please call Amy McCormack, our Reading/Testing Coordinator, with questions.

ELEMENTARY

K-5 ALTERNATE MEAL

PBJ or Bologna and cheese sandwich in place of main Entrée
 3-5 have a choice of a chef salad or chicken Caesar in place of the menu item. Salad comes with crackers or bread.
 Choose sensibly snacks range in price from \$.25 to \$.50

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

ALTERNATE MEAL FOR 6-12

Harvest salad
 Chef salad or chicken Caesar w/ crackers or bread
 Fruit plate, (cottage cheese, tuna or turkey and 2 fruits)
 Tuna or Turkey pita pocket or wrap
 Tuna, Turkey, egg, PBJ, bologna and cheese sandwich with soup of the day .
 Soups are
 Veggie, minestrone , chicken noodle, tomato, or homemade.
 For snacks we offer choose sensibly ice cream , chips and Little Debbie treats.

BREAKFAST

Instant oatmeal

Hot breakfast available
 Everyday
 Cold breakfast consists of cereal, milk, juice, donut or pop-tart

PRICES

BREAKFAST

K-12 \$.90
 REDUCED \$.25

LUNCH

K-3 \$1.20
 4-12 \$1.35
 REDUCED \$.25

Pay by the day, week or month
 SIGN UP FOR
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September Menu 2010

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SIGN UP FOR WWW.MY LUNCH MONEY.COM	GET FREE AND REDUCED APPLICATIONS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE	1 	2 TEACHER ORIENTATION Day 	3 
6 LABOR DAY	7 Welcome Back Students CHICKEN PATTY ON A BUN Seasoned potatoes Peas	8 HAM OR TURKEY SUB w/ cheese Lettuce & tomato Potato chips Fresh fruit	9 SPAGHETTI w/ meat sauce Italian bread Green beans Applesauce	10 STUFFED CRUST PIZZA Garden salad Chilled fruit
13 CHEESEBURGER ON A BUN French fries Pickle chips Peaches	14 MAC & CHEESE Dinner roll California mix Fresh fruit	15 CHICKEN TENDERS Buttered seasoned noodles California mix Cheesecake w/	16 CHEESY BREAD STIX w/ dipping sauce Carrot sticks Mandarin oranges	17 HONEY RIB ON A BUN Salt potatoes Corn Chilled fruit
20 PORK CHOPLET Potato or rice Gravy Broccoli Dinner roll	21 TACO SALAD Taco meat on nacho Lettuce & tomato Cheese, salsa	22 HOT DOG ON A BUN Baked beans Tater tots Fresh fruit	23 DELI WORKS Cheese, ham and turkey on a bun Lettuce & tomato Potato chips	24 HOMEMADE PIZZA Green beans Chilled fruit
27 WING DINGS Blue cheese dressing w/ celery sticks Buttered seasoned noodles	28 GRILLED CHICKEN ON A BUN Lettuce & tomato Cheesy potatoes Fruit cocktail	29 CHEESEBURGER ON A BUN Waffle fries Pickle chips Fresh fruit	30 STUFFED CRUST PIZZA Garden salad peaches	OCT. 1 ALL FREE AND REDUCED APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN TODAY

Applications for free or reduced meals are available in the cafeteria or the main offices. Please have new application in before the end of the month.

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

View our menu on our website at www.sccs.cnyric.org

SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST

Did you know that breakfast is the most important meal of your child's day? It provides the nutrients and energy he needs to concentrate in school. Research shows that kids who eat breakfast get better grades, pay more attention in class, and behave better. Help your youngster begin his day on the right foot.

We have a hot breakfast available everyday.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
PANCAKE ON A STICK	BREAKFAST PIZZA	COMET MUFFINS	WAFFLE or PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE	COOKS CHOICE

COLD BREAKFAST ITEMS AVAILABLE EVERYDAY

JUICE	GRAHAM CRACKERS	YOGURT	MILK
	CEREAL	POP-TART	DONUT
BREAKFAST PRICE K-12	\$.90	REDUCED \$.25	MILK ONLY \$.40

GRAINS <small>Make half your grains whole</small>	VEGETABLES <small>Vary your veggies</small>	FRUITS <small>Focus on fruits</small>	MILK <small>Get your calcium-rich foods</small>	MEAT & BEANS <small>Go lean with protein</small>
<p>Eat at least 3 oz. of whole-grain cereals, breads, crackers, rice, or pasta every day</p> <p>1 oz. is about 1 slice of bread, about 1 cup of breakfast cereal, or 1/2 cup of cooked rice, cereal, or pasta</p>	<p>Eat more dark-green veggies like broccoli, spinach, and other dark leafy greens</p> <p>Eat more orange vegetables like carrots and sweetpotatoes</p> <p>Eat more dry beans and peas like pinto beans, kidney beans, and lentils</p>	<p>Eat a variety of fruit</p> <p>Choose fresh, frozen, canned, or dried fruit</p> <p>Go easy on fruit juices</p>	<p>Go low-fat or fat-free when you choose milk, yogurt, and other milk products</p> <p>If you don't or can't consume milk, choose lactose-free products or other calcium sources such as fortified foods and beverages</p>	<p>Choose low-fat or lean meats and poultry</p> <p>Bake it, broil it, or grill it</p> <p>Vary your protein routine – choose more fish, beans, peas, nuts, and seeds</p>

For a 2,000-calorie diet, you need the amounts below from each food group. To find the amounts that are right for you, go to MyPyramid.gov.

Eat 6 oz. every day	Eat 2 1/2 cups every day	Eat 2 cups every day	Get 3 cups every day; <small>for kids aged 2 to 8, it's 2</small>	Eat 5 1/2 oz. every day
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<p>Find your balance between food and physical activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure to stay within your daily calorie needs. • Be physically active for at least 30 minutes most days of the week. • About 60 minutes a day of physical activity may be needed to prevent weight gain. • For sustaining weight loss, at least 60 to 90 minutes a day of physical activity may be required. • Children and teenagers should be physically active for 60 minutes every day, or most days. 	<p>Know the limits on fats, sugars, and salt (sodium)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make most of your fat sources from fish, nuts, and vegetable oils. • Limit solid fats like butter, margarine, shortening, and lard, as well as foods that contain these. • Check the Nutrition Facts label to keep saturated fats, trans fats, and sodium low. • Choose food and beverages low in added sugars. Added sugars contribute calories with few, if any, nutrients.
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Sandy Creek Central School Featured at Education Conference in Washington, DC

The 2010 OSEP Project Directors' Conference held in Washington, DC on July 19-20, 2010 included a presentation by the STAIR (Supporting Successful Strategies to Achieve Improved Results) Project team led by Tom Bull from Syracuse University. Sandy Creek is one of thirteen school districts across the state of New York that have been nominated and validated as effective practice schools and featured at the conference in Washington.

Sandy Creek is cited for its strong commitment to inclusive education for students with disabilities, specifically our inclusive Reading First program in the Pre-K-5 building. Tom Bull and his colleagues at Syracuse University chose to showcase Sandy Creek at the Washington conference because, "the teachers, faculty, staff, parents, students and Board of Education at Sandy Creek don't just talk about inclusion, they live it every day."

For more information and to access the website that cites our district go to <http://www.s3tairproject.org/showcase/sandy-creek>. Click on Showcase and then Inclusive Reading First program. The website includes information on the district, photos and video interviews with the CSE Chariperson and the Reading First Coach.

PICTURE TAKING DAYS AT SCCS



Elementary — September 14 (Commons Area)
High School / Middle School — September 15 (High School Auditorium)
Seniors — October 7 (High School Auditorium)

SCCS Transportation Department

The Transportation Department has been very busy this summer! Many changes have been made to bus routes. Letters have been sent out to all students in the District who ride a bus with information on bus numbers and pick up and drop off times. Please call the Transportation Office @ 315-387-3445 Ext. 3330 if you did not receive this information.

Congratulations to our Bus Mechanics, Ed Hess and Greg Shippee for meeting the goal of having over 90% of our vehicles pass the NYSDOT's semi-annual bus safety inspection. NYSDOT has placed our maintenance program among the best in the state. Kudos to Ed and Greg!

Our buses will be back on the roads starting September 7th. Remember to **STOP for the RED FLASHING LIGHTS!** Students make sure to be ready for the bus at least 5 minutes earlier than the scheduled time and remember to follow the safe ridership rules!

A New Face in our Music Department



Sandy Kinney will be joining us in September as our High School / Middle School Choral/Music teacher. She is originally from Oswego, NY, but now resides in Parish with her husband and two children. Kinney is a graduate of Ithaca College School of Music and has obtained her Masters from SUNY Cortland. She has taught general and vocal music for the past 14 years and is very excited to become a part of the Sandy Creek School District.

WELCOME BACK FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES

"READY, SET. . .STOP?" That's right! Before your child runs out the door for school each day, do a "quick check" to make sure they are not sick. Ask yourself this quick checklist: *"Coughing constantly? Vomiting or Diarrhea? Fever over 100.5? Sore throat for more than 2 days?"* If any of these are "yes", make arrangements to keep your child home. Even though the "H1N1 Flu pandemic" is officially over (hooray!), all the healthy habits your child has developed still apply. Not coming to school sick, a good night's rest, hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and not placing fingers in mouths (or noses) go a long way in preventing all illnesses from spreading at school and at home!

SPORTS FORMS- The form for sports called the **"30 day form"** is required by New York State Law for **every sport** (grades 7-12). It's called a *"30 day form"* because it is required to be submitted within 30 days prior to practice or play of any sport. The reason for this is to alert us to any injuries or changes in your athlete's medical status since the last sport or physical. The importance of the form is to let the coach know of issues but also to alert medical personnel in the event of injury or other emergency. So if you are asking yourself: *"Didn't I fill this form out before?"* Yes, you did, but keeping up-to-date information is very important for all of our student athletes.

DENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES REQUESTED- Students entering Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, 7th, and 10th Grades are requested to submit proof of a *Comprehensive Dental Examination*. You have all school year to submit the **Dental Health Certificate**. Remember, if your child is enrolled in the School Based Health Center's Dental Program, they can fill out the form for you, but **you must first sign the top portion before you send it in to the Health Center.**

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS- Thank You Parents for your continued understanding of the policy in the elementary school requesting that only store-bought treats be sent in to school for special occasions. This policy is in place to protect any student with a food allergy, such as peanut/tree nut allergies. (A list of suggested peanut/tree nut-free treats will be sent home for your convenience if your child's classroom is designated as such.)

E-MAIL US! You are always welcome to call the *Nurses Office* anytime, but if you would prefer to drop us an e-mail, please know that we do check our e-mail frequently throughout the day. Our addresses are: lacrast@sccs.cnyric.org for Laurie Crast, RN, Middle/High School and churne@sccs.cnyric.org for Claudia Hurne, RN, Elementary School.

News from the High School

Time is quickly flying by and school will be in session shortly. I would like to let the students and parents know that we have a new Chorus/Music Teacher joining us this fall. Mrs. Sandra Kinney is coming to us from the Syracuse area where she taught at Roxboro Road Elementary School.

The first few days of school are always hectic. We would like students to start school off on a positive note. Lists of materials needed for this fall were sent out with each student's June report card. If you do not have your list, please contact the High School office so we can send out another.

I would also like to remind students about some of the school rules that need to be adhered to upon entering the building each morning. Baseball caps, backpacks, and electronic devices (including cell phones) are to be placed in students lockers by 8:15 AM and should remain in lockers until 3:05 PM. On the first day of school students will report to homeroom, where they will be assigned a locker so these items do not become a problem. The dress code will be strictly enforced. Please consult the Code of Conduct for specific dress code information.

Mr. Stevens and I will be holding class meetings on the first two days to review with student academic requirements, behavioral expectations and the Code of Conduct. Parents that are interested in seeing the Code of Conduct can find it on our Web Site at www.sccs.cnyric.org. Each student will also be provided with a School Planner that has a copy of the Code of Conduct in it. See you soon.

— Maureen Shiel, Principal



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“Helping People – Supporting Communities – Changing Lives”

Dear Parent:

A child's health and well being can play a large role in becoming the best student they can be. Oswego County Opportunities Inc. Facilitated Enrollment Program wants to make sure that every student has access to quality, affordable health care coverage. As we embark on a new school year, it is of utmost importance that your children have the best medical coverage he or she deserves. In today's economic climate, health care concerns and costs can be a major hassle and barrier for families to pursue. Not anymore!

Oswego County Opportunities Inc, Facilitated Enrollment Program is available to assist Oswego County residents in applying for not only children but adults too, in Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus, and Medicaid. Facilitated Enrollers are trained professionals who assist and advocate for families looking to apply into managed care programs, including Total Care, Fidelis Care, Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield, and United Health Care AmeriChoice. The Facilitated Enrollment Program has 9 enrollment sites throughout the county with convenient appointment times and locations. Eligibility is based on household income and family size. Child Health Plus may cost very little or nothing at all, while Medicaid and Family Health Plus is at no cost if found eligible.

Covered benefits include:

- ◆ Doctor Visits
- ◆ Checkups
- ◆ Dental and Eye Exams
- ◆ Immunizations
- ◆ Hospital Care
- ◆ Emergency Care
- ◆ Prescription Drugs

If you are interested in finding health care solutions for you and your family please call 315-342-0888 EXT. 1450, for a quick phone screening to be educated on your family's eligibility possibilities. Don't let not having health care be an excuse for you and your family not receiving all of the health care services you and your family deserve.

Administrative Services
598-4717
ocoinfo@oco.org

Children's Services
598-4711
children@oco.org

Health Services
598-4715
health@oco.org

Mental Hygiene Services
598-4710
mentalhygiene@oco.org

Services to Aid Families
342-1544
SAF@oco.org

Senior Services
598-4712
seniors@oco.org

Transportation Services
598-4713
transportation@oco.org

Youth Services
342-7532
youthservices@oco.org

**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.
- b. 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: Stewart R. Amell, 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;

- 7. Dates of attendance;
- 8. The student's photograph; and
- 9. 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.

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 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 would like 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 the Sandy Creek Central School District Business Administrator at: 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 Ouder Kirk, 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.

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School District

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Phone: 315-387-3445
Fax: 315-387-2196
District Office: Ext. 1510
Business Office: Ext. 1510
Elementary : Ext. 1110
Middle School/High School: Ext.: 1910
Nurses Office—
Elem: Ext. 1503: HS: Ext. 1505
Transportation: Ext. 3330

COMMUNITY TRACK/WEIGHT ROOM INFORMATION



The Sandy Creek Central School District Weight Room and Track will be open for the community's use every evening that school is in session from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. They will not be open on snow days, holidays, vacations, weekends or any day that after school activities are cancelled. If you have any questions, please call the District Office at 387-3445.

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