

Sandy Creek

Central School
District
Newsletter



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The Comet's Tale



The Future of CTE

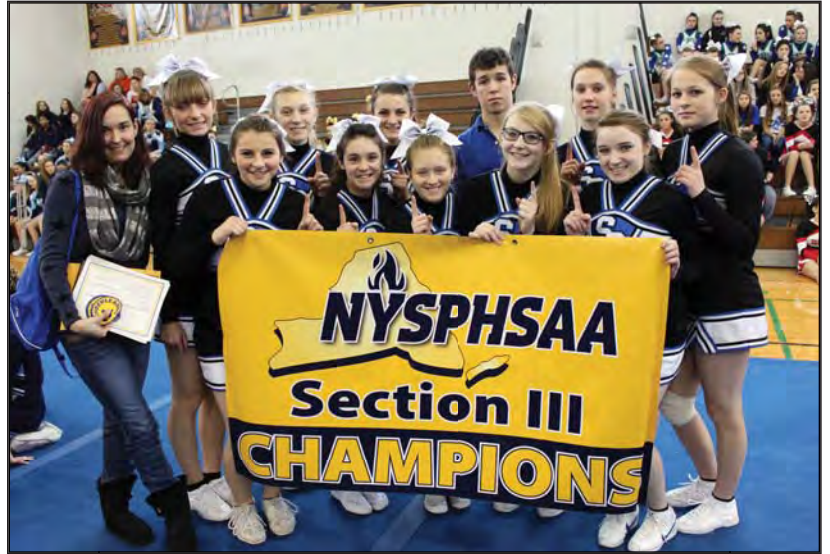


Richelle Ranieri is a CTE student from Sandy Creek enrolled in early childhood education at Oswego County BOCES. She is pictured at an elementary school rotation site working with students in the class.

Sandy Creek High School hosted a meeting for component districts in January to discuss Career and Technical Education (CTE) at Oswego County BOCES. BOCES Assistant Superintendent Roseann Bayne and CTE Principal Marla Berlin presented on the proposed course offerings for next year. These new opportunities include New Vision Business, CTE Business, CTE STEM and 10th Grade Career Connections. Currently, students in the Sandy Creek Central School District enter BOCES' programs as juniors and seniors, earn vocational credit, and prepare themselves for 21st century careers.

Sandy Creek Cheerleaders Section III Champs

The Sandy Creek Varsity Cheerleaders were named Section III Class C Champions recently at South Jefferson, outscoring teams from Bishop Grimes, West Canada Valley and Herkimer to take the top spot. Section III All Stars included Clarice Thibault, Deanna Rusz, Val Kampff and Cait Williams. Coach Tanya VanOrnum was also named Coach of the Year for Section III. Pictured following the competition are, front row, left to right: Caitlyn Williams, Sammi Pandolfi, Sara Castor, Deanna Rusz, and Clarice Thibault. Back row, left to right are: Section III Coach of the Year Tanya VanOrnum, Lexi Goodnough, Lindsey Goodnough, Brittany Valley, Luke Elliott, Val Kampff and Bailey Laundre.



Five SCCS Juniors Ace English Regents Exam

Five Sandy Creek High School juniors earned a perfect score on the January English Regents Exam. Students Anita Glenister, Lexi Goodnough, Jay Ivison, Sarah McDougal and Madeline Yousey, along with 54 other classmates, braved the harsh winter elements on Monday, January 27 to take the New York State exam which consists of three parts: 25 multiple choice questions, two extended response writing questions, and one essay writing question. The multiple choice questions test students' listening and note taking skills as well as reading comprehension and analysis skills while the writing sample questions test the students' higher level of thinking and require students to prepare structured writing samples that are stylistically appropriate and are supported using evidence.



Pictured above, left to right, are the five Sandy Creek High School Juniors that earned a perfect score on the New York State English Regents Exam that was offered on January 27: Lexi Goodnough, Anita Glenister, Jay Ivison, Sarah McDougal, and Madeline Yousey. The students are pictured with 11th Grade English Teacher Christina Hunt.

SCCS "Wall of Distinction" Special Section Inside!

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The Sandy Creek High School Drama Department
Presents:

Oliver
March 14th & 15th
6:00 p.m.
High School Auditorium

Learning Continues at Mid-Winter SCCS Staff Development Day



Sandy Creek Central School District students might have had the day off from school on Friday, January 31 but the district's entire educational community was hard at work for a daylong staff development opportunity. A representative from the Central New York Regional Information Center was on hand to assist teachers in grades six through twelve with the web-based student management system called SchoolTool. Departmental and grade level meetings gave the same teachers an opportunity to work collaboratively in reviewing student performance data from the first half of the school year and then plan ahead for implementation of new Common Core modules for the remainder of the school year. At the elementary level, teachers in universal pre-kindergarten through grade two participated in an Amplify Insight training to discuss their progress through the curriculum and address areas that they need clarification on and/or areas that need strengthening. Amplify Insight is the company that creates digital educational products and services that are used in Sandy Creek classrooms. Other grade levels at the elementary school collaborated to discuss the ELA modules and writing as well as math. Additionally, and as pictured above, elementary teachers also participated in an iPad App training with Peri Nelson, Technology Resource Coordinator at Oswego County BOCES. Peri shared some valuable educational apps, such as Meteor Math, that teachers can use to support their math curriculum and also get students practicing their math skills in a fun and interactive way.

Sandy Creek District accepting Wall of Distinction nominations

The Sandy Creek Central School District, will again be accepting nominees for the "Wall of Distinction".

"Graduates of distinction" are those who have achieved a high level of prominence in their personal and professional lives and who represent a positive role model to our youth.

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Must have achieved a high level of professionalism and distinction.
- Must be of sufficient moral character as to represent a positive role model to students in the school district.
- Candidates must be graduates of the Sandy Creek Central School District.

An Advisory Committee will coordinate the program. The members of the Advisory Committee are non-graduates of Sandy Creek. To receive a nomination form, please call 387-3445 ext. 1510, or stop in to the Sandy Creek Central School District Office. Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2014.

Inductees from the 2013 Wall of Distinction included the following:



Evan McLean Tanner, Class of 1992

Evan lives in Waldorf, Maryland. He is a veteran and past Army Ranger. Evan presently is a Radio Operated Vehicle Pilot/Navigator and Sonar Operator for Phoenix International.



Mary Clerkin Higgins, Class of 1972

Mary lives in New York City where she is one of the Nation's leading artists and conservators of stained glass. She has written many articles and is an international lecturer. She has done stained glass work throughout the world.



Maurice Sheldon Prescott, Class of 1910

Maurice is a graduate of Cornell University. He was the Publisher/Editor of the magazine, Holstein-Friesian World. Maurice was a local community leader, school board member for 21 years, Mayor of Lacona, Director of the Lacona Bank and a 50-year member of the Sandy Creek Masonic Lodge.



Dr. Julie Towles Matthews, Class of 1988

Dr. Matthews lives in Gibsonville, North Carolina. She has a Doctor of Dentistry and specializes in Prosthodontics. She has published articles and has received many awards and honors.

Since its inception in 2005, forty individuals have been honored with the Wall of Distinction recognition. Nominate a Sandy Creek graduate you feel should be recognized for their outstanding professional achievement who will serve as a role model for future graduates of the Sandy Creek School District. Use the handy form on the facing page, visit the district website at www.SCCS.cnyric.org or call the district office for a nomination form.



Nominate your "graduate of distinction" using the handy form located to the right. Below is a complete listing of past Wall of Distinction honorees.



Wall of Distinction

<i>Name of Nominee</i>	<i>Year Inducted</i>	<i>Year Graduated</i>
Dr. Leroy Hollis	2005	1888
John Shelmidine	2005	1971
Dennis Trumble	2005	1979
Steve Thomas	2005	1983
Thomas Hamer	2006	1897
Linda Crast	2006	1965
Isabel Ballou	2006	1932
Patricia McDougal	2006	1964
Walter Cobb	2006	1935
Fay Welch	2006	1915
Agnes Grant	2007	1914
Denver Miles	2007	1940
Myron Lewis	2007	1950
Joseph Heath	2007	1964
Mark Minor	2007	1978
James Allen	2008	1953
Joshua Pitcher	2008	2003
David Sperbeck	2008	1972
Randy Yerdon	2008	1970
Ira Learned	2009	1958
Susan Bitz	2009	1970
Dr. Patricia Ledden-Chapman	2009	1970
William Fowler	2009	1983
Alice Carnite Teal	2010	1945
Dr. Michael Gilbert	2010	1985
Peter Sprague	2010	1948
Ralph Albrecht	2010	1984
Dr. Scott Stern	2010	1988
Ronald Archibee	2011	1968
Andrew Haldane	2011	1991
Dr. Warren Hollis	2011	1942
Margaret Kastler	2011	1951
Leon Archer	2012	1959
Brian MacVean	2012	1979
Dr. Danielle Yerdon Ehret	2012	2001
Ann Robbins	2012	1973
Evan Tanner	2013	1992
Julie Towles Matthews	2013	1988
Mary Clerkin Higgins	2013	1972
Maurice Prescott	2013	1910

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NOMINATION FORM SANDY CREEK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WALL OF DISTINCTION RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Date: _____

Nominee to the Wall of Distinction: _____

Present Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Reasons for Nomination: _____

Nominated by: _____

Daytime Phone Number: (____) _____

Address: _____

Mail to:
Stewart R. Amell, Superintendent of Schools
Sandy Creek Central School District
124 Salisbury St.
PO Box 248
Sandy Creek, NY 13145

Deadline: April 1, 2014

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Elementary - Ext. 1503; HS - Ext. 1505
Transportation: Ext. 3330

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Common Core Parent Information Night

Teachers and administrators at Sandy Creek Elementary School recently organized a Common Core Parent Information Night where parents could learn more about the implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards into the elementary curriculum.

Families met in the Elementary cafeteria for pizza before breaking out by grade level into two groups where teachers shared grade-level specific lessons targeting the changes in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades K-2 and 3-5.

The presentation covered key areas of focus for each grade level group including specific lessons of focus and skills and techniques to help parents assist



Math teacher Sarah McNitt shows parents some simple solutions to problems from the Common Core curriculum in grades three to five during the recent parent information night at Sandy Creek Elementary School.

their children in the lessons. Parents were also given reference "goody bags" containing manipulatives, word and math games, and practice lessons to reinforce the learning standards at home. Parents were also given lots of resources to help them including links to the New York State Education Department's EngageNY website where all of the curriculum materials are located including teacher guides and contact information for teachers and math and reading coaches for additional support to parents and students.

While parents were busy learning in the sessions, students enjoyed some supervised social and fun time with their friends in the elementary cafeteria with games, art projects, crafts, and a movie. A book swap was also held and students could select a book from the table to take home and keep.

Additional Common Core Parent Information Nights are scheduled for the school year. Contact the elementary school for specific dates and times.



Hobbs sisters, Caitlin and Lizzy enjoy pizza before the Common Core informational sessions began.

All-State First Team



Two Sandy Creek High School football players were named to the 2013-14 all-state football first team. Pictured left to right are Jake Benedict, a senior linebacker; Michael Stevens, head football coach and athletic coordinator at Sandy Creek; and Matt Ennist, a junior lineman for the Comets.