

# Sandy Creek

Central School  
District  
Newsletter



Fall 2017

## The Comet's Tale



## Complete the Capital Project Survey

Your feedback is essential to our Capital Improvement Project planning process. Please take a moment to answer the five questions on our survey included in this edition of the district's newsletter. If you wish, you can provide additional comments in the space provided on the form or if you have questions or concerns please include those so we can provide answers at a future date. Simply cut the post card from the newsletter and drop in the mail. The survey is postage paid, but if you wish, you can drop the completed survey at any of the district's main offices.

We want to hear from you as we plan for capital improvements to our district's buildings!

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## Carpe Diem Chapter Inducts 17 New Members into NHS



Sandy Creek Superintendent of Schools Kyle Faulkner congratulates Joseph Metott as chapter advisor Kelly Halko and Principal Emily Wemmer look on during the recent NHS induction ceremony.

The Sandy Creek High School Carpe Diem Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 17 new members in a ceremony held at the school.

Following a welcome and congratulatory address by Superintendent of Schools Kyle Faulkner, the chapter's advisor, Kelly Halko shared the background and history of the society before describing the four principals of NHS: character, scholarship, leadership and service.

New members include: Kyle Allen, Courtney Burns, Kayla Carnes, Hannah Dasno, Bailey Fahnestock, Abigail Fitzpatrick, Sean Hennigan, Alison Lantry, Carly Lyndaker, Joseph Metott, Shelby Miller, Caleigh Rosenbaum, Emily Smith, Kennedy Sullivan, Samantha Walter, Alexis Wolfe and Margery Yousey.

Current members include: Faith Bachar, Joshua Balcom, Emily Kehoe, Oren McDougal, Richard Potter, Cassidy Carnes, Alexander Sawchuck, Tori Jenkins, Carley Stoker, David Hennigan and Machel Sullivan. The chapter advisor is Kelly Halko.



## All County Music Festival



Sandy Creek sixth graders selected for the Oswego County Music Educator's Association (OCMEA) All County Music Festival included, left to right: Skylar Clark, Sophia Brown, Thomas Taplin, Perle Convey, Ava Basler and Andrew Hawn. Taplin and Convey were selected for band and the remaining students are chorus students.

## Sandy Creek Elementary School Open House



The annual Sandy Creek Elementary Open House drew large numbers of students and their families to the school on Sept. 21. Visitors toured the building, visited classrooms and viewed student work in classes and throughout the hallways. Above: Brady Thomas and mother Jessica tour the classroom. At right: the Jones sisters surprised Principal Timothy Filiatrault with a special treat bag to show their appreciation.



Sandy Creek Central School District







## Elementary Halloween Parade



Senior Boys' Cross Country team members are pictured left to right: Nic Potter, David Hennigan, Oren McDougal, Damian West, Seth Lurcock and Will Robbins.

## Fall Sports Seniors Recognized

Seniors participating in fall sports at Sandy Creek High School were honored along with their parents and family members during a special ceremony held during half time of the Homecoming football game at the school.

Seniors included for **Cross Country**: David Hennigan, Seth Lurcock, Nic Potter, Will Robbins, Oren McDougal, Damian West, Allison Burrows, Emily Kehoe and Becca Miller. **Girls' Soccer**: Carley Stoker, Maggie Vazquez and Cassidy Carnes. **Boys' Soccer**: T.J. Harding, Sullivan Worms, Josh Balcom and Colton Steele. **Cheer**: Kaitlyn Quinn, Allyssa Smith, Madison Yerdon and Savannah Brown. **Football**: Tyler Trump, Chris Blount, Joe Benedict, Troy Frazier, Arthur Grennell, Alex Sawchuck, Jacob King and Mike Landphere.



Kindergartner Logan Allen was dressed as his favorite character in the book: "Corduroy" as he participated in the Elementary School Halloween Parade. Parents and family members lined the walkway as students paraded around the school and through the hallways.



## Fifth Graders Learn About Environment and Conservation



The classes went through several stations at the annual Conservation Field Day including learning about forests and trees, left, and recycling aluminum from representatives at Novelis. Elizabeth Hobbs assists the presenter with explaining the process involved.



Oswego County Conservation Field Day, coordinated by the Oswego County Department of Soil and Water, saw several hundred fifth-grade students from five different school districts attend. Students rotated through five of the many different outdoor classroom stations focusing on a wide range of environmental topics. Some of the presentations included: trapping, forestry, invasive species, salmon life cycle, butterflies and moths, making a canoe, turkeys and turkey calls and so much more. The program was held at Selkirk Shores State Park.

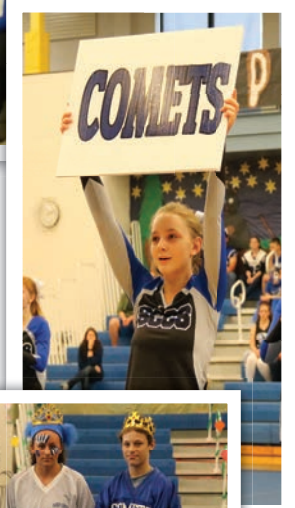


Another station demonstrated a hand-made cedar strip canoe built by a local craftsman who showed the students the different steps it takes to create the canoe.





# During Spirit Week Comet Pride is Everywhere!



## Fort Drum/Sandy Creek Connections

During a recent professional development day in the district, a representative from Fort Drum visited the school to share opportunities available for students and staff through the local military installation. Just a few short years ago, there were only about five students who had direct ties to the military at Fort Drum, while this year approximately 47 students are tied to active, retired or civilian employees there. The Fort Drum school liaison shared information about field trips and other opportunities that would be available through the facility.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 23-24	Thanksgiving Recess - School closed
Dec. 5	Hour of Code Family Event, 5:30 pm
Dec. 7	5-12 Band Concert, 7 pm
Dec. 12	Snow Date - Hour of Code Family Event
Dec. 14	Board of Education Meeting, D.O. 6:00 pm
Dec. 15	Pre-K Concerts 10 am and 1:00 pm
Dec. 15	K-5 Holiday Concert, 1:30 pm
Dec. 18	Snow Date: Pre-K Concerts
Dec. 19	5-12 Chorus Concert, 7 pm
Dec. 22	Staff Development Day - No School
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	Holiday Recess
Jan. 11	Board of Education Meeting, D.O. 6:00 pm
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed
Jan. 22-25	Regents Exams
Jan. 26	Rating Day - Half Day for Grades 6-12 Only

## Congratulations Katie Soluri!

The SUNY Geneseo Department of Inter-Collegiate Athletics and Recreation honored Katie Hovey Soluri by recently inducting her into the 2017 SUNY Geneseo Sports Hall of Fame class.

Calling her a "dominant double threat," the school cited her contribution to the outstanding four seasons she was a member of the Knights softball team. She graduated second in at bats, third in games played and hits, fifth in doubles and total bases, and sixth in RBIs. She still holds the school record with a .770 winning percentage and also earned NFCA All-East Region and first team All-SUNYAC honors on three occasions.

Soluri graduated from SUNY Geneseo in 2003. She currently is a math teacher in the district and coaches the Varsity Softball team.





# Sandy Creek Middle School and High School Open House



The Sandy Creek Middle School and High School held their annual open house where parents and students were able to tour the building and meet their child's teachers and administrators. Marie Yousey signs in at daughter Emily's science classroom while teacher Kathy Heck looks on. Emily is a ninth grader at the high school.

## New Staff in the SCCS District



The Sandy Creek Central School District welcomed many new faces and some familiar faces in new places at the start of the school year. Pictured above, left to right are: Timothy Filiatrault, Amy McCormack, Emily Wemmer, Julie Delpapa, Brittany Whitton, Kristen Dingman, Robert Lyng, Kim Ridgeway, Samantha Green, Elizabeth Cranker, Malory Johnson and Alyssa Kujawa.

### ANNUAL NOTIFICATION REGARDING DIRECTORY INFORMATION 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: Kyle L. Faulkner, 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;
9. Dates of attendance;
10. The student's photograph; and
11. 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.



For up-to-date events, sports schedules, activities, contact information and more visit the Sandy Creek Central School District website at: [www.SCCS.cnyric.org](http://www.SCCS.cnyric.org)



## Varsity Cheerleaders Named Frontier League Champions!

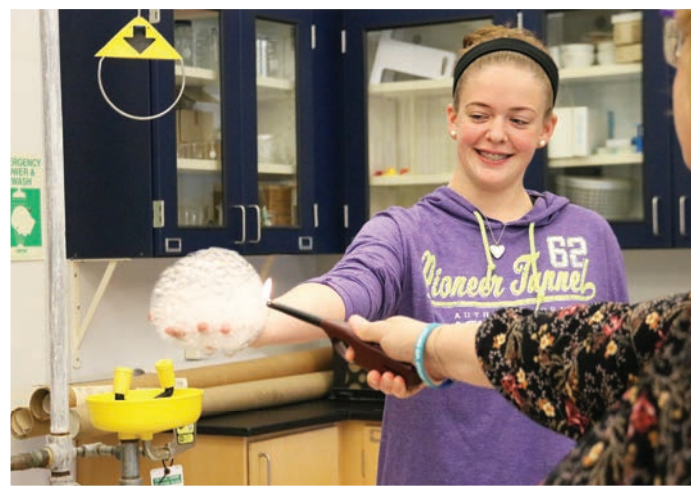


The Sandy Creek varsity cheerleading team earned the Frontier League championship title. Pictured in front, left to right are: Abby LaRue, Madison Yerdon, Savannah Brown, Allyssa Smith, Madeleine Palmer and Vanessa Fox. In back, left to right are: Lainie Hathway, Alexis Miley, Marley Yerdon, Hannah Dasno, Rosie Walter, Madison Benedict and Olivia Pappa.

The Sandy Creek varsity cheerleading team was named Frontier League Champions. In addition to winning the championship, the fol-

lowing team members were named Frontier League All Stars: Rosie Walter, Hannah Dasno, Allyssa Smith and Alexis Miley. Tanya VanOrnum was named Frontier League Coach of the Year! Congratulations all!

## Students are on Fire for Chemistry



Sydney Cook participates in a series of experiments in her chemistry class including the one pictured above where bubbles of methane gas are ignited by teacher Kelly Halko. The Halloween-themed demonstrations have become an annual event and get students fired up about science.

Sandy Creek High School students won't soon forget a recent chemistry class that demonstrated scientific concepts of dehydration, combustion, decomposition and redox.

Following appropriate safety procedures, students volunteered to hold bubbles lit on fire and not get burned. This combustion reaction involves the chemical methane and bubbles produced by water vapor and oxygen gas mixed with dish soap.

Following each experiment, the students were tasked with identifying chemical equations, specific elements and chemical reactions.

To go along with the harvest season, another experiment involved catalytic decomposition of hydrogen peroxide by potassium iodide inside of a carved pumpkin! The students had to answer questions such as: is this an exothermic or endothermic reaction?

### Emergency School Announcements

*In the event that it is necessary to close or delay school due to severe weather conditions, mechanical breakdown, etc. announcements will be made to the following radio and television stations.*

**Television:** WWNY (Channel 7); WSTM (Channel 3); WTVH (Channel 5); WSYR (Channel 9), YNN (Channel 10), WWTV/ABC 50

**Radio:** 570AM, 620AM, 790AM, 1050AM, 1240AM, 92.1FM, 94.5FM, 95.7FM, 99.5FM, 100.7FM, 100.9FM, 102.1FM, 103.1FM, 104.7FM, 105.5FM, 105.9FM, 106.5FM, 106.7FM, and 107.9FM

*Want to be notified by e-mail, text message or phone call of emergency school announcements? Sign up under the notification registration box on the district website at [www.SCCS.cnyric.org](http://www.SCCS.cnyric.org) and you will receive immediate notification of any school closings, delays, cancellations and early dismissals, as well as other pertinent emergency messages from the district.*

## At Astronomy Night Students Look to the Sky to View Stars



"When you look into space you are looking into the past. Space is history," said Larry Slosberg, one of the local observers who brought their telescope to astronomy night for Sandy Creek students to view the night sky, planets and constellations. Volunteers from several area organizations, including CNY Observers & Observing, which promotes amateur astronomy and space science in Central New York, set up telescopes to view Saturn and its rings, the moon, seven sisters star cluster, a globular cluster and much more. The students were also able to observe several shooting stars before cloud cover ended the night. The group set up at the Mad River Club where light pollution did not impede the viewing.





# Kindergarten Students Take Field Trip to Local Orchard



Students in Teira Norton’s Kindergarten class at Sandy Creek Elementary School carry their recently picked apples from the orchard during their field trip to Ontario Orchards.

Kindergarten students from Sandy Creek Elementary School took a field trip to Ontario Orchards where they toured the orchards, picked apples and toured the cider mill and apple processing facility at the local farm.

The students learned about the different varieties of apples, animals that visit the orchard and how cider is made. They also got to see how the apples are washed and brushed to clean them before they are sold.

In addition to apples, the students learned about other fruits and vegetables grown on the farm including the decorative corn that comes in all sorts of colors and variations.

The students were taken on a walking tour of the orchards before picking some apples to take home.



The students visited the orchards at the local farm where they learned about the varieties of apples and even learned about the animals that visit the orchard; some wanted and some that they have to protect the trees against in the winter months.

These girls are nearly hidden in the tree as they gather apples during their field trip to Ontario Orchards. The kindergarten classes traveled to the orchard as part of an ELA module study on farms.



## First OCAY League a ‘Puzzling’ Competition!



The first Oswego County Academic Youth League (OCAY) competition of the school year left students puzzled as their deductive reasoning was tested in a series of mind-boggling puzzle challenges.

Teams of students entered the Mind Boggler Arena to put their logical reasoning to the test. The game master selected a secret, pre-set code of four color dots in a specific order, and the students were challenged to break the code.

Other tasks included timed 3D puzzles and pen/pencil visual-spatial tests.

OCAY League is coordinated through the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation’s gifted and talented program.

*Pictured at left: some of the members of the Sandy Creek team work on ‘puzzling’ projects during the first competition of the season. The Sandy Creek team is coached by Caitlin White.*



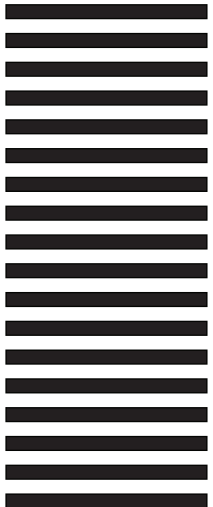
## Washburn Retires After 30 Years of Service to SCCSD

Steve Washburn was recognized by the Sandy Creek Board of Education upon his recent retirement. Washburn has been with the District for 30 years.

Washburn was presented with a special plaque commemorating his retirement and marking his years with Sandy Creek. He received the honor prior to a recent Board of Education meeting. He was a member of the operations and maintenance department. Pictured with Washburn is Andy Ridgeway, Director of Facilities I.

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## Sandy Creek CSD Capital Project Survey

1. Would you support a capital construction project that included no additional tax impact?  Yes  No
2. Would you support a capital construction project that included a tax impact? *Please note: this would be a one-time tax increase which would remain on your tax bill for a set number of years (approximately 15, depending on the final scope of work).*

	Yes	No
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\$11 - \$15 increase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$16 - \$20 increase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Would you support installing air conditioning for classrooms if there was no additional tax increase?  Yes  No
4. Would you support installing air conditioning for classrooms if there was a tax increase?  Yes  No
5. Do you feel it is necessary to have a second means of egress from the Bus Garage so buses may evacuate children if the current access road becomes compromised by a fire/security concern, etc.?  Yes  No
6. Do you have any other comments, questions or concerns?

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***Please return the completed survey by NOV. 30, 2017 to share your feedback!***