

# Sandy Creek

Central School  
District  
Newsletter



Graduation 2019

## The Comet's Tale



Wall of Distinction  
Gets Two New  
Inductees



Two new names and photos have been added to the District's Wall of Excellence honoring past or present faculty and staff members who have exhibited unforgettable commitment and service to the children of the Sandy Creek Central School District.

Peggy Potish Manchester, above, and Christine Spencer Yerdon above top, were inducted into the Wall of Distinction in a ceremony held at the school.



## Congratulations Class of 2019

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Alec Deion Balcom §             | Alexis Guyette              | Emily Ruth Paternoster              |
| Kolby Hunter Banach             | Kyrsten Elisabeth Hall      | Caleigh Lauren Jade Rosenbaum § ° □ |
| Andrew Paul Bartlett            | Alaina Grace Hathway § □    | MacKenzie Lynne Sherman             |
| Joseph Michael Jay Bendzunas    | Logan Michael Haynes        | Brian Sickler §                     |
| Hunter J. Boyle                 | Sean Hennigan § □           | David Alan Snell ◆                  |
| Madison Rose Bradshaw           | William Henry               | Timothy James Snell                 |
| Kaleb Michael Brown             | Andrew Paul Hermann         | Krystal R. Snyder §                 |
| Courtney Cora-Lynn Burns □      | John Irwin                  | Roselyn Marie Sprague               |
| Violet Lee Carkey §             | Sidney T. Jenkins           | Kennedy Marie Sullivan □            |
| Kayla Marie Carnes § □          | Eric James Kennedy §        | Samantha Rose Walter § ° □          |
| Stephany Ann Cole               | Crystal Lynn King           | Alexis Anne Wolfe § □               |
| Alexis Marie Cornell            | Hunter Michael Lachenauer   | David B. Worden ◆                   |
| Hannah Michelle Dasno § □       | Alison Marie Lantry § □     | Bradlee David Youker                |
| Cory Mayson Dearing             | Dakota H. Loomis            | Margery Ellen Yousey § ° □          |
| Colbyn John Dinehart            | Carly Austin Lyndaker § □   | .....                               |
| Bailey Renee Fahnestock § □     | Zachary Martin              | § Advanced Regents Diploma          |
| Abigail Lynne Fitzpatrick § □ ◆ | Tirone McBroom              | ° Honor Student                     |
| Jonas A. Fizette                | Joseph Alexander Metott § □ | □ National Honor Society            |
| Faith Fox                       | Caleb M. Miller ◆           | ◆ National Technical Honor Society  |
| Vanessa Fox                     | Dominick Miller             | ❖ Math Endorsement                  |
| Christopher Raymond Francisco   | Shelby Morgan Miller □      | ✱ Science Endorsement               |
| Violet Elizabeth Graf           | Jadyn Gabriele Mullin       | ● CTE Endorsement                   |
| Dimitri Ivanlee Greany          | Jordyn Rachele Mullin       |                                     |
| Nathan Michael Grinnell °       | Lucas Patrick Myers         |                                     |







Class of **2019**





# Pesticide Notice

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 March 31, 2019 to June 28, 2019:

❖ *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 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 Andy Ridgeway, 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

# Sandy Creek's Pre-K Sail-a-bration

The Sandy Creek Pre-K students marked their moving up to Kindergarten with a Pre-K Sail-a-bration



where they showcased some of what they had learned throughout the



year. The celebration, in front of family and friends, featured songs with actions about the days of the week, the alphabet and much more. Both morning and afternoon programs held separate celebrations and each student was presented with a portfolio of their work for them to keep and share with their family. A reception was held afterward for all attending.

# AHERA/Asbestos Notification

The Sandy Creek Central School, in accordance with the federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), maintains the complete Asbestos Management Plan at its 124 Salisbury Street, Sandy Creek location. Any questions regarding the plan should be directed to LEA designee Andy Ridgeway, Director of Facilities. He can be reached at 315-387-3445 x1535.

All requests to review the management plan can be made through the Sandy Creek Central School District Office at 315-387-3445.



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# Fifth Graders Have "High Hopes" as They Move to Middle School

Fifth graders at Sandy Creek Elementary School are officially middle school students as they celebrated their achievements in a special "graduation" ceremony at the school.

Awards were presented and each student received a moving up certificate as they crossed the stage as elementary students for the last time.

Following the awards and presentations a reception was held in the commons area for family and friends and photos were taken with their teachers in a special photo booth setting. Even Mr. Filiatrault got into the action as did families and friend groups.

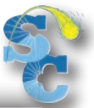


# Kindergarten Graduation "Greatest Show on Earth"



The Greatest Show Kindergarten Graduation featured an under the big top circus theme and began with a circus parade into the high school gymnasium where guests were gathered to see the moving up ceremony for the students. Each class was announced and presented with their "diploma" before posing for photos. A special "graduation" was also announced as Mrs. Darou's sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," marking her retirement from the District. After singing several songs, the students exited the gym with full fanfare and returned to their classrooms where the parties continued.





# High School Academic Awards and Athletic Awards Ceremony

Students at Sandy Creek High School were recognized and honored with High School Academic and Sports Awards in a ceremony held at the school. Awards and scholarships were presented to students based on their academic achievements, leadership, citizenship and service to their school and community.

The top 10 seniors, ranked by final average were announced and included: #1 Margery Yousey, #2 Samantha "Rosie" Walter, #3 Caleigh Rosenbaum, #4 Alexis Wolfe, #5 Carly Lyndaker, #6 Abbey Fitzpatrick, #7 Bailey Fahnestock, #8 Alaina Hathway, #9 Alison Lantry, and #10 Jadyen Mullin. Also recognized were outstanding athletes, Frontier League Scholar Athletes, tri-season athletes and individual athlete awards.

Tri-athlete awards were presented to: Abbey Fitzpatrick, Carly Lyndaker, Crystal King, Dakota Loomis, Kyrsten Hall, Samantha Walter, Bradley Youker, Caleb Miller, David Worden, Bailey Fahnestock, Emily Paternoster, Alaina Hathway, Joe Metott, Kayle Carnes, Courtney Burns, Hannah Dasno, Alison Lantry, Kaleb Brown, Kennedy Sullivan, Logan Haynes and Zach Martin.



Students receiving awards and honors at the high school awards ceremony.



The Top 10 seniors in the class of 2019.

## Seymour Named HS Principal

Kevin Seymour has been named the new Sandy Creek High School Principal. Seymour graduated from Alexandria High School and attended SUNY Potsdam where he studied Social Studies and Special Education. He taught economics, history and government and as well as special education. He served as the SESIS Specialist at Jeff/Lewis BOCES before coming to Sandy Creek.



When he learned of the opening in the district he was drawn to the position by what the district has to offer to its students and the inclusion mindset "every student can succeed."

"That's what drew me to Sandy Creek," he said. "Supporting all of their students and all of the opportunities students have here."

The district's goals align with his own goals for students and he knew immediately that this position was where he wanted to be. "The first time I came here and interviewed I felt so comfortable. I'm very grateful for the opportunity."

Seymour has been hard at work preparing for the coming school year. His plan is to better understand the systems in place and build rapport with the faculty. He is excited to be able to support some of the initiatives already in place such as the roll out of Chrome Books this year at the 9-12 level. In addition, he has been working closely with Middle School Principal Amy Molloy to align expectations so that middle school students are prepared for the 9-12 expectations.

Seymour is married with two children and lives in Sackets Harbor. In his spare time he likes to read, watch sports and spend time with his family. He looks forward to getting to know students, staff and community members in his new position.



Sandy Creek Central School Physical Education Athlete Participation Top Point Earners Joe Metott and Carly Lyndaker. Awarded to the senior boy and girl earning the most athletic participation points.



The Babe Ruth Foundation Sportsman Award to Caleb Miller and Bailey Fahnestock. Recipients are chosen by staff and senior class to honor those who exhibit exemplary sportsmanship.



Larry Miller Memorial Wrestling Captain's Award - Caleb Miller



National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Award Joe Metott.



Section III Rosemary Corcoran Memorial Scholarship Award Samantha "Rosie" Walter.





# MS Student Awards Ceremony



## Flag Day Celebration

Second graders at Sandy Creek Elementary School held their annual Flag Day celebration where they performed songs, skits, and shared information about our Nation's Flag. The annual event is a long-standing tradition at the school and was attended by family, friends and first graders and celebrated, the heritage, history and honored the flag. Coordinated by Chorus Teacher Jackie Hobbs and second grade teachers at the school, the ceremony paid tribute to the flag from its beginning to what it continues to symbolize for our country today.



Sandy Creek Middle School Principal Amy Molloy presented students with awards and recognitions at a special awards ceremony at the school recently. Students were honored for their academic success, leadership qualities, extracurricular participation and other recognitions and awards.

## Annual First Grade Reading Tea



First grade students at Sandy Creek Elementary School celebrated a special annual tradition at the school, the First Grade Reading Tea. The event honors the importance of literacy in a unique way. Students invite special guests to come to their classroom where they take time to read one-on-one with their guest and read stories they wrote as well as other stories they enjoy to practice and showcase their reading abilities. Invited guests could be family, friends, and even staff members at the school.

## Eighth Grade Top 15 Honored



Sandy Creek Middle School students representing the top 15 in their 8th grade class, based on their entire Middle School career, are pictured following a recent luncheon honoring their academic accomplishment. In front, left to right are: Marissa Brennan, Tate Lallier, and Natalie LaCelle. In the middle row, left to right are: Kierra Davis, Abrielle Soluri, Maiya Hathway, Rylee Katsoris, Kenneth Burd and Abby Chen. In back, left to right are: Elizabeth Glazier, Nikolai Rosenbaum, Noah Reff, Ryan Barney, Cody Walke and Riley Phillips. The students were recognized in a special luncheon by Middle School Principal Amy Molloy.







## Fourth Quarter Awards at ES

Sandy Creek Elementary School held their final Character Awards ceremony for the year. Students in grades K-2 and 3-5 were honored in separate ceremonies for exhibiting the character traits promoted by the Leader in Me, including the 8th trait: Finding your voice. Parents and family members were invited to witness the students' recognition.

The following students were honored for habit #1: Be proactive – Kerrigan McNeely, Annabelle Grant, Esmeralda Livermore, Peytonn Wilson, Xavier Cronk, Emma McCloskey, Michael Haverlock, Haley Nicole Broadhurst, Mackenzi Letson, Owen LaBozzetta and Alexander Baker.

Habit #2: Begin with the end in mind – Cameron Pool, Xavier Presley and Shane Allen.

Habit #3: Put first things first – Rosemarie Howard, Ethan Hawn, Tia Hutchinson, Matthew Davis, Ali Khan, James Hays, Leah Bristol, Zander McCarthy, Madison Snow, Hannah Harris, Rowlan Stanton, Ripleigh Losert and Andre Forget.

Habit #4: Think win-win – Sophia Bremm, Kenny Gibbs, William Poyneer, Bronwyn McCarthy, Addyson Koester and Colton Falso.

Habit #5: Seek first to be understood, then to be understood – Elliott Price, Lacey Oregon, Christopher Meyer, Charlie Marshall, Phoebe Preston, Hayden Sedler and Jaxson Wheeler.

Habit #6: Synergize – Adam Landphere, Jasper Wart, Tyson Albert, Jase Killam, Paxton Roberts, Claire Willson and Nalani Thomas.

Habit #7: Sharpen the saw – Emerson Jones, Callen Montieth, Luke Ackerman, Caroline Casler, Jaxson Grinnell, Chase Lasell, Ryleigh Kinney, Owen Killam, Arie Licciadello and Peytonn Wilson.

Finding your voice awards recognized students who have discovered what they are good at and what their strengths are in school, their community and in life.

Also recognized were students in leadership committees including student council and climate committee.

Climate Committee: Adelle Harris, Burke Harvey, Gabby Peter, Kaitlyn Perkins, Lylie Wall, Megan Burton, Nick Anderson, Nick Baker, Peyton Clark, Abigail Jones, Conner Demott, Dakota Balcom, Kayleigh Paro, Nathaniel Curry, Patience Oregon, Haidyn Soluri, Katerena Bartlett, Madden Soluri, Maddie Coe, Phoenicia Hathway, and Simon Preston.

Student Council representatives included: Ana Potter, Chase Smith, Danielle Connors, Emily Mintonye, Natalie Howard, Noah Yerdon, Olivia LaCelle, Brooklynn Orr, Cole Zehr, Dylan Tennant, Maiah Owen, Rowan McCarthy, Sam Tessier, Brody Pecha, Brynn Dreibelbis, Emma Gibbons, Hudson Hunt and Josiah Radley.

Third grade Find Your Voice awards and special area designations include: Danielle Connors (art), Grady Soluri (critical thinking), Joshua Herse (for doing a fine job working), Nicolas Baker (history), Georie Pollic (library), Hayden Martin (library), Rowan Wilson (library), Autumn Phillips (math), David Dillabough (math), Foster Totten (math), Juliana Curry (math), Kaitlyn Perkins (math), Peyton Clark (math), Burke Harvey (music), Carl Cranker (music), Khloe LeFevere (music), Tegan Kinney (music), Grady Soluri (PE), Mariah Broadhurst (PE), Kaitlyn Perkins (PE), Levi McNitt (PE), Burke Harvey (reading), Nathan Town (reading), Noah Yerdon (reading), Kendra Ortiz (science), Cayden LeRoy (social studies), Emily Mintonye (social studies), Jayden Klopotoski (social studies), Wyatt Bremm (social studies), Corey Hemingway (speaking up for others), Gage Ward (tech), Gauge Taylor (tech), Kendra Ortiz (tech), Wyatt Bremm (tech), Ana Potter (writing), Emily Walke (writing), Gabrielle Peter (writing), Natalie Nemier (writing).

Fourth graders earning a Find Your Voice award in a special area

included: Cordelia Crast (academic), Zeydan Johnson (academic), Abigail Jones (academic), Maiah Owen (academic), Lucas Davis (art), Matthew Totten (book talks), Conner DeMott (citizenship), Madison Burton (citizenship), Patience Oregon (friendship), Rowan McCarthy (friendship), Cole Zehr (leadership), Kyle Coe (librarian), Madison Burton (library), Marissa Hermann (library), Morgan Mears (library), Abigail Jones (music), Maiah Owen (music), Rowan McCarthy (music), Anderson Stanton (PE), Tristen Martin (PE), Paris Sprague (PE), Hunter Green (reading), Noah Gioia (reading), Micah Burns (science), Conner DeMott (tech), Kyle Coe (tech), and Lynn Dumas (tech).

Fifth grade Find Your Voice awards were presented to: Phoenicia Hathway (advocacy), Leia Wall (all-around literacy), Lyndi Fitzgerald (art), Maleki Tennant (creativity), Alee Small (library), Jacoby Balcom (library), Josiah Radley (library), Baylee Williams (math), Dalton Mackey (math), Wyatt Guile (math), Hunter Soluri (music), Lola Tessier (music), Wyatt Guile (music), Haiyden Soluri (PE), Hudson Hunt (PE), Maddie Coe (PE), Brynn Dreibelbis (poetry), Isabella Taplin (reading), Brody Pecha (role model), Hector Salgado (science), Simon Preston (science), Alina Khan (social studies), Emma Gibbons (social studies), Henry Zimmermann (STEM), Alina Khan (tech), Henry Zimmerman (tech), Joshua Young (tech), Alex Rodriguez (throughout the entire school), and Lola Tessier (writing voice).

Good Kid award recipients include: Adelle Harris, Levi McNitt, Maiah Owen, Eben Alley, Alina Khan, and Jacoby Balcom.

Fifth grader leadership awards were presented to Brody Pecha, Hector Salgado and Emma Sue Euler. Emma Gibbons was awarded the Jeanne McKown Outstanding Leadership Award.

## "Give Cancer the Boot" was theme for SC Relay for Life campaign in the District



Students and staff in grades K-2 gathered for a group photo in support of Relay for Life as they gave cancer the boot in this year's cowboy-themed campaign.



Grade 3-5 students show their support, raising money for the fight against cancer with Creekers for the Cure!

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## Welcome Special Police Officer Fred Baird



The Sandy Creek Central School District welcomes Oswego County Sheriff Officer Frederick Baird as their new Special Police Officer (SPO) on site for the coming school year. Baird will have an office at the school and will be on hand to enhance the safety and security for students, staff and the community.

One of Baird's goals in this position is to build positive relationships with students and he plans to be visible and accessible for the students each day. Another key part of the position at the school is the immediate response to any incidents and the ability to deal with a situation at the school level.

Baird has extensive experience in law enforcement and the military. He retired after 26 years with the Oswego County Sheriff's Department and has 28 years of experience in the military as an active military and National Guard member. He is a veteran of Desert Storm with the 101st Air Division.

Baird is a life-long resident of Oswego County (other than military service). He married his high school sweetheart and raised two daughters in the area and has three grandchildren. He and his wife of almost 28 years live in New Haven where he enjoys the outdoors in his spare time; hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. He also loves to travel and spend time with his grandchildren.

Baird serves the Sandy Creek District through a special arrangement with the Oswego County Sheriff's Department and Superintendent Kyle Faulkner credits Sheriff Hilton with making the position happen for Sandy Creek and other districts in the area. "Without Sheriff Hilton, this partnership would never have happened," said Faulkner, adding "he's been awesome in assisting with this position." Faulkner also indicated that the position aligns with the district's focus on safety, security and the well-being of students and staff in the district.

## Free Summer Feeding Site at Sandy Creek

The Summer feeding program is back at Sandy Creek for children 18 years of age and under. The free breakfast and lunch program is open Monday through

Thursday from July 8 to August 8. Breakfast is served from 8:00 to 9:30 am and lunch from 10:45 am to 12:30 pm. The program is free of charge and no proof of income or residency is required. For more information, contact the food service department at Sandy Creek at 315-387-3445.



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