
SHS NEWS

“Learning Today, Shaping Tomorrow!”

December 2017

Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

We are nearly there with only 12 days before exams begin and only 15 days until winter break. Finals take place on Wednesday, Dec. 20, Thursday, Dec. 21, and Friday, Dec. 22. Please make vacation plans for after Dec. 22. If you miss a final exam (and the day is excused), the final will be made up on Jan. 8 and Jan. 9, 2018.

We have a lot of student activities planned for the month, including the Madrigal performances (Dec. 1 and 2), District Holiday Concert (Dec. 10), Franklin Mall Can Drive (Nov. 30-Dec. 4), student course selection, Toy Drive (Nov. 27-Dec. 8) and tons of sporting events for our basketball and wrestling teams.

2018 Graduates

In just six short months, the graduating class of 2018 will be wearing their caps and gowns as they walk across the stage in their commencement ceremony. Have you placed an order for your student’s cap and gown? If not, you can call Jostens at 815-623-6329 or go to www.jostens.com to place your order.

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Weather Changes

Winter is here and with that comes bitterly cold weather. Please be aware that the doors at the school do not open until 7:00 a.m. The doors that open are at the west side of the school, closest to the gym. At 7:00 a.m., the students can come in and hang out in the café until 7:15 a.m. If a student has a class in the portable buildings, they are encouraged to use their coat when they are walking to class.

As we continue to update grades online and keep our parents informed, it is important to make sure your contact info is up to date in our database. Please take time to review the information we have in our Tyler system and revise any outdated data.

I-8 Conference Update

The administration met with parents on Nov. 20 to share our progress toward finding a solution to our conference situation. We have reached out to several schools to discuss joining the I-8 starting for the 2019-2020 school year. In addition, we have opened discussions with other conferences to possibly join their conferences. We will continue to investigate all options. We have shared that we will set up another meeting or send an update in January 2018.

The I-8 conference is on target to remain intact through the 2018-2019 school year. This assures our students contests through the I-8 until June 2019.

Emailing Progress/Term and Semester Grades

During the 2017-2018 year, we will continue to mail home quarter and semester grades for all students. We will also continue to mail D and F grades to parents for progress reports.

During the 2018-2019 year (next year), we will be emailing grades for progress reports, quarter reports and semester reports. We will no longer be mailing grades home during the 2018-2019 year. However, we will continue our practice of mailing D and F grades to parents for all grading periods.



Go Indians!
Go Lady Indians!
Tom Sodaro, SHS Principal

Review of School Handbook

Sandwich Community School District #430 will soon begin the process of reviewing the handbooks for each of the school buildings. This is an annual series of meetings to review the policies and procedures in the handbooks to ensure that all users of the handbook have a clear understanding of the contents. Please consider this great opportunity to become involved with the district. The dates and the times of the meetings will be given out at a later date. All of the meetings would be conducted at Sandwich High School and last approximately 60-90 minutes. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Herzog, SHS Assistant Principal

Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB) Information

The Sandwich CUSD #430 Board of Education has approved a resolution to place a referendum on the March 20, 2018, ballot that would increase the District's Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB). The funds would be used to complete life safety work that is mandated by the state. Approval of the referendum will not increase future Bond & Interest (B&I) taxes from amounts paid in the recent past because previously issued bonds will be retired in 2018. Please click the link below for more information:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/68k129gsjjsuqdx/DSEB%20%20informational%20%20August%202017.pdf?dl=0>



Turkey Trot

The Science Department just held their 5th annual Turkey Trot for Technology 5K and 1 mile Run/Walk fundraiser. They raised \$1,000 to use toward technology needs for their students in the classroom and laboratory. They would like to thank all of their adult and student volunteers as well as the following business sponsors:

Community Disposal
First National Bank
A&B Exteriors, LLC
First Insurance Group

Skillin's Auto Body (Mike's Auto Body)
Northwestern Medicine
O'Neill Glass and Mirror, Inc.
Stahl Home Builders

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FAFSA: Seniors, if you haven't completed your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), a.k.a. starting the college financial aid process, do it ASAP! Go to www.fafsa.gov.

Documents needed to complete FAFSA:

- ✓ FSA ID (student & parent)
- ✓ Social Security Numbers (student & parent)
- ✓ Driver's license (student & parent)
- ✓ Family's latest tax returns (can be estimated income)
- ✓ Current bank statements
- ✓ Family's business and investment information
- ✓ Student income information

Course Selection:

2018-2019 course selection is underway! Most freshmen, sophomores and juniors have completed their course selection. If your student was absent or didn't complete course selection for some other reason, we will catch up with them as soon as possible. As a reminder, students can view their course requests in their Tyler Student Portal under 2018-2019 and can make changes until Feb. 9. After Feb. 9, any schedule changes will take place in August.

Guidance Live Binder: Check out our Guidance Live Binder! Just click the link to our tiny URL: <http://tinyurl.com/ya7mbzet>.

Seniors: Seniors planning to attend a two- or four-year college should have applied to their first choice schools along with "back-up plan" schools. If you have not yet applied, please do so ASAP!

Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships: Remember to check the Live Binders or Guidance Scholarship Wall for new arrivals! If you meet the criteria for a scholarship, please apply! Free money is good (even if you have to write an essay)!

College Visit Days: Juniors and seniors have the option to take a College Day and visit a college of interest. Contact the Admissions Office to set up an appointment, and then come to Guidance for a College Day form.

Incoming Freshman Curriculum Night will take place Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 6:00 p.m. at SHS. This event is geared toward incoming freshmen and their parents/guardians to give them an idea of what to expect in high school. You'll hear about classes, meet teachers and sign up for a small group meeting with your school counselor (to take place on another date) to choose your elective classes and design your four-year plan.

Student Council



Student Council volunteered in October to help the YMCA at their Trunk or Treat. Students came up with their own theme for their trunks, decorated their cars and handed out candy to all the young trick-or-treaters.

Student Council also hosted a breakfast for our area veterans on Veterans' Day.

This month, students have been preparing for the annual Franklin Mall Food Drive. Student Council will run the high school's food drive from Nov. 27 through Dec. 1. Students are asked to bring in non-perishable food items to their Advisory class during this time span for a chance to win a pizza party.



From PE Fitness

Right: Jacob Newberry is demonstrating the box squat. This is a variation of the squat that will save some wear and tear on the knee joint. Spotting him is Zach Reyes. As always, be well and stay fit!



Social Studies

In Social Studies, we had the students take the political compass test to show their political ideology. Here's a link to take it yourself to see your own political ideology, according to this in-depth survey.

<https://www.politicalcompass.org/>

National Honor Society: Toys for Tots

We start the Toys for Tots drive again from Nov. 27-Dec.8. Bring toys to the main office (new, unwrapped) or send them with your students. Whichever Advisory class has the most toys gets McDonald's gift cards!!

SHS I-8 Artists

Anna Fischer, Kenzie Oakes, Seth DeRose, Brett Butler and Megan Etheridge participated in the I-8 Fall Art Workshop at Seneca High School on Nov. 15. They painted rocks for a community garden and also traded with another student from the conference.



Girls' Basketball Trailblazers

On Nov. 27, we honored and recognized the first Lady Indians' basketball team. Forty years ago this season, the girls' basketball program began here at SHS. On this special night we invited members of that team back to recognize them and say thanks for being the first. The girls' basketball program's motto this year is "40 years in the making, time to make my mark..."

We would like to say thank you to the following members of the 1977-78 team for coming to the game (left to right): Laurie Van Horn Granberry, Linda Anderson Dalton, Carol Phillips, Barbara Duvivk Fisher, Deb Seymour, Lisa Wiesbrook Meyer and Mary Abens Anderson.

Veterans Honored at SHS



Veterans' Day Voice of Democracy Winners



Michael Gargano

Emily Floyd

Cory Griffin

Excerpts from American History: Our Hope for the Future by Emily Floyd

- “Each person may have their own personal hopes and dreams but we need to think above ourselves sometimes and work for the best of the country. We need to take a step back and look at the way our country.”

- “Schools should be helping every student to strive for greatness and motivate them to seek out leadership roles.”
- “The rights of the people have always been a priority in America, the idea that used to come first in the decision making process.”
- “People should not be acting in a way where some are superior to others, that is a key idea in America along with the freedoms and rights for all people.”
- “Our government can make the change and it may seem like a lot to do but the hope of actually creating a better environment should be worth the work.”



Lunch and Breakfast Menus can be found at:

<http://www.sandwich430.org/lunch/index.shtml>



Post-Prom Committee

The Post-Prom Committee has been meeting and we have reserved Funway for our venue. This is the same place as last year and from what the students say, they loved it! The goal of the committee is to raise enough money to make the Post-Prom as inexpensive as possible. Our big fundraiser this year is to sell coffee tumblers and a Blender Bottle. These are really cool looking and we are excited to offer them to you. These are each \$15 and you can contact Tom Sodaro to purchase one. If you send a check with your child, make it out to SHS.

The year lives here!



Sandwich High School INDIANS

**Buy your
yearbook now!**
yearbookforever.com

Yearbook Week starts Dec. 11! Purchase your student's yearbook during that week and your student will be entered to win prizes! Yearbooks can be purchased online at yearbookforever.com. Or, during Yearbook Week students may pay with check or cash during advisory. Yearbook prices will go up at the beginning of 2018. Buy now!

Cost:

- \$40 through Dec. 31 (**Best Value!**)
- \$45 Jan. 1 - May 25

Don't wait — if you want to personalize the book, namestamping starts at \$7 extra and must be purchased before April 30!

To purchase:

- To use a credit card, debit card or PayPal, go to yearbookforever.com and enter our school name.
- For cash, check or money order, bring payment made out to Sandwich High School, memo: Yearbook, to the main office.

Student name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of yearbooks _____ x \$ _____ = _____ Total cost

Don't miss out — buy a yearbook today!

Walsworth yearbooks

yearbookforever.com

Fine Arts



SHS Library News

Upcoming Programming



Hot Cocoa Winter Break Reading Challenge

Beginning the first week of December, students will be able to sign up for this challenge that asks them to keep reading over winter break by completing fun mini-challenges! Once we return to school, participants can get a cup of homemade hot cocoa!

How does a
steaming cup of
hot cocoa sound?



Complete mini-challenges over break

Get homemade hot chocolate when we come back!

Sign up in the library!

Do I have an overdue book?

Students can check their library account online or using the free app.



Website: <http://sandwich.follettdestiny.com>

App: Search for "Destiny Discover"

Be sure to select Sandwich High School and you can log in with the same username/password you use to log in to the computers at school
(username= ID number, pw= whatever you created)

For regular library information and updates:

SHS Library Website: <http://tinivurl.com/shsmmediacenter>

SHS Library on Social Media:



2017-2018 First Semester Exam Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 20, CLOSED CAMPUS (see IVVC exception below)
Students must attend all classes including study hall.

1 st Hour – Regular Schedule	8:00 – 8:47
2 nd Hour – Regular Schedule	8:51 – 9:38
3 rd Hour – Regular Class	9:42 – 10:23
4 th Hour – Exam	10:28 – 11:48
6 th Hour – Regular Schedule	
7 th Hour – Regular Class	1:12 – 1:26
8 th Hour – Exam	1:30 – 2:50

No Ag classes. A.M. IVVC students return at 10:05 a.m. P.M. IVVC students return at their regular time. Fire Science students return at 10:05 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 21, CLOSED CAMPUS (see IVVC exception below)
Students must attend all classes including study hall.

1 st Hour – Regular Class	8:00 – 8:59
2 nd Hour – Exam	9:03 – 10:23
3 rd Hour – Exam	10:27 – 11:47
6 th Hour – Regular Schedule	
7 th Hour – Exam	1:12 – 2:32
EARLY DISMISSAL	2:32 (buses normal time) <i>No Ag - No IVVC</i>

Friday, Dec. 22, STUDY HALL ATTENDANCE NOT REQUIRED

1 st Hour – Exam	8:00 – 9:20
6 th Hour – Exam	9:23 – 10:44
EARLY DISMISSAL	10:44 (buses normal time) <i>No Ag - No IVVC</i>

Tests are to be given in all classes on assigned days. Failure to take the exam(s) due to an unexcused absence will result in failure of exam.



Sandwich High School NHS Presents:

Annual Toys For Tots Drive
Starting November 27th until Friday December 8th!

Bring New, Unwrapped toys to Sandwich High School!
Drop off toys in the Main Office!

1 in 6 children in the United States lives in poverty.
Help these kids have a wonderful Christmas!

Donate Toys Today!





Thank you to Ms. Clay's class for decorating the wreath in the main office!
Happy Holidays!