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### Superintendent's Message:

## LEVY RENEWALS - NO ADDITIONAL TAX DOLLARS

On November 2nd, Sandusky City Schools will have two (2) levy RENEWALS on the ballot. Both levies are 5-year renewals and there would be NO ADDITIONAL TAXES collected with their passage. In a continuing effort during the past two years, we have cut three million dollars out of our budget and reduced staff by fifty employees. We have also closed a building to consolidate resources and reduce our operating costs. We continue to look for ways to reduce our costs and still provide a quality educational program for our students. With the renewal of the two levies the school district will be on stable financial ground for four (4) years thanks to the continued support of our community. The Sandusky community has been very supportive over the years, and we invite you to be a part of the continued improvement and achievement exhibited by our students and staff.

**ISSUE #22 - RENEWAL OF 3 MILL OPERATING LEVY FOR 5 YEARS-** provides funds necessary to continue academic improvement already being made on State Proficiency Tests, as well as curriculum needs (text books), maintaining appropriate class sizes, special needs services, and co-curricular and extra-curricular programs.

**ISSUE #23 - RENEWAL OF 2 MILL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT LEVY FOR 5 YEARS-** provides funds for essential building repairs and maintenance, and protects the community's investment in its schools.

**RENEWAL -  
NO ADDITIONAL TAXES**

William Pahl, Superintendent

## Jackson Musical Groups Perform

The Jackson general music students, under the direction of Scott Nave, presented to the Board of Education, some of the World Drumming skills they have acquired this year. World Drumming is a multi-cultural curriculum that introduces students to a variety of aspects of music in different cultures, as well as, developing their listening skills. Over 20 students performed at the Board of Education meeting on the 18th of October, at Sandusky High School

On October 26th the band, choir, and orchestra will present their "Fall Concert" for parents, students, and guests. The concert will begin at 7:00 PM in the Jackson Gymnasium. This will be the first concert for new band director Adam Reardon, and the first choir concert for Scott Nave, while Alice Weiss will open the concert with the orchestra. *Admission is free and all are invited to attend.*

## Jackson Junior High Conferences

The staff at Jackson would like to invite all parents to attend our "Student Led" conferences being held on November 9th and 12th. If you have not yet confirmed a conference time, please call the office at 419-621-2818 to schedule a conference time.

## Sandusky High Yearbook Pre-Sale

Orders for the 2005 Fram will be taken from Monday, November 22nd through Wednesday, December 22nd at the discounted price of \$35. The price of the Fram will increase to \$40 after December 22nd. High school seniors need to include an additional \$3.00 to cover the cost of mailing Frams. Please contact Mrs. Catri at 419-621-2744 for more information.

## Sandusky High School Student Council Bloodmobile

The Hemoglobin Highway, Sandusky High's October Bloodmobile, was a huge success! This annual fall bloodmobile, sponsored by the Student Council, collected 154 pints for the American Red Cross. The Student Council also ran a bloodmobile at the Sandusky Mall in July that had the most registered donors in its history, and was able to collect 48 pints.

With three more bloodmobiles remaining this year, Sandusky High has already been responsible for collecting 202 pints of life saving blood! We would like to thank those who donated, and invite you to our future bloodmobiles listed below. Sandusky High School has been the top donating school in the Northern Ohio District for the past three years. Our goal is to remain number one and reach 600 pints for the year. Again, help co-coordinators Katelin McGory and Jake Widman, along with the other Student Council members, were integral in this life saving pursuit. **Give the "Gift of Life"!**

December 7, 2004 2:00PM - 7:00PM  
Sandusky High School Cafeteria

February 8, 2005 7:30AM - 2:30PM  
Sandusky High School Gymnasium

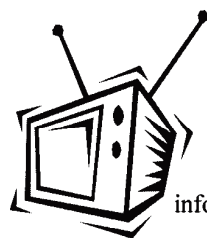
May 5, 2005 7:30AM - 2:30 PM  
Sandusky High School Gymnasium

# In Our Schools... Out and about Sandusky

## Adams Students Show They Care:

During the month of October Mrs. Capuccini, our school counselor, and her "Students Helping Students" group sponsored a can food drive in support of the national *Make A Difference Day* movement. The food collected will be donated to our local Care and Share organization. Each homeroom was in competition to see which one could bring in the most food.

In November, our students will engage in a *Penny War* to see which of our three teams best supports our United Way Fund Drive. During this campaign, money jars will be placed in the cafeteria during lunch. Pennies count as positive points and should be placed in the students' home team jar. However, the fun begins when students place other coins or bills into the other teams' jars. This money counts as negative points which are then subtracted from the positive points. The team with the most points or the least negative points will earn a pizza party for their team. Of course, the real winners are the local service and nonprofit agencies that help so many people in Erie County. Last year's students gave over \$280 during this campaign. Our goal for this year is to do even better.



## Tune in to Sandusky Schools Chalkboard Cable Channel 81

Providing student and parent information, event information, student accomplishments, taped Sandusky athletic events, and more...

## Mills Student Leaders

Mills School is very excited to introduce a new program for students in grades 4-6. "Mills Student Leaders" is designed to involve our older students in the school process and also encourage character building and leadership skills. Students in these grades will have the opportunity to have a job in the school, such as Hall Monitor, where the student makes sure that parents sign in before taking their child to class in the morning. They may also help in the cafeteria, collect attendance, and help younger students in class or at recess. Students participating in this program will receive community service hours and will earn special rewards and recognition for their efforts.

**"Mills Student Leaders" are a positive impact on our students and staff.**

In order for students to be eligible to participate in the program they must follow the Mills School Rules and the Six Pillars of Character. Miss Heather Lynn, a teacher at Mills, is responsible for developing the program and organizing the activities for students and teachers. After several weeks of having Student Leaders at Mills, teachers have stated numerous times how much they appreciate the student helpers. Also, students who are helping, have experienced the satisfaction of knowing their efforts are making a difference for others. The "Mills Student Leader" program has been a huge success for everyone involved.

## Sandusky High School Foreign Language October Students of the Month are:



In Latin.....Hailee Smith

In French.....Andrea Ward

In German.....Zac Knoll

In Spanish.....Jake Widman

Hannah Bickley

Adam Wobser



## SANDUSKY HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT FOR JUNIORS CLASS OF 2006

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 18, 2004  
**WHERE:** Rm. 300-Sandusky High School  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
**FOR:** SHS Juniors and their  
Parents/Guardians

The following topics will be covered: choosing the right college, the early decision process, the time-line for college application and acceptance, admission procedures, ACT and SAT college testing details, scholarship opportunities and financial aid information.

## Where and Who to Call?

If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact your child's school, the Superintendent or the Board of Education. School building phone numbers are listed on page 33 of the "red" business pages of your local phone directory, in student handbooks, on the Annual Report Calendar, and on the website at [www.scs-k12.net](http://www.scs-k12.net), or you may call 419-626-6940 for departments and offices not listed. Our phone system allows you to leave voice mail for every staff member. If you reach voice mail immediately, it is likely that the line is busy or taking another voice mail message.

- ♦ Mr. Bill Pahl, Superintendent of Schools  
419-621-2718
- ♦ John Kaszonyi, Asst. Superintendent 419-621-2703
- ♦ Dr. Sally Roth, Director of Curriculum  
419-621-2865
- ♦ Todd Peugeot, District Athletics & Activities  
419-625-3543
- ♦ Tom Freitas, Supervisor of Food Service  
419-621-2719
- ♦ Ted Peters, Transportation Services 419-625-2264

### Board Members

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## www.scs-k12.net

**Web page update:** We continue to update our web page to better serve our community. Not only can you find out what's for lunch, you can e-mail almost all of our staff directly from the "Directory" link. You not only get their phone numbers but click on the name and most are set-up for direct e-mail links to speed your message along. The site includes information such as phone numbers, e-mail addresses, forms, and links to other information.

*Look for more updates as we continue construction!*

At Sandusky High School the foreign language *Students of the Month* are selected because of excellent attendance, outstanding class work, and a positive attitude.

"Gain the competitive edge"



SANDUSKY CITY SCHOOLS

## Sandusky CCE "Center for Continuing Education" New and Exciting Changes in Adult Education!

Under the leadership of a new Director, the Sandusky Center for Continuing Education has a diverse array of courses planned for second semester. Look for the new *Winter 2005 Course Catalog* to be available in December with Special Interest classes that range from "Scuba Diving, and Knitting, to Tool Time for Women!" Also included in the Winter/Spring line-up of course offerings are classes such as "Beginning

Painting, Jewelry Making, Small Engine Repair," and more! The Sandusky CCE tries hard to keep the cost of these courses low so that everyone in the community who is interested in picking up a new skill, brushing up on old skills, or is just a dedicated lifelong learner, may find what they are looking for. Classes are usually only once a week and run anywhere from six to ten weeks in length so they are usually easy to fit into even the busiest person's schedule! The new Winter 2005 Catalogs will be distributed through *The Sandusky Register* and available at the Sandusky CCE Adult Education office located inside Sandusky High School, 2130 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, phone 419-625-9294.



## Literacy Week Coming to Sandusky

Literacy Week is coming to Sandusky City Schools. Scheduled for November 15-19, 2004, the same week as Children's Book Week, Sandusky City Schools will be celebrating literacy at all grade levels. Literacy, the ability to communicate through the written word, is considered to be a key to school success. *Students who read succeed.*

Each building will feature a special emphasis on reading good books. Schools will emphasize reading in a number of ways, according to the special interests and plans made by each teaching staff and the student needs in that building. Watch the Sandusky City Schools web site and school newsletters for specific information about what your child's school is doing that week to celebrate and increase the emphasis on literacy. On our web site, under "Instruction," look for lists of Newbery and Caldecott books by award-winning authors and illustrators.

Make it a personal family goal to visit either the public or a school library soon to select a book from these lists for your child. Spend time daily listening to your young learner read and reading to your child. If you have older children, talk to them about what they are reading, consider holiday or birthday gifts of books, and visit libraries and book stores with your older child. Model reading at home; let your children see you reading newspapers, magazines, books, reference materials, and/or literature connected to hobbies or work. Much literature is also posted on the internet, our newest link to literacy improvement.

*Why does literacy increase student achievement? There are many reasons!*

Here are some of them:

- Listening to books being read by an adult enlarges a child's general vocabulary, his/her understanding of the story, and general listening and attending skills, all of which contribute to mastery of school standards.
- The left-to-right eye movement required by readers, the problem-solving that a good reader does to predict words and meanings, and the independent work habits that are developed by readers who self-select books of choice.
- Love of reading brings with it positive feelings about school, about self, about the world at large. It links readers to many sources of information. It lets readers experience the life of another, present or past, and permits the reader to envision the future.

If you love books too, share your love of reading with a child every day, but especially from November 15 through November 19, 2004, Literacy Week in the Sandusky City Schools. What better way to enjoy the day than to snuggle up beside your favorite kid after the Thanksgiving feast and fill your hearts and brains with a good story. Enjoy!

Dr. Sally Roth, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

## Sandusky Schools Calendar '04-'05

### OCTOBER 2004

- 31 Daylight Saving Time Ends, Turn your clock back one hour  
31 Test your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector, change your batteries

### NOVEMBER 2004

- 1 Band Parents Meeting, SHS Band Room, 7:00 pm  
1 Grades 11 & 12: Ninth-Grade Proficiency Tests  
2 Grades 11 & 12: Ninth-Grade Proficiency Tests  
2 VOTING DAY  
3 Grades 11 & 12: Ninth-Grade Proficiency Tests  
3 Academic Booster Club Meeting, Jackson Library, 6:30 pm  
4 Grades 11 & 12: Ninth-Grade Proficiency Tests  
4 Athletic Boosters Meeting, Blue Streak Cafe, 6:30 pm  
4 SHS Marching Band Concert, SHS Gymnasium, 7:30 pm  
5 Grades 11 & 12: Ninth-Grade Proficiency Tests  
5 Marching Band Concert, SHS Gymnasium, 9:30 am  
6 Grades 11 & 12: Ninth-Grade Proficiency Tests  
7 Grades 11 & 12: Ninth-Grade Proficiency Tests  
9 Parent Teacher Conferences Grades 7-12  
10 Fall Sports Banquet, SHS Cafeteria, 6:00 pm  
11 Parent Teacher Conferences Grades K-6  
11 Schools Open, Veterans Day  
12 NO SCHOOL, Parent Teacher Conferences Grades K-12  
15 Board of Education Meeting, SHS Room 300, 7:15 pm  
16 Orchestra Parents Association, SHS Orchestra Rm, 7:00 pm  
18 Junior College Night, 7:00 pm  
18-19 Drama Club Play, SHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm  
22 Football Banquet, SHS Cafeteria, 6:00 pm  
23 Gospel Choir Concert, SHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm  
24-26 NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING BREAK, OFF. CLOSED  
26 Holiday Lighting Ceremony, Gazebo-Downtown, 6:00 pm

### DECEMBER 2004

- 1 Academic Booster Club Meeting, Jackson Library, 6:30 pm  
1 Prep Choir & Brass Ensemble Concert, SHS Aud., 7:30 pm  
2 Athletic Boosters Meeting, Blue Streak Cafe, 6:30 pm  
2 Osborne Holiday Program  
6 Band Parents Meeting, SHS Band Room, 7:00 pm  
6 Board of Education Meeting, SHS Room 300, 7:15 pm  
7 Bloodmobile, SHS, 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm, SHS Cafeteria  
8 Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Gr. 5-8, Sandusky State Theatre  
9 Hancock Holiday Program, 9:45 am & 12:45 pm  
9 SHS Orchestra Concert, SHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm  
10 Madison Holiday Program, 1:00 pm  
14 Monroe Holiday Program, 1:15 pm  
14 A Cappella Choir Concert, SHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm  
15 Adams Junior High Holiday Concert, 7:00 pm  
16 Ontario Holiday Program  
16 A Cappella Choir Concert, SHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm  
17 Venice Holiday Program, 9:00 am & 1:00 pm  
20 Mills Holiday Program, 1:30 pm  
21 Jackson Junior High Holiday Concert, 7:00 pm  
22 Barker Holiday Program, 1:00 pm  
21 WINTER BEGINS  
23-24 NO SCHOOL, FIRST DAY OF WINTER BREAK, OFFICES CLOSED  
27-29 NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK  
30-31 NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK, OFFICES CLOSED  
\*Calendar subject to change.

# Sandusky High School 150 Year All-Class Reunion



**September 23-25, 2005:** One hundred and fifty (150) years of academic excellence will be celebrated in 2005. An all-class reunion will include all graduates from Sandusky High School and will begin with the Homecoming football game at Strobel Field on Friday, September 23, 2005. Activities will continue on Saturday, September 24th and Sunday, September 25th. If you would like to get involved in the planning of this event, please contact Jackie Mayer or George Mayer the co-chairs of the reunion committee. Reunion T shirts and sweatshirts will be available soon.

**What Class!** The Class of 2008 has jumped into high school life with both feet! They have successfully sold glow necklaces and bracelets along with popcorn at the home football games, and won the Spirit Award trophy in the Homecoming Parade. The Class of 2008 is getting ready to kick off their "**Buckle Up Blue Streaks**" promotion in November reminding classmates to be safe and buckle up. This promotion includes raffling a car courtesy of **Kasper Auto Group**, along with a custom car kit, compliments of **North Coast Customs**, as well as other prizes! Look for raffle tickets beginning in November and running through February 12, 2005. Tickets will be \$10.00 each for a chance at a "Pimped" 2002 CAVALIER LS and other prizes. We are truly creating a family-type atmosphere and encourage all freshmen and their parents to get involved!



## Sandusky High Sports at a Click...



Check the web at [highschoolsports.net](http://highschoolsports.net) for high school sport schedules or at [scs-k12.net](http://scs-k12.net)

### Monroe School Night at McDonald's, River Avenue

On Thursday, October 21st, Monroe School was fortunate to participate in its first "McDonald's Night" of the year. During this evening various educational games and activities were provided for the children by Monroe School teachers. Parents were encouraged to join in the fun. The theme of "An October Happening," provided the basis by which everything revolved and students were eager to participate with the organized educational festivities. The highlight of the evening came when music teacher Glenda Lindquist had the students gather around for a hearty sing-along and a sharing of our school song "At Monroe."

Developing a partnership amongst the staff of Monroe School along with our parents and local businesses helps to develop a positive relationship within the community which is so very valuable. The owners and staff of this restaurant have always been very welcoming of our plans and even provide unique Raffle Basket Gifts for the children along with a monetary gift which is given to our school to use as we deem necessary. Obviously, we at Monroe School are thrilled to be provided such a unique and positive partnership opportunity.

What a great way to spend some quality time with your children and teachers as well as enjoy a delicious McDonald's meal!

### News from Osborne Elementary

Osborne is off to a great start. We have many new families which have helped increase our Parent Council. The Parent Council meets each month and has planned many exciting upcoming events for the school. Our parent involvement and title one teachers have put together a movie night for those students who complete their homework. Check to see if your child will be attending!

In classroom news, Miss Lindahl's third grade put together a play with a wonderful message that "*anyone can be king.*" The Third graders performed the play for the kindergarten class which thoroughly enjoyed each moment.

**After School Activity Program "ASAP":** Keep in mind that the ASAP Program has moved to Osborne. We currently have a waiting list. If you have any questions regarding the program please feel free to call 419-627-8610.

### The Read More Ranch at Ontario School

Ontario School is beginning a year-long commitment to literacy by taking a trip through the Old West "Ontario style!" We have set-up a special area called the "Read More Ranch." We are following the four quarters of the school year to highlight an area of reading concentration for the children. We will coordinate several of our daily activities with a cowboy theme...including a Literacy Week in November with activities for the children to complete each day. The Parent/Teacher Organization of Ontario School has graciously agreed to provide our Kindergarten through Second graders with bandannas and cowboy hats to help us get going on "The Ontario Trail."

We will be "riding" to different activities on our measuring stick ponies! Plans are in the works to make this a memorable year at Ontario School!

### MEET A HERO! READ!

That's the theme for this year's Right to Read Week at Madison School. During the week of November 15-19, Madison School students will listen to some local heroes read their favorite stories. Upper grade students have written to our military heroes who are away from home. When you visit Madison School you will see a writing display about each student's personal hero. Students and their families' participation will choose a student to help us celebrate the conclusion of Right to Read Week by painting our principal's hair Blue Streak blue.

### Sandusky City Schools

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