



SPARTAN Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Hello Spartans!

The Sanderson Staff wants to thank all of you for creating one of the best school years we can remember. The students are well behaved and we are pleased with the changes we are seeing with our focus on learning! We fully understand that this is due, in part, to your parenting and support.



We would like to make one last pitch to seek your help on getting Student Response Systems (known as "Clickers") in the hands of your child in each class. If you recall, we provided a very short presentation at the September Meet the Teacher Night. Each clicker cost \$55.00. My vision is to provide a classroom set for each teacher over time. If you are willing to support our vision, please make checks to either the Sanderson PTSA or Sanderson Academic Booster Club. One hundred percent of your donation will go towards helping your child and your gift is completely tax deductible. We thank you in advance for your support with this project.



Report Cards were issued on Nov. 4. My hope is that you are actively engaged in the educational journey with your child. We continue to be concerned with the transition

of our ninth graders from middle school. This is a national issue and one that continues to be an issue for Sanderson. Please continue to use your SPAN account to monitor your child. We have restructured our budget to provide more resources and realigned our school processes in an attempt to better address the transition for students. There are many factors that lead to these issues such as maturity, failure to complete homework, poor behavior, poor study skills, poor literacy skills, absenteeism, tardies, disorganization, social issues and more. Parent involvement is a leading factor to begin to make the needed change. Remember, SMART Lunch was created so that your child's teachers are available during the school day to support your child. Please make sure your child takes full advantage of this opportunity. With this intervention, we believe that there is no reason for failure to occur.

On September 24, 2010, Sanderson officially dedicated the soccer/football field as "Catapano Field." Named to honor Sanderson math teacher, coach and athletic director, Robert Catapano, who retired at the end of the 2009-10 school year. Just to name a few of his accomplishments: 12 state championships, 18 conference championships and a winning streak of 103 consecutive wins without a loss. Catapano is also in the Coaches and Athletic Directors Hall of Fame. We are proud of his dedication and accomplishments.

We are gearing up for our winter sports programs and want to make sure that we stay focused on learning and work hard to assure a wonderful first semester.

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Take Note!

- Variety Show: Nov 23 @ 7pm
- No School Nov 24 - 26, Happy Thanksgiving
- Fri. 12/3: Early Release @ 1:00
- Interim Reports: Week of Dec 6th
- Winter Break: Dec 22 - Jan 3:
- Final Exams: Jan 12,13,14,18
- Report Cards issued Jan 28th
- Winterfest - Feb 1st

Career Center News

~ Traci Claiborne

On September 21, 2010, the School-to-Career program of Wake County Public Schools hosted the **Superintendent's Breakfast** at McKimmon Center on the campus of North Carolina State University. Volunteers who partner with middle and high school Business Alliances to provide work-based learning and career exploration opportunities for students were recognized for their efforts to help our youth transition successfully to a post-secondary education institution or directly to a career.

Sanderson High School Business Alliance representative, SFC Edwin Wilder was selected as an honoree for the 2009-10 school year. SFC Wilder represents the NC National Guard and is a recruiter for Sanderson. During his 2 year tenure with our school he has provided assistance to the JROTC and healthful living classes by leading physical fitness classes/workouts, arranged field trips to area military installations, sponsored several teacher training sessions, sponsored an innovative award to at risk students who have made significant strides in school attendance, sponsored the Academy of Finance Golf Tournament, provided grant assistance to school programs, proctored state exams for Career & Technical Education classes, guest presented on financing college and wellness/nutrition to JROTC and special programs classes, participated in school wide and countywide career and educational fairs, and arranged job shadowing opportunities for students. We salute SFC Wilder on his efforts to support our school and community!



Deadline for submissions to the February Spartan Newsletter is Friday, January 14th at 7pm.

Send Newsletter submissions to:
shsnewsletter@earthlink.net

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SHS Community Email Groups

~ Cindy Jones, SHS Moderator

Want to stay informed about activities going on at Sanderson? Join the SHS Community Yahoo Email Group!

Email messages are sent out several times a week to let you know about SHS Events, PTSA activities, ABC activities, Clubs, Sports, Band and Chorus concerts, Theater events and much more! We also let you know deadlines for SAT and ACT tests, which colleges are visiting and information about Scholarships and College Open Houses.

To join, just send an email to:
SHScommunity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

If you have any information you'd like to include in the Yahoo email, just email submissions to: cmj61@nc.rr.com. Please submit sports information by 5pm Thursdays and community information by midnight Saturdays. If it's urgent or of special importance, I'll send it right away.

Class of 2011

We have a special Yahoo Email Group for Seniors and Senior Parents.

To join, just send an email to:
SHS_2011_Parents-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
Please indicate you are a senior or a parent of a senior.

If you have any questions about our Yahoo groups, please email cmj61@nc.rr.com.

The logo for Yahoo! in its classic red, bold, sans-serif font.

Financial Aid Workshop

~ Ellen Wardlaw

In conjunction with College Foundation, Sanderson High School will host a regional financial aid workshop on December 7, 2010 at 6:30 PM in the school auditorium. Please tell your friends who may be attending other high schools that they are welcome to attend. The workshop is open to all parents and students interested in learning more about financial aid.

Sanderson's financial aid advisor and other representatives will be present to answer questions.

Remember that Mrs. Wardlaw is at Sanderson every Tuesday from 8:30 to 1PM to meet with students and parents.

You may make an appointment in Student Services or call Mrs. Davis at 881-4820.

Choral News

~ Lisa Costner

The Purpose of the North Carolina High School Honors Chorus is "to honor the most capable choral musicians of North Carolina's high schools by giving them the opportunity to perform at the very highest level of achievement and to provide a superior educational experience for these students and their directors." There were over 1,100 students who auditioned across the state. The following students auditioned and represented Sanderson well - Abigail Brown, Leah Colbath, Steven Green, Kevin Headrick, Katie Perkinson, Alex Smith, Rachel Smith, Jasmine Tilden, and Tyler Wright. Please congratulate them.

Congratulations to the following Choral students who were selected for the 2010 N.C. High School Honors Chorus: Abigail Brown, Rachel Smith, Katie Perkinson, Steven Green, Tyler Wright and Alex Smith. This year's students set a Sanderson High School record for the most students we have ever had representing our school. The Honors Chorus performed November 7th for the opening of the N.C. Music Educators Conference in Winston-Salem.

Breaking News: The Sandpipers will be featured in the Broadway Series South performance of Handel's Messiah Rocks on November 20th.

A Flapjack Fundraiser will be held at Applebee's at the corner of Six Forks and Wake Forest Roads on Saturday, November 13, from 7:30 until 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$7.00, and the proceeds will go directly toward funding the DC trip for the students.

Visit our booth at Holly Days. The choral department will be selling poinsettias, Mary Kay products, and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. We will also be offering photo scanning.

Join us for the Winter Concert on December 14th at 7:00 pm.

Executive Council

~ Burt Driscoll, Student Body President

Hey Spartans!

As everyone was getting ready to come back to Sanderson for the new school year, our student council was busy preparing for the numerous upcoming events.

In the summer, a trip to Mars Hill College for the North Carolina Association of Student Councils Summer Conference gave the Executive Council some tips on how to be better student leaders and help the student body become as involved as possible in school activities.

At the lock-in on July 26th, the student council got together to recollect themselves from their summers and get a head start on planning events for this year. After waking up at seven in the morning on Tuesday, the students prepared for Freshmen Orientation, a three-day event which was quite successfully run by Mr. Walker.

We have several big events this fall such as Homecoming Week, the Food Drive, Holly Days, the Food Drive Fun Run, and the Variety Show. Let's make sure we keep the theme of "The Spartan Effect" alive this year by supporting all these great events. Go Spartans!

Off The Shelf

~ SHS Librarians

SHS students are reading! Your library has a number of new fiction titles, and book checkout is at an all time high. The most popular titles are the *Hunger Games* trilogy, *Breaking Dawn* from the Twilight series, *Max*, James Patterson's new young adult novel, and *Incarceron* by Catherine Fisher. If you would like to give a book in honor of a student or a teacher, we have a wish list of titles we need to support our curriculum. Please e-mail or call a librarian for more information.

A number of online resources are available to support student research. To locate a source, check out the SHS Virtual Library - Media Center link off of SHS website or enter http://sandersonhs.wcpss.net/Media_Center/index.html, and then click on Research Resources. There is information on MLA formats, the standard at SHS, and links to subscription databases.

To access our subscriptions, students need to enter the home access password 'Spartans' (case sensitive). One of the most heavily used sources is the Gale Virtual Library. This resource includes reference ebooks and magazine and newspaper articles. Most of the articles include the MLA reference at the end which is a big help with citing sources.

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Sanderson Cadets Fly in KC-135 Tanker

~ Col. Bob Penny, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor

Ten Sanderson H.S. cadets had the experience of a lifetime when they flew on a real Air Force mission with the Air Force Reserve on 21 October. Cadets Devin Ayscue, David Bailey, Mark Chandler, Billy Fetzner, Tyler Hill, Law K'Pru, Mitchell Lester, Adrian Rodriguez, Cheyenne Scheetz, and Eric Weekman flew with a KC-135 Tanker crew and watched as a C-17 was refueled in flight.



Cadets Lester, Bailey and Weekman

The 916th Air Refueling Wing at Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, NC offers orientation flights to AFROTC, AFJROTC, and CAP units. These flights are offered to high school and college students to introduce the students to the mission of the Air Force Reserve. The flights are free of charge to the students.

Prior to the flight, cadets from two high school AFJROTC units and two college AFROTC units were briefed on safety equipment and procedures by the Air Force crewmembers who were assigned to the flight. Cadets observed in-flight refueling and heard all radio communication associated with the mission. Cadets didn't get to fly the airplane but did get to sit in the pilots' seats and see how the boom operator connected the refueling boom with the C-17 receiving fuel.



Boom operators view of the C-17

AFJROTC at Sanderson HS uses these flights to reinforce the material taught in the AFJROTC/Healthful Living I (Aerospace History) and II (Science of Flight) courses. Cadets get to observe aircrews carrying out their responsibilities as professional, well-trained teams. The ten cadets chosen for this flight were selected based on their involvement in AFJROTC sponsored projects and their academic performance this term.

Competitive Drill Team Does Well in First Two Drill Meets of 2010-2011 Season

The first drill meet of the year for our AFJROTC program was held at NC State University on Saturday, 2 November. This drill meet is sponsored by the AFROTC program at NC State and the Air Force Association. Sanderson's cadets placed in six of the events entered.

The second drill meet was held at West Montgomery High School on Saturday, 23 November. Cadets placed in eight events and earned second place overall with their hard work and precision military drill.

This year's drill team is commanded by Cadet/Lt. Col. Alora Santos. Vice commander is Cadet/Maj. William Tucker. Drill team practice for the Spring '11 term will begin on 1 February 2011. All students taking AFJROTC in the first or second term of this school year are eligible to participate on the competitive drill team all year. We encourage new cadets to participate. The drill team leaders teach all the proper military drill movements.



Cadet Hawkins commanding the Armed Element

Freshmen Cadets Visit Airborne & Special Operations Museum

The 1st Term Freshmen traveled to Fayetteville, NC with TSgt. Croom and Coach Ransone on 26 November to visit the Airborne & Special Operations Museum. They got to see how men and women in the Army and Air Force worked together performing the airborne mission. Cadets got to experience airborne operations from WW II to Operation Desert Storm. They also got an action-packed ride on the motion simulator seeing and feeling the challenges airborne and special ops troops face every day like freefalling from 10,000 feet and flying nap-of-the-earth on the skids of an AH-6 helicopter.



AFJROTC Seniors Develop Teamwork at Camp Butner

On Friday, 22 October, all twenty-eight Sanderson senior cadets spent the day at the Camp Butner Army National Guard facility near Durham, N. C. The trip's purpose was to get the leaders in Sanderson's corps of cadets to know each other better, trust each other more, and to start functioning as a team. This experience makes them feel more like a team rather than just a group of high school seniors taking an academic course.

Cadets developed their teamwork skills by grinding their way through the Camp Butner obstacle course. They handled most of the high and low obstacles on the course. The most challenging was a twelve foot wall the cadets had to get their respective teams over. The dirtiest was crawling under a 20-yard barbed wire obstacle to enter a simulated building.

Cadets experienced real field conditions at lunchtime when they ate MREs (Meals Ready to Eat), which according to most cadets, really aren't that bad.

All participants learned a lot from the experience and became a better leadership team as a result.



Cadets Golden and Smith swinging from the ropes

AFJROTC Cadets Travel to Outer Banks & Colonial Williamsburg

On 29 and 30 October, forty cadets took a Curriculum-In-Action trip to the NC Outer Banks and visited Jockeys Ridge and the Wright Brother's Memorial. Jockeys Ridge is the highest sand dune on the entire Atlantic Coast and covers approximately 385 acres. Cadets searched for fulgurites. What are fulgurites? Fulgurites are hollow tubes that are formed when lightning strikes the sand. The cadets saw the site of the world's first controlled powered flight and a full-scale reproduction of the Wright 1903 Powered Flyer. They also saw historical markers of each powered flight, the replica camp buildings, and a 60-ft. granite monument on top of Big Kill Devil Hill honoring the Wright brothers.



After the Outer Banks, the cadets visited Colonial Williamsburg and saw what was the thriving capital of Virginia when the dream of American freedom and independence was taking shape. Cadets took a brief stop at Busch Gardens on the way back to Raleigh to experience "G" Forces which they learn about in their Science of Flight course.

AFJROTC Sets Goals for 2010 – 2011

Each year, headquarters AFJROTC requests the 884 AFJROTC units worldwide to establish goals for the current school year. These goals are determined by the cadet leadership and their instructors based on the realities existing in the community, school, and the cadet corps. There must be six goals set with two cadet goals (one must focus on academics), two school goals (one must focus on enrollment), and two community goals (one must focus on community service).

The Sanderson HS AFJROTC unit goals this year are:

Cadet Goal 1: Corps achieve an average GPA of 3.0 or higher with at least 10 in National Honor Society and 15 in Kitty Hawk Air Society.

Cadet Goal 2: 100% seniors graduate on time, get accepted to college (with at least 2 ROTC scholarships), enlist, or get a full-time job

School Goal 1: Increase unit enrollment to 170 or above with at least 70 freshmen cadets entering the corps.

School Goal 2: 75% of corps participate in school-wide service clubs, student organizations, and Varsity/JV sports.

Community Goal 1: Increase participation in community service to 120 cadets, service hours performed to 2500, fund-raising hours to 1000, and sponsor another drill meet.

Community Goal 2: Publish articles about cadets in 100% of the PTSA Newsletters, 75% of the school's newspapers, and in one state or national newspaper or publication.

We'll report on our results in the May 2011 *SPARTAN* newsletter.

Sanderson Academic Booster Club News

~Terri Northcutt, Academic Booster Club President
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The Sanderson Academic Booster Club is dedicated to promoting a superior academic environment and improving opportunities for every student. We recognize academic excellence, support the faculty, encourage exemplary achievements in citizenship and raise funds to accomplish these goals.

It is our belief that students are born with a desire to learn, and we want to help ensure this powerful desire is kept alive. We are an enthusiastic group of parents, grandparents and teachers who believe in the power of academics to transform lives. Please join us as we strive to "Bring out the Best" in ALL students and work to enhance the environment of this outstanding school!

Academic Booster Club Membership

We invite all Sanderson families to join the efforts to promote academic achievement at Sanderson. Thank you to everyone who has already joined for the 2010 - 2011 school year. Your support plays a valuable role in the success of our many programs! Still need to join? Visit us online at:

<http://sandersonhs.wcpss.net/resources/abc>

Catch the "Clicker Wave"

The Sanderson Academic Booster Club has been busy raising awareness and money for clickers for Sanderson High School students! Two "clicker" events have been held and raised over \$10,000!

Did you know that each clicker costs \$55 each? Did you know that Dr. Decker wants to have clickers in every classroom as soon as enough money is raised? Did you know that with your help we could meet the \$18,000 goal by the end of December? But we need your support. We hope you will come to the next clicker event at the Quail Hollow Clubhouse on

November 16th from 6:30 until 8:00 where you can personally use the clickers and ask Dr. Decker questions.

If you would like to join other Sanderson parents and learn more about how you can make an impact on our students, go to http://sandersonhs.wcpss.net/resources/abc/resources/documents/donate_form.pdf and you'll find all the information you need to contribute!

Already given? Please tell others in our community and help raise awareness about how Sanderson High School is becoming one of the most technologically advanced high schools in the area. We are joining esteemed schools like Harvard by using "clickers"! We are pleased to give you this opportunity to join the "clicker wave" and look forward to hearing from you. For those who are already riding the wave...we THANK YOU!

President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

Volunteering is a great way to give back to the community while learning from different experiences. Any SHS student who is interested in the President's Volunteer Service Award for the 2010-11 school year must set up or update their profile at www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.

Please make sure your profile is current with both first and last name, correct age group, and email address. You will need Sanderson's "Record of Service Key" to make sure your hours are reported to the Sanderson group. The key is **CO-JCV-9826W**. If you are new to the site and need to create a profile or edit your old one go to "track your hours" from the home page and from there you can login or create a record of service. Once you do this you can edit your profile and add the record of service key. It will be in the space under your last name but before city. For more information contact Elizabeth Voiers at evoiers@bellsouth.net.

AFROTC Scholarships

~ LtCol Sandy Willey

Seniors, are you applying to colleges? Are you shocked by the tuition costs? The Air Force can help.

AFROTC is a college program in which you attend a civilian college, such as NCSU, Duke, UNC-CH, UNC-Charlotte, ECU, Fayetteville State University, NC A&T, or one of about 900 other colleges across the country. You take your regular college courses in addition to an AFROTC course in which you prepare to become an Air Force officer when you graduate.

There are scholarships available which cover some or all of your college tuition, fees, a \$900 book allowance and a monthly \$300 tax free allowance. Once you graduate, you start working for the Air Force, as a second lieutenant, for a minimum of four years.

Apply for an AFROTC scholarship at www.afrotc.com by December 1. If you have questions, you may contact LtCol Sandy Willey at 919-518-0784, or sfwilley@mindspring.com

Spartans of Excellence

~ Mary Ellen Taylor

Congratulations to these students who have been chosen by their teachers as Spartans of Excellence:

Alonzo Adams	Denisse Montes-Lozoya
Martina Aleman	Yvonne Niyonzima
Essan Asiamah	Elizabeth Nyambura
Linsdey Atkins	Micheal Olson
Devin Ayscue	Steve Paez
Kendra Barnes	Keydi Palma Baca
Marshall Bass	Yesenia Peralta Ochoa
Samuel Beard	Rebecca Pittman
Mary Grace Beard	Christa Powell
Berkeley Bennett	Samara Rabon
Drew Biddell	Amina Richards
Ruth Biongo	Kellie Riegel
Tevin Blanks	Stephen Riley
Bailey Boyd	Diana Rivas Garcia
Kathryn Brimhall	Zachary Rounds
Maria Caldwell	Marquian Sanders
Timmesha Carter	Brittany Schmidt
Ivy Culver	Maeyatta Sharpe
Moring-Starr Dae-jah Dukes	Alexander Simpson
Ha Me Dar	Brittany Skutans
Terry Davis	Michael Sloan
Martin Dehesa Antonio	James Smith
Robert Denton	Tyref Smith
Ashton Dorsey	Julia Smith
Monica Driscoll	Nicholas Smith
Mary Dudas	Francisco Soto
Michael Elliott Jr.	Erin Sox
Caroline Fallon	Jonathan Sprissler
Brock Friedman	Andrew Steckenrider
Darren Geiger	Thomas Stephenson
Shakell Goodall	Isaac Sunseri
Elijah Grimes	Mah Tai
Andrew Heidinger	Jailyn Thomas
Kendall Johnson	Mackenzie Tilley
Julian Klein	Michael Trefzger
Karmen Kurtz	Carl Turner
Nhin Kyi	Anderson Ubani
Derricka Lewis	Jasmine Wade
Cordell Lewis	Bridget Wagner
Tyree Linen	Kelli Wales
Tyree Linen	Luyu Wang
Maggie Manley	Malik Wells
Keegan McBride	Jeremy Whitaker
Blane McElreath	Jean Williams
Tyheim McFadden	Benetta Witteveen
Rebekah McNeill	George Wood II
Kevin Mendoza	

This award recognizes those who have demonstrated exceptional behavior within the academic setting of SHS.

French Club

~ Madame Bonito

French Club is having a great beginning of the year and getting ready for the annual FUNDRAISER for UNICEF. Please help our students collect by making a contribution. There will be a Masquerade Party hosted by Sarah Smithers to raise money for this wonderful cause.

During the first weekend of October, seven of our French Club students volunteered to work at the International Festival of Raleigh. It was a special weekend to celebrate culture and language with foods from around the world.

The Spartan students volunteered at the French Café sponsored by L'Alliance Francaise of Raleigh making French Crepes, preparing different fillings and working as vendors to the public who queued to buy the delicious French pastries. They also enjoyed visiting the many exhibits representing over forty different countries and their culture from around the world.

A special MERCI goes to Vaughn Vreeland, Sarah Smithers, Haley Massey, Patrick Clitsch, Merry Dare Goodwin, Hannah Setser and Corey Wilson who spent their Friday and Saturday afternoons working for the good of the community. They are truly our Global learners!



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Make plans to attend



Sanderson's Holiday Shopping Extravaganza!

Sat., Dec. 4th 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sun., Dec. 5th 11:00am - 4:00pm

More than 150 Vendors!

Or Current Resident

The Spartan Newsletter is Going Green

You are holding the last mass mailing of our quarterly newsletter. We will continue to provide in depth articles about your Spartan community, but future newsletters will be available online. Join the SHS Yahoo group to receive prompt notification when the newsletter is posted. To join send an email to: SHScommunity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

If you prefer to OPT IN and continue receiving a printed newsletter, please send an e-mail to: shsnewsletter@earthlink.net or leave a voice message for Liz Gale at 919-812-2474. In your message, please include your SHS students' names, grades and your mailing address.

2nd Annual Food Drive Fun Run

Make plans to be a part of Sanderson's newest tradition...the 2nd annual Food Drive Fun Run on November 20th. The 2 mile run starts at 10:00 am at Shelley Lake.

The registration form is available on-line at the Sanderson website under the student council page.

The Sanderson Theatre Experience
presents



a comedy in three acts
by Caroline Francke

November 18th, 19th and 20th