



SPARTAN Newsletter

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Principal's Message



Greetings Spartans! We have begun our second quarter of school for the 2009-2010 school year. The mission for Sanderson High School is clearly focused on assuring that all students learn and become successful.

The main purpose of our SMART Lunch is to create opportunities during the day to provide consistent academic support, each day, for our students. To assist you in communication we hope that you are using your SPAN account so that it allows you unlimited access to your child's performance in school. There truly is no reason for any student to fail any academic classes with the implementation of SMART Lunch. Report cards went home with your child on November 7, 2009.

In March 2009, Sanderson High School will be going through an accreditation process known as Southern Association of Colleges and Schools which is a North Carolina accreditation and School Improvement process. This accreditation process is on a five year cycle and this year we are beginning a new cycle. Feedback from this process will be yet another tool to assist us on our journey towards excellence.

If you need to pick up your child from school between 11:00 – 12:00, during our SMART Lunch, you must prearrange to meet your child at the main office. Since we allow students to self select any teacher for tutorial assistance each day, there is no structural means of us to locate your child during this hour. Once you

have arranged a meeting place in the office, please sign them in and out of school at the attendance office.

Car pooling parents, I really need your help. Each morning I am seeing extremely dangerous situations. Please do not pull your vehicle over to the side of Dixon Drive to let your child out of the car, please pull into the lot and follow the car pooling procedures. Never take a left turn out of the parking lot during car pool. (I do not want to see a serious injury for us to get our attention that choices of a few are impacting many.)

Reminders:

- Student should be off school campus by 3:15 PM each day.
- Food Drive is going on now – Please participate!
- Due to low numbers of students, Sanderson will not have a January graduation ceremony.
- We do not interrupt instruction to drop off any deliveries or any kind. Please plan ahead.
- Graduation is on June 10 at 12:00 noon at the Raleigh Convention Center.

November

16- 20 – College Application week

16 – Fall Sports Banquet

20 – First Quarter Honor Roll Recognition from 2:00 – 3:00PM (Schedule TBA)

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Take Note!

- *Thanksgiving Break—Nov 25-27*
- *Early Release—Dec 2nd*
- *Holly Days—Dec 5th and 6th*
- *Interims issued—week of Dec 7th*
- *Financial Aid Meeting for Senior Parents—Dec 8th*
- *Winter Break—Dec 21 through Jan 1*
- *End of Quarter—Jan 22*

Media Matters

~ Media Center Staff

Word 07 and Website Extreme Makeover

Over the summer, SHS computers were upgraded to *Microsoft Word 07*. The transition went smoothly, but we do have a few tips. If you have a different version of Word at home OR if you have a different program (like *Microsoft Works*), students can take files between the two programs by saving files in *Rich Text* format. This format is portable between the different Microsoft programs.

Two of the most common questions we get about Word 07 are:

How to I double-space? **Click on Home, Paragraph, click on arrow, click on Line Space.** This also how to find *Hanging Indent*, the feature students need to use to indent after line one in their MLA Works Cited entries (**click on Special**).

Where is Spell Check? **Click on Review at the top.**

Please go to the Media Center website, which is a link under Quick Connects on the SHS homepage (<http://sandersonhs.wcpss.net/>). Sanderson students can access MLA Works Cited information and links/passwords to our subscription databases. Subscription databases include magazine and newspaper articles, reference sources, viewpoint essays, and eBooks. To access these services on the media center website, click on **Resources, Online Databases, Click Here.** The resource page for subscription online databases is password protected; only SHS students can access these resources. We set the password as **Spartans** with a capital S. This resource page provides SHS specific web addresses and passwords for each resource.

The website is undergoing an extreme makeover. We are working with our web design class to create a new, enhanced, more user-friendly media website. We'd love feedback and suggestions! Please forward any comments or questions to the Media Center e-mail, sandersonhs-media-center.

Send Newsletter submissions to:
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Career Development News

~ Traci Claiborne,
Career Development Coordinator

Health Career Exploration at UNC Hospitals

Three HCAP members attended a health careers symposium at UNC-Chapel Hill on Thursday, October 22nd. Students from around the state had the opportunity to learn about the anatomy of the lungs, diseases that commonly affect the lungs including COPD, emphysema, cancer and H1N1 how to these diseases are most often contracted, managed, and prevented. A two time double lung transplant recipient spoke to the students about her life and the highs and lows of the organ donation and transplant process. The students received presentations from renowned lung specialists as well as a tour of the UNC Hospital, a history and presentation on the Iron Lung (a respirator used for polio patients), and career information from radiographers, physical therapists, EMTs and paramedics, nurses and hospital administrators.

Upcoming Career Cluster Fair

The Arts, Business, Health and Human Services Fair will be held on Thursday, November 12th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the small gym. Students may attend during SMART Lunch or with their 3rd period class.

French News

~Maria Bonito, French Teacher

Rebecca Dobner's essay on " Why I am studying French "was selected as the SHS entry for the National French Teachers' annual Essay contest. Merci and Bonne Chance! Rebecca is a Junior who has completed four semesters of French at SHS. Bravo!

The International Festival of Raleigh was a wonderful cultural experience for many of our students but an especially great experience for the four French Club Officers who worked at the French booth, making and serving French pastries! A special thank you to Meredith Paul, Matthew Atkins , Honor Lacin and Nicholas Lucas. These students enjoyed their exposure and interaction with the French speaking community.

French Club is actively collecting for UNICEF. Everyone is encouraged to make a contribution to help raise money to help the children of the world. This is the seventh year that the French Club is raising money for UNICEF. Anyone who contributes \$1 or more will have an Eiffel Towel erected with their name. Our goal is to make it the highest Eiffel Tower Ever....and raise \$500.00.

Chef Rob from Coquette Restaurant is coming to SHS in November to cook a special dish for French Club!

TSA

~ Susan Kennedy, Technology Teacher

Interested in Engineering, Design, Technology and having fun?

If you are interested in working with other students to develop solutions to real engineering, design or technology related problems, then the Technology Student Association (TSA) is for you!!! Members apply and integrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) concepts through co-curricular activities, competitive events and related programs. Currently we are working on developing ideas for items to sell at Holly Days and beginning to work on competition entries. To find out more about the National TSA organization, please visit www.tsaweb.org. If you are interested in joining, please stop by and see Ms Kennedy in Room 196 (by the band room).

Key Club

The Sanderson High School Key Club is once again participating in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. Last year our club raised \$900.00 that was sent for immunization's in Swaziland, Africa. This year we are collecting for Operation Uruguay: Protecting the Rights of Children, a life-saving campaign that works to ensure the rights of vulnerable youth to education, health and basic services in Uruguay. Our club is hoping to send a \$1,000 donation to help Key Club International reach it's goal of \$1.5 million in the next two years. We have extra "orange boxes," so if you have an office or location where we can place a box and collect change, please contact Jennifer Gillam jgillam@wcpss.net or Caroline Geel, cgeel@wcpss.net Thank you for all of your help and support.

Key Club is also looking for service opportunities and/or parents who are willing to assist us in some upcoming events. If you have any ideas, or if you are willing to help us, please contact Jennifer Gillam or Caroline Geel.

Go Green

If you are reading the Spartan Newsletter on paper and missed the opportunity to save PTSA expenses, volunteer time and trees, please e-mail Fran Holland at fholland@nc.rr.com to opt out of receiving future paper issues of our newsletter. In your e-mail, include all of your students' names, grades and your street address (to be sure we delete the correct mailing). Then join our Yahoo group to receive prompt notification when the newsletter is posted online. Consider this savings part of your contribution to the PTSA!

Sanderson's Air Force JROTC

Excels in First Two Drill Meets of 2009-1020 Season

~ Col. Bob Penny, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor

Second Place at NC State University: The first drill meet of the year for our AFJROTC program was held at NC State University on Saturday, 5 October. This drill meet is sponsored by the AFROTC program at NC State. Thirteen AFJROTC units from North and South Carolina competed in this event. Our team brought home four 2nd place trophies and one 3rd place trophy in the eleven events entered. Commanders of the events include Cadet Daniel Willey, Freshman Male Element; Cadet Timothy Fitch, Freshman Flight; Cadet Brendan Bennett, Flight with Rifles; Cadet Troy Corvino, Flight without Rifles; Cadet Brent Anderson, Element without Rifles; Cadet Sarah Brown, Element with Rifles; Cadet Jalessa Smith, Innovative Element; Cadet Renard Hamlette, Innovative Element with Rifles; Cadet Brendan Bennett, Innovative Individual-Male with Rifle, Cadets Renard Hamlette and Michael Kennedy, Innovative Duo with Rifles; and Cadet Samantha Illas, Color Guard.

First Place at West Montgomery: The Sanderson HS AFJROTC Drill Team earned First Place Overall for all regulation and innovative events on Saturday, 24 October, at the West Montgomery High School Drill Meet in Mt Gilead, NC. AFJROTC units from twenty-one high schools across North Carolina competed in the event. Our team brought home two 1st place trophies and four 2nd place trophies in the seventeen events entered. Commanders of the events include Cadet Hannah Koob, Freshman , Female Element; Cadet Daniel Willey, Freshman Male Element; Cadet Timothy Fitch, Freshman Flight; Cadet Troy Corvino, Flight with Rifles; Cadet Troy Larimer, Flight without Rifles; Cadet Alora Santos, Element without Rifles; Cadet Brent Anderson, Element with Rifles; Cadet Jalessa Smith, Innovative Element; Cadet Renard Hamlette, Innovative Element with Rifles and Innovative Individual-Male with Rifle, Cadets Renard Hamlette and Michael Kennedy, Innovative Duo with Rifles; Cadet Aura Rodriguez, Innovative Individual Female with Rifle, Cadet Samantha Illas, Individual Female with Rifle; Cadet Troy Corvino, Individual Male with Rifle, Cadet Megan Willey, Individual Female; Cadet Derek Dittmer, Individual Male; and Cadet Samantha Illas, Color Guard. The Competitive Drill Team is commanded by Cadet/Lt. Col. Brendan Bennett.

Sanderson Unit Receives "Exceeds Standards" on Inspection

The Sanderson HS Corps of Cadets earned an overall unit assessment score of "Exceeds Standards" -- the highest rating attainable -- during the unit evaluation on 8 October 2009. Colonel Wade Williford, from Headquarters Air Force JROTC, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, spent the day in the unit to evaluate how effectively, efficiently, and safely NC-939 was accomplishing its mission. He also evaluated the school's compliance with Public Law, Department of Defense and Air Force Regulations, and compliance with the school/Air Force contract.

Sanderson's cadets performed exceptionally well and took great pride in presenting their unit goals for 2009 – 2010 and briefing Col. Williford on the corps' accomplishments since our last inspection three years ago. Col. Williford left very impressed with our cadets and placed the following comment in his report: *"The unit has earned the Distinguished Unit Award every year since the inception of the award. Cadets emphasize excellence in academic and in co-curricular performance. For the 2008-2009 school year, the corps average GPA was 3.1, 25 cadets were in Kitty Hawk Air Society, 21 were in NHS, and more than 60 percent of the cadets had a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Cadets earned more ROTC scholarships last year than any unit in the US (10). Cadets earned 4+ million dollars in scholarships in the past 6 years. Thirteen have attended Aerospace and Technology Honors Camp. Cadets are exceptionally well-rounded with 138 of last year's 160-member corps participating in school-wide activities. As a result, NC-939 cadets are making a positive impact on Sanderson HS, the school district, and the surrounding community!"*



During his visit, Col. Williford presented Outstanding Performance Ribbons to Cadets Brendan Bennett, Megan Willey, Samantha Illas, and Sarah Brown.

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Financial Aid Information Meeting

~Brenda Young, Counselor

Sanderson Parents of Seniors are invited to attend a Financial Aid Information Meeting on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanderson High School Auditorium. Bill Cox, former Financial Aid Director at Meredith College and now with the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority, will present information regarding the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), loans, grants, and the financial aid application process in general. Mrs. Ellen Wardlaw, Sanderson's Financial Aid Advisor, will also be present. Please make your plans to attend.

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25-29 – Thanksgiving Break

December

Dec 5 and 6 - Holly Days at Sanderson

5 – SAT (Not at Sanderson)

7-11 – 2nd quarter interim come home

12 – ACT (Not at Sanderson)

15 – SAT registration

21 – Jan 3 – Winter break

Kudos

North Carolina Honors Chorus (1100 auditions) – Finalist Chelsea

Capnerhurst, Garrett George, Rachel Smith

Park Scholarship Nominees – William Coe, James Kuo

Morehead Nominees – James Elizondo, Joshua Milian, Jaron Moore, Megan Willey

Boys Cross Country Team – 2009 CAP 7 Champions

Thanks to Ms. Bradford, JROTC, teachers, administrators and students for making the Homecoming celebration a huge success!

Thanks to Mr. Flowers and Ms. Munt and the band boosters for making the Band Expo one of the best ever!

Congratulations to the Sanderson National Honor Society inductees!

AFJROTC winning first and a second place at the drill meets.

Mr. Peeler – Sanderson's 2009-10 Teacher of the Year.

SHS Academic Booster Club “Bringing Out the Best”

We are off to a busy start this year, honoring the National Honor Society with the annual breakfast, selling SHS seat cushions, card caddies and note cards at various events, and coordinating the distribution of 1000 pompoms at Homecoming. We held a Bake Sale in conjunction with the Athletic Club Barbeque and are planning an event for all A and A/B Honor Roll students on November 20th. Our Spartans of Excellence program will recognize successful students in the areas of perseverance, excellence, personal development, citizenship, leadership, strong work ethic or attendance despite extenuating circumstances. The Spartan Service Award will honor employees nominated by their co-workers. We need your support to accomplish all of our goals.

Please consider joining our tax exempt organization. Parents may join for a little as \$10. Your contributions will help us with activities we are planning and also with three \$1000 scholarships:

EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP – 3.5 GPA or higher

SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP – 2.5-3.5 GPA

PERSEVERANCE SCHOLARSHIP- overcame odds to be successful, regardless of GPA

ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS	YES! I'D LIKE TO HELP IN OTHER WAYS!
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$20) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$10)	<input type="checkbox"/> Serve on the Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher (\$5) <input type="checkbox"/> Silver (\$25-\$99)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold (\$100-\$499)	<input type="checkbox"/> Recognition Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Matching Gift	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO Sanderson Academic Booster Club.

Mail to: Tess King 7920 Rooksley Ct. Raleigh, NC 27615

NAME: _____ STUDENT'S NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Congratulations to the members of the **men's cross country team** for earning the Cap Seven Championship by finishing in first place at the championship meet on October 20. Four Spartans finished among the top 14 runners and were named to the All-Conference team - **Matt Shick** (4th), **Matt Geisz** (5), **Mitchell Feldman** (7), and **Philip Hathaway** (8). The championship was the eighth conference championship for the Spartan men's cross country team in school history and the first since 1992.

The women's team finished in third place and was led by All-Conference runners **Allison Cook** (3rd), **Samantha Cook** (4), and **Anna Taylor** (14).

Congratulations to the **varsity volleyball team** for earning a berth in the NCHSAA playoffs. They traveled to volleyball powerhouse Person County for a first round match and, although they lost, competed admirably.

The **varsity men's soccer team** finished in a tie for second place in the regular season in Cap Seven action and was the runner up in the conference tournament. As we go to press, they are headed into the NCHSAA playoffs.

The **jv men's soccer team** had a fine season, finishing with a record of 12-4-4. The **jv volleyball team** did well too – finishing with 11 wins and 6 losses.

Congratulations to **Josh Milian** (football/golf), the 850 the Buzz Scholar-Athlete of the Month for October. Congratulations to **JP Rafferty** (soccer), the Raleigh Sports Club Scholar-Athlete of the Week for Sept. 23. Congratulations to **Allison Cook** (cross country, track), the WRAL Extra Effort Award honoree on October 28.

The winter sports were allowed to begin official tryouts on November 2 this year. The game schedules are available online on the Sanderson Athletics website at <http://sandersonhs.wcpss.net/athletics/athlet.htm>. I encourage you to bookmark that web page and visit often. Once there, you will have access to athletic schedules and participation forms, directions to schools, names and email addresses of all of the coaches, information about our boosters club, plans for upcoming seasons, links to individual team web pages, and more.

Everyone who participates in a winter sport should know the Wake County Public School System policy regarding athletic practices and games when schools are closed due to **inclement weather**. If schools are closed due to inclement weather, no athletic practice or games may be held - either on campus or off campus – whether a coach is present or not. Decisions about the status of events scheduled for Saturdays are usually made at the central office level and passed along to players through their coach.

Did you know? The Wake County Public School System pays the salary supplements to all high school and middle school coaches according to a salary schedule. Each coach is paid by “grade” according to the specific coaching position and by “step” according to coaching experience. Aside from that, the system gives each high school the whopping sum of \$945 per year to spend on whatever we choose to spend it on. That doesn't go very far. It costs us more than that just to pay our membership dues to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association! And yet the Sanderson athletic department operates in the black because our spending does not exceed our means. The largest sources of income are gate receipts collected from our home games, season passes sold by the Sanderson Athletic Club, and other gifts (grants) provided by the Sanderson Athletic Club. Those grants come as a result of all the hard work the Club does selling programs, ads, concessions, etc. That's why it's in the best interest of our students to have a healthy and vibrant Sanderson Athletic Club. Many people are surprised to learn that Wake County High School athletic programs are so self-sufficient. How do we spend our income? We spend it paying for equipment, uniforms, officials, security, insurance, professional growth expenses, transportation, sports medicine, field management and equipment, field paint, awards, entry fees, and more.

Call me or send me an email if you need me. I'll see you at the games. (Bob Catapano can be reached at 881-4830 or rcatapano@wcpss.net)



Academic Booster Club Recognizes Spartans of Excellence

The Academic Booster Club is pleased to announce the students who have been chosen by their teachers as Spartans of Excellence. This award recognizes students who have demonstrated exceptional behavior within the academic setting of SHS.

Victoria Price, Robert Moore, Adam Tassitino, Joshua Wilson, Alec Lucas, Shaneca Ragland, Amber Hemingway, Turen Dewberry, Ahmed Castro, Keegan McBride, Aja Ash, Nick Larson, Seth Boye, Tal Denton, Bryan Burke, Rachel Coffman, Haley Pope, Xuxa Bennett, Cindy Rapalo, Rachel Clark, Sheena Patel, Victor Ubani, Nic Femia, Latoya Clemmons, Preston Brady, Kim Day, Henry McClain, Julia Thaw, Evelyn Silguero, Charles Thomas.

Congratulations to the first quarter honorees!

The North Carolina School of Science and Math (NCSSM)

Who: Academically gifted/talented students who are interested in the areas of science and math apply during the first semester of their sophomore year (10th grade). Admission is very competitive.

What: A public, residential high school for academically talented juniors and seniors. The school provides challenging educational opportunities for young men and women who have interest and potential for high achievement in the sciences and mathematics. There is no cost to the student.

When: Application deadline is January 15, 2010.

How: Applications for admission are only available online through the NCSSM website: www.ncssm.edu/admissions. Applications are available now. Interested students should begin the application process well in advance of the deadline.

Students must take the SAT during their 10th grade year on one of the following SAT test dates: Oct 10, Nov 7, Dec 5, or Jan 23. See NCSSM web site for very specific directions for reporting SAT scores to NCSSM. SAT registration information is available in the SHS Student Services office or online at collegeboard.com.

Additional Info: For additional information, visit the NCSSM web site www.ncssm.edu. Informational flyers are also available outside Ms. Mosher's door in Student Services.

AFJROTC Sets Goals for 2009—2010

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Each year, Headquarters AFJROTC requests the 967 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).

These are the Sanderson HS AFJROTC Goals for the 2009-2010 school year:

- 1. Cadet** - Corps achieve an average GPA of 3.0 or higher with at least 10 in National Honor Society and 20 in Kitty Hawk Air Society
- 2. Cadet** - 100% seniors graduate on time, get accepted to college (with at least 3 ROTC scholarships), enlist, or get a full-time job

Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics

Who: Current 10th and 11th graders who are academically talented, motivated to pursue independent research, and who can handle the responsibility of living in a residential setting for four weeks away from the supervision of their parents or guardians.

What: A four-week residential summer program on a university campus for academically talented students who are interested in doing research in science and math and who are considering careers based in science and mathematics. No cost to the student for tuition/room/board.

When: Four weeks during the summer of 2010.

Where: A participating university campus in NC. This summer's locations are as follows: Appalachian State, East Carolina University, NC Central University, UNC Charlotte, UNC Wilmington and Western Carolina University.

How: Application deadline is January 31, 2010. Applications available outside Ms. Mosher's office in Student Services or online at www.summerventures.org. The application requires substantial information from the student, teachers, and counselor. Interested students must begin the application process well in advance of the published deadline.

Info: www.summerventures.org or pick up a brochure outside Ms. Mosher's office in Student Services.

- 3. School** - Increase unit enrollment to 170 or above with at least 70 freshmen cadets entering the corps
- 4. School** - Increase to 146 (75% of corps) the number of cadets participating in school-wide service clubs, student organizations, and Varsity/JV sports
- 5. Community** - Increase participation in community service activities to 120 cadets, increase service hours performed by 20% to 3500, and sponsor another drill meet
- 6. Community** - 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

Visit the Sanderson HS AFJROTC Web Site at:
<http://sandersonhs.wcpss.net/nc-939>

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Hello Sanderson Spartans!

Our Student council has been very busy so far this year. We started off the school year with our first ever Sanderson Lock-In during the month of July. Our goals for the lock-in were to not only bring the councils together as a team, but to get a head-start and plan for the upcoming school year. This event was a great success. Individual councils were able to plan for Homecoming and even December's Holly Days! Hopefully this will be a tradition that will continue through future years.

This past month has been very busy for the Spartans. Homecoming was a great success! Spirit Week was a blast; we topped it off with the pep rally, which got everyone excited about the game that night. For homecoming week, each class painted a banner displaying the homecoming theme of "Just Win It." The Seniors won the award for "Best Visual Effect," and the Juniors' banner won the award for "Best Creativity" as well as "Best Overall." The homecoming queen was crowned at the game; congratulations to Hannah Parker on this win! Throughout the week, the students participated in our exciting Spirit Week days, including the newly added "Metallic Monday" and "Toga Thursday."

The variety show will unofficially kick off the food drive and is promising to be very successful as well; Sanderson truly does have a lot of talent! Speaking of the food drive, get ready for its official start on November 16; it will last until November 24. This is an annual event and is a HUGE deal at Sanderson. We are looking forward to getting our student body pumped up and excited about raising money and food for the NC Food Bank to help the people in need during this season. Our goal this year is to raise 176,500 pounds; with your help, we can reach our goal! This amount is equivalent to 141,200 meals for the hungry.

If you would like to contribute towards our efforts in gathering food, there are several ways in which you can do that. There will be a competition between all the 1st period classes to see who raises the most poundage. You can clear out your pantries and donate non-perishable items. You can also make a tax-deductible donation to your or your child's 1st period class. Checks should be made out to Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Every dollar equals 5 pounds. Let's keep our Spartan tradition of helping others by reaching our goal.

~ Kyle Faltisco, Student Body President