



# SPARTAN Newsletter

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## Principal's Message



Hello Spartans! We are off to another exciting year at Sanderson High School! The 2008-09 End of Year data indicated that Sanderson is a "North Carolina School of Distinction" and has achieved high growth.

We are proud of our students and teachers' accomplishments!

The fall sports season is on its way and the traditional Senior Parade was a huge success! We have been working hard all summer to get ready for another successful year. We have hired the following new assistant principals: Mr. James Crook, Mrs. Lacey Peckham, and Mr. Paul Walker. Mrs. Munn has returned as assistant principal. In addition, we added new faces to the teacher ranks. Mrs. Munn and I have given the Academy of Finance a face lift by hiring Mr. Dwight Finley as our new director. Mr. Finley is developing a new strategic plan to add rigor and additional leadership opportuni-

ties for our students.

Teacher leaders worked all summer to assure the success of our new SMART Lunch program. We feel that this provides wonderful opportunities for students to receive enrichment and intervention during the academic day. With this SMART Lunch opportunity, there is less reason for any student to fail classes because all teachers are available to help. During SMART Lunch, we will also be looking for students who have difficulty making the correct choices about their use of time and their academic progress. They will see their teacher during this time!

As promised we have designed and implemented four 21st Century Technology Classrooms (one in math, science, social studies and language arts). We just received another grant for two more classrooms that will be installed in October. Over the summer, teachers volunteered

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## Future Teachers of America

~ Jennifer Elmo

Join FTA. Are you interested in becoming a teacher? If so, you should join Sanderson's newest club, FTA (Future Teachers of America). Our first meeting will be September 10th from 3:14-4:15 in room 207E. We will discuss our goals and activities for the year. If you have any interest in teaching you need to join. We will have speakers on the following topics: What it's like to be a teacher, what student teaching is like, Teaching Fellows Scholarship Information, and much, much, more. Plus, there will be refreshments!! If you have any questions, see Ms. Elmo in room 207E.

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- Take Note!**
- Meet the Teacher - September 10
  - Early Dismissal at 2:00 every Wednesday
  - Early Release at 12:30 on Oct 21
  - Interims issued - week of Sept 21
  - Homecoming Game - Oct 9
  - End of Quarter - Oct 29
  - Report Cards issued - Nov 5
  - Holly Days - Dec 5 & 6

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dozens of hours of training in instructional technology using many teaching and learning tools. Because of their dedication, we have provided them with portable mini-labs for their classroom on a secured cart: laptops, digital projector, document camera, student response systems (clickers), and DVD/VHS and an advanced audio projection system. We plan to continue providing your child 21st Century teaching and learning tools. We will look at second semester to begin to demonstrate to you the impact of this method on teaching on learning goals.

As you can see, we have worked diligently over the summer to prepare for a wonderful school year. Currently, we do not fully understand the impact of the budget cuts for this year. What we do know is that we had to hire fewer teachers, and therefore, we were unable to offer the depth of classes we desire for all students. Class sizes will be considerably higher and we will not have any funding for textbooks and teacher staff development. In spite of this set back, we will continue to be keep our focus on student learning!

Thanks to the freshman parents for providing food for the staff on August 20! It was great! Congratulations to Ms. Bradford for being recognized the "North Carolina Cheerleading Coach of the Year!"

## PTSA Meetings

Mark your calendar now for the 09-10 PTSA Meetings:

- August 31
- September 10 (General Meeting)
- October 5
- November 16
- January 11
- March 1
- April 12
- May 24 (General Meeting)

Meetings are generally held at 7pm in the Media Center, but watch for the specific announcement in the Yahoo news.

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# The Sports Desk

~ Bob Catapano, Athletic Director

The purpose Sanderson Athletics is to support the academic mission of Sanderson High School and to teach students to lead healthy lives and to be good citizens. Along the way, we hope that student-athletes will have fun, improve their skills, make friends, support each other, and learn more about themselves.

Much of what you want or need to know about the Sanderson athletic program is available online 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.

Almost three hundred Spartans are currently participating in the fall sports program. Good luck to all of them as they seek success this season. They love it when you support their efforts when you come to watch them compete. Please come.

I want to extend a special welcome to several new faces on the Sanderson coaching staff. They are Randy Bell (Math, Asst. Football), Kiana Bennett (Science, JV Women's Basketball), Christie Clem (Health/PE, Athletic Trainer), Lin Harp (JV Volleyball), Joe Mesiano (Men's and Women's Tennis), and Britt Morton (Health/PE, Asst. Football). One of our veteran teacher/coaches, Mike Cody (Health/PE), will be coaching varsity softball this year.



Stephanie Rhodes (volleyball) and Tony Lewis (football) have assumed the head varsity positions since last season.

The ladies and gentlemen on the board of the Sanderson Athletic Club, our all-sports boosters club, have had a wonderful kickoff to the 2009-2010 year. They have the field looking great, they've sold lots of family season passes, ads and sponsorships, staffed tables at Open House functions, and produced a program book that other groups surely covet. Before long they will be preparing for the fall sports banquet. The Sanderson Athletic Club makes a difference for our students. Thanks to everyone who make their programs happen.

Here are a few dates you might want to put on your calendar. The fall, winter, and spring sports banquets will be held on November 16, March 1, and May 17, respectively. Winter sports teams are allowed to begin official practices or tryouts on November 2. Students wishing to play need to have their Athletic Forms packet turned in before they can participate. Winter sports photos will be taken on November 23. Spring sports teams are allowed to begin official practices or tryouts on February 15. Spring sports photos will be taken on March 15 and 16.

Call me if you need me. I'll see you at the games.

Bob Catapano, Athletic Director

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## Band Camp

~ Liz Kimley

We did it! We made it through the week of sweaty t-shirts, sore legs, blistered feet, pranks, endless marching, along with loads of criticism that is known as band camp. Each day we would be woken up promptly at six-thirty by one of the amazing parent chaperones. Then after breakfast, we'd head out to the field for a fun filled morning of fundamentals! This is where we learn to march in all different directions; Mr. Flowers, Krier, and Austin might mention "posture", or "toes up", or "straight legs" a few times; and partake in the wondrous circle drill that everyone loves. Well, maybe not everyone!

After lunch band would split up for sectionals where we practiced and memorized the show music. The break before dinner was filled with group activities like *Honey if You Love Me*, Red Rover, the human knot, water games, and also trying to get some rest because after dinner it was back out to the field! This is my favorite part of the day because it's where we put drill and music together and the show starts to come to life!

After we were finally done, we all rushed off to take a well deserved, and needed, shower before the nights festivities which included watching DCI shows in the music building, playing cards

and hanging out, and of course SENIOR SKIT NIGHT!!! When everything was over the chaperones would shoo us back to our rooms where we would sleep soundly until six-thirty the next morning (providing the drum line didn't come play outside your door at three in the morning or you didn't wake up to the sound of the seniors decorating your hallway). Overall, Band Camp was a fun but tiring experience. We worked hard and got a lot accomplished. It was a great start to what is going to be a great season!



## Sanderson High School Athletics - 2009 Fall Sports Schedules

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri	Aug 21	Athens Drive	Home	7:00
Fri	28	Southeast Raleigh	Away	7:30
Fri	Sept 4	Cary	Away	7:30
Fri	11	Panther Creek	Home	7:00
Fri	18	New Barn [E]	Home	7:00
Fri	25	Wakefield	Away	7:00
Fri	Oct 9	Millbrook [H]	Home	7:00
Fri	16	Leesville	Away	7:00
Fri	23	Wake Forest-Rolesville	Home	7:00
Fri	30	Enloe	Away	7:00
Fri	Nov 6	Broughton	Home	7:00

[E] NCHSAA Endowment game  
[H] Homecoming game

### JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Thur	Aug 20	Athens Drive	Away	6:00
Thur	27	Southeast Raleigh	Home	6:00
Thur	Sept 3	Cary	Home	6:00
Wed	9	Panther Creek	Away	6:30
Thur	24	Wakefield	Home	6:00
Thur	Oct 8	Millbrook	Away	6:00
Thur	15	Leesville	Home	6:00
Thur	22	Wake Forest-Rolesville	Away	6:00
Thur	29	Enloe	Home	6:00
Thur	Nov 5	Broughton	Away	6:00

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Tue	Aug 18	Southeast Raleigh	Away	4:00
Tue	25	Leesville	Home	3:30
Thur	27	WF-R	Away	3:30
Tue	Sept 1	Enloe	Home	3:30
Thur	3	Broughton	Away	3:30
Tue	8	Wakefield	Away	3:30
Wed	9	Panther Creek	Home	4:00
Mon	14	Athens	Away	3:30
Tue	15	Millbrook	Home	3:30
Thur	17	Leesville	Away	3:30
Tue	22	WF-R	Home	3:30
Thur	24	Enloe	Away	3:30
Tue	29	Broughton	Home	3:30
Thur	Oct 1	Wakefield	Home	3:30
Mon	5	Cary	Home	3:30
Wed	7	Millbrook	Away	3:30
Tue	13	Cap 7 Tournament	TBA	
Wed	14	Cap 7 Tournament	TBA	
Fri	23	4A Regionals	TBA	
Sat	24	4A Regionals	TBA	
Fri	30	NCHSAA State Tournament	TBA	
Sat	31	NCHSAA State Tournament	TBA	

### CROSS COUNTRY

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Wed	Aug 19	Panther Creek	Home	6:00
Sat	22	Wake Kickoff Meet	WakeMed	8:30
Wed	26	Southeast Raleigh at Walnut Crk		6:00
Wed	Sept 2	Wakefield	Home	6:00
Wed	9	Athens, Lee	Athens	6:00
Sat	12	Seahawk Inv	UNCW	TBA
Wed	16	Millbrook	Away	5:00
Sat	19	Wolfpack adidas Inv	WakeMed	TBA
Wed	23	Leesville	Home	5:00
Sat	26	G-boro Inv at Hagan-Stone	TBA	
Wed	30	WF-R	Away	5:00
Wed	Oct 7	Enloe	Home	5:00
Wed	14	Broughton	Away	5:00
Tue	20	Cap 7 Championships	WakeMed	TBA
Sat	31	4A Regionals	WakeMed	TBA
Sat	Nov 7	NCHSAA State Meet	WakeMed	TBA

### VARSITY AND JV MEN'S SOCCER

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	JV	Varsity
Mon	Aug 17	Cary	Away	4:30	6:30
Wed	19	Pinecrest	Away	---	6:30
Thur	20	Panther Creek	Home	4:30	6:30
Tue	25	Middle Creek	Home	4:30	6:30
Thur	27	Chapel Hill	Away	5:00	6:45
Mon	31	East Chapel Hill	Home	4:30	6:30
Wed	Sept 2	Southeast Raleigh	Away	4:30	6:30
Tue	8	Wakefield	Away	4:30	6:30
Wed	9	Cardinal Gibbons	Home	4:30	6:30
Mon	14	Millbrook	Home	4:30	6:30
Wed	16	Leesville	Away	4:30	6:30
Mon	21	WF-R	Home	4:30	6:30
Wed	23	Enloe	Away	4:30	6:30
Mon	28	Broughton	Home	4:30	6:30
Wed	30	Wakefield	Home	4:30	6:30
Mon	Oct 5	Athens	Home	4:30	6:30
Wed	7	Millbrook	Away	4:30	6:30
Mon	12	Leesville	Home	4:30	6:30
Wed	14	WF-R	Away	4:30	6:30
Mon	19	Enloe	Home	4:30	6:30
Wed	21	Broughton	Away	4:30	6:30
Mon	26	Cap 7 Tournament	TBA		6:30
Tue	27	Cap 7 Tournament	Leesville		5/7
Thur	29	Cap 7 Tournament	Leesville		6:30

### VARSITY AND JV VOLLEYBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	JV	Varsity
Mon	Aug 17	Cary	Home	5:00	6:00
Tue	18	Athens Drive	Home	5:00	6:00
Thur	20	Panther Creek	Away	5:00	6:00
Mon	24	Southeast Raleigh	Home	5:00	6:00
Tue	Sept 1	Enloe	Away	5:00	6:00
Thur	3	Broughton	Home	5:00	6:00
Tue	8	Wakefield	Home	5:00	6:00
Tue	15	Millbrook	Away	5:00	6:00
Thur	17	Leesville	Home	5:00	6:00
Tue	22	WF-R	Away	5:00	6:00
Thur	24	Enloe	Home	5:00	6:00
Tue	29	Broughton	Away	5:00	6:00
Thur	Oct 1	Wakefield	Away	5:00	6:00
Mon	5	Middle Creek	Away	5:00	6:00
Thur	8	Millbrook	Home	5:00	6:00
Mon	12	Leesville	Away	5:00	6:00
Tue	13	WF-R	Home	5:00	6:00
Thur	15	Cap 7 Tournament	TBA		6:00
Mon	19	Cap 7 Tournament	Broughton		5/7
Wed	21	Cap 7 Tournament	Broughton		6:00

### WOMEN'S GOLF

Day	Date	Event	Site	Time
Mon	Aug 31	Cap Seven Match	North Ridge	3:30
Tue	Sept 1	Cap Seven Match	Heritage	3:30
Tue	8	Cap Seven Match	Falls Village	3:30
Tue	15	Cap Seven Match	Wildwood Grn	3:30
Tue	22	Cap Seven Match	Olde Liberty	3:30
Tue	29	Cap Seven Match	Hedingham	3:30
Tue	Oct 6	Cap Seven Match	TPC Wakefield	3:00
Mon	19	4A Regionals	Chapel Ridge	8:30
Mon	26	NCHSAA State Tour	TBA	TBA
Tue	27	NCHSAA State Tour	TBA	TBA

Schedules as of August 7, 2009  
Subject to change



## SANDERSON ATHLETIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND SEASON PASS APPLICATION

Welcome to Sanderson High School's 2009-2010 Sports Seasons. The Sanderson Athletic Club is again offering the following Memberships and Season Passes for purchase for this school year's athletic events at Sanderson. Please join us in supporting our student-athletes.

- Family (SAC Membership\*, Season Passes, and 1 Parking Pass) \$160
- Single Adult (SAC Membership\* and Season Pass) \$60
- Single Student (Season Pass Only) \$40
- Sr. Citizen, age 62+ (Season Pass Only) \$25
- Sanderson Athletic Club Membership\* Only \$10

Season Passes permit entry into ALL regular season Sanderson home athletic events. Parking Passes allow preferred parking at home Varsity football games. Individual tickets gate price is \$5.00. **NOTE: Individual tickets to games purchased at the gate this year will cost \$6.00 per person for varsity football and \$5.00 per person for all OTHER events.**

**Sanderson Car Magnets:** Show off your Spartan support with a Sanderson car magnet. We will again have these available this year for \$3. You can purchase them up at the SAC membership table at games.

Please mail your order form and check payable to Sanderson Athletic Club as soon as possible to: **Marci Johnson 4908 Hermitage Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612.** All mail orders will be mailed upon receipt.

For further information, contact **Marci Johnson [jjohnson7021@nc.rr.com](mailto:jjohnson7021@nc.rr.com) or 919-420-0922.**

### Sanderson Athletic Club Membership / Season Pass Order Form

Family [  ]    Single Adult [  ]    Single Student [  ]    Sr. Citizen [  ]    SAC Membership Only [  ]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_      Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Passes: \_\_\_\_\_      Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

List ALL names (first/last) below for passes and include student grades where applicable.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Volunteer Ops:** We encourage all members to participate in the activities of the Sanderson Athletic Club. Please consider helping any of the following committees and we will contact you.

Advertising [  ]    Programs [  ]    Facilities [  ]    Concessions [  ]    Special Projects [  ]    Video [  ]

Membership & Communications [  ]    Banquets [  ]    Awards [  ]    Occasional Opportunities [  ]

# SHS Cadets Excel at AFJROTC Summer Leadership Camps

~ Col. Bob Penny, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor

Nineteen cadets attended cadet leadership programs at three different locations over the Summer. Six cadets attended Summer Leadership School (SLS) at East Carolina University and eleven attended Cadet Officer Leadership School (COLS) at Fayetteville State University. Two cadets attended AFJROTC-sponsored Honors Camps, one at the University of New Mexico and the other at the University of Oklahoma.

**East Carolina SLS:** Cadets Brendan Bennett, Sarah Brown, Adrian Rodriguez, Cheyenne Scheetz, Michael Kennedy, and Mark Chandler graduated from the East Carolina SLS on 19 June 2009. Cadets Bennett and Brown served in leadership positions. The school, sponsored by the Northside-Jacksonville High School AFJROTC unit, emphasizes leadership, team-building, analytical thinking skills, self-discipline, drill skills and physical fitness. Fourteen high schools and 200 cadets participated in the 6-day camp. The cadets began each day at 0430 with a mile run. The day ended with team sports competitions in the evening. In between, the cadets participated in barracks and uniform inspections, drill practice, and academics. Academics included leadership, team-building, obstacle course, rope bridge, and base tours. Each cadet was also given an academic test, physical fitness test and a drill evaluation.

Cadets competed for individual and group awards throughout the week. Cadet Sarah Brown won the Top Flight Cadre Award and was selected as the best drill performance for all 16 flight cadre at the camp. Cheyenne Scheetz was selected as the Warrior Cadet (for the most motivational informal leader) from her Flight of 20 cadets.

The most important awards for the week were the flight awards. G Flight, led by Sarah Brown, was the top Athletic Flight and Best Drill Flight. Cadet Adrian Rodriguez's flight was selected as Honor Flight and Cheyenne Scheetz's flight won Top Inspections Flight.

**Fayetteville State COLS:** Cadets Samantha Illas, Troy Larimer, Troy Corvino, David Bailey, William Fetzner, Wes Vaughn, Law K'Pru, Mitchell Lester, Jeremy Yates, Brent Anderson, and Jaron Moore completed rigorous training at FSU COLS on 10 July 2009. Cadets Illas and Larimer served in camp leadership positions. This COLS, held at Fayetteville State University, is sponsored by the AFJROTC unit at West Montgomery High School. Thirty-two high schools and 300 cadets participated in the 6-day camp. Training included a daily PT test of push ups, sit ups, and a 1-mile run; water safety and scuba diving instruction; completing an obstacle course; repelling down a 40 foot tower; room and personal (uniform) inspections; traversing a 30 foot rope bridge; map reading through the forest; competing in five different team sports events; and camping out overnight. Their days started at 4 AM with lights out at 9 PM.

Cadet Samantha Illas was awarded an Outstanding Leadership Plaque for her performance on the COLS' Staff Cadre. Cadets Weston Vaughn and Jeremy Yates were selected as the Top Drill

Cadet in their respective flights. Cadet Brent Anderson's flight was selected as the Honor Flight of the COLS and Brent won the award for most sit-ups during the athletic competition. All eleven cadets from SHS passed the Physical Training Test and were awarded the Unit PT Plaque.

**AFJROTC Honors Camp:** Cadets Megan Willey and Sarah Brown attended the week-long Aerospace & Technology Honors Camp this Summer at the University of New Mexico and the University of Oklahoma, respectively. Megan and Sarah were selected by a board of Air Force officers at AFJROTC headquarters for this highly competitive, Air Force sponsored camp. All camp locations are near Air Force bases where many of the orientation and training activities took place. The Air Force pays all expenses. The objective of the Aerospace & Technology Honors Camp is to introduce high-achieving high school cadets to scientific, technical, and aviation career opportunities in the Air Force. Selection to attend the Aerospace & Technology Honors Camp is very competitive. Those selected have a minimum GPA of 3.0, are rising juniors or seniors, enrolled in college-prep math and science courses, and have demonstrated leadership potential. 470 cadets were selected from 1,600 applicants and represent the top one half of one percent of the approximately 110,000 AFJROTC cadets worldwide.



This Secretary of the Air Force initiative orients cadets to aerospace technology educational opportunities and aerospace related careers through a "hands-on" curriculum including visits to college campuses, air and space operational units, research labs, historical sites, aerospace industries, research and technology centers, museums, and provides each cadet with an incentive flight. Additionally, cadets met Air Force general officers, astronauts, doctors, JAG officers, and pilots. They also participated in simulator and airplane rides. Each camp was hosted on a college campus with an Air Force ROTC detachment.

## '08-'09 Academic Accomplishments

Sixty percent of the SHS cadets had a GPA of 3.0 or higher at the end of the '08-'09 school year. The average GPA for all 160 cadets for the '08-'09 school year was 3.1.

Eighteen of 19 senior cadets were accepted to colleges last year. These cadets applied to and were accepted at 35 colleges/universities. Ten cadets were offered ROTC college scholarships. ROTC scholarships are valued at well over \$100,000 each and cover tuition and books, a monthly stipend, uniforms, and summer training. Air Force scholarships in excess of \$4 million have been awarded to graduating cadets during the last six years including three Air Force Academy appointments. Many cadets also earned academic scholarships from their universities. Total scholarship amount earned by 2008 senior cadets was \$952,550.00; 2009 senior cadets earned \$942,000.00. Sander-

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# AFJROTC Booster Club Needs You

~ Fran Holland

The AFJROTC Booster Club is currently recruiting parent volunteers to help man the four concession stands at each of the eight NCSU home football games. This is a huge social event for the Corps members, but it also gives us parents the opportunity to bond and interact with the Corps members and one another. If your student will be in a second semester Corps class, it is all the more important for you and them to become involved now. Please read more below and contact Arnella Brown [arnel-labrn@bellsouth.net](mailto:arnel-labrn@bellsouth.net) to sign up to work the games. We especially need volunteers to step forward soon for the home games on 9/3 and 9/12. Your cadets can sign up to work in the AFJROTC room (before or after school).

The AFJROTC Booster Club is an organization of parents whose children are - or have been - cadets in SHS AFJROTC. We are the best way for cadet (student) parents to support your child's interest in the Corps. We have very few meetings, but accomplish a great deal. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, in the AFJROTC classroom. Please come and see what we are all about. And check us out at our link on the corps' web page: <http://sandersonhs.wspss.net/nc-939>

*Why should I join?* Just by joining, your membership fees (\$25/ family fee includes one SHS JROTC t-shirt!) will financially support the Corps for activities like the Military Ball in the spring, Sports Day (also in the spring), Drill Competitions throughout the school year, and AFJROTC college scholarships. And there are always opportunities to donate your time and talents! Complete the registration form below and send it to school with your cadet.

*What will my child get out of my membership in the Booster Club?* Studies show that students who identify with a small group within a large high school setting enjoy high school more, make better grades, and are less likely to drop out. Your student will recognize and appreciate your involvement in an activity that is important to him/her.

*Scholarships.* For the past three years, the Booster Club has presented college scholarships totaling \$10,000.00 to deserving seniors.

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## AFJROTC Booster Club Registration Form

Please fill out, include your check, and send with your cadet to Col. Penny or TSgt Croom.

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cadet Name(s) / Academic Class: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email / phone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

One SHS AFJROTC t-shirt is included with your \$25 Booster Club membership fee

**Make checks payable to SHS AFJROTC**

T-shirt size requested (Adult sizes): (Small/Medium/Large/XLarge) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional t-shirts are available @ \$10 each: # of additional shirts \_\_\_\_\_ / Size(s) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of interest: I would like to (check all that apply):

- receive email about Booster Club and/or JROTC activities
- donate materials to the Corps as needs arise
- assist at drill team events
- assist at NCSU football concessions

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(To be completed by officer) Paid Date \_\_\_\_\_ / Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return with your check to a Booster Club officer or SHS JROTC instructor

## AFJROTC (continued from page 6)

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son's cadets were offered more AFROTC scholarships last year than any other high school in the United States.

### AFJROTC Booster Club

The cadet corps is huge this year. 210 cadets are signed up which is 50 more cadets than last year. We are excited about the interest in AFJROTC and about the parent support we've had in past years. If you are a parent/guardian of a cadet taking our class either semester, please get involved with the booster club now. Contact Membership Chairperson Fran Holland at FSholland@nc.rr.com to sign up. Visit the Booster Club webpage con-

nected to the corps' web page to see how you can help. The first booster club meeting is 17 September in the AFJROTC classroom at 7 PM.

### You're A Cadet All Year

Any cadet enrolled in AFJROTC for either the Fall or Spring Terms is a cadet for the entire academic year. As such, cadets are welcome and encouraged to participate in all extracurricular activities throughout the year, especially the Competitive Drill Team, corps' service projects, and our Curriculum-In-Action Trips. Please keep in touch with your corps by visiting the corps web site at: <http://sandersonhs.wcpss.net/nc-939> and come by the classroom.

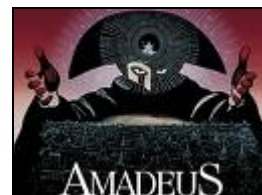
## SHS Theatre

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The Sanderson Theatre Experience, in a Season of Extremes, Announces their 2009-2010 Season!

November 5-7, 2009

Genius and insanity collide in this gripping story of fame and revenge. Loosely based on the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, this play traces the musical genius that was Mozart, and the wicked plots of the envious Court Composer Antonio Salieri to discredit and ultimately ruin his nemesis.



April 15-17, 2010

Join the Sanderson Theatre Experience as we go back to the Great Depression and watch as a little girl teaches us all the true meaning of family. This popular family musical features such great Broadway hits as "Tomorrow", "NYC", and "Easy Street". Open Auditions will be held on January 5 and 6, 2010.



## Holly Days

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Mark your calendars for this Sanderson tradition. The 2009 shopping extravaganza will be:

- Saturday, December 5: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Sunday, December 6: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Vendors: go to <http://sandersonhs.wcpss.net/> to download a Booth Reservation form - due by October 30th.



# SHS ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB

## "Bringing Out the Best"



How do we "bring out the best" in high school? Is it through Clubs? Football games? Pep Rallies? Dances? "YES" to all of this...but most importantly, high school is meant to promote, encourage, and recognize achievements in academics, leadership, citizenship, and personal development among all students. That's the purpose of the Sanderson Academic Booster Club as well. This is a club of parents who are enthusiastic in promoting ALL of these values. We strive to "Bring out the Best" in each Student.

### WHAT DOES THE SANDERSON ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB DO?

- Recognizes the students who are on the A or A/B honor roll with certificates and recognition on bulletin boards throughout the school.
- Sponsors "Bag Tags" for students who demonstrate extra effort and exemplary citizenship.
- Awards three scholarships annually to Sanderson Seniors. Last year \$1,000 was awarded for each of the three scholarships.
  - EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP – awarded to a Senior with a 3.5 GPA or higher
  - SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP – awarded to a Senior with a 2.5-3.5 GPA
  - PERSEVERANCE SCHOLARSHIP- awarded to a Senior regardless of GPA, who has overcome exceptional odds to become a successful student at Sanderson looking to further his/her education.
- Hosts a breakfast for the inductees to the National Honor Society.
- Honors a Teacher-of-the-Month nominated by their peers.
- Contributes toward cash bonus recognition for the Sanderson Teacher of the Year.

**THE ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR!** We invite all Sanderson parents to join the efforts to promote academic achievement among ALL Sanderson High School Students. We are a tax-exempt organization. We urge you to submit your contribution and also pursue a matching gift from your place of business.

ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS	YES! I'D LIKE TO HELP IN OTHER WAYS!
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Matching Gift (\$500 & above) <input type="checkbox"/> Gold (\$100-\$499) <input type="checkbox"/> Silver (\$25-\$99) <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$20) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$10) <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher (\$5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Serve on the Board <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Program <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition Programs <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: \_\_\_\_\_

## From Your PTSA

~ Anne Sherron, PTSA President

Another year begins! The SHS PTSA is looking forward to the '09-'10 school year, and we've been planning all summer to bring you, the Sanderson Community, programs and communications of interest to all.

This year we will be repeating our Alive at 25 Program. This year's Seniors were Freshmen when we started this tradition. There will be calls out for volunteers via the Yahoo Newsgroups (are you on the Yahoo??), through the newsletter, and on the PTSA website. Look for these call outs after the winter holidays to plan a spring car crash reenactment on the football field – police, fire, EMS – the works. If you were involved a few years ago or were able to view the event, you'll remember how absolutely quiet 1900+ students could be in a stadium for two hours. We know it made an impact, and we hope to achieve the same results this year.

The PTSA website is being revamped this year – by students! Thanks go to Mrs. Bennett, web development instructor, on this challenging task. Opportunities for volunteering will be found there once we are up and ready. We need volunteers on everything the PTSA does – we cannot function for you, without you! Just about any committee is looking for additional help. Give the chair a call – they will tell you all about it.

Another focus for PTSA this year is to bring all the parent volunteer groups together, collaborating for One Sanderson. PTSA has heard repeatedly how confusing it is for new parents when attempting to get involved – who does what, where do I fit in? PTSA looks forward to sharing with the entire Sanderson Community the many volunteer opportunities at our school.

We are most excited about our main financial focus this year – funding a 21<sup>st</sup> Century classroom! If you have not heard – Dr. Decker has already been busy putting together four 21<sup>st</sup> Century classrooms, preparing our students for the future. PTSA has committed to funding one of these from our fundraising efforts this year.

All this cannot happen without participation in our only major fundraiser – the NO FUSS. Please take a moment and join the PTSA, and consider donating to the PTSA over and above your membership fee of \$8. We will have a table at meet the Teacher night Sept 10, and we will be sending a mailer home a few days after that. Please consider coming to a PTSA meeting! Much can be learned at one of those!

Sanderson PTSA's focus is on Parent communication and volunteerism, and not just for PTSA sponsored activities; Teacher support, which is much more than food; and Student advocacy for the entire student population. And everything about PTSA will be on the website. Check us out! We look forward to collaborating with the administration, the students, and the parents for a terrific '09-10 year!

Anne Sherron  
'09-'10 PTSA President  
(And Senior Mom!)

## No Fuss Fundraiser

As we plan for a great 2009-10 school year, we constantly reflect on our teaching and learning processes. The vision for the students at Sanderson High School is that all students must reach their maximum academic growth each year. We all know that learning begins in the home, but we also know that we need to take full advantage of the scientific research and technological breakthroughs that can enhance learning, keep students engaged, and create high order thinking and problem solving strategies. In an effort to demonstrate what a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning classroom might look like, we have created four classrooms (one each for math, science, socials studies and language arts). These classrooms are equipped with a digital projector, teacher laptop, document camera, a class set of student response systems, an audio system and two wireless tablets. Along with these four fully equipped classrooms, we also have eleven portable mini units that can be used in classrooms throughout the building. All these units will further avail the curriculum and technology integration to more teachers and students each day. The overall vision is to have this 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment in each and every classroom. Efforts will be made this year to provide parental demonstrations of this new teaching and learning technology once we have the equipment installed and the teachers well trained.

The Sanderson PTSA has a rich tradition of supporting the school mission through programs sponsored for parents, students, and staff. Again this year, the PTSA has committed additional time and resources to support our 21<sup>st</sup> century technology classroom project.

All of these efforts require that parents support the PTSA through the resources of time and money. This year, the PTSA wants to again offer us the "No-Fuss Fundraiser" as the method to raise funds to support its' programs. Each family is asked to contribute twenty-five dollars or more to the PTSA. This fundraiser does not require students to sell anything and incurs no overhead expenses. Donations are tax deductible.

I encourage each family to support the PTSA and Sanderson by contributing to this fundraiser. A significant portion of the money that is collected will go to the 21<sup>st</sup> century technology classroom project. Each student at Sanderson will be impacted by the work of the PTSA throughout the year.

Thank you for all that you do to make Sanderson such a great school!

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Decker Ed.D.  
Principal, Sanderson High School

# A Mom & Pop Quiz

~ from the Sanderson High School PTSA Board

1. **What can you get for TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS?**
  - A. The "Boot" removed from your illegally parked car in the Student Lot
  - B. A contribution to the Sanderson High School PTSA "No-Fuss Fundraiser"
  - C. Both of the above
2. **What will deliver a direct positive effect on the quality of education at SHS?**
  - A. Recognize over 100 students for "Character Counts"
  - B. A \$25 or greater contribution to the SHS PTSA "No-Fuss Fundraiser"
  - C. Both of the above
3. **What will it take to reach the Sanderson High School PTSA goals this year?**
  - A. Your attention to this easy quiz
  - B. Every SHS family contributing \$25 or more to the "No-Fuss Fundraiser"
  - C. Both of the above

**If you answered "C" to all of the questions above, you've earned a perfect score!**

When you help Sanderson High School PTSA reach our dollar goal, you help coordinate the efforts of dozens of volunteers in the classroom, office and media center. You help make possible student recognition, teacher appreciation and educational advisory committees. Your support for the PTSA this year will also help fund Smart Classrooms, teacher initiatives, new books and other media. Our "No-Fuss Fundraiser" will fund special programs, communication between school and home (including the Spartan Newsletter) and other educational enhancements. In a few words, our PTSA works together to provide the best that we can for SHS students! Best of all – two words: NO FUSS! No magazine sales, no coupon books.

Please help the PTSA offer Sanderson students more ways to *succeed* by making your family contribution today! Together we can meet our PTSA goals with NO FUSS!



**Make checks payable to Sanderson PTSA. Your donation is tax deductible SHS tax ID is 56-1137759  
Mail completed form and check to the school or send with your student in an enveloped marked PTSA.**

No Fuss Contribution (name) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Join the PTSA as well! Membership is \$8.00 per person (parent, faculty, staff or student)

PTSA MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00

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(Is anyone above a student? Add grade level beside name)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Total check amount and check number (Circle here if cash) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(No Fuss donation suggestions: Patron - \$25, Bronze \$50, Silver \$75, Gold \$100 or more)

Seniors MUST join the PTSA by January 16, 2010 to apply for annual PTSA scholarships.

# SPARTAN Newsletter

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## Meet the Teacher Night

Thursday, September 10

7pm

## YAHOO!

The SHS Community Yahoo Group helps keep parents, students and others aware of what is going on in and around the Sanderson Community. Sign up to receive the SHS Weekly along with other pertinent emails about upcoming events and information of interest. To join send an email to:

[SHScommunity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:SHScommunity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Send Yahoo submissions to: [bonnie.hines@ymail.com](mailto:bonnie.hines@ymail.com)

## Go Green

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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 [fsholland@nc.rr.com](mailto:fsholland@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!