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Principal's Message

I want to take this opportunity to make you aware of the many changes that are occurring in public education and make you more knowledgeable of these changes.



1. The Federal Government is beginning to discuss comprehensive changes to their accountability system known as "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB). This data allows all of us to see student data in reading and math, broken down by ethnic subgroups in math and reading. The federal government used our state's EOC assessment to disaggregate the data. No definite changes have been yet identified.
2. There is a great deal of change in the State's ABC accountability systems. There are many reasons for this change, one being the lack of funding and the other is the huge change in the new State curriculum. There now are only three State EOC assessments that are used; English 9, Biology and Algebra. Although the data from these assessments is still valid, less than 10% of our student population will be taking the assessment in any given year. Due to these changes, this information is no longer a good measure of judging a school's quality.
3. One of the biggest changes in North Carolina is that nearly every classroom curriculum will be new for the 2012-13 school year. The State has chosen to change the entire K-12 curriculum. There is a new Federal curriculum in both English and math. It is called the "Common Core". North Carolina has also chosen to rewrite a new K-12 curriculum (other than English and math) and it is called the "Essential Standards". For example between 2012-13 and 2015-16, the high school math will no longer offer algebra I, geometry, algebra II, pre-calculus, and advanced functions and modeling. . . It will be called Standard Core I, II, III, IV. It will be a four year roll out. Starting with the freshman class of 2012-13, the new curriculum will begin with Standard Core I and each year the curriculum will be rolled out to the next class until all four courses are offered by 2015-16. This new curriculum will integrate all math concepts within a year rather than just an exclusive course like Algebra. This approach is a curriculum blend of all the subject content throughout each curriculum over the four years. Another example of change will be in the area of civics and economics. This will be offered in the student's senior year and will offer several week of financial literacy prior to sending students off to colleges or universities.

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Parents, please follow the link below and complete the parent survey. Our teachers and administrators use your responses to help make Sanderson a better school.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22CVGYLVPTU/>

If you have already completed the survey, Thank You. You are helping make Sanderson a better school for your children.

Stay Informed

~ Cindy Jones, SHS Yahoo 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, send an email to:

SHScommunity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

SHS Class of 2012 Parents Yahoo Group

In order to make planning for the class of 2012 senior events easier, we have a Yahoo group for parents of the class of 2012. This is an interactive group so membership is moderated. To join, send an email to:

SHS_2012_Parents-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

You should state you have a child in the class of 2012 at Sanderson High School.

Juniors - SHS Class of 2013 Parents Yahoo Group!

We have created a new Yahoo Group for the parents of the class of 2013. This interactive group will be used **for Prom planning and Junior News now** and Senior event planning and news later. Since this is an interactive group, membership is moderated. To join the group, just send an email to

SHS_2013_Parents-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

You should state you have a child (or are a child!) in the class of 2013 at Sanderson High School or wish to help with Prom.

Yahoo Submissions

If you have any information you'd like to include in any of the Yahoo emails, email submissions to:

cmj61@nc.rr.com. Please submit sports information by 5pm Thursdays and community information by midnight Saturdays.



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Deadline for submissions
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is Friday, April 20, 2012.

Principal's message

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- Due to all these changes, it is anticipated that it will be several years before accountability assessment will be created and baselines established. High Schools have been asked to provide ACT assessment to all eleventh graders. It appears that these national college entrance exams will also be used as a major accountability tool to measure school achievement.

New National Board Certified Teachers: Whitney Chapman, Christie Clem, Mike Shaw and Ashley Stone have completed their NBCT requirements. John Peeler and Todd Worley have successfully renewed their National Board Certification. Congratulations to each of them. We now have 34 National Board Certified teachers on staff.

Congratulations to Helen Munt Pettiford, **2011-12 Sanderson Teacher of the Year.**

Reminder: Deliveries to students during the school day should be avoided. We cannot interrupt classes for these deliveries. This includes items such as food from outside vendors and balloons which are very disruptive in the classroom. Also, students should refrain from bringing these items to school for friends. If students bring them to school, they will be confiscated and kept in the front office and students will pick them up after 3:00 PM.

Dates to Remember

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| February | 6 | PTSA Meeting |
| | 17 | Early Release |
| | 20 & 21 | Teacher Workdays |

Interim reports go home the week of Feb 27

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| March | 5 | PTSA Meeting |
| | 16 | Early Release |
| | 30 | Teacher Workday |

Mid Term Exams are March 26 - 29

Spring Break is April 2-6

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| April | 9 | PTSA Meeting |
| | 12 | 3rd Quarter Report Cards |
| | 27 | Early Release |

Executive Council

~ Daniel Tassitino, President

Attention Sanderson Community...the food drive results are in and we did an amazing job!

- Congratulations on the Food Drive! It was a huge success...thanks for all your hard work! **We defended our title and are once again the Triangle Students Against Hunger winners.** We raised more pounds than any school that participated (elementary, middle, and high), and we beat last year's school total by 20,000 pounds **raising 222,668.1 pounds!** That means we raised 106 pounds per student and roughly \$21 a student. Since the year 2000, Sanderson High School has contributed over \$297,000 dollars and over 72,000 pounds of food to the NC Food Bank!
- Sanderson's generosity will help feed many people over the next year. We raised enough to provide **194,122.9 meals.**
- Congratulations to all the classes that participated in the first period competition. The overall winner was Ms. Boyette with 25,331.86 pounds. Second place goes to Ms. Blackwell with 8,520.49 pounds, third place goes to Ms. McNally with 8,372 pounds, fourth place goes to Ms. Ewing with 6,108.01 pounds, and fifth place goes to Ms. Bennett with 4,506.78 pounds. 22 classes had over 1,000 pounds of food. The classes drawn from the 1,000+ pounds group are Mr. Washburn, Ms. Ammons, Ms. Rhodes, and Mr. Findlay.
- Dollars for Desserts* was a huge success! We collected over \$5,200 during fourth period. Thanks to all the 4th period classes that participated! 40 classes raised the \$50 minimum, and Ms. Ewing's class won first place by raising \$1,600! Way to go!

We have many student council events left during the second semester. The Winterfest Dance will be on February 11. Matchmakers will be on sale on February 14. Executive council sign-ups for next year begin on March 5 and class council sign-ups for next year begin on April 9. Prom is April 28.

The Sanderson community is amazing. Our students, teachers, administrators, and parents all know that Sanderson is a special place to be a part of, and we have some wonderful traditions. Go Spartans!

Colonel Sammons Replaces Colonel Penny

~ Col. Bob Penny, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor

Col. David Sammons, USAF retired, replaced Col. Bob Penny on 1 Feb 2012 as Senior Aerospace Science Instructor in Sanderson's Air Force JROTC program. Col. Sammons entered the Air Force in 1981 after earning his commission in the AFROTC Detachment at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. He has 28 years military experience steeped in Air Force Special Operations and Information Warfare flying disciplines. Colonel Sammons is a Master Navigator with over 4,600 hours flying MC-130E/H, C-130E/H and EC-130H aircraft. He earned distinction as the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Gallant Unit Citation for his leadership and heroism exhibited in the American-led war on terrorism during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan. His combat flight credentials also include 124 combat hours flown in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM; the counter-drug war in Colombia; psychological leaflet drops on the capital city of Belgrade during the Kosovo crisis; and flying special operations missions to enforce the Dayton Peace Accords at the height of the Bosnian conflict.

Colonel Sammons' assignments also include working as a Presidential Advance Agent for the movement of Air Force One and the President of the United States. He last served on Active Duty as the Commander and Professor of Aerospace Studies in NC State University's AFROTC Detachment. In addition to his Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education with a minor in Biology, Colonel Sammons has two Master's Degrees: one in Personnel Counseling and the other in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Sanderson Cadets Participate in Wreaths Across America

On Saturday, 10 December 2011, Sanderson cadets participated for the sixth year in Wreaths Across America by presenting the colors for the wreath laying ceremony at Raleigh's National Cemetery (sponsored locally by The Daughters of the American Revolution). One cadet also served as escort for guests who presented wreaths for each of the military branches, POWs, and Medal of Honor recipients. Cadets who participated are Mitchell Lester, Billy Fetzner, Adrian Rodriguez, Devin Ayscue, and Daniel Willey. This has become an annual event for our corps. To learn more about Wreaths Across America, please visit <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.com>



AFJROTC Cadets Accepted to College and Awarded Scholarships

As of 13 January 2012, fifteen of the twenty-eight senior cadets in Sanderson's AFJROTC program have been accepted to a total of 24 colleges or universities. So far, cadets have received scholarship offers totaling \$100,000. All cadets use the college planning timeline shown on the next page.

A Reminder for First Semester Cadets: You're A Cadet All Year

Any cadet enrolled in AFJROTC for either the Fall or Spring Semesters 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 and come by the classroom. Drill Team practice for second semester begins 31 January!



Juniors and College Planning

~ From the Sanderson HS AFJROTC Web Site

Right now, high school seniors should be finding out which colleges and universities are accepting them for the Fall 2012 semester and applying for scholarships. Juniors are enjoying their high school experiences and many have not given a second thought to college planning. If juniors are not already deep into the college planning process, they are behind their peers nationwide in their preparation for college.

Here is a **College Planning Timeline** that works:

1. First Semester Junior Year -- Take the PSAT and go to College Fairs (In Raleigh, NC, go to the Fair at NC State Univ. It's on the third Sunday in September from 2 to 4:30 PM at the McKimmon Center) (If your PSAT score is low, take a SAT Prep course)
2. Second Semester Junior Year -- Take the SAT/ACT TWO TIMES and go visit colleges and universities you believe will accept you. (If your SAT/ACT score is low, take a Prep course)
3. Summer between Junior and Senior Years -- Research university/college web sites to see if applications must be completed on line or on paper. For North Carolina colleges/universities, applications can be completed through CFNC at <http://www.cfnc.org> on their online application page. This allows you to complete the same demographic information one time and then visit individual college web sites as needed, saving time and making the process easier.
4. August - October of Senior Year -- Mail out applications or apply on line on the college's web page. In mid October, apply to North Carolina colleges and universities (including community colleges) through the transcript request process at CFNC.org (This is FREE). Students applying to out of state colleges/universities need to complete the paper transcript request (online or in Student Services) and submit to the Student Services registrar. The first 3 of those are free, after that, they are \$5 each. Transcripts are not updated for seniors until the twentieth day school.
5. August to November of Senior Year -- Take SAT one last time. Have the results sent to the colleges/universities to which you've applied. Note: Applications, transcripts, and SAT/ACT results DO NOT have to be sent at the same time. Admissions offices build a file on you and add documents as they arrive. They normally email you to tell you what is missing.
6. January of Senior Year -- Fill out Financial Aid Forms from colleges - most will be on line. FAFSA is available January 1st and can be filed through February 15th at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
7. February - March of Senior Year -- Get in touch with Financial Aid offices at the colleges to which you've been accepted to see if they've received required information from you.
8. April of Senior Year -- You should hear from the schools to which you submitted regular decision applications. Compare the acceptance letters and financial aid offers. Go visit the colleges that accepted you and make your decision by the applicable dead line - many colleges/universities require a letter postmarked 1 May.
9. Don't get SENIORITIS -- Don't mess up your grades or reputation because the acceptances you've received can vanish in a heartbeat.
10. And finally -- Don't procrastinate on any part of the process.

Much more planning advice and many university/college links can be found on SHS AFJROTC web page -- *scroll down the left menu to "College Planning."*

Join the SHS Air Force JROTC Booster Club

The Booster Club an organization of parents whose children are - or have been - cadets in SHS AFJROTC. We are the best way for cadet parents to support your child's interest in the Corps.

Studies show 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. Studies also show the same results for students whose parents are actively involved in their academics and school activities. Your child will recognize and appreciate your involvement in an organization that is important to him/her. See the Booster Club link on the SHS AFJROTC website or contact Yvonne Vaughters at vonnie719@hotmail.com for more information.

RECORD BREAKING NEWS: **Daniel Dozier** has broken two Sanderson swim records this year and **Caroline Morton** has broken another. Daniel has set the new 100 yd Breast Stroke at 0:59.16 and the 200 yd IM at 1:57.65. Caroline swam the 100 yd Breast in 1:10.16. Congrats to these athletes and the entire Men and Women swimming and dive team.

Congratulations to the Sanderson wrestling team. They are having a very good year winning several tournaments including the Wakefield Challenge and the Green Hope Grapple. The Sanderson wrestling team is ranked 3rd in the state of North Carolina and have seven individual wrestlers that are ranked top-10 in their respective weight classes--**Blane McElreath** at 2nd, **Logan Martini** at 4th, **Ian Clark** at 4th, **Bradley Tharrington** at 9th, **Marshall Bass** at 10th, **Chris Grannan** at 10th, and **Marvin Vazquez** at 8th. The Sanderson wrestling team looks to repeat as conference champions and have an opportunity to compete for a state championship this season. In addition we most recently beat rival Millbrook H.S. in a very exciting away match. Good luck to our Spartan wrestlers and the remainder of their season.

Basketball has been a thrill to watch with some exciting home games for both the Men and Women. Come join us for a "**Red Out**" packing our Gym and making some noise along with our Band. It is an exciting atmosphere!

I encourage you to come support our winter athletes when they compete. They love seeing you in the stands. Make a special effort to support our cheerleaders when they compete in January and February along with our Gymnastics team and our Indoor Track team. It helps them when you're there to cheer them on in their competitions.

Sanderson Athletics is 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!

I would like to invite all parents of our student athletes to join us at our next **Sanderson Athletic Club Meeting** on Tuesday February 21 at 7:00.

The Sanderson Athletic Club will host the **Winter Sports Banquet** on February 27. Winter sport athletes are invited for dinner as guests of the Club. Other guests may join us for dinner for \$10 per plate. All athletes and guests who plan to come for the dinner at 6:00 PM should receive an invitation and are expected to make reservations. Extra invitations will be available in the main office or you will be able to download them on our athletics web site. Reservations are not necessary for guests who want to join us in the auditorium at 7:00 PM for the team recognition. We look forward to celebrating our winter season with them on this special night.

The **spring sports** teams are allowed to begin official tryouts or practices on February 13, 2012. Everyone who wants to participate needs to have a current forms packet on file. Don't be left on the sidelines – have your forms ready!

Prospective NCAA Division I or II student athletes need to learn about the responsibility they have for meeting the minimum academic requirements in order to participate in intercollegiate athletics. Log on to <https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/> to read all about it. Prospective student-athletes should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center the summer after their junior year.

Call me or send me an email if you need me. I look forward to seeing you at the games.

Tony Lewis, Athletic Director

(Tony Lewis can be reached at 881-4830 or rlewis1@wcpss.net)



Blood Drive



The AFJROTC and FCCLA sponsored a successful Blood Drive in September. A second Blood Drive will be held on Friday, February 17th from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm in the school's small gym.

Students 17 years of age (16 with parental permission) weighing at least 110 pounds and in generally good health may be eligible to donate. Faculty, staff, and parents are also encouraged to donate at Sanderson.

Please put this on your calendar and give blood – the need is constant, the gratification is instant!

Choral News

~ Lisa Costner

The Sanderson choral students will be hosting Coffee House in the small gym on February 18 at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$8.00 per person. Please come out and support the choral department. Choral students will be performing a variety of music throughout the evening. Admission includes the program, coffee, and dessert. You will not want to miss this evening filled with exceptional talent.

The choral students are excited about their spring trip to Universal Studios where they will be performing! The trip will be March 14-18. The students will travel by bus and visit Sea World and Universal Studios, performing at Universal March 16. Thank you to all who helped the students with their trip fund by purchasing a carwash ticket or Little Caesar's item!

SHS Academic Booster “Bringing Out the Best”

~ Terri Northcutt, Academic Booster Club President

This has been a busy year for ABC! We are thankful to the many energetic volunteers that make it possible to encourage and support Sanderson students and staff.

Spartans of Excellence recognized successful students in the areas of perseverance, personal development, citizenship, strong work ethic and extra effort. Our A and A/B Honor Roll Celebration rewarded over 600 students with a celebration and an honor roll discount card to over 25 businesses. The Spartan Service Award honored Ms. Connie Schlimme and Coach Glenn Frazier, both nominated by their peers. We congratulate these students and teachers and hope to see the number of participants receiving these awards continue to rise!

Senior 4.2 Dinner

The “ABC Senior 4.2 Dinner” will be held May 30, 2011 at Firebirds in North Hills from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. This special dinner will recognize the academic excellence of Sanderson seniors with a 4.2 cumulative GPA through the end of their 3rd quarter senior year. This honor reflects 4 years of hard work during high school. Eligible students will receive an invitation by mail in May.

Scholarships

Annually, the Academic Booster Club awards three \$1,000 scholarships to Sanderson Seniors. Applications will soon be available. Information regarding these scholarships can be found on the ABC website, <http://sandersonhs.wcpss.net/resources/abc>.

President’s Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

Volunteering is a great way to give back to the community while learning from different experiences. Some colleges now require volunteer hours or heavily consider them on entrance applications. Take the time now to record your volunteer hours you accrued over the summer for community service. Students will receive the President’s Volunteer Service Award based on the number of hours served from 4/16/2011 through 4/15/2012.

To receive the PVSA a minimum of 100 volunteer hours is required for students who are 15 or older. (Fewer hours are required of students who are 14 years old as of 10/15/11.) This year we will also be awarding the Sanderson High School Volunteer Award.

To log your hours for credit go to the Academic Booster Club link found on the SHS homepage. Under Student Support, click on President’s Volunteer Service Award. This will give you Sanderson’s “Record of Service Key” to make sure your hours are reported to the Sanderson group. It will also provide more detailed information regarding the award levels. Please contact Wanda Sutton (5suttons@earthlink.net) if you have any questions.

Or Current Resident

Sophomore & Junior Parent Info Night

Parents of sophomore and junior students are invited to attend this post-secondary information event in the auditorium prior to Meet-the-Teacher.

Parents will be provided a wealth of information along with supporting materials, concerning students' next steps- two or four year college / university programs, workforce, military enlistment, etc. Mr. Anthony Britt, Director of Admissions at East Carolina University, will be presenting this evening.

Tuesday, February 7

5:30 pm

Meet the Teacher Night

Parents are invited to meet their student's teachers this evening. Parents will begin the evening in their student's homeroom and will be directed to follow their student's sprint 2012 class schedule, meeting teachers and hearing about course syllabi and expectations.

Tuesday, February 7

7:00 pm

Sanderson High School Open House

For rising 9th grade students and parents

Thursday, February 23

6:30 pm