



Sandusky City Schools **The Compass**

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New School Year Brings Progress, Changes, and Challenges

The new school year will begin on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, the day after Labor Day. Grades K-6 will begin wearing uniforms with the start of this school year. The complete listing for uniform attire (K-12) is found on page 2 and on our website at www.scs-k12.net. This will be the first year that all students in grades K-12 will be required to wear school uniforms.

New Employees Replace Retired Administrators: Six administrative positions have been filled due to recent retirements. **Kevin Robertson** has been hired as Treasurer; **Tom Tucker**, Assistant Superintendent; **Nancy Zechman**, Director of Career Tech and Adult Education; **Julie McDonald**, Coordinator of Gifted

and Title Programs; **Susan Sackett**, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; and **Ron Maschari**, Interim Principal at Madison Elementary School. Additional information will be available on the school district website: www.scs-k12.net.

November, 2008 Election: Two school levy issues will be found on the November, 2008 ballot. A Five Year **Renewal** Levy to generate \$1.5 million for operational purposes is necessary to avoid a deficit in the school district. This is a renewal and will **not increase taxes**. Additionally, a 2.0 mill **replacement** levy for the purpose of permanent improvements will generate approximately \$1.2 million for the purpose of maintaining school district facilities. The Permanent Improvement Levy was originally passed in 1985 and has been renewed every five years since that time. Over the past 23 years our aging facilities continue to be very expensive to maintain, and the fixed 1985 dollar amount is no longer sufficient to cover the maintenance needs of the district. The 1985 Permanent Improvement Levy was for 2.0 mills. Over the years, the effective millage has been reduced to only 0.8 mills. The dollar amount of a voted levy can not increase with inflation, so the millage effectively reduces annually. We still need 2.0 mills in today's dollars to keep up with aging facilities and with 23 years of inflation.

Bill Pahl, Superintendent

Sandusky City Schools Grades 1-12 ***Opening Day September 2, 2008***

This will be a full day of school; all students are required to follow the dress code. Students should come prepared to begin lessons; the cafeterias will be open and serving lunch. Look for your child to bring home: forms, handbooks, Free and Reduced Meals Application, and more, the first few days of school. For more information, including supply lists, cafeteria menus, and more, check out our website at: www.scs-k12.net.

Kindergarteners have screening scheduled for September 2-5, 2008. Kindergarteners begin school on September 5. This will be a full day of school; students are required to follow the dress code.

Students can check transportation and homeroom assignment list information by visiting their school building the weekend of August 30 through September 1, 2008.

Questions and/or concerns about school assignments should be addressed to Julia Morton, at 419-621-2703. Busing questions and/or concerns should be addressed to Ted Peters, at 419-625-2264.

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Student and Kindergarten Registration 2008-2009

Sandusky City Schools are registering students for the 2008-2009 school year at the Board of Education, 407 Decatur Street, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Monday-Friday. To schedule a registration appointment for other times, call 419-621-2866, or email lkoelsch@scs-k12.net.

Registering elementary aged children soon is very important, because we want to place your child in the elementary building closest to his/her home. If your child has a sibling(s) currently attending one of our elementary buildings, we want to place the incoming kindergarten student with their sibling(s). Waiting to register may place your child in a building other than the one closest to your home or may put your children in separate buildings. *See page 2 for more details.*

Sandusky City Schools 2008-2009 Student School Supplies Lists

Kindergarten through Third Grade

The following school supplies should be purchased, labeled with the student's name, and sent to school within the first week [ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES MAY BE REQUESTED AND SOME SUPPLIES MAY NEED TO BE REPLENISHED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR]:

KINDERGARTEN: good quality watercolors - 8 colors (Ex.: Prang® or Crayola®); Good quality crayons – 16 or 24 crayons (Ex.: Crayola®); blunt tip scissors, good quality (Ex.: Fiskars®) white glue; two boxes of tissues (to share with class); box of wipes; hand sanitizer; zip top bags, small (Ex.: Ziploc®); **standard size backpack** for carrying items to and from school; tennis shoes for gym

FIRST GRADE and SECOND GRADE: good quality crayons - 16 or 24 crayons (Ex.: Crayola®); good quality watercolors - 8 colors (Ex.: Prang® or Crayola®); white glue; metal scissors, good quality (Ex.: Fiskars®); one dozen no. 2 pencils; large eraser; two boxes of tissues (to share with class); hand sanitizer; book bag (backpack) for carrying items to and from school; supply box; tennis shoes for gym

THIRD GRADE: colored pencils, colored markers and highlighters; good quality crayons - 16 or more colors; good quality watercolors - 8 colors (Ex.: Prang® or Crayola®); white glue; metal scissors pointed, good quality (Ex.: Fiskars®); two dozen no. 2 pencils; large eraser; pencil pouch; ziploc bags (one box of each, small and large); two boxes of tissues (to share with class); hand sanitizer; book bag (backpack) for carrying items to and from school; tennis shoes for gym

Fourth through Sixth Grade

The following school supplies should be purchased, labeled with the student's name, and sent to school within the first week [ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES MAY BE REQUESTED AND SOME SUPPLIES MAY NEED TO BE REPLENISHED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR]:

FOURTH GRADE

colored pencils, colored markers and highlighters; good quality crayons - 16 or more colors; good quality watercolors - 8 colors (Ex.: Prang® or Crayola®); white glue; metal scissors pointed, good quality (Ex.: Fiskars®); one dozen no. 2 pencils; large eraser; wide loose leaf notebook paper; supply box; two boxes of tissues (to share with class); hand sanitizer; book bag (backpack) for carrying items to and from school; tennis shoes for gym

FIFTH GRADE: 12 pack colored pencils; 10 pack colored markers, 4 highlighters; good quality crayons - 16 or more colors; good quality watercolors - 8 colors (Ex.: Prang® or Crayola®); white glue stick; metal scissors pointed, good quality (Ex.: Fiskars®); one dozen no. 2 pencils; large eraser; wide loose leaf notebook paper; ten folders; supply box and pencil pouch; two boxes of tissues (to share with class); hand sanitizer; book bag (backpack) for carrying items to and from school; tennis shoes for gym

SIXTH GRADE: 12 pack colored pencils; 10 pack colored markers and 2 highlighters; good quality crayons - 24 or more colors; good quality watercolors - 8 colors (Ex.: Prang® or Crayola®); white glue; metal scissors pointed, good quality (Ex.: Fiskars®); two dozen no. 2 pencils, two large erasers; five pocket folders with prongs; four packs of wide loose leaf notebook paper; large supply box and pencil pouch; two inch three ring binder; two boxes of tissues (to share with class); hand sanitizer; book bag (backpack) for carrying items to and from school; tennis shoes for gym

Student Registration

Things you need to bring with you

Children must be 5 on or before August 1, 2008. If you currently have children attending one of our elementary buildings, we want to place your Kindergarten student in the same building. Waiting to register may place your children in separate buildings.

Required Registration Documents

Birth Certificate: (Original birth certificate containing raised seal and/or original stamp), **Immunization (Shot) Record:** (from doctor or Health Department), **Pertinent Legal Documents:** (Custody, name change, grandparent act, etc.) (Court documents must contain journal entry stamp), **Verification of Parent/Guardian Address:** (utility bill, lease/rental agreement or home purchase agreement, driver's license, etc.), Driver's License or Photo ID.

If you are missing any of the required documents you may still register your child for kindergarten. Missing documents can be brought in at a later date.

If you have questions, please call Luanne Koelsch at 419-621-2866 or email LKoelsch@scs-k12.net.

Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten Screening will be held September 2nd, 3rd, & 4th at Campbell School between 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day. Parents will receive a letter in the mail regarding the day and time their child needs to attend. If you have questions, please call Luanne Koelsch at 419-621-2866 or Email: LKoelsch@scs-k12.net.

Where can I get dress code clothes?

Many of the local stores now have sections dedicated to school dress code specifications and at very reasonable prices.

Looking for deep-discounted clothing?

Check out Goodwill

924 East Perkins Avenue, Sandusky



Sandusky Open House Schedule

Hancock Elementary	September 3	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Adams Junior High	September 4	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Mills Elementary	September 8	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Ontario Elementary	September 9	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Osborne Elementary	September 10	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sandusky High	September 11	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Jackson Junior High	September 16	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Madison Elementary	September 17	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Venice Elementary	September 18	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.



**Sandusky City Schools
on Cable Channel 81**

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Students, parents, employees, applicants for employment, and all unions holding collective bargaining agreements with the Sandusky City School District are hereby notified that this district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 protects the rights of individuals with physical or mental impairment by ensuring equal access to extra-curricular activities and programs that receive federal financial aid. For students, **Section 504 regulations** require a school district to provide a free, appropriate and public education (FAPE) to each qualified student with a disability who is in the school district's jurisdiction, regardless of the nature or severity of the student's disability. Students are eligible for Section 504 accommodations if their disability substantially limits one or more of a person's major life activities (such as learning, eating, walking, etc.) Special education students who have an individual education plan (IEP) are already protected to access and participation in school activities and programs. **Section 504 accommodations and supports are for students who do not meet the eligibility criteria for special education services and are, therefore, not currently on an individual education plan.**

The Sandusky City School District is committed to identifying, evaluating and providing supports and related services to students who may qualify for accommodations and services that will provide them access to and participation in their grade level curriculum. If you would like more information about Section 504 accommodations, please contact Mrs. Karen Clemons, Director of Student Services at: 407 Decatur Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870-2442, 419-621-2701, or kclemons@scs-k12.net.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 protects the rights of all individuals with a physical or mental impairment. If, as an adult in this community, or as a School District Employee, you feel that you have been denied access to or have not been able to participate in any Sandusky City School sponsored activity or event due to your impairment, please contact Mr. Tom Tucker, Assistant Superintendent at 407 Decatur Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870-2442, 419-621-2713, or ttucker@scs-k12.net

Student Orientation Grades 7-12

Orientation dates have been set for the junior high and high school levels. Students and parents won't want to miss these important meetings:

SHS Freshman/New Student Orientation

will take place at Sandusky High School on **August 19, 2008** from **12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.**

Contact: Dan Poggiali, SHS Principal, 419-621-2746, Dpoggiali@scs-k12.net

Adams Junior High - 7th Grade Student Orientation will take place at Adams Junior High on **August 25, 2008** at **10:00 a.m. OR 6:00 p.m.**

Contact: Bob Toney, Adams Principal, 419-621-2841, RToney@scs-k12.net

Jackson Junior High - 8th Grade Student Orientation will take place at Jackson Junior High on **August 27, 2008** at **10:00 a.m. OR 6:00 p.m.**

Contact: Scott Matheny, Jackson Principal, 419-621-2819, SMatheny@scs-k12.net

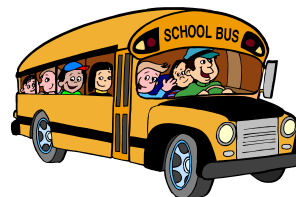
Help Sandusky Technology...

Complete the eRate Survey

Our schools provide your children with computers to use, technology to learn, and other programs, all designed to provide them with the tools for taking the next steps into today's ever more demanding world of opportunity.

The Family E-Rate survey is one way through which we are trying to attract additional funding for our technology resources. This survey is for the Federal E-Rate program which provides over \$2.25 billion per year in technology reimbursements to schools and libraries throughout the nation at no additional cost to you.

Take moment to fill out the eRate Survey attached with the Free and Reduced Lunch application. Your information is strictly confidential and provides proof of need for Sandusky.



Getting to School... Buses, Walking, Catching a Ride From Mom or Dad

Students riding buses should be on-time at bus stop locations. Students walking are encouraged to walk with a friend and use caution when crossing ALL streets at crosswalks only. Drivers dropping off students at school should exercise caution as to where to drop off students. Drop off your child on the curb side of the school, so children do not have to cross in busy school zones. Please do not block bus drop-off and loading locations; these are marked with signs.

Remember, there are children in school zones when the lights are flashing, and the speed limit is only 20 MPH. It is against the law to pass a stopped school bus with flashing red lights. When the bus driver reports this infraction, you may be ticketed. With your help we look forward to a safe school year!

School Information

Hancock Elementary (K-6th)

8:10 AM – 2:25 PM
2314 Hancock Street
Main Office: 419-627-8501
KSanders@scs-k12.net

Madison Elementary (K-4th)

8:00 AM – 2:15 PM
910 W. Madison Street
Main Office: 419-627-8359
RMaschhari@scs-k12.net

Mills Elementary (K-6th)

8:45 AM – 3:00 PM
1918 Mills Street
Main Office: 419-627-8195
JAndres@scs-k12.net

Ontario Elementary (K-6th)

8:10 AM – 2:25 PM
924 Ontario Street
Main Office: 419-627-8544
JWasiniak@scs-k12.net

Osborne Elementary (K-6th)

8:00 AM – 2:15 PM
920 W. Osborne Street
Main Office: 419-627-8610
RMuratori@scs-k12.net

Venice Hts. Elementary (K-6th)

8:10 AM – 2:25 PM
4501 Venice Heights Blvd.
Main Office: 419-627-8613
DBrown@scs-k12.net

Adams Junior High (7th)

7:55 AM – 2:45 PM
318 Columbus Avenue
Main Office: 419-621-2810
RToney@scs-k12.net

Jackson Junior High (8th)

7:55 AM – 2:45 PM
314 W. Madison Street
Main Office: 419-621-2818
SMatheny@scs-k12.net

Sandusky High (9th-12th)

7:45 AM – 2:59 PM
2130 Hayes Avenue
Attendance: 419-625-2988
Main Office: 419-621-2743
Main Office: 419-621-2744
DPoggiali@scs-k12.net

Barker Alternative (at SHS)

(Kdg – 6th) 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
(7th – 12th) 8:00 AM – 2:59 PM
Main Office: 419-627-8124
LWohl@scs-k12.net

Administration Building

7:15 AM-2:45 PM (Summer/Holidays)
7:15 AM-4:00 PM (M-F School Days)
407 Decatur Street
Receptionist 419-626-6940
Website: www.scs-k12.net

Board of Education Meeting Dates

September 15, 2008 7:00 p.m. Administration Building
October 13, 2008 11:30 a.m. Administration Building
November 17, 2008 7:00 p.m. Administration Building
December 15, 2008 11:30 a.m. Administration Building

Citizens may address the Board by sending a signed, written request to Superintendent's Office, 407 Decatur Street, with topic(s) listed, at least one week prior to Board meeting.

Superintendent's Office 419-621-2718
Superintendent's Exec. Asst. email: fpalmucci@scs-k12.net

Notes from Osborne School: We will begin our year by celebrating fantastic test scores and improvements made by our students. Many of our students met or exceeded their goals set last year! After School (ASAP) Sign-Up will be on Tuesday, August 19th, at Osborne. On the first day of school for grades 1-6, teachers will meet students outside and take them to their homeroom. First and second grades will meet teachers at the gym doors (McDonough St.), third and fourth grades will meet teachers at the middle doors (McDonough St.), and fifth and sixth grades will meet teachers by the main entrance on McDonough Street. On Friday, September 5th, the Kindergartners will start school. Families will meet the teachers outside by the gym doors. We look forward to seeing everyone.
Mrs. Muratori, Principal

Notes from Jackson: First day, September 2, doors open at 7:30 a.m.; school starts at 7:55 a.m.; day ends at 2:45 p.m. Dress Code-Campus Wear: The Jackson Gentlemen's Club is selling polo shirts that will be uniform compliant, available at Orientation August 27. For more info, see the Bonus Compass page on the website. Supply List: pencils, pens (blue, red, black), 1 inch binders (4 with pocket folders and filler paper). These are the standard supplies, additional supplies may be requested and some supplies may need to be replenished throughout the school year. All forms will be available at orientation.

Sandusky City Schools Gentlemen's Club Shirt Sale: Campus Wear shirts are available for order through the SCS Gentlemen's Club. Order forms may be picked up at the Jackson Jr. High office or at orientations and open houses this fall. Shirts may be ordered plain for \$11.00 or embroidered for \$14.00 for adult sizes. Youth sizes are available for \$10 and \$13.

Look for our
BONUS
page online at
www.scs-k12.net

(Forms link to
The Compass Newsletter)
or (*Superintendent's
Message* link to
The Compass)

What's for Lunch?

Foreign Language
Students of the Month
at Sandusky High
Varsity Football

Sandusky Homecoming
Parade September 25th

Homecoming
September 26th

Streak Spirit Bonfire
October 25th, 7:00 p.m.

Fall & Winter Programs

Forms on the way...

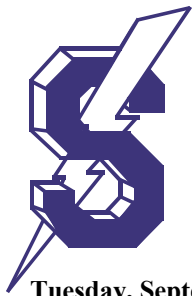
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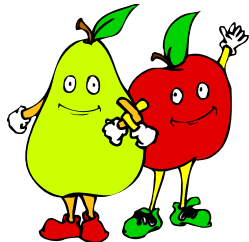


Sandusky City Schools Open September 2nd

Look for Kids on the way to and from school!

What's for Lunch?

Tuesday, September 2nd: Chicken Nuggets w/Dip, Seasoned Potato Wedges, Fruit Bar, Milk, *Pizza Pocket
Wednesday, September 3rd: Boscos Cheese Sticks w/Sauce, Lettuce Salad w/Ranch Dress, **Mulvin Farms Peach**, Milk, *Corn Dog
Thursday, September 4th: Popcorn Chicken w/Sweet & Sour Sauce, Fried Rice, Mandarin Oranges, Mini Egg Roll, Milk, *Cook's
Friday, September 5th: Tony's Cheese Pizza, Carrots w/Dip, **Mulvin Farms Cantaloupe**, Milk, *Cook's Choice



Prices:

Lunch: Elementary \$2.50; Junior High \$2.60; High School \$2.65; Reduced \$.40 Milk \$.55
 Breakfast: Elementary and Junior High \$1.40; High School \$1.45; Reduced \$.30
 Sandusky High School also offers an a la carte menu.

Point of Purchase Computers: The computerized sales system allows anonymity to the students purchasing free or reduced meals. This system also gives the parent an opportunity to put money on their children's account. Another feature of this system allows parents to track the history of their children's meal purchases. You can prepay your child's lunches on-line at www.scs-k12.net, select *Departments*, select *Dining Services*, then select *Prices*, for more information and instructions on our prepay system.

Blue Streak Football Fridays



Streak Sprit is alive at Strobel Field, cheer our team to victory. Stobel Field, built in 1936 and renovated in 2004, is a smoke-free facility with modern restrooms, and handicap access to select seating locations. Boosters offer hot food, beverages. For tickets and information about sport events call 419-625-3543, or email SSackett@scs-k12.net.

Friday 08-22-08	Home	Southview High School	7:30 PM
Friday 08-29-08	Away	Mansfield Senior High School	7:30 PM
Friday 09-05-08	Away	Toledo Scott High School	7:30 PM
Friday 09-12-08	Home	Admiral King High School	7:30 PM
Friday 09-19-08	Away	St. Charles High School	7:30 PM
Friday 09-26-08	Home	SHS Homecoming	6:30 PM
Friday 09-26-08	Home	Napoleon High School	7:30 PM
Friday 10-03-08	Away	Lima Senior High School	7:30 PM
Friday 10-10-08	Home	Findlay High School	7:30 PM
Friday 10-17-08	Home	Marion Harding High School	7:30 PM
Friday 10-24-08	Away	Fremont Ross High School	7:30 PM

Free and Reduced Priced Meals

You may qualify if your household income is within the limits of the Federal Income Guidelines chart on the application, and if you receive Food Stamps, Ohio Works First, WIC, and most foster children. Fill out your application and return it as soon as possible, only one application is necessary per family. If you don't qualify now, but your income changes in the future, you can apply at any time. All information is Confidential. For information and assistance call 419-621-2719

May's foreign language students of the month at Sandusky High are:

French: Kaitlyn Nemeth
 German: Kaytlin Koch
 Latin: Keenan Jones
 Spanish: John Ferback, Anissa Hunter, Amber Philon

Winter Programs

December 4	Hancock	9:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
December 9	Mills	10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
December 10	Adams	7:00 p.m.
December 11	Ontario	Time TBA
December 12	Madison	9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
December 15	SHS A Cappella Concert	7:30 p.m.
December 16	Osborne	9:30 a.m.
December 16	Jackson	7:00 p.m.
December 17	SHS A Cappella Concert	7:30 p.m.
December 18	Venice	9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
January 11	SHS Band	3:00 p.m.

Forms on the way home...

◆**Emergency Medical Authorization Form** This form provides us with the critical information necessary in case of an medical emergency. Parents or guardians please complete this form and return it as soon as possible.

◆Student Authorization Forms Combined

This form combines several forms into one.

- Child Pick-up Authorization
- Reproduction of Original Student Art Work
- Emergency Closing Authorization K-6
- Field Trip Permission
- Reproduction of Student Photographs, Video, and Likeness

◆**Student Handbook** Please review the handbook, sign and return the parent/guardian form at the back of the handbook.

◆**Free and Reduced Lunch Form** Please review this form to see if you qualify. Forms should be completed and return with your child prior to September 30th, 2008.

◆*You can also access these form on-line at: www.scs-k12.net*

◆**Homecoming Parade, September 26, Time to-be-announced**

◆**Homecoming Festivities, September 27, Strobel Field 6:00 p.m.**

◆**SHS Spirit Bonfire, October 23rd, SHS Baseball Field, 7:00 p.m.**

(Incorrect date in The Compass)

TIPS FOR SCHOOL BUS RIDERS

- Do not play in the street while waiting for the bus.
- Line up facing the bus, not along side it.
- After getting off the bus, move out of traffic.
- Wait for the bus driver to signal you to cross the street. Walk away from the front of the bus so the driver can see you.