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Dates To Remember

- Feb. 4: Winter Court Dance from 8:00-11:00 pm in Gym A.
- Feb. 13: School Board Meeting at 6:00 pm at Cedar Ridge Middle School.
- Feb. 15: Advanced Programs Information Night at 7:00 pm in the Commons.
- Feb. 20: No School, Holiday.
- Feb. 21: Athletic Clearance for Spring Sports begins.
- Feb. 27: Spring Sports begin.
- Feb. 28: Choir Invitational at 7:00 pm in Gym A.
- Mar. 2: International Dance at 7:00 pm in Gym B.
- Mar. 3: Oregon Vex Robotics Championships at 8:00 am in Gym A.
- Mar. 6: Band Invitational at 7:00 pm in Gym A.
- Mar. 9: No School, progress reports.
- Mar. 9, 10, 15, 16, 17: Drama Production at 7:30 pm in the Commons.
- Mar. 11: Daylight Savings begins. Move clocks forward one hour.
- Mar. 12: School Board Meeting at Kelso Elementary School at 6:30 pm.
- Mar. 13: Band Concert at 7:30 pm in the Commons.
- Mar. 14: 8th Grade Family Night at 7:00 pm in Gym A.

PIONEER PRIDE

Sandy High School Oregon Trail School District #46

A message from Principal Werner

Happy February!

February has arrived and we are already half way through the 2011-12 school year. Finals have been completed and we start afresh with a new semester. This last semester always seems to fly by and graduation sneaks upon us. It is imperative that our students maintain their focus and continue to maintain GPA's and complete the needed graduation requirements that will allow them to compete for positions in the work force and post secondary programs. A strong finish is our goal!

We are in our last month of Winter sports and activities with only four weeks left until playoffs and state. All of our teams continue to push themselves to greater heights and are working hard to see stepped improvement daily. The boys and girls that compete have a great sense of pride in their school and community and appreciate all of the support you give them. Dance, Cheer, Drama, Band, Choir and Art will all be participating in activities and competitions this spring. We will keep you posted on playoff and state competitions as they arise.

We would like to recognize some staff members that can often go unnoticed. It can be easy for us to dismiss the needs of our existing building, because after all we are getting a new school. Our maintenance and custodial staff are doing a great job. Each day these folks clean, repair, rebuild, set up and take down. Without the efforts of this group, it would be difficult to function in this facility. If you see a member of our custodial or maintenance crew please remember to thank them for everything that they do.

Have a great February!

Sincerely,
Tim Werner
Principal

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Attention: Parents of current freshmen and 8th graders!

Advanced Programs Information Night
Sandy High School Commons
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
7:00-8:00pm

Learn about our Advanced Placement and other advanced classes.
Get ideas on how to design a 4- year plan that will prepare you for college success and competitive college admissions.
Learn about the benefits of rigorous coursework.

A Message from Nutrition Services

Has your family had a change in circumstances? Did you know extra help is available? If your family situation has changed recently, did you know that you may turn in a Free and Reduced application at any time of the school year? This program is available to help families during a time of need. You may apply online or via a paper application. Applications may be accessed through the district website or can also be picked up at any school office.

PSAT Information

PSAT Score Reports will be distributed to students at an assemble on Tuesday, February 21st. At that time sophomores and juniors who took the PSAT last October will learn how to read their score reports and use the College Board resources to prepare for college admissions. Students should bring this information home for their parents to review as well.

Congratulations Drama Students

On Saturday, February 4, 2012, 40 Sandy High drama students competed at the Oregon Thespians Northeast Regional Acting Competition which was held at Barlow High School. Seventeen schools were at the competition. In Solo Acting, Tony Stein qualified for the State competition. David Lehr, Brett Ott, Sam Oxley, and Peter Woodford were regional finalists. In the Duo Acting event, Drew McLaughlin and Jordan Runk qualified for the State competition. In the Small Group Musical Theatre competition, Sandy secured another win by qualifying a group for the State competition. That group consisted of the following students: Joey Ten Eyck, Brett Ott, Jordan Runk, Peter Woodford, Tony Stein, Sam Helzer, and Austin Van Houte. Congratulations to all of the Sandy High Competitors!

Career Center Corner

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Feb 1: OSU Priority Application deadline
- Feb 1: OSU Honors College Application deadline
- Feb 1: OSU Scholarship Application filing date
- Feb 1: PSU General Scholarship deadline
- Feb 1: WOU Application/Scholarship Priority filing date
- Feb 3, 4: SOU Preview Weekend
- Feb 9: U of O Connections (college prep for 1st generation, ethnically diverse, economically disadvantaged h.s. students)
- Feb 10: SAT registration deadline for 3/10 test
- Feb 11: ACT test
- Feb 11: WOU Winter Preview Day II
- Feb 15: SOU Application/Scholarship Priority filing date
- Feb 16: OSAC Early Bird Scholarship Application date
- Feb 20: OIT Tech Trek Day
- Feb 20: OSU Spring Visit
- Feb 20: PSU Viking Visitation Day
- Feb 23: Clackamas Skills Competition Clackamas Community College – 8:30am-2:00pm

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY

FOR SENIORS:

- Check with colleges applied to for verification they have received all necessary documents. Continue to monitor the status of submitted applications
- Notify colleges if you have received any new honors or accomplishments
- Check to see if your mid-year transcripts have been sent to the schools you have applied to
- Wrap up any scholarship essays. Be sure to proofread them before you submit your application
- Stay on track to complete and submit OSAC eApp, essays, and activities chart on time
- Submit OSAC eApp by Early Bird deadline

FOR JUNIORS:

- Start seriously investigating private scholarships and other student aid programs
- Find information on federal student aid @ StudentAid.ed.gov
- Make a list of state, school, and local level scholarships you would like to apply for next year
- Register for March SAT
- Prepare for the SAT and ACT. Sample questions can be found at:
 - o www.collegeboard.com/sat/prep/index.jsp
 - o www.act.org/aap/

FOR SOPHOMORES and FRESHMEN:

- Update student portfolio with any new activities, honors, or achievements
- Try something new in your school, e.g., a walk-a-thon, a part in a school play, a new sport

Scholastic Art Awards

Congratulations are due to the Sandy High School art students who participated in the 2012 Portland Metro Scholastic Art Awards, which is part of a national competition to recognize student artwork. It was a very successful year for the Portland Metro competition, with twenty-five hundred individual entries. This was Sandy High's third year competing in the Scholastic Art Awards and Sandy High School students doubled the number of awards received from last year. Sandy students did very well this year, placing in the top five among all the Portland Metro High Schools.

Founded in 1923, The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S. and the largest source of scholarship funds for young artists and writers. Each year, ambitious students in grades 7–12 from across the nation and in American schools abroad submit more than 165,000 works of art and writing submissions which are evaluated by visual and literary arts professionals, educators, and scholars. There are three award categories: Honorable Mention, Silver Key and Gold key. **All Gold Key winners will continue on to the national competition in New York City in the spring of 2012.** Sandy High students Jenah Hansen, Bethany Drake, Anna Fenster, Britney Faulkner, Christa Jeschke, Amy Kosrow and Emily Walker all received Gold Keys. Bethany Drake not only won two individual Gold Keys, but she also won a Gold Key for her senior portfolio and was the first student from Sandy High School to win a portfolio Gold Key in painting. Taylor Wagner also had an impressive showing by winning a gold key for his senior portfolio in ceramics. The judges were very impressed with the quality of Taylor's work and with the glazes he used. Taylor also was the first student from Sandy High School to win a ceramic portfolio Gold Key. The portfolio category is a collection of the student's best eight artworks that demonstrates a high level in originality, technical skill and personal vision. The Sandy High School Art Department is very proud of the Art students who excelled especially since it is only the third time of entering the competition. We are definitely looking forward to future Scholastic Art awards.

Gold Key individual pieces are currently being shown at Pacific Northwest College of Art through February 24th. Gold Key portfolio pieces are currently being shown at Oregon College of Arts and Crafts through February 23rd. The following Sandy High School student received awards:

Senior Portfolio Winners

Bethany Drake	Gold Key Senior Portfolio (Painting)
Taylor Wagner	Gold Key Senior Portfolio (Ceramics)

Gold Key Winners

Bethany Drake	Gold Key (Drawing)
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Britney Faulkner	Gold Key (Drawing)
Anna Fenster	Gold Key (Drawing)
Jenah Hansen	Gold Key (Drawing)
Christa Jeschke	Gold Key (Drawing)
Amy Kosrow	Gold Key (Drawing)
Amy Kosrow	Gold Key (Drawing)
Emily Walker	Gold Key (Drawing)

Silver Key Winners

Collin Bates	Silver Key (Painting)
Bethany Drake	Silver Key (Painting)
Bethany Drake	Silver Key (Painting)
Christa Jeschke	Silver Key (Drawing)
Amy Kosrow	Silver Key (Drawing)
Megan Nanna	Silver Key (Photography)
Sierra Rickards	Silver Key (Painting)

Honorable Mention

Natasha Barauskas	Honorable Mention (Painting)
Collin Bates	Honorable Mention (Mixed Media)
Taylor Cansler	Honorable Mention (Painting)
Zlata Danilevski	Honorable Mention (Painting)
McKenzie Dooley	Honorable Mention (Drawing)
Bethany Drake	Honorable Mention (Painting)
Paige Eisert	Honorable Mention (Drawing)
Christa Jeschke	Honorable Mention (Drawing)
Katie Junkins	Honorable Mention (Drawing)
Marie Klein	Honorable Mention (Drawing)
Marie Klein	Honorable Mention (Drawing)
Amy Kosrow	Honorable Mention (Drawing)
Brooke McAllester	Honorable Mention (Drawing)
Rachel McKinnis	Honorable Mention (Drawing)
Addie Sapp	Honorable Mention (Drawing)
Brandon Turley	Honorable Mention (Drawing)
Mikayla Calkins	Honorable Mention (Photography)
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Taylor Wagner	Honorable Mention (Ceramics)



An Artist from an Artists Eye by Amy Kosro
Gold Key (Drawing)



3 Fish in the Sea by Zlata Danilevski
Honorable Mention (Painting)



Anxiety by Britney Faulkner
Gold Key (Drawing)



Bottomless Hunger by Jenah Hansen
Gold Key (Drawing)



Child in All of Us by Sierra Rickards
Silver Key (Painting)



Composure (self portrait) by Brooke McAllester
Honorable Mention (Drawing)