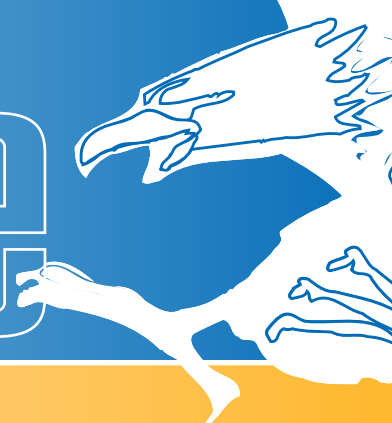


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Sandburg Curriculum Fair

This year's Curriculum Fair was held on Thursday, January 12th. With registration upon us, it was a great opportunity for students to see which elective classes are available to them. Teachers from each class set up display tables highlighting the curriculum including projects, samples and handouts. Teachers were available to offer information and answer questions about each course. Many elective courses were represented. Culinary arts, anatomy, psychology, computer maintenance, challenge education, woods, world languages and early childhood education were just a few of the areas represented. Students are strongly encouraged to try some of the amazing elective programs offered here at Sandburg.

The Art Department displayed some beautiful paintings and drawings. Dance shared video clips of performances. Culinary arts students handed out barbecue snack mix so students can sample some of the food made in class. The cosmetology program even offered free nail painting and hair styling!



2016-2017 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

February

20 President's Day
No School

March

2 Parent/Teacher Conferences
(no student attendance)
12 PM - 8 PM

3 No School

31 Early Dismissal, 1:00 PM

April

3 Spring Break Begins

10 Classes Reconvene

14 No School

21 Prom - No School

May

25, 26, 30 Final Exams (Semester 2)
(if NO snow days are used)

30 Last Day of School
(if NO snow days are used)



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Eagle Families and Friends,

We have acclimated quickly and smoothly to our second semester schedule and have begun planning for the 2017-18 school year. All current freshman, sophomore, and junior students have updated their four-year plans and attended our Daytime Curriculum Fair which enabled them to ask questions directly to elective teachers about course offerings. At the January transition event for Incoming freshmen, elective courses offered classroom demonstrations and information booths to help our next generation of Eagles make final course selection decisions. By mid-February, registration will be complete for all students, including members of the Class of 2021.

We will be using course registration numbers to determine the number of sections for each course that will be offered next year. Course verification letters, which will indicate the classes making up your child's schedule for the next school year, will be sent to families in April. By that time, Guidance Counselors will have contacted students who registered for courses that may not run due to low enrollment so that they can register for alternative courses. These final edits to registration are necessary for the development of next year's Master Schedule.

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 2nd between the hours of noon and 8:00 pm. While regular use of the Skyward Family Access portal provides current information related to grades, assignments, absences, and discipline, the face-to-face conferences provide families and staff with the rich opportunity of more personal communication. Information about our parent-teacher conference scheduling process is located within this newsletter and posted on the Sandburg website.

Annual state-mandated standardized testing will take place on Wednesday, March 1st; our juniors will take the SAT (with writing); junior advisories visited computer labs to establish College Board accounts that link PSAT scores to Khan Academy, a free, web-based test prep program. Freshmen and sophomores will take the PSAT 9 and 10 respectively. No school for Seniors on Wednesday, March 1st. We will post the testing schedule on our website, along with the reminder that testing begins at 8:00 am on March 1st, so regular (not late) bus routes will pick up in the morning; because we expect testing to end around 1:00 pm, buses will pick up for return trips around 1:15 pm. Students with testing accommodations will have the 3:00 pm bus available to take them home.

Next year's school calendar is posted on our website. For planning purposes, it is worth noting here that we will celebrate Columbus Day and Casimir Pulaski Day on the actual Monday holidays next year and will move parent-teacher conferences to the Tuesdays following those holidays. In addition, there will be no school on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Please reference the calendar document for other important dates.

And speaking of important dates, the Class of 2017 will graduate on Tuesday, May 23rd. We will continue to follow protocols to follow the National Weather Service on the day of graduation. Should inclement weather impede our plans (boo! hiss!), we would notify families by 2:00 pm and use our rain date of Friday, May 26th. Senior families can expect a very detailed information packet in mid-March that explains several important events for seniors leading up to graduation.

*Best wishes and **Go Eagles!***

*Deborah Baker,
Principal*

**Wednesday
March 22nd**

**Mandatory
Pre-Prom
Parent Meeting**

7:00 pm • Eagle Gym

In order for students to buy prom tickets, their parents are required to attend this informative meeting.



Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

This is a great opportunity to discuss with teachers how your student is performing within courses and to discuss opportunities for intervention or enrichment.

We will use **Skyward Family Access** to schedule appointments for these conferences. The Teacher Conference link will be available in Skyward Family Access from 9:00 am on Wednesday, February 22 until 11:59 pm on Tuesday, February 28.

If you are unable to access a computer, please call 708-671-3101 for assistance on Wednesday, February 22 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm or Thursday, February 23 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Phone assistance is available on these two dates only.

Step-by-step instructions will be emailed to you as well as posted on the school's website.



ALL DISTRICT 230 STUDENTS MUST PROVE RESIDENCY WITHIN THE DISTRICT EACH YEAR

In the district's ongoing efforts to be fiscally responsible, all District 230 students need to show proof of residency within the district boundaries on an annual basis, similar to when students first enrolled at the high school.

This procedure was put into place to protect the financial interest of taxpayers in District 230 by assuring that the students who receive an education in our schools are legally entitled to do so.

For the 2017-18 school year, incoming freshmen will prove residency as part of the registration process in January/February. This proof of residency will satisfy the requirement for all students in their family. A series of dates and times will be held throughout second semester for parents/guardians to provide the necessary documentation for all other students. Those dates are:

- **March 2, 2017 during P/T Conferences (Noon-8 p.m.)**
- **March 18, 2017 (8-Noon)**
- **April 12, 2017 (8-Noon & 4- 8 p.m.)**
- **May 6, 2017 (8-Noon)**

All families will need to provide one document from Category I and three documents from Category II. All of the documents must be presented at one time, partial paperwork will not be accepted.

Category I (one document required)

- Most recent property tax bill and proof of payment, e.g. canceled check or form 1098 (homeowners)
- Mortgage papers (new homeowners)
- Signed and dated lease and proof of last month's payment, e.g. canceled check or receipts (renters)
- Letter from manager and proof of last month's payment, e.g. canceled check or receipt (trailer park residents)
- Housing letter (military personnel)
- Letter of residence from landlord in lieu of lease (7:60-E1)
- Letter of residence to be used when the person seeking to enroll a student is living with a District resident (7:60-E2)

Category II (3 documents showing proper address are required)

- Driver's license/state ID card
- Vehicle registration
- Voter registration
- Most recent cable television and/or credit card bill
- Current public aid card
- Current homeowners/renters insurance policy and premium payment receipt
- Most recent gas, electric, and/or water bill
- Current library card with address listed
- Receipt for moving van rental
- Mail received at new residence

College-Bound Seniors Reminded to Check College Housing

College bound seniors are reminded to review the deadlines for their college housing applications. Not all deposits are fully refundable. Please read your paperwork carefully as each college may have a different policy.

College Representatives to Visit Sandburg This Spring

Several college representatives will visit Sandburg in March and April. Please view the calendar of those visits on the Guidance webpage under the "College" tab. To meet with a college representative, you must sign up at least one day in advance on the Guidance webpage. Remember, you must obtain your teacher's permission to be excused from class.

Local Scholarship Applications Available In February For Seniors

Sandburg students are fortunate to be offered many scholarships from local community organizations. Details of these scholarships and applications will be available in the Guidance Office beginning Friday, February 10. **Applications must be completed and submitted by Friday, March 10 at 3:15 pm.**

Financial Aid Applications

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Other Helpful Financial Aid Resources

Financial Fit – sandburg.d230.org/financial-aidscholarships/

Illinois Student Assistance Commission – www.isac.org



Dates for Upcoming Testing

SAT Testing

All Sandburg juniors will take the SAT on **Wednesday, March 1** as an in-school exam. This test is a graduation requirement and can be used for college entrance eligibility to all colleges and universities. There is no cost to students for this test. We encourage all juniors to access **Khan Academy**, a free, test prep resource available from the College Board for all students at <https://www.khanacademy.org/>.

PSAT 8/9 & PSAT 10 Testing

All Sandburg freshmen and sophomore students will take the PSAT 8/9 or PSAT 10 on **Wednesday, March 1** as an in-school exam. These assessments are included in the College Board SAT Suite of Assessments that include a Reading Test, Writing and Language Arts Test, and a Math Test. There is no cost to students for these assessments. For more information about the formats of these tests, please visit - <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/>.

Online Exam Registration for AP Testing

Students interested in taking the 2017 AP Exams should register online at www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/143325. The cost for each exam is \$97. More information about the registration process can be found on the Sandburg Guidance webpage. Please note the important dates for the registration process:

- **Mon, 10/17/16 at 12:01 am - Registration Begins**
- **Mon, 03/01/17 at 11:59 pm - Registration Ends**
- **Mon, 03/06/17 at 11:59 pm - Registrations that have not been paid will be cancelled and exams will not be ordered**

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Following a competitive application process, Sandburg's very own Dr. Linda Nussbaum was named the ILMEA Chairperson of the Honors Orchestra. Though many of Dr. Nussbaum's official responsibilities have already begun, she formally represented Sandburg in this role during the Illinois Music Education Conference, January 25th-28th, at the Peoria Convention Center.

Dr. Nussbaum has held similar managerial positions with professional orchestras throughout her career. These experiences have prepared her for her newest challenge: managing over 150 of the state's top young musicians. The nuances involved

in the backstage production of the Honors Orchestra all fall to Dr. Nussbaum, including organizing the seating arrangements, preparing the stage, ensuring that the music is ready, and - inevitably - resolving the issues that arise when managing a group of this size!

Though the role is challenging and often intense, Dr. Nussbaum feels that this interesting opportunity allows her to showcase her organizational leadership, work with tremendous young musicians, and proudly represent Carl Sandburg High School.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



On January 13, 2017, Boys' Track Coach, Joe Nemeth, was recognized as the ITCCCA (Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association) North Division Coach-of-the-Year in Class 3A Boys' Track and Field. Coach Nemeth lead his team to a third place State finish in 2016.



WINTER ONE ACTS

The Winter One Acts are short plays written and directed by Sandburg seniors. This year nearly seventy students participated in four plays: *Tinder Inc*, written and directed by Marissa Martino and Grace Wierus; *Cop Topic*, written and directed by Julia Mackel, Yaseen Mozaffar, and Dani Perk; *The Shakespeare Society*, written and directed by Mandi Burnison and Kaity Krupa; *Eating the Worm*, written and directed by Cody McHale and Jack Ruane. The technical crew was led by stage manager Mary Golden, also a Sandburg senior. Evening performances of the plays took place on Friday, January 13, and Saturday, January 14; school-day performances were also added this year on Tuesday, January 17. Both evening performances drew large crowds, and approximately 200-300 students and teachers attended each period during the school-day performances. In addition to the valuable learning experiences that students gain by participating in any theatrical production, the Winter One Acts also provide the student writers and directors with an excellent opportunity for creative expression, organizational management, and peer leadership. The Sandburg community is very proud of their outstanding work.



ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Come on out from the cold and watch a game, match or meet. Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball with the Eaglettes and Cheerleaders performing during half-time, Girls' and Boys' Bowling, Girls' Gymnastics, Boys' Swimming and Wrestling have all been training hard with the assistance of their Coaches and Athletic Trainers. Regionals and Sectionals are right around the corner. Check out the Athletic website for times / dates. Go Eagles!

All teams are doing exceptionally well. We have many talented athletes within our school.

The Winter Sports Ad Book is available for purchase at all of the winter sports events so please support your team and school and purchase one. The Spring Sports Ad Book is now accepting ads. Please support the Athletic Boosters and advertise with us. E-mail Carl Sandburg Athletic Boosters sandburgadbook@gmail.com to place an ad for our spring book.

In the near future we will begin our scholarship process. Please make sure your membership dues are paid to be considered. Please contact your sport rep or Board Member if you have any questions about becoming a member of CSHS Athletic Booster Club.

Student athletes must have four years in good standing with our club to be considered for this award. The student athletes can pick up our application in the Guidance Office.

Spring tryouts are approaching us quickly. Check with the coaches for dates / times or the athletic website.

We are currently looking to fill two positions on our Board. PLEASE get involved. The Booster Club needs parents to volunteer to keep the club an elite organization!

Athletic Booster meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Carl Sandburg in Room E113-E115. Please get involved and join us. Contact Mike Probasco at mprobasco@palos118.org

The next meeting is February 8 at 7:00 p.m. Come on out we love your input!

Go Eagles!



PFSA

SPIRIT WEAR

Reminder: Class of 2021 spirit wear orders are due by February 18th. Order forms were in your pre-registration packet. Thank you to our volunteers who assisted us with sales during the Class of 2021 pre-registration night and Class of 2021 registration day. If you have any questions regarding spirit wear or to volunteer, please email Kim and Laurie at spiritwear@sandburgpfsa.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS – SENIORS

We are happy to announce that thanks to your support, the PFSA will once again be awarding scholarships to qualified graduating seniors. There will be two categories – “Academic” and “Exemplary”. While participation in athletics and music are welcome, the PFSA is seeking seniors that have impacted the Sandburg community – i.e. the clubs and organizations your child has participated in and how their participation has made a difference. Applications will be available beginning February 2017 and will be due March 2017. Please see the Guidance Department for your application. In order for your senior to be eligible, your family must have been a paying member of PFSA for all years attending Sandburg.

With that in mind, we are still accepting **MEMBERSHIPS** through March 1, 2017. You must complete a membership form and send it to Sandburg's Main Office along with your \$10 annual membership fee. If you have any questions about your membership for this year

or previous years, please contact info@sandburgpfsa.org.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to the many families who have joined our organization this year. Your continued support allows us to award senior scholarships and to contribute to a variety of Sandburg clubs and activities. In order for your student to qualify for a Senior Scholarship, your family must become a member of the PFSA every year your son or daughter attends Sandburg. Membership forms can be found on our website. Annual membership dues are \$10 per family, with a deadline of March 1, 2017. Please submit the completed form, along with your payment, to the Main Office or at one of our Spirit Wear sales. If you are unsure if you have already joined, please email info@sandburgpfsa.org and we will verify.

CONNECT WITH PFSA...

PFSA is sharing happenings from our Sandburg community. “Like” us - Facebook.com/sandburgpfsa and “Follow” us - @SandburgPFSA. If you are a PFSA Member and have not been receiving emails from the PFSA and would like to do so, please email your contact information to info@sandburgpfsa.org. Don't miss out on information, take time to get connected.

VOLUNTEERS

Check your calendars and let us know if you are available to help with the annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon which will be held on Monday, April 24th. If you are able to help for

any part of the day, please contact Tara Davis (preselect@sandburgpfsa.org). We are looking for volunteers for donations, set up, serving, and clean up.

PFSA BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There are still several opportunities to serve on committees in PFSA this year. We also will have board and committee positions open for the 2017-2018 school year. Now is a great time to shadow a current member so you can be prepared for next year and see how you can contribute your talents to PFSA. It is both fun and rewarding to be a part of your student's high school experience. Please feel free to share any ideas, questions, or comments directly with our officers. Their email addresses are: president@SandburgPFSA.org (Brigid Carey), preselect@sandburgpfsa.org (Tara Davis), treasurer@SandburgPFSA.org (Katie Curtin), and secretary@SandburgPFSA.org (Janet MacInnis).

MEETING DATES

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 pm. Please join us in the Community Room. The remaining and final 2016-17 Meeting date is May 2nd. We are always looking for input and volunteers so please consider attending. It's a great way to keep up on what's going on at Sandburg. We look forward to seeing you there!





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WHAT'S AHEAD AT SANDBURG February 2017



Incoming Freshman Registration
Saturday, February 4th - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Senior Honors Night
Tuesday, February 28th - 7:00 pm PAC

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, February 10th – Improvorama - 7:00 pm PA
Wednesday, February 15th – International Fest- 7:00 pm PAC
Thursday, February 16th – Band Concert - 7:00 pm PAC
Saturday, February 18th – Turnabout Dance, 7:00 pm
Monday, February 20th – President's Day - No School
Thursday - Saturday, February 23rd - 25th – Orchesis, 7:00 pm PAC

[Event Calendar Link](#)

GUIDANCE RESOURCES

2017-18 Course Registration - Begins January – [Course Catalog Link](#)
Free College Planning Resource – [Financial Fit Link](#)
[Guidance Link](#)

DEADLINES

AP Test Registration – Now Open! – [AP Registration Link](#)
College Financial Aid – (FAFSA) Class of 2017 – [FAFSA Link](#)

SANDBURG LINKS

[Athletics](#)
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[Sandburg Website](#)

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*Live links found at Sandburg.d230.org

