Greetings Sand Creek High School students and families!

Welcome to the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year and the 20th Anniversary of Sand Creek High School. Many construction projects were completed over the summer with many more are on the horizon. SCHS is excited about the facility changes that have occurred and look forward to learning, working, and leading in our new environment.

Along with the physical changes, Sand Creek High School has continued to evolve within a unique leadership structure comprised of a Campus Director, Athletic Director/Associate Principal, two Dean of Students, three Teacher Leaders, one Instructional Coach and one Dean of Workplace Learning.

- Campus Director – Audra Lane
- Athletic Director/Associate Principal – Brian Petzold
- Dean of Students – David Ramirez & Christopher Krueger
- Teacher Leaders – Area Bartlett, Mike Brandt & Andy Smith
- Instructional Coach – Carolyn Merritt
- Dean of Workplace Learning – Nicole Sides

The pathway or school-within-a-school model, led by the Teacher Leaders, will continue to develop with the assistance of the Dean of Workplace Learning. Sand Creek High School offers several pathway options, all launched by the Freshman Academy. These include AMPED (Arts, Manufacturing, Performing Arts, Engineering, and Design), School of Business, and Advanced Academics.

The personalized One Size Fits One initiative will continue to expand with all freshman and sophomore English and Social Studies courses conducted in the blended learning classroom.

New graduation guidelines will be in effect for the graduating class of 2021 (incoming freshman). More information about the changes will be posted on our website and will be discussed at the Back-to-School Night on August 9th. Please see BOE Policy IKF-R-1 Graduation Requirements, Courses, and Credits https://www.d49.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceID=637&ViewID=7B97F7ED-8E5E-4120-848F-A8B4987D588F&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=518238&PageID=555

Please look for continuing communication throughout the school year. To ensure you received these vital communications it is extremely important that your contact information in Infinite Campus is correct. If you have changed your address, job or phone number, please email or call our registrar to let us know (719-495-1163, rdidion@d49.org). Please read the Newsletter over as there is much information that you will need to know especially about Fees, ID’s and attendance.

Looking forward to a successful school year,

Audra Lane
Campus Director
We are here for you!

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In This Newsletter you will find the following information:
Upcoming Dates & Registration information for returning students

Updating your Information, Student ID’s

Class Change information

Student Pictures, Parent Portal information

How we communicate

2017-2018 Parking Information

Yearbook Information/Senior Info for the yearbook

**Classroom Fees/ Athletic Info**

Electronic devices and Dress Code Information

Athletic information

Attendance Rules and Information

School Nurse/Immunization updates

August/September C and N day calendar

2017-18 Bell schedule

August Calendar/District Calendar

FORMS Listing

Nutrition services meal prices

Locker Form (Please make sure this get mailed/dropped off before Registration)
July 19:

Orientation

9th and 12 grade
9th: 8:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 3:00 for 12th graders

July 20:

Orientation

10th and 11th grade
10th: 8:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 3:00 for 11th graders

August 1st:

First day for ALL 9TH Graders

August 2nd:

First day for all grade levels- all 8 period day w/assembly

August 9th:

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6PM – 8PM

August 21st:

PICTURE DAY

September 28th:

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

ORIENTATION FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED

Registration will be CLOSED each day from 11:30am-12:30

Orientation will be held 7/19 and 7/20 each day from 8:00am-3:00pm

What do you get at Orientation?

- Pick up Schedules & Books
- Pay FEES, purchase yearbooks
- Obtain Parking Permits, Lockers, Student ID’s
- On-Line forms, Hearing and vision checks
- Nutrition Information

2017-2018 Textbook Checkout

Checkouts will be in the Wrestling Gym-Rm. 500. You must have your ID badge in order to check out books. Due to construction, students will not be able to access their lockers during registration. Students can opt to get their textbooks after school begins. Teachers are aware of this situation. Also, please return any outstanding textbooks. Thank you.
Please keep your information updated and current:
If you change jobs, phone numbers, email address or need to change emergency contact information, Please contact Robin Didion, 495-1163 or rdidion@d49.org. In the event of an emergency, having Up to date information is Critical!

NOTE: Anyone listed as an Emergency Contact is permitted to pick up your student from school

Student ID's
All students are required to have a Sand Creek Photo ID. Students are required to have their ID on them and be able to present it at any time while on school grounds. They are also used to purchase Lunch, check out books and admittance to school event. The first ID is issued at no charge. Three temporary ID’s are permitted. After that a student MUST purchase a new ID and the cost is $5.00. This cost will be put on their account.

Class Changes
Class changes are to be made within the first seven (7) academic days of the semester for ONLY the following reasons:
- Academic misplacement
- Already taken the class
- Want to fill an open period
Class change request forms can be obtained from the counseling office and should be completed in advance and turned into the counseling secretary. A student wishing to drop a class after the 7th academic day will need to pick up a drop form from the counseling secretary. The student will receive a withdrawal F (WF) for that attempted class.

NOTE: DUE TO CONSTRUCTION, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WALK THE BUILDING AND FIND CLASSROOMS OR LOCKERS. YOU HAVE THE OPTION OF GETTING BOOKS NOW AND BRINGING HOME OR GETTING THEM LATER.
Student Pictures

Lifetouch will be at Sand Creek taking school pictures on Monday, August 21st.

All students take a school picture for the yearbook. This does not, however, require a yearbook purchase. Make up pictures will be Sept. 28th.

If you are interested in purchasing school pictures, packet envelopes will be available in the main office around August 10th. Notices will be emailed home.

When you choose to purchase school pictures, payment is needed at the time the pictures are taken. Checks for the exact amount should be made payable to: Lifetouch.

Parent Portal

Parent Portal is a means of communication to keep you up to date on your student’s school attendance / performance. Through parent portal, you can see your student's grades, assignments, attendance AND PAY FEES. This is also a means of communication for happenings within the school.

If your student is a returning D49 student, your parent portal information remains the same.

If you are new to D49 and did NOT set up your parent portal account when completing the enrollment process, please stop by our Counseling Center and we will help you get set-up!

How we will communicate with you!

There are several ways for us to communicate with you and keep you informed! You can utilize our district website: http://www.d49.org/ for entire district information-including updates or changes to the school calendar, days, delays or closures, career opportunities, board meetings, etc. You can also visit us directly at d49.org/sandcreek for our daily schedule and calendar information. We also have many important forms and this is a way to let you know of important events taking place on-campus and contact for teacher listings. We also have monthly School Accountability Council meetings (SAC) listed. Here, you can learn first-hand what is happening at SCHS and be a part of the input that will help us continue to grow as an educational community. If you are interested in joining the SAC committee, please email Janet Anderson at janderson@d49.org. First SAC meeting will be August 17th from 5:45 to 6:45 in the library at Sand Creek. Messages will also be posted to your Parent Portal.

We also communicate via emails and auto-dialer calls. Please check our website often. There is also an app for your smartphone you can download which is very Helpful!! Be sure to download the SAND CREEK APP today! Get the latest announcements and alerts, connect directly to our calendars, teachers, staff and counselors and get push notifications on all upcoming events! Search “Sand Creek High School” in the App Store or on Google Play and stay connected this school year.
2017 Parking Information

Parking is available to students at SCHS in our designated student parking lot ONLY! You may purchase a parking pass for the school year at registration or any time during the school year. The cost for the pass is $10.00 FOR ALL YEAR. Please bring a copy of your registration, proof of insurance and your driver's license. The parking pass is a window cling and should be placed on the bottom, left hand side of windshield.

There are no assigned parking spots. It is first come, first serve. Your parking pass can be REVOKED AT ANY TIME.

2017-2018 Yearbooks are available!

You can purchase your yearbook through our Main Office, at registration or online at: www.jostensyearbooks.com

Senior yearbook info included in this newsletter!
CLASSROOM FEES  Fee sheet included

You will find a fee sheet checklist in our FORMS section. Please review this list of FEES for different areas of classes, electives and extra-curricular activities. This sheet is for your information as to what classes your student might be taking that requires a fee to be paid. There are additional fees this year.

Fees CAN be paid at REGISTRATION on July 19th and July 20th respectively or any time during the year at the business office window. You can pay with cash or check or by using your debit/credit card through your parent portal account.

Fees support the purchase of supplies needed for a specific class or group/sport.

If you have qualified for the FREE and REDUCED lunch program, YOU MUST PROVIDE a copy of the letter you receive from district that states you qualify. This letter will allow us to waive classroom fees. Due to our district’s commitment to maintaining the confidentiality of our families, schools are NOT notified of a student’s qualification for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the parent/student to furnish a copy of the letter to the school.

We cannot waive fees based on historical qualifications. We must have a letter for each year you qualify in order to assist with waiving fees. If you need more information regarding applications for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, you can

ATHLETICS

Sand Creek High School is proud to offer NINE sports for students to be involved in during the FALL season. We offer: Football, Volleyball, Boys’ Soccer, Co-Ed Cross Country, Boy’s Tennis, Boy’s Golf, Softball and Cheer. If you are interested in any of our athletics, please review the Online Registration instructions which will be in the forms section of this newsletter. Participation involves the submission of the following BEFORE a student can try-out:

- Current Physical
- Athletic Participation Form (signed by parent and athlete)
- Participation Fee (can be waived IF A LETTER from the Free/Reduced Lunch program is given)

Dates for Fall Sports try-outs and Eligibility requirements will be available at Registration. Forms can also be found online at the SCHS website http://d49.org/sandcreek

We are excited to announce that we are now offering the convenience of online registration through FamilyID (www.familyid.com). FamilyID is a secure registration platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to register for our programs, and helps us to be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile. You enter your information only once for each family member for multiple uses and multiple programs. Instructions found in the forms section,
Electronic Devices

Electronic Equipment
Students may bring electronic devices to school; however, the student is responsible for lost, stolen or damaged equipment. As with lockers, school officials reserve the right to search phones given reasonable suspicion of inappropriate behavior affecting the learning environment and its safety. The school will undertake no investigation of lost or stolen electronics. Use of electronic equipment is only allowed during passing periods or during lunch. Students may not use or display electronics during class time unless authorized by the teacher. Students using electronic equipment without authorization will have it confiscated and brought down to the main office. Students may pick it up in the office at the end of the school day. After three violations of an electronic being turned into the office a parent MUST come to pick it up in the front office during regular school hours.

Dress Code
District standards on student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, minimize distractions, reduce discipline problems and improve school order and safety.

“The Board of Education recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school. Any student deemed in violation of this code shall be required to change into other clothing or school loaned clothing and/or make arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school. Administration, in conjunction with the School Accountability Committee, may develop and adopt school specific dress codes that are consistent with this policy.” If you are not sure if your outfit is within Dress Code, please bring extra clothing to keep in your locker or we will have “unattractive” clothing for you to change into.

On the first offense the student will be requested to change or correct the dress code violation and the violation will be documented. Further repeated violations will result in more serious consequences to include suspension/expulsion from school.

The following items are not allowed at Sand Creek, on school grounds or at school activities:

- **Dresses or shorts or other similar clothing above mid-thigh length**
- Sleepwear bottoms or tops or house slippers
- Clothing with holes above the knee
- Sagging pants/showing of underwear
- Inappropriately sheer, skin showing or low-cut clothing (e.g. midriffs, halter tops, back-less clothing, tube tops, garments made of mesh, tops with straps less than two inches or that allow undergarments to be visible)
- Bandanas or do-rags on the head while inside the building
- Sunglasses worn inside the building
- Long belts and wallet chains
- Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories or body adornments that contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans of pictures that reference the following:
  - Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol or weapons
  - Are sexual in nature
  - By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark or other attribute denotes membership in a gang or that advocates drug use, violence or disruptive behavior
  - Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd or legally libelous
  - Threaten the safety or welfare of any person
  - Promote any activity prohibited by the Student Code of Conduct
  - Create a safety hazard for the student or others
  - Disrupt the learning process
ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

According to State Law, all children up to the age of seventeen (17) MUST attend school. A student who is absent without a signed parental excuse or a student who leaves the school or class without permission of the teacher or administrator is considered Unexcused Absent/Truant. The State of Colorado has an outlined process for habitually truant students. Please see the Student Handbook for further information. Summary of Attendance Rules follows:

SAND CREEK ABSENCE/TARDY POLICY

Attendance and Truancy

1. Good and consistent attendance is directly linked to student academic success. If a student is absent, it is the parent/guardian’s responsibility to notify the attendance secretary. Absences may be reported by calling the 24-hour attendance line at 495-1176 or email Angela Reeves at areeves@d49.org. Please provide your first and last name, the student’s first and last name, date(s) of absence, and a brief explanation as to the nature of the absence. Absences because of doctor appointments, outside agency appointment, or juvenile court appearances will be considered excused with appropriate documentation of the appointment. Absences without an explanation are considered unexcused. Parents **have 48 hours to either call or email the attendance office** to have their student’s absence excused. Absences after this time will remain unexcused. **All students will be allowed no more than 10 days of Excused absences per school year.** Excessive absences may result in the student being placed on an attendance contract, and/or required to provide proof of the absence such as a doctor/dental note. Excessive absences will result in disciplinary action or enter the truancy process as required by state law. Out of School Suspensions will not count as absences and work may be made up.

2. It is the student’s responsibility to make up any schoolwork missed during an absence. He/she has two school days, not consecutive block days for every day of an excused absence. Failure to do so by the extended due date will not be accepted for credit. All major projects are due on the day specified. Homework will be provided upon parent request for any absence over three days.

3. Parents will be notified daily if their child has been absent/tardy for one or more periods through the school’s auto-dialer. Please contact the attendance office or log into the parent portal of Infinite Campus for further information.

4. Further information regarding student attendance as set by the Board of Education may be found at [http://d49.org/Page/556](http://d49.org/Page/556).

Attendance: Pre-Arranged Absence

Students MUST fill out a pre-arranged absence form which can be found in the main office and get an administrator’s approval for **ANY** absence of 3 or more days PRIOR to any extended absence(s) except for illnesses or family emergencies. If a student is failing 2 or more classes, these absences **WILL NOT BE EXCUSED**. The reason for this policy: there is not substitution for being in class. If a student is already behind or struggling, further absences from class will make success even more difficult.

Attendance: Tardies

A student is tardy when he/she arrives to class after the final bell. Tardies disrupt class and students miss instructional time. A parent must sign in students arriving late to school, or call (719) 495-1176 prior to the student’s arrival at school. Excessive tardiness will result in disciplinary action as required by state law. A student is considered absent after 15 minutes but it will be documented of the time they arrived.
FORMS

This section provides forms FOR YOUR INFORMATION. These forms will not be included in the newsletter but are separated for your convenience, so you will not have to print out the entire document.

Your registration process will be expedited if the forms included are completed prior to coming in to the school.

1. Fee Sheet
2. Health Information
   Must be updated annually.
3. Locker Assignment Form
   This form helps assign lockers as we have 2 students per locker. These should be mailed prior to Registration Day!
4. Athletic instructions for online registration
   Only complete and return if your student(s) intend to participate in sports.
5. Parking Permit
   Only complete if your student has a drivers' license and will be driving to school. There is a $10 per year charge for this privilege.
6. Off-campus Lunch Permission Form
   This privilege is available to 11th and 12th graders ONLY and students must have C's or better every quarter, STARTING FROM LAST QUARTER. Parental signature required
7. SENIOR YEARBOOK INFORMATION AND SENIOR AD INFO
8. AUGUST/SEPTEMBER C AND N DAY CALENDARS, Bell Schedule

Preparing for Registration
- Have your parent portal account set-up. We will have areas where you can pay for fees using your credit card, check or cash.
- Have all applicable forms completed in advance. This is a time-saver
- Remember-registration is CLOSED from 11:30 am-12:30 pm - please schedule accordingly.
Nursing Needs for Registration:

1. **Immunization updates** (If you have gotten ANY new immunizations in the last 12-months OR are a new student, please bring an updated immunization record to registration). Exemption paperwork will be on-hand at registration for parents to sign if student will NOT be getting State Required Immunizations.

2. **Medications**: Medications can be kept in the health room with doctors' orders (Name of student, Name of Medication, Dose, and Time of administration (i.e.: as needed). ONLY life threatening medications can be self-carry on the student (i.e.: Epi Pens, Inhalers, Insulin,) WITH doctors' orders.

3. **Hearing and Vision screenings** will be conducted on both days of registration for ALL 9th graders and ALL NEW students to D-49.
Falcon School Lunch

Our meal prices for the 2017-18 school year are:

Elementary:
  Breakfast $1.55
  Lunch $2.35
Secondary:
  Breakfast $1.75
  Lunch $2.65
  Adult (without milk)
  Breakfast $2.10
  Lunch $3.25

Nutrition departments are regulated by the federal government and part of that regulation is to operate as a self-funded enterprise within a school district. This means that Nutrition Services does not take any tax-payer’s funds from the district to operate the meal programs.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to share in your child's life by serving them a nutritious meal.
The Sand Creek Innovation Zone
Mission Statement

As the students, educators and parents of the Sand Creek Innovation Zone, our mission is to inspire caring, competent, critical thinkers who are well-prepared, productive citizens in a global society.