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SAND RIDGE JR. HIGH

Newsletter

PTSA

The time has come to gather additional volunteers to help take charge of the Sand Ridge Jr. High School PTA for the 2024-2025 school year. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with Janel Hulbert. You can join the PTSA at any time just let Janel know in person or text her at 208-360-9617.

Our PTSA Meeting will be on Wed, April 17, 4:00pm – 4:45pm. Please attend our next PTSA meeting! We will be finishing up this year and planning some things for the next year! We have a lot of exciting ideas for next year! Even if you can only give a few hours a year we can use your help! The more involved our parents, school, and community are the stronger our school will be!

On April 17 is a school community night called "David's Story." This has been organized as a collaboration between David's family, some other parents at our school, the SRJH administration and the Superintendent's office as well as law enforcement. Please watch for flyers for more information. Thank you.

On March 17th Janel Hulbert attended a meeting with all the PTA presidents and president elects were invited to meet with the Superintendent as well as some other district leadership.

We learned that the new schools are on track to open on time for school next year. They are still finishing up hiring for the new schools as well as the rest of the schools in the district.

The district has adopted four core values to put into practice while making decisions going forward.

Those four core values are: Character, Commitment, Connection and Community. As a PTSA we will be sharing a bit about each of these core values each week this month on the Sand Ridge PTSA Instagram and on the parent Facebook page.

They also shared that they continue to work to bring additional safety measures for our schools. Some of the legislation this year surrounded this issue so now districts are figuring out how to apply those new laws in the most effective ways in our schools. Two bills you might be interested in is HB 14, and HB 84.

Those are a few of the things that got covered. We are so grateful our district is willing to work with and inform our PTAs.

We have one more Newsletter to go for the remaining 2023-2024 school year.

For those who don't know, we do have Facebook and Instagram pages.

Sand Ridge Junior High Parents Group

SandRidge.Jr.High

PTSA Meeting

Wednesday, April 17th
4:00pm
SRJH Conference Room



Please attend!

PTSA Fundraiser



We will be selling soda cans and other packaged drinks at lunch time in the lunch room area.

Students will **not** be able to have open containers in classes after lunch.

We will have some more lunch activities for students please watch for flyers.

RISE & Civics Test

Every student dreads the end of the year RISE test. According to Utah Parent center, "The RISE (Readiness Improvement Success Empowerment) assessment in Utah is a state-mandated standardized test used to measure student achievement in English language arts, mathematics, and science administered to all students in grades 3-8.

The Civics Test is for all 9th graders it's extremely important. Please don't let your student(s) miss this test. This test is required for all 9th graders to take if your student wants to graduate from high school. If your 9th grader doesn't take this Civics Test they will not meet the requirements necessary for graduation and will not be issued a diploma from Weber School District.

This test is extremely important!

If you have any questions about RISE or Civics testing please talk to Mrs. Limburg she is in charge of Chromebook & Testing.

Sand Ridge Jr High's RISE and Civics Test will be held on May 6-10

STOP Bullying

Bullying has become a huge problem in our school. Please talk to your students about bullying.

Weber School District website states, "Weber School district is committed to ensuring a safe learning and working environment for all our students and employees. Weber School District prohibits discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), or retaliation on the basis of race, color, sex, pregnancy, religion, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or any other legally protected classification in all educational programs, activities, admissions, access, treatment, or employment practices. Board Policy 4120 and 7100 prohibits discrimination based on race, color and national origin, sex, handicap or disability."

The school district says, "We take reports of bullying and/or harassment very seriously. In an effort to be as responsive as possible we have created a centralized reporting form. This system ensures a consistent, immediate response and allows for collection of data to further inform our decision making."

While an immediate response is important, their focus is on preventing these incidents and their impact on our students. They are here to offer answers, support and guidance in dealing with concerns of bullying and harassment in our schools.

The school district has forms on their website to reporting bullying, discrimination and harassment.

Please go to <https://wsd.net/departments/education/educational-equity/civil-rights-bullying-report/bullying-investigation>

Weber School District
5320 Adams Ave. Pkwy
Ogden, UT 84405
Phone - 801-476-7800

Contact Sand Ridge Jr. High
Principal Quinn Talbot
phone- 801-476-5320

SafeUT app.



Congratulations PTSA

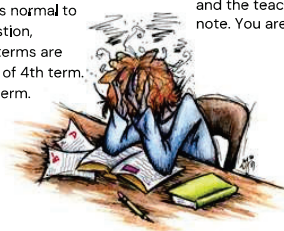
Our PTA has been working hard for this school year. They take time to show up to dances, games, events and are always there to help out. Thank you parents and guardians for making this PTSA a success. Here is the award our PTSA received.

Dear Sand Ridge Jr. High PTSA,
Congratulations on earning the Utah PTA Double your Membership Award! This award is given to PTAs or PTSA whose membership is at least 100% over last year's total membership by March 1st. Membership is an integral part of PTA, and we appreciate all your membership efforts this year.



Midterms

You've almost made it to the end of another school term and summer is just around the corner! It can be a weird feeling "end-of-term-itis". It is normal to feel a mixture of relief, exhaustion, excitement, and anxiety. Midterms are coming up fast! So is the end of 4th term. On Tue, April 16, 2024, is midterm.



All teachers are encouraging every student to turn in your unfinished assignments, no name or lost assignments as soon as possible so you and the teachers can end midterm on a good note. You are almost there don't give up yet!
YOU'VE GOT THIS!

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)



The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an international student organization. All students in the NJHS must maintain a 3.7 or higher GPA. Congratulations to all our new NJHS members and those who have been in NJHS for 2 years and 3 years. Thank you to all the parents, guardians, family and friends who are supporting our honor students.

We want to thank the Advisers: Shaundell Smith & Jaylyn Keoppel. We want to also thank the NJHS Officers for their hard work as well. Greysen Frandsen, Tayecia Kippen, Sarah Morgan, and Brinley Beazer.

On April 17th NJHS Service Project will be after school. Attending after school will earn the 5 hours of service. Otherwise, service hours of (5 hours) must be turned in to Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Keoppel by April 24th. The NJHS Field trip to Rush Funplex in Syracuse will be on April 26. (You can't go on the field trip unless your 5 hours of service are turned in.) April 23 Mandatory meeting for candidates during advisory. April 29-May 3 Officer Elections May 14 is the closing social during advisory



LEARNING TO LEAD IN A TECHNICAL WORLD (TSA)

The Technology Student Association (TSA) provides student members the opportunity to explore a wide variety of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education and career-interest areas.

Congratulations to all the students who won and represented our school.

- 1st in Promotional Marketing – Kolin (From what I understand he qualified for nationals)
- 2nd in Inventions & Innovations – James, Kieran, Coen, Tyler, Kolin
- 3rd in Inventions & Innovations – Ethan, Stetson, Boston, Tanner
- 3rd in Career Prep – Kelcee

Big shout out to Ms. Langford too who took all the kids and has been building the TSA program at our school!



Beauty and the Beast

Shout out to all those who participated in Beauty and the Beast. You all worked extremely hard over the last six months.

Thank you to the teachers Mr. Austin and Mrs. Reader who worked so hard and took time out of their busy schedules to make this play happen. Thank you to the Choreographer: Dylan Watson, Costume Designer: Amanda Alley, and Prop Designer: Zion Austin

Everyone who was back stage helping. You all did amazing.

Cast you were AWESOME!

Addalynn Braithwaite, Tayecia Kippen, Daxtin Price, Kolbie Bradley, Aceley Carpio, Kierra Allen, Kieran Anderton, Aubrey Bennett, Lia Byington, Izzy Dille, Jax Stuart, Syvanah Caballero, Boston Freckleton, Aaron Yardley, Gavin McCormack, Eli Foster, Calia Dittmore, Maya Figueroa, Anslee Kunzler, Lee Jaeger, Kenna Jones, Ayva Shaw, Ainzley Thompson, Maylee Bowden, Abby Griffiths, Hailey Yarrington, Lee Martin, Violet Scott, Breklyn Bleicher, Kural Razo, Kayla Cook, Dea Lindstrom, Mason Stevens, Abby Roberts, Ava Westbroek, Alexa Arias, Breklyn Bleicher, Taylor Martin, Adelaide Garner, Makena Milavong, Charley Marsh, Nora Snow, Aspyn Ward, Rinnie Ocampo, Yllka Islami, and Shiloh Hobson.

This was such a cute play and fun to watch. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!



Teacher and Faculty APPRECIATION Day

By Tayecia Kippen

Celebrating staff appreciation day not only shows our appreciation, but highlights our teachers' impact in students success. On April 24, 2024 we will be celebrating this day. I interviewed a bunch of teachers so we can get to know them.

His favorite book to read is Lord of the Rings. Pessetto says, "Yeah, big Lord of the Rings guy."

I asked him if you can compare yourself to a movie or a book what would it be?

Mr. Pessetto replied, "Dumb and Dumber. No, that's a hard question, movie or a book. I think Merlin, from the Chronicles of Merlin is what I would do because he kind of just walks around just doing his best, and occasionally he does something really good and sometimes he messes up, but he just tries his best and it's always an adventure."



Mr. Pessetto teaches history, yearbook and student government. He likes that they're all really different, but he like history more.

History is his passion and he likes learning about the past and people who come before us.

Pessetto enjoys yearbook because of the creativity that goes into it. He also likes the collaboration of everyone's hard work coming together to create one big project, our school yearbook.

Mr. Pessetto likes student government for a lot of reasons, but being involved in the school and making a difference while promoting a positive environment in the school is one of the biggest.

When asked why he became a teacher Mr. Pessetto said, "I originally went to school to be a pharmacist, but then when I took a chemistry class I was like, 'I don't like this.' So I decided not to go with pharmacy and I really liked my history classes and so I started pursuing history and I was like, 'You know what would be cool? To teach.' So I just kind of stumbled into it. It was great. I'm glad I did."



Ms. Hardy teaches physics and 7th grade science. She teaches this because they're interesting, they're always changing and developing, and they teach us about how the world works and about how our bodies work.

Hardy became a teacher because she wanted to make a difference in kids lives.

When asked What is your favorite book? Hardy replied, "Probably King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry."

When asked if you could compare yourself to a movie or a book, what would it be? Ms. Hardy said, "Probably the Black Stallion."



Miss George teaches "Exploring Business and Marketing and Digital Literacy."

When asked why she started teaching in the first place Miss George responded, "I didn't really know what I wanted to do in life, but I knew I needed or wanted at least a degree." I then proceed to ask why did you choose these subjects?

Miss George replied, "Well, I actually more like chose the job and it just happened to be digital literacy and then through a process of me needing to be endorsed, they knew that I went to school for business, so they switched over to having me teach business as well."

Like most people after graduating high school Miss George didn't know what she wanted to do in life but knew she needed a degree in something. So she went to college. She fell in love with math and she loves organization. So she decided to go into business. Throughout the process she had a lot of students around her asking for help. While she was helping other students she started to really enjoying and love teaching and helping people.

By the end of her by junior year in college, Miss George says, "I really love teaching and helping people. I had several people telling me that throughout my college experience. Helping people is why I became a teacher."

When asked what her favorite book was Miss George replied laughing saying, "Honestly, The Bible? That's just my favorite book. I'm going to be honest."

When asked if you could compare yourself to a movie what would it be she replied, "I'd be Anna from frozen. I feel like I match her chaotic energy."



Mr. Barker is a math teacher. When asked why he teaches math Mr. Barker replied, "A lot of it was that I had really good teachers when I was in high school. I didn't really think I was very good at math until I got into high school and a teacher put me into honors and stuff. And so that's a big part of it."

He thought about doing a lot of other jobs that includes math while figuring out what degree he should work on. Barker didn't want to sit in front of a desk all day and was still figuring it out. It took him a while because none of it sounded good to him. He want to do something that's a little bit more interactive like working with people. So he became a math teacher.

When asked what his favorite book is he replied, "I'll just go with anything from Percy Jackson. I love those books."

Following that what he was asked if you could compare yourself to a movie or a book, what would it be?

"Well, The Batman would be the thing just 'cause I love Batman. I think more and more, especially as a teacher. I kind of think I'm like Harry Potter more and more just because it's a school book. So it's like a school."

So, if I understand this correctly, Mr. Barker is a Batman form of Professor Dumbledore.



Miss Roberts teaches resource math for 8th and 9th graders, and she also have a study skills class.

Roberts became a teacher because she wanted to make the world a better place and to have purpose. What better job than being a teacher, and helping the next generations learn.

When asked what her favorite book is she replied, "I have several of them, but the one that always comes [to mind] is Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl. He was a psychiatrist in concentration camps."

Those are hard and very emotional books for many students and adults to read. The Holocaust is fact and the evidence is extremely overwhelming for most people.

If you could compare yourself to a movie or a book, what would it be? Miss Roberts said, "Let's go with Punk'd. I don't know? Let's [go] with that."



Mr. Vannoy is a science teacher who mostly teaches 7th grade and 9th grade biology.

He has always liked science. Mr. Vannoy said, "It's always been really fun for me to learn about in college. It's actually where I met my wife. We were in science classes and science labs together. So just kind of have a good feel. I've always have enjoyed science."

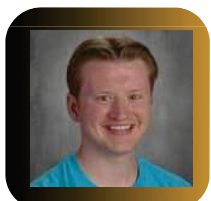
When asked why did you start teaching in the first place?

Vannoy replied, "Oh Yikes. To be honest, I thought it would be a very easy gig. Turns out it's been quite challenging, but it's also quite fun and rewarding. So yeah, I thought it would be something easy, but it's kind of evolved into. Something that I've really enjoyed."

Inquiring about what books he likes he responded and said, "Oh, Dragonlance, of course! They are involved with Dungeons and Dragons, mostly from the late 80s early 90s but they are coming out with new books recently. The original authors are well, they wrote the first book of a trilogy. The second one comes out in a couple months."

When I asked him if you can compare yourself to a movie or a book what would it be?

Mr. Vannoy responded with, "I really like Hey Arnold, he's a cartoon character. He's just, I don't know, kind of relaxed."



Mr. Austin is our drama and speech teacher. He loves drama specifically because he believes that it's one of the purest forms of art and one of the oldest forms of art that started with cavemen telling the stories of their hunt by fire light, and that was the beginning of theater.

Austin says, "I think the truest expression of art is just trying to tell stories and tell truth. We do that through painting. We do it through song and musical theater is a way that combines all of them."

Mr. Austin then explained that here are many types of arts. There's song, dance, visual arts, performative arts, technical arts and lighting and sound. He then stated, "So it's one of the ways to truly express humanity and a co-collaboration of so many different arts. I before didn't want to teach because I didn't want to teach people how to do something that I wish I was doing. Like I love to perform and so I love to do theater and I didn't want to just be teaching people how to do it and not be doing it myself. Luckily, I found time to do it after school and I perform regularly. But then I realized what I want to do is share that love that I have for theater with other people. And also, I believe that if I can help people find purpose and understanding in art that they can be better people and that betterment will go and spread throughout the world and will make the world a better place."

When asked what Austin's favorite book was he replied, "I really like the Ender's Game series. I don't know if I have a favorite one in there. It's Speaker for the Dead, the second book in that that series is really good. I really like that one."

When asked my favorite question, "If you could compare yourself to a movie or a book, what would it be?" Austin answered, "Fascinating question. Interesting. Part of the reason why I said Ender's Game is because I was thinking about that question and I think I wouldn't compare myself like the main character of Ender in Ender's Game. But I would compare myself [to him] not because we're similar, but because of our differences. He is really good at everything he does. He never loses a battle in the school that he participates in. He gets selected at a very early age because he's the smartest guy around. He's the best strategic mind. And he's just perfect. Not perfect, but he's great at everything he does. I don't feel that way. I feel like I'm usually second best, if not under that, like, my favorite number is two, because growing up, I was never number one. And so I felt like I grabbed some power in that. And that's like, well, I'm second. That's my favorite number you know. But I do relate with Ender because of the desire to be good and to understand people. And I think especially in Speaker for the Dead, the second book in the series he's all about understanding people with their fault faults and flaws included."



Mrs. Burnett teaches reading and Math 7 in special education. Burnett talked about how special education was available to teach when they hired her here, and then she had an option to go straight to teaching only reading, but Mrs. Burnett enjoyed teaching math too for special education.

Burnett started teaching because a friend encouraged her to get a job here as special education secretary. She in love with it. She then decided to go back to school and get her bachelors and masters degrees so she could teach full time.

When asked what her favorite book was she exclaimed, "Harry Potter, of course. Harry Potter lover through and through."

If you could compare yourself to a movie or a book, what would it be?

Mrs. Burnett says, "That's kind of a hard one, I would say Freaky Friday. Because you know, not exactly that I switch spots with someone else, but I feel like I have to switch all the time, with different kids' personalities. I have to switch my hats and be a little more firm sometimes. Maybe more understanding another time, understanding and trying to be inclusive, so I kind of have to switch up a lot with that."

Yes, I'm sure every teenager feels the same way and can relate to Freaky Friday.



Mrs. Jarman teaches special education in the life Skills Department. She says, "I like the subject because it is never the same day twice. We're always moving around and it's really fun to bond with my students."

Jarman started teaching because she wanted to make a difference and teach students with different disabilities, and life skills that they could use as adults.

Her favorite book is the Phantom Toll Booth. She says, "That's a classic. [I] read it when I was younger and it's still my fave."

If you could compare yourself to a movie or a book, what would it be?

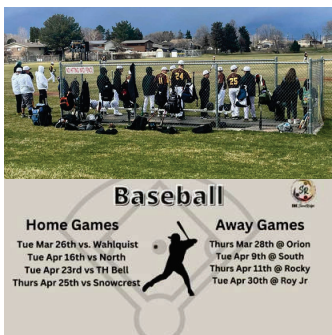
Mrs. Jarman replied, "You know, I don't know. I think I'm pretty funny. So anything comical, but I don't know. Like a specific book or movie."

Interviewing our amazing teachers has been extremely fun. Knowing that the teachers started out like an average student is comforting to know that even later in life you don't always know what you want to be in life or what degree you want to pursue in life. If you set your mind to whatever change you make or major you choose, you will succeed in life. Never give up and always keep going. Thank you teachers for your hard work and being there for all the SRJH students.

SRJH SPORTS

Baseball

Congratulations to our new 2024 SRJH Baseball Team 7th: Julian Teran, Alexis Barela, Derrick Gonca, Aiden Rua-Mendez
 8th: Sincere Hernandez, Logan Kilcrease, Cooper Child, Jack Ito, Demitrius Horne, Bausten pickup
 9th: Alijah Montano, Jackson Osaka, Ryan Mickles, Oliver Pentecost, Josh Preciado
 Redshirts: Nickolas Wees, Gabriel Copeland, Kai Bostic, Griffin Farr
 Managers: Megan Johnson, Aubrie Colohan, Braylon Roger's, Landon Allen
 We wish you the best of luck this season.



PTSA
 MOST HOME GAME WE WILL HAVE CONCESSIONS DEPENDING ON WEATHER. CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED

Track and Field

A huge shout out to all Sand Ridge parents, guardians, family members and friends.

You are AWESOME!

Rain or snow they're always there to support our SRJH team in whatever our students have to participate in. On March 28th SRJH team competed. It was snowing and freezing cold.



Track & Field

Thursday, March 28th @ Roy High
 Friday, April 12th @ Roy High
 Friday, April 19th @ Bonneville High
 Friday, April 26th @ Weber High
District Meet
 (Must Qualify to Attend)
 Thursday, May 2nd @ Bonneville
 Friday, May 3rd @ Bonneville



Cheer Leaders

Congratulations to our new 2024-2025 Cheer Leaders! Lia Andrade, Angie Estrada, Christina Fluckiger, Kierstin Hadley, Janelle Hooper, Leighla Larsen, Brylee Law, Lee Martin, Bradlee Marturello, Belen Moreira, Sydnee Reed, Amy Rodriguez, Braelyn Sandoval, and Violet Scott.



No School:

Spring Break Friday, March 29–
 Friday, Apr 5

Early Out

Wed, April 10, 12:15pm
 Wed, April 24, 12:15pm
 Wed, May 01, 12:15pm
 Wed, May 15, 12:15pm

Last Day of School

Early out Friday, May 24, 2024



Club/Events

NJHS Service Project
 When: Wed, April 17, 2:40pm – 4:15pm
 Where: SRJH Library

NJHS Field Trip
 When: Fri, April 26, 9:00am – 1:30pm

Student Council Meeting
 When: Mon, April 8, 1:45pm – 2:30pm
 Where: Pessetto's Room 134

Band- Newgate Mall Concert
 When: Thu, April 25, 8:30am – 2:00pm

Band Concert
 When: Wed, May 8, 6pm – 7pm
 Where: Sand Ridge Jr High Gym

Orchestra Roy Cone Concert
 When: Thu, May 9, 6pm – 7pm
 Where: Roy High School, 2150 W 4800 S, Roy

National Student Leadership Week
 When: Apr 24 – 30, 2024

Administrative Support Staff APPRECIATION Day
 When: Wednesday, Apr 24, 2024

Physics Field Trip
 Fri, May 3, 8:15am – 2:15pm
 Clark Planetarium, 110 400 W, Salt Lake City
 Questions: about this event contact Layla Hardy

Awards Ceremony Practice
 (During Advisory) By Invitation only
 When: Tue, May 14, 1:30pm – 2:00pm