

# Manestreet News

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Sandburg Middle School on a beautiful fall day.

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## Why Your Planner is Important

Most students don't use their planners. They pretend to so that they don't get in trouble, but no one really writes in them, right? While you might try to say that you don't need a planner, and that no article can convince you, give this a try. Planners are important. Here are some reasons why: Planners can help you stay organized and get all your work done.

But is that all? Planners can also keep you accountable for your work; if you wrote down an assignment, but haven't checked it off, it's easier for a teacher or peer to see that. Having a planner makes it easier to remember if you have homework, and to do that. Planners can also keep you motivated by showing you how much you have done, making you inspired to do more (Professional Learning Board).

You know that feeling when you look behind you and say, "Wow, look how far I've come"? Planners can give you the same feeling of accomplishment.

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# Featured articles

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Each issue, we will feature teachers and staff members here at Sandburg. This issue features Ms. Enselein, Mr. Flesher and Ms. Holman.

## Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Enselein



Mrs. Enselein

- **Grade level and subject?**

8th Grade English

- **Education? What college did you attend and what is your degree?**

Undergraduate degree: Minnesota State University, Mankato. Elementary Education & Middle School English

Master's Degree: Hamline University-Master's in Literacy Education & Reading Licensure

Currently: Minnesota State University, Mankato Specialist in Educational Leadership & Administration Licensure

- **What is your favorite thing about being a teacher at Sandburg?**

Since this is my first year at Sandburg I know there are a lot of things that will become my favorite however, my first few weeks I appreciate all of the help from staff and students to help me feel welcome! Making big changes can be hard and sometimes scary, I think it's awesome how everyone makes you feel like a member of the SMS family from day 1!

- **How do you unwind after a day of work?**

I like to go for a walk with my 2 year old daughter and my dog, Stanley. I also workout and instruct kickboxing and strength training workouts! In the summers I am the head manager at the Crystal Cove Aquatic Center.

- **What was dream job as a kid?**

Growing up I wanted to be a nurse in the emergency room, I love the fast paced environment and don't mind all the blood and gore. I decided not to be a nurse because eyeballs freak me out.

- **What is your favorite book?**

There are a lot of books that I love to read. My favorite genre is realistic fiction (drama or historical fiction.) The best book I've read in the last year is The Usual Suspects by Maurice Broaddus.

*Teacher Spotlight continued...*

I'll read anything by Jason Reynolds, Nic Stone or Angie Thomas!

- **What's your favorite food?**

I love any kind of pasta!

- **Do you have any pets?**

I have a dog named Stanley. He's very energetic and loves to bark at the Amazon trucks that drive by.

## Staff Spotlight: Justin Flesher



Justin Flesher

- **Grade level and subject?**

I work with "all the grades" in the main office

- **Education? What college did you attend and what is your degree?**

University of Minnesota Duluth Campus - B.A. in Communication with a minor in Philosophy

- **What is your favorite thing about being a teacher at Sandburg?**

Seeing when our kids are truly excited and/or passionate about something

- **How do you unwind after a day of work?**

I go home, sit down at my computer, pop into voice chat with my friends, and play video games - we play World of Warcraft or scary games like Phasmophobia

- **What was dream job as a kid?**

Video Game Developer

- **What is your favorite book?**

The Shining

- **What's your favorite food?**

Steak & lobster tail with asparagus and Caesar salad

- **Do you have any pets?**

I don't have any pets myself but I am a pet-uncle to 2 huge dogs (Duke & Siggie) and one 8-toed cat (named Ocho)

- **What is your favorite sports teams?**

I don't have a favorite sports team but I enjoy watching games with my friends and eating all the game-day food.

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# Sports

## Fall Sports Season Recap

As the fall sports season ends, our coaches were asked to give Manestreet News some information about their season. Read more below to learn how Sandburg fared this Fall.



### TENNIS

#### How is your season going?

The season is going great. The girls are improving quickly and I am very proud as a coach.

#### What are some highlights?

A big highlight is that most athletes are consistently getting their serves in, which makes tennis much more enjoyable than when first learning.

#### What are some tough competitions?

All the schools we face are tough. It is a very strong tennis conference. The hardest ones are Minnetonka and Wayzata.

#### Why are you proud of your students?

I am proud the girls let me coach them. It is really awesome to see the athletes grow.

### SOCCER

#### How is your season going?

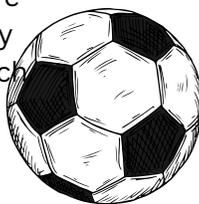
Our A team won it's last game and went 3-1 overall.

#### What are some highlights?

We saw a lot of growth with our athletes. I had several students move from the B team up to the A team because of how hard they practiced.

**What are some tough competitions?** Plymouth was a tough school, and I was proud of how well our players played.

**Why are you proud of your students?** We are very proud of our athletes. I loved how they practiced hard and how they encouraged each other.



### VOLLEYBALL

#### How is your season going?

Our season is going really well! This is one of the best teams I have ever coached. The girls are really eager to learn new volleyball skills and have improved a lot in such a short time.

#### What are some highlights?

In our match against Hopkins West we had three spikes and it was pretty epic. Also, when we played Plymouth Middle School we had really long volleys and the score was close most of the match so it was very exciting.

#### What are some tough competitions?

Our most difficult match this season was versus Wayzata East. They had several players who could jump serve and their team had a lot of experience.

#### Why are you proud of your students?

This is a hard-working team. All season long they have put their best efforts into drills at practice and you can really tell. They are very coachable athletes and amazing humans as well. It's been such a wonderful season and I am so proud of how they've come together.

**GO  
SANDBURG  
SPORTS!**

# Reviews



## Warm Bodies 2013

Image from google play

This has been one of my favorite movies from a young age. The mixture between the loneliness and love was both heartwarming and heartbreaking.

This movie is about...

A human who comes across a zombie living in a crashed airplane. They slowly begin the descent of falling in love.

I like it because...

It was a sweet topic that appealed to my personality.

You can watch this movie on...

HBO Max, Amazon Instant Video, iTunes, Google Play, Vudo, and on Pluto.

Overall 10/10

## Book Recommendations!



Flesher continued from page 2...

- **What is your favorite acronym?**

PEBKAC (Problem Exists Between Keyboard and Chair)

- I used this a lot when I worked in IT and at Apple

## Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Holman



- **Grade level and subject?**

6, 7, & 8 - Physical Education

- **Education? What college did you attend and what is your degree?**

Florida Southern College, BA in Mass Communication: Advertising. Metropolitan State University, BS: Social Studies Education

- **What is your favorite thing about being a teacher at Sandburg?**

I love working with the staff and students here at SMS everyday!

- **How do you unwind after a day of work?**

I love to watch movies with my 3 kids at home or go outside and play games.

- **What's your favorite food?**

Sushi, Greek food, & Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo!

- **Do you have any pets?**

I have a puppy named Winnie. She is a little white puff ball.

- **What are your favorite sports teams?**

I love the Vikings, the Timberwolves, & the KU Jayhawks

- **What is your favorite inspirational quote?**

"If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you." ~ Fred DeVito

# New Assistant Principal

## Sandburg Welcomes Mr. Charles Johnson-Nixon

Manestreet News asked our new assistant principal some questions. Read on to learn more about him. We are excited that he is at Sandburg!



**1. Education? What college did you attend and what is your degree?**

I attended North Carolina Central University, an HBCU, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, my degree was in Fine Arts

**2. What was dream job as a kid?**

Being a professional photographer

**3. What is your favorite book?**

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

**4. What is your favorite sports teams?**

I have two, the University of Florida, football team, Go Gators and the Duke University Basketball team.

**5. Would you rather: Android or Apple**

Apple, definitely Apple!

**6. What's your favorite food?**

Pasta, any kind of pasta.

**7. What is your favorite inspirational quote?**

Your education is going to come down to two things, what did you study and what did you do?

**8. What is your favorite type of tree?**

An Oak tree. It has wisdom, is hard and has a story to tell.



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For those of you who get stressed out by the amount of assignments that are shoveled onto the pile each day, a planner can relieve some of that tension.

If you aren't trying to remember all the work you have to do in your head, there's a lot more room so you can take a deep breath and know exactly what you have to do. This is the part where you protest that you don't like the way your planner is designed. No need to worry! Lots of people have a hard time using something they're not comfortable with. If you want to use a different planner to write in, you can find some almost anywhere in the school supply section. There are all kinds of designs, and the prices are fairly low. Trust me, planners are worth it. If you still don't like it, use a blank notebook or a sheet of paper. Finally, if you are still unconvinced of your planner's worth, listen up. Here at Sandburg, you need your planner to use the bathroom! If you lose it, you're not going to be able to go! Additionally, teachers could check your planner before you use the restroom. If they find it blank for the day, you might not be allowed to use the restroom! Overall, planners are important, and if you start using yours, you'll see the difference almost immediately. Try it! Planners are worth it.



# Best of Spirit Week



# Activities Page

## ManeStreet News Quarter 1 Word Search

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DIVERSITY  
SOCIAL STUDIES  
ACTIVITIES  
LION  
EXCELLENCE  
READING  
ACHIEVEMENT  
PRIDE  
LEADER  
MATH  
FUN  
SCIENCE  
COMMUNITY  
RESPECT  
YELLOW  
ENGLISH  
BLACK

## FUN FACTS

- If you sneeze too hard, you could fracture a rib.
- Some lipsticks contain fish scales.
- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
- Maine is the only state that has a one-syllable name.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Facts from: National Institute of Environmental Health and Sciences

# Polls

[Use this Google Form to submit your answers](#)



Stay tuned for the polls of the next quarter!

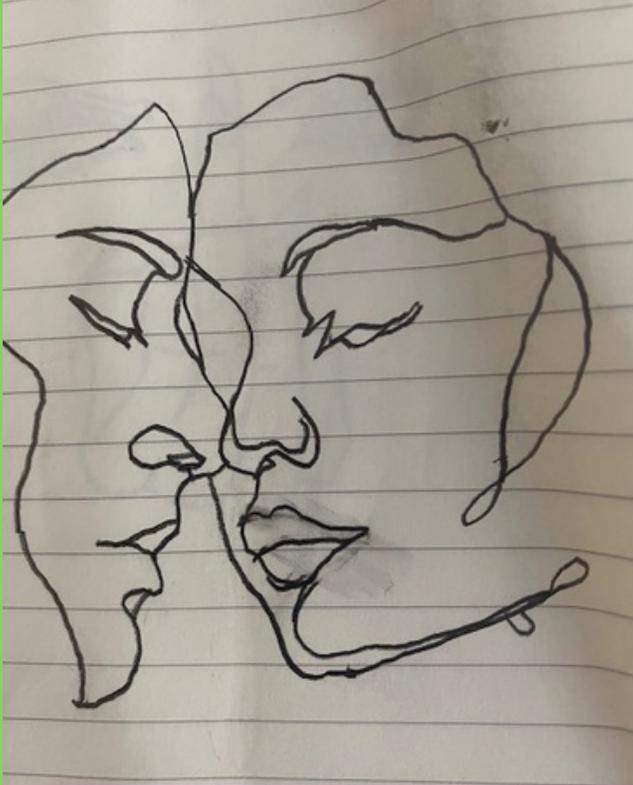
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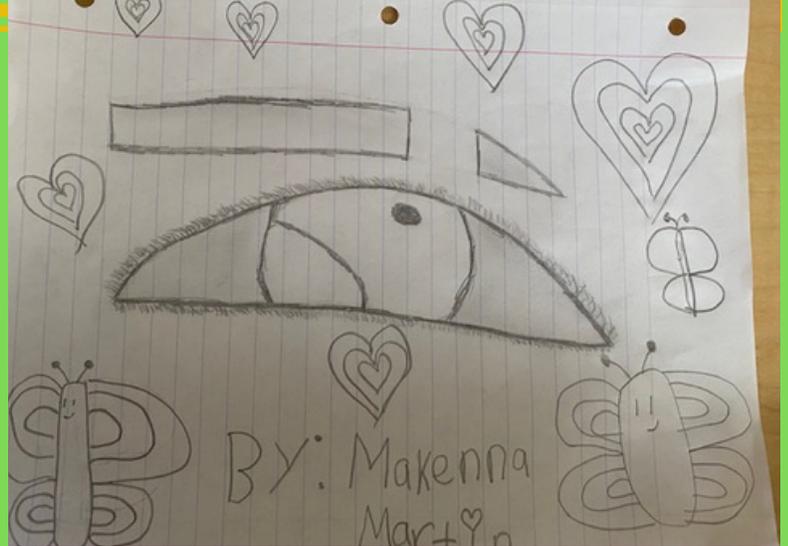
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# Student Artwork



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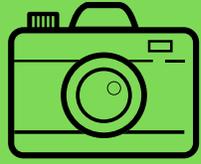


By: Natalie Rowdon

Share your artwork  
with the  
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Bring it to room 307  
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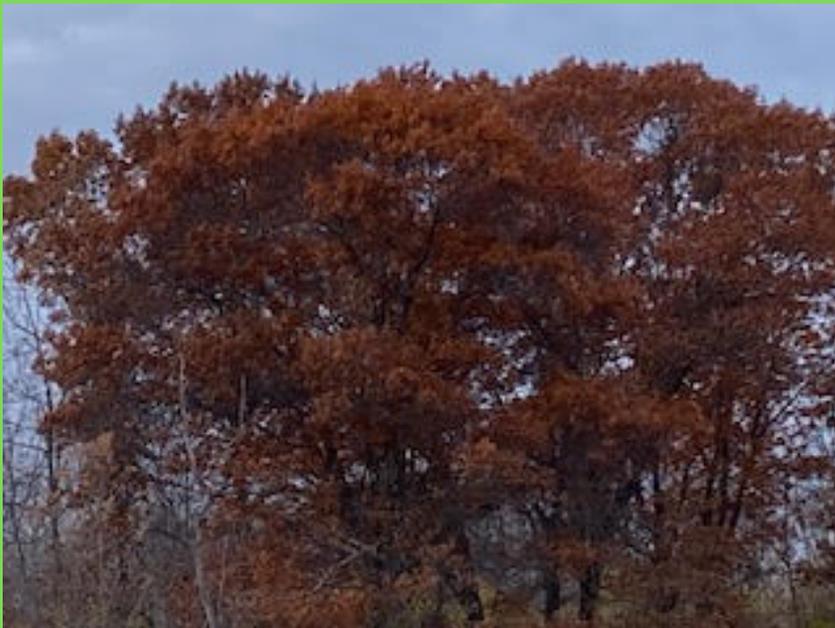




# Student Art Continued...



By: Manny Lee



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# School Spirit

# More Spirit Week Fun!



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