

We Are Sweet Home

Board of Education Study Session

Tonight's Presentations

- Welcome Russ Ward, Purple Heart Plaque Presentation
- Welcome High School Administration and Students



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Russ Ward, Purple Heart Plaque Presentation



REFLECTIONS of DISPLAYING THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL

HONOR: Further impresses students and adults to honor and respect our American way of life that an estimated one million American citizens were killed and millions more wounded in many wars throughout our history to keep us free.

UNITY: When the Purple Heart Medal plaque is viewed on display it unites students and adults to know all Races, Religions, Ages, Genders, National Origins and Nationalities fought as one united people to keep our American freedoms.

ENCOURAGEMENT: The Purple Heart Medal plaque offers encouragement to students and adults experiencing problems or hardships to know millions of Veterans who were wounded worked their way through their problems until they could continue on living full lives.

PATRIOTISM: When students and adults see the Purple Heart Plaque they are reminded of how important it is to patronize and respect the many sacrifices that have been made to keep our country strong and free to provide for all citizens to live in peace.

FAITH: When viewing the Purple Heart Medal Plaque, young and old are reminded freedom is not free and if necessary all citizens of America will fight together as one America to keep our rights of freedom.

WE ARE ONE AMERICA





Implementation of Gaggle- Student Safety

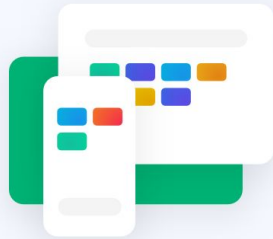


Gaggle is a real-time student safety system that monitors the google suite.

To date, our team has responded to 30 instances of questionable content and one possible student situation.

Our team's efforts ensured the safety of all students involved as we were able to get students the appropriate help, in each situation

Implementation of SmartPass- Hallway Safety



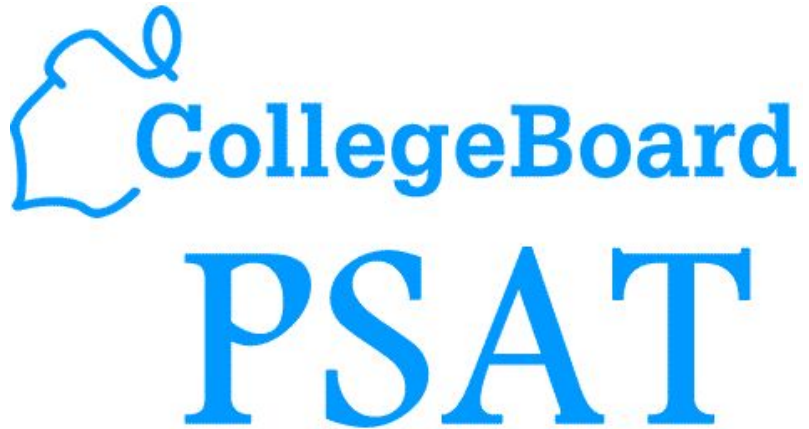
SmartPass >>

SmartPass is a digital hallway pass which allows for in-depth management of the hallway. Currently, the high school has begun implementation of this new program and have completed staff trainings.

Next week, students will be trained in town halls that have been setup.

We are preparing for a rollout when we return from break. Several classes have participated in a soft launch of the program and we have gotten positive feedback from teachers on the pass system.

Juniors took the PSAT



Back on October 12, 217 juniors took the PSAT. Sweet Home covered the cost for students to take the PSAT.

We were able to strategically schedule locations to administer the PSAT without disruption to the school.

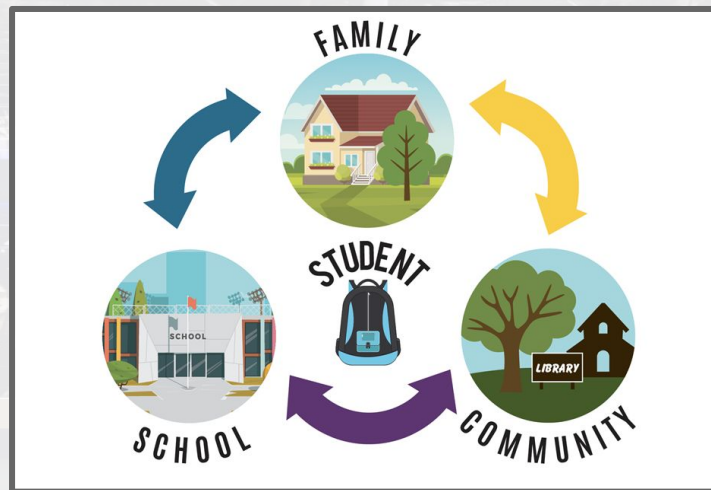
ERW *evidence based reading and writing*
Benchmark 46%, 9% Approaching

Math Benchmark 24%, 11% Approaching

Met Both Benchmarks-22% of students

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Arabic Speaking Family Liaison



- Applied through Title 1 Funding and Recently Been Approved.
- Designed to serve all English Language Learner Families in the District, with Arabic-speaking population are highest.
- Bridge gap in family and community engagement. Housed at the High School.



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Big Picture National Conference

Mike Ginestre
Toyia Wilson
John Pilato
Steve Shepherd

READY ACADEMY

**BIG
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Strategic Plan Update



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Building Use Committee Meeting This Week

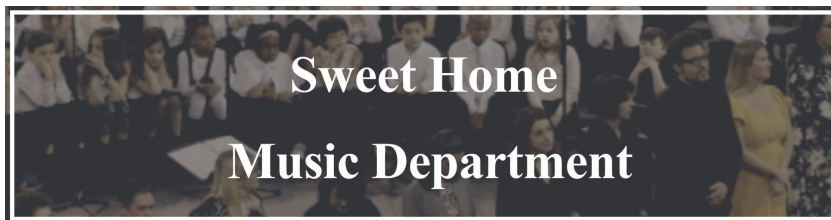
- Focus on Transportation in effort to ease driver shortage.
- Will review impact of walking distances, common pickup and dropoff spots, and bell schedules.
- Committee will report to the Board in early 2023.



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Concert Season at Sweet Home

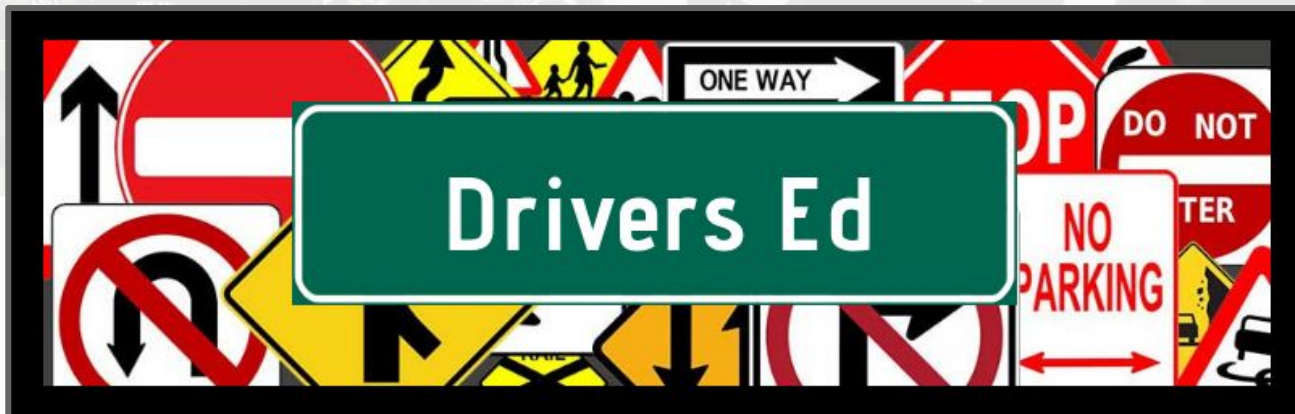
- December 13 7 p.m. Elementary Gold Band, Gold Orchestra at MS Aud
- December 14 7 p.m. Middle School 7th Grade Orchestra, 7/8 Girls Choir, 7th Grade Band at MS Auditorium
- December 21 7 p.m. Heritage Heights Winter Concert at HH Auditorium
- December 21 7 p.m. Glendale Chorus and Hand Chimes at MS Auditorium
- January 11 7 p.m. Middle School 6th Grade Orchestra, 6th Grade Chorus, 6th Grade Band at MS Auditorium
- February 5 TBA District Music Festival at High School Gym
- February 16 7:30 p.m High School- Pops Concert, Symphony Orchestra, Concert Chorale, Wind Ensemble at MS Auditorium



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Driver Education

- Approved by the New York State Department of Education last week.
- Sweet Home students 16 years and older with a driver's permit are eligible.
- Classes will start at Sweet Home at or around the February Break.



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Student Health and Well-Being

- NYSDOH and NYSED issued joint letter on December 5 encouraging school districts to take precautions during cold and flu seasons.
- Precautions include:
 - Staying up to date on vaccines, including Flu and COVID-19.
 - Washing your hands often with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.
 - Not coughing or sneezing into your hands; sneeze or cough into your elbow.
 - Staying home when sick or symptomatic.
 - Wearing a well-fitting, high-quality mask when in public indoor spaces.
- Sweet Home attendance figures are at normal rates. Nurses are monitoring.



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Superintendent's Report

Questions from the Board??

