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# From the SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

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## A ROCKIN' FINALE: MARCHING BAND CELEBRATES MRS. SANDMAN, SENIORS

The SMFHS Marching Band brought the house down Wednesday evening with an unforgettable final stadium show of the 2026 season! The performance featured classic hits by Joan Jett, The Who, Elton John, and Billy Joel. Watch highlights of their performance here.

The evening was especially meaningful as students, families, and community members came together to celebrate Mrs. Sandman's final marching band show before her retirement at the end of the school year. The program also recognized the band's seniors and celebrated the accomplishments of another outstanding season.

It certainly was a fitting tribute to the dedication, talent, and Bulldog pride that make our marching band program so successful.



Congratulations to our student musicians and everyone who helped make the evening one to remember!

## SMF AND KENT STRINGS UNITE

It was a night of music, collaboration, and a little Halloween magic as the SMFHS Orchestra joined forces with Theodore Roosevelt High School for a special fall concert Thursday evening! Held at Roosevelt's auditorium, the concert brought together talented student musicians from both schools for a unique performance.

The collaboration also provided an opportunity for orchestra student leaders from both schools to connect and build relationships. What a wonderful example of how music brings people together, creating connections that extend beyond school district boundaries!



# Reminders!

- **Bus Evacuation Drills — Oct. 19–23:** Annual school bus evacuation drills will take place this week. Families may review the schedule and locations shared through ParentSquare.
- **National Unity Day — Oct. 21:** Staff and students are encouraged to **wear orange** to show their support for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion as part of National Bullying Prevention Month.
- **BOE Meeting — Monday, Nov. 2:** The next Board of Education meeting will take place at 6 p.m. at Central Office, 4350 Allen Road, Stow. Community members are welcome to attend.



## CONGRATS TO OUR CENTER STAGE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our October Center Stage Award recipients, recognized at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, Oct. 12, at Riverview Elementary! This month's honorees included Sarah Bradshaw, Whitney Derose, Amanda Donatelli, Michaela Gabel, Bre Livingston, Kurt Long, Michael Love, Alexa Monte, Laura Swinsburg, and Holly Thompson.

Thank you to these outstanding staff members for their dedication, hard work and commitment to our students, families, and school community. We appreciate all you do!

## MOVIE MAGIC AT MIDWAY DRIVE-IN

Some of our elementary students enjoyed a special PTA-sponsored outing to the legendary Midway Drive-In Theatre to watch *The Magic Faraway Tree!* A big thank-you to our PTAs for helping create new memories at a beloved local landmark.




## FREE TUITION OPPORTUNITY AT CLEVELAND STATE

Cleveland State University has announced its new Cleveland State Commitment, covering remaining tuition and mandatory fees after financial aid for eligible Ohio students beginning fall 2027! To qualify, students must graduate high school in spring 2027 with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, have a household adjusted gross income of $125,000 or less, and enroll full-time. Students should complete the FAFSA and admission requirements by Feb. 15, 2027, for priority consideration. Visit CSUOhio.edu/commitment.

## STUCO HOSTS CHESS TOURNAMENT FOR STUDENTS




Join STUCO on Nov. 5 from 6–8 p.m. at the high school for their biannual chess tournament! This is open to all SMF students (K-12) and entry is just $5. Visit stowstuco.org/chess for details.