



Sandwich Community School District 430

"Learning Today, Shaping Tomorrow!"

Wow, we had not seen a winter like this in a few years. Due to the emergency days (snow days) we took this year we will be making these days up. We are unable to determine the last day of school due to us still being in the midst of winter, but I can tell you what days we are sure we need to make up. We will be in session the following:

- **Monday, April 1, 2024**
- Tuesday, May 28, 2024
- Wednesday, May 29, 2024
- Thursday, May 30, 2024

At the high school exam schedules will be pushed back to this new final week.

Thomas Sodaro, Superintendent–Sandwich School District #430

Important Dates

Please make sure you have the following important dates marked on your calendar.

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| ● March 8, 2024 | 11:10 AM Dismissal |
| ● March 25, 2024 | Spring Break-NO SCHOOL |
| ● March 26, 2024 | Spring Break-NO SCHOOL |
| ● March 27, 2024 | Spring Break-NO SCHOOL |
| ● March 28, 2024 | Spring Break-NO SCHOOL |
| ● March 29, 2024 | Spring Break-NO SCHOOL |
| ● April 1, 2024 | School is IN SESSION |
| ● April 19, 2024 | School Registration Due |
| ● April 27, 2024 | Casino Night (Sandwich Education Foundation) |
| ● May 15, 2024 | Senior Awards Night |
| ● May 19, 2024 | SHS Graduation |
| ● May 27, 2024 | NO SCHOOL |
| ● May 28, 2024 | School is IN SESSION |
| ● May 29, 2024 | School is IN SESSION |
| ● May 30, 2024 | School is IN SESSION |

Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year

Registration for the 24-25 school year is now open. Returning families to the school district can complete the online application process in a few short minutes through their TeacherEase

account. This will be a very similar process to last year. Please be sure that all information is entered correctly.

If you have an incoming kindergartener or a new student to the district you will follow a different process in which you verify your residency before registering on TeacherEase.

Student fees for the 24-25 school year are not due at this time. We ask that you complete the registration process by Friday, April 19. Please use the link below which will walk you through the process of registration.

- [Registration 24-25 School Year](#)

Student Fees Waviers and Free and Reduced Lunch Program **UPDATE**

For those who would like to apply for free/reduced breakfast and lunch (fee waivers), please do so using the following link: <https://www.freereducedlunch.com/sandwich430>. Families who qualify for free/reduced breakfast and lunch (fee waiver) will also have their registration fees waived or reduced.

Please note that if you are applying for free and reduced breakfast lunch that this will be for the 23-24 school year only.

Applications for the 24-25 school year will not be available until July. We will post this information on our Facebook page and our website once the application process is open fro the 24-25 school year.



PLEASE NOTE: EVERYONE WILL NEED TO REAPPLY IN JULY WHEN THE NEW FORMS ARE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

District Calendar for the 24-25 School Year

The district calendar for 2024-2025 has been adopted by the Board of Education and accepted by the state. The following link will take you to the district website link for the calendar.

- [24-25 District Calendar](#)

Food Service

Please see the new interactive menus on line. Just click on the item you want to review and the nutritional information will be shared.

Breakfast and lunch menus can be found on our website:

- [Lunch Menus](#)

Sandwich School District Core Values

Last year our District Culture and Climate Committee created a set of district Core Values. These values are designed to be the cultural base of our learning community. We are using these core values as a set of expectations for staff and students. We want to ensure that our learning community not only supports academic growth, but that it embraces a high set of cultural expectations.

These District Core Values were presented to the District Leadership Team and the Board of Education for input. We continue to implement these Core Values with students on a monthly basis. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with our core values.

- [District Core Values](#)

Transportation

Currently, there is a shortage of bus drivers across the United States and Sandwich is no different. We continue to operate in an understaffed position this year. We are working hard to operate our service with a limited number of delays. If you are interested in a part-time job and would like to know how to become a bus driver, please call Transportation Director Sue Graham at 815-786-8325.

- Paid CDL Training
 - Your children can ride along with you on your route.
 - Flexible Scheduling
 - Paid Holidays
 - Starting pay over \$20.00 per hour
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5Essentials Survey

Please click here to complete the survey: [5Essentials Survey](#)

Students, teachers, and families across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the eleventh annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Prior research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more Essentials.

Additionally, we have chosen to provide the optional parent survey supplement. If at least 20 percent of the parents at each school site complete this survey, a parent supplement report will also be generated. The parent data will not be reported on the State Report Card.

Current Parent Participation Rate

HED- 17%
LGH- 1%
WWW- 14%
PV- 15%
SMS- 3%
SHS- 4%

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey for students and teachers will be conducted January through March. The Parent Survey Supplement will be conducted during that same timeframe. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view previous years' Reports, please visit <https://www.5-essentials.org/illinois>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact UChicago Impact Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or impact-surveys@uchicago.edu.

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