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Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parent(s), Guardians(s), and Friends: Other information please contact district office at 647-9411.

With the weather starting to turn colder and the possibility of snow approaching we should all be aware of how the School District will notify families of a school closure. The Canton Union School District currently maintains an automated call system with the phone numbers of parents and staff. When a school closure is imminent school officials initiate the automated calling system to notify all staff and parents of the closure. In addition, all local television and radio channels are also notified. Finally, the district will also place school closure information on the Canton School District website and Facebook Page. For fur-

Sincerely,

Rolf Sivertsen

Superintendent

Canton Union School District #66



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Spotlight 66

Every month we will spotlight our staff and students. This is the first in a series of Spotlights.

Susan Sandman
Westview 1st Grade Teacher



Susan Sandman

1. What three traits define you?

Hard-working, tenacious, caring

2. What is the greatest challenge you have had to overcome in your life thus far?

I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2001 – when Joy was just 3. I had to have surgery and radiation. Fortunately, it was caught very early, so I have been cancer-free for 16 years.

3 Where is your favorite place to be?

I love to be with my kids! Right now that means St. Louis. They like to take us to their favorite places (not the university library!) so it is fun to go visit!

4. Where is the best place you've traveled to and why?

We have taken our kids to more than 20 national parks. My favorite is Olympic National Park in Washington. It has rainforests, the ocean, mountains, hot springs, and waterfalls. What else could you want to see?

5. What does true leadership mean to you?

Leadership is the ability to help others to see the vision and how to get there. It is always leading by example and working twice as hard as everyone else on your team.

6. What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this?

Teaching is all I ever wanted to do, but if I wasn't a teacher I would be working in human resources. I like to solve problems and make the world better for everyone.

7. How do you define success?

Success is achieving what you set out to do. It may not be what others perceive as success, but it is the goal you wanted to attain.

8. Tell us something that might surprise us about you.

I am 100% Swedish. My eight great-grandparents all came from Sweden and are all buried in the same cemetery. (My hometown is so Scandinavian that we used to divide up for P.E. teams as blondes vs. brunettes.)

9. Can you give me a bio as well?

I was born in Paxton, IL, and attended Illinois State University. I graduated from ISU in three years – and met my husband, Tom, there seven weeks before I left campus to student-teach and graduate. I taught junior high math for 2 years in Bradley, IL, and then fifth grade for 11 years in Creve Coeur, IL. I stayed home for 10 years when my children were little. This is my 13th year in District #66, teach-



ing Title I for 5 years and now first grade for 8 years. My children are both at Maryville University in St. Louis studying physical therapy.



CHS Students Attend Manufacturing Day To Raise Awareness About Careers In Manufacturing

Students in the Machine Tools and Engineering Graphics classes at Canton High School along with their teacher Shawn Snowman participated in Manufacturing Day recently. The day is a celebration of what 12 million people around the United States experience every day—pride at working in manufacturing. The day was a chance for students to tour a local manufacturer to discover not only how technology impacts advanced manufacturing, but what a career in manufacturing could look like.

Students spent the morning touring Komatsu America in Peoria. They toured the plant seeing the entire manufacturing process. Employees gave presentations and answered questions about their particular job throughout the morning. The afternoon began with presentations from the Career and Technical areas at Illinois Central College. Students experienced hands on demonstrations in all areas of the manufacturing processes including Welding, CNC, CAD, Electronics, Hydraulics and Graphic Communications. Local employers also had employees available to discuss employment opportunities with them locally. They answered questions about job requirements and how to prepare for employment while in high school.

Manufacturing Day has become annual event for Canton High School Industrial Technical Department. With the goal of exposing students to both technology and manufacturing Canton High School hopes to inspire students to consider careers in manufacturing as well as careers that utilize technology right in their local area.



CHS District Student Council Visits Pittsfield for Workshop

By
Ashley Krulac

I thought I would share a picture with you from our district student council workshop in Pittsfield. The kids had a great time. They got to meet a new group of kids that are outside of our Mid-Illini conference, yet in their district of counties defined by the Illinois Association of Student Councils.

They participated in break-out sessions that addressed leadership activities , team building, communication, event planning, and public service. Our school showcased Halloween High School's Trick-or-Trunking event in the workshop's "hall of ideas," and they listened to guest speaker Jonas Petty, who is currently running as a state representative in the 100th House District.

Thank you for letting us attend! We hope to join our district again in the spring for our IVD Spring Workshop, as we prepare a service project with our district to take to IASC State Convention in Springfield come May.



IMS Team Takes Second at State Battle of the Books Competition



(As Pictured) Emma Barrera, Caleb Batterton, Eric Hedden, Isabella Alig, Kelsey Watson and Andrew Krus really know books.

Sponsored by Illinois School Library Media Association, the state Battle of the Books competition pits teams across the state against each other in a trivia style tournament. The questions relate to a specific list of books announced in August and basic library skills.

After 10 rounds, and 100 questions, the IMS team, the Reading Readers, found themselves tied for second place, having missed only 3. To determine second place, they then had to battle through 13 more sudden death questions before the contest was declared over and the second place finish was secured.

All of the teams in attendance performed well and had high scores despite facing some very difficult and detailed questions. This event took place in Springfield, IL on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017. This is the second time IMS has competed in annual the state tournament. Batterton and Krus were on the IMS team that placed 3rd in 2015.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: NOVEMBER



By Brad Hulet Athletic Director Canton USD 66

Jackson Swank

1. What year are you in school?

Senior

2. Who are your parents?

Doug and Jenniffer Swank

3. Tell us about yourself

I am an 18 year old Senior at CHS. I have two younger brothers that are twins, Joey and Burke. I have wrestled for 14 years. I also enjoy playing baseball. I enjoy running in events like the Sgt. Douglas Riney 5k and the Canton to Peoria St. Jude Run. In my free time I like hanging out with my friends and family.

4. What do you plan to do when you leave CHS?

I am undecided at this time but I am exploring my college options or possibly attending a trade school.

5. What is the greatest challenge you have had to overcome in your life thus far?

Cutting and maintaining weight for wrestling and learning to be disciplined in my food choices

7. Where is the best place you've traveled to and why? Orlando Florida for the Disney Duals as a member of the Fuzzy Bees National Wrestling Team

9. Where do you see yourself five years from now? Hopefully in 5 years

I will have graduated from college and started my career.

10. Tell us something that might surprise us about you. I'm an open book.

No surprises here!





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By Brad Hulet Athletic Director Canton USD 66

Marissa Murphy

and I am looking forward to my senior season with my teammates.

1. What year are you in school?

Senior

2. Who are your parents?

Jay and Jennifer Murphy

3. Tell us about yourself

I enjoy playing basketball and spending time with my friends. I like penny boarding with my friends.

4. What do you plan to do when you leave CHS?

I will be playing basketball at Eureka College and am currently undecided on a major.

5. What is the greatest challenge you have had to overcome in your life thus far?

The greatest challenge I've had to overcome is not believing in myself.

6. Where is the best place you've traveled to and why?

The best place I've traveled to is Florida because I got to spend the vacation with my friends.

9. Where do you see yourself five years from now?

In 5 years, I see myself starting my adult life after college.

10. Tell us something that might surprise us about you.

I can cook.

11. Can you give me a bio as well?

I have been playing basketball since I was 5



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PERFORMING ARTS



Upcoming November Dates

- 11/22—Break begins
- 11/27—School Resumes
- 11/27— P&O Band Meeting
- 11/28-EV Gra. 1&2 Music Program
- 11/22-25 Thanksgiving Tournament at the Alice



Little Giant Pride

