

PILLAR #6 - ATHLETICS & STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Sandusky High School (SHS) was a hub of student activity throughout the summer with approximately 100 students participating in team and individual opportunities in a variety of sports each day in the months of June and July. The Learn to Swim program had another solid summer with more than 60 beginner swimmers learning how to feel comfortable in the water and enjoy it safely. The Sandusky Aquatic Club experienced significant growth this summer, with more than 85 swimmers, from elementary through high school. Club members participated in swim meets throughout the area from June through the end of July.

During this past summer all three concession stands at Cedar Point Stadium at Strobel Field underwent a complete renovation. The stands' makeovers included new roofs, wiring, cabinets and countertops.

The Athletic & Activities Department has assumed the role of league administrator for the Sandusky Bay Youth Volleyball League this fall. New this year, an end-of-season tournament has been added to the 4th-6th grade league. More than 300 area students participated in this year's league.

In August, the Sandusky School Board approved the creation of a Drone and Gaming Club. This club will provide a platform for our students to compete in the area and possibly at the post-secondary level. Drone racing and online gaming have grown dramatically over the past few years. Members of the SHS Drone team were invited to the Lorain County Superintendents' meeting this fall, where they demonstrated their skills and shared their experience in participating and running a drone racing team. The drone team also traveled to Bowling Green State University and participated in the 9th Annual STEM in the Park event. At Wood County Airport, our students demonstrated drone flying and interacted with students from all over Ohio, educating them on the importance of hands-on STEAM activities.

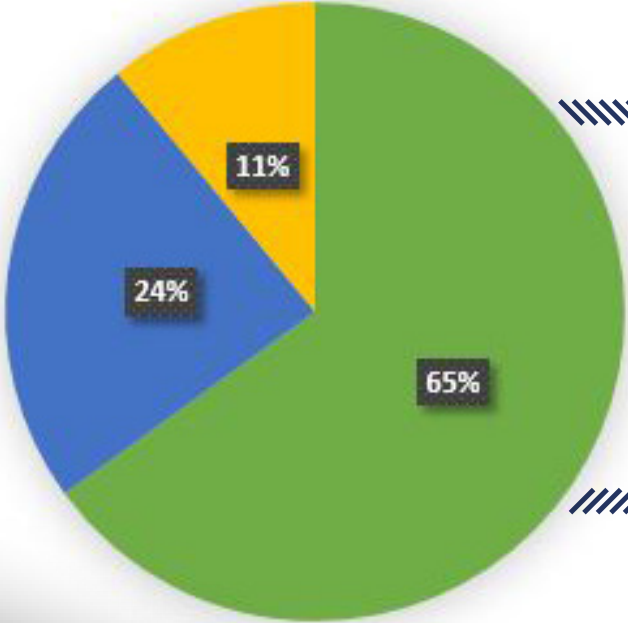
Currently the Athletic & Activities Department is working with the Career Tech Welding Program to design and fabricate protective screens for the football field's 25-second clock.

The department also continues to recognize and award student-athlete academic achievement. With the help of the Blue Streak Athletic Booster Club, scholar-athletes at all levels receive certificates of merit, as well as awards such as Blue Streak Scholar Athlete Apparel. Research has repeatedly shown that students who participate in extracurricular activities have a higher grade point average, better attendance, fewer discipline issues and a higher graduation rate than their peers.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Increased summer participation of student-athletes
- Concession stands remodeled
- League administrator for SBC Youth Volleyball League
- Creation of Drone and Gaming Club
- Addition of goal-setting and additional college and career readiness opportunities during Study Tables



GOAL STATUS:

11/17	Completed	65%
4/17	In Progress	24%
2/17	Not Started	11%