



# Sandy Creek High School

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

360 JENKINS ROAD, TYRONE, GEORGIA, 30290

Below you will find the 8 candidates nominated to serve on the SCHS School Council for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. You will have the opportunity to vote for **4 candidates** during the election. Voting is open from 4/22 through 4/26 at 5pm. The ballot will be shared on ParentSquare.

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### **Eric Clark**

My name is Eric Clark and I am interested in serving on the SCHS School Council because I believe in a community led approach to student success in schools. As a parent of an incoming first year Patriot, serving on the school council presents an opportunity for continuous parent involvement that extends beyond the upcoming election cycle. I am an advocate for college and career readiness and I am passionate about supporting high school student athletes. I am qualified to serve as a representative of the SCHS school council due to my professional experience as a federally employed investigator, where I routinely serve as a representative of the federal government and work with businesses to conduct compliance review processes. In this role I make direct recommendations and advise leaders of all levels to strengthen future performance of their associated programs. My hobbies include mentoring student athletes as a volunteer coach in the community, and I also serve in an elected position within my neighborhood community HOA. These combined experiences have prepared me to fulfill an elected position with the SCHS school council as I believe in service to others, problem solving, and teamwork to accomplish shared goals. Thank you for your vote.

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### **Sharon Douglas**

My name is Sharon Douglas and I manage the Environmental Department for a small engineering firm in Tucker, Ga. I have worked in leadership roles for over twenty years, including local government and the public and private sector as an environmental consultant. I bring innovative thinking and initiative to strengthen governing bodies. I served as the Environmental and Sustainability Manager for the Atlanta Airport, the worlds busiest airport, for over 10 years. I am an active Regional Board Member for the National Society of Black Engineers, and I volunteer to support numerous committees on a professional and community level, including ACEC and the local school PTOs (including Burch and Flat Rock Middle School). I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Auburn University. I have lived in Tyrone with my son Jackson for the past 12 years. I would be honored to serve on the school council to offer support , advisement, and to rally the community around this outstanding high school that my son will be attending.

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**Twanda Jennings**

I am interested in serving on the Sandy Creek School Council to be a voice for my daughter and the student body to ensure their inclusion in the process. My connection with Sandy Creek is my children (current and previous), in addition to my interest in the community. I have served as an officer for a national alumni board for a collegiate institute. I am passionate about ensuring students are ready for the college journey.

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**Jonathan A. Johnson**

Colonel (R) Jonathan Johnson is a retired Officer from the US Army. I am passionate about mentoring our youth to ensure they understand the fundamentals of being good stewards, scholarship and model citizens within our communities. I am the father of a current Sandy Creek 9th grader, and as she grows and matriculates, I would like to be an active parent, in the Sandy Creek school community. As a security professional, I am and will always be honed in on the safety of the students and faculty.

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**Rhea S. Johnson**

I am a concerned parent. I care about the standard of education and morale at the school. As a council member, I will contribute to the success of the academic leadership and school administrators by supporting initiatives and providing insightful feedback and suggestions to promote upward mobility for students and positive outcomes overall.

Student participation in civic events that benefit the student body is an area where I believe our school can make strides. While the administration and PTO are making commendable efforts to host events that reward students, celebrate success, and encourage continued engagement, there seems to be a lack of consistent student participation. I am eager to collaborate with the school to explore strategies that can improve student engagement outcomes.

I have a 10th-grade student currently at Sandy Creek and two 7th-graders at Flat-Rock Middle School.

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**Janice LaGrande**

As an avid advocate for education and community development, I am excited to express my interest in serving on the Sandy Creek School Council. With a deep-rooted commitment to fostering positive change within our educational institutions, I believe that my background and experiences make me a strong candidate for this important role.

My connection to Sandy Creek School stems from both personal and professional interests. As a parent of a student within the district, I am deeply invested in ensuring that all children receive a high-quality education that prepares them for success in the future. My active involvement in school activities and events has provided me with valuable insights into the needs and concerns of both students and parents within our community. My youngest child started at Burch's Pre-K and is currently a rising 9th grade student. My husband (Mark) and I have an older child who was also a product of the Fayette County system and graduated as the recipient of a full scholarship to GA Tech.

In addition to my role as a parent, I bring a wealth of professional experience to the table. With a background in both real estate and health insurance, I have honed my skills in budgeting, strategic planning, communication,

and business development that are essential for effective leadership on the school council. My 25+ years of experience in business have equipped me with the knowledge and expertise needed to make informed decisions and drive positive change within the school community.

Furthermore, my strong communication and interpersonal skills have enabled me to collaborate effectively with diverse groups of individuals. I am passionate about fostering open dialogue and consensus-building to address complex issues and find innovative solutions that benefit all stakeholders.

I am also deeply committed to serving as a bridge between the school and the broader community. Through my involvement with Boy Scouts, as a Committee Member and current treasurer of Tyrone's Troop 79, I have demonstrated my dedication to enhancing the well-being of our community and promoting collaboration across different sectors.

In summary, I am eager to contribute my skills, experience, and passion for education to the Sandy Creek School Council. I am confident that, if given the opportunity, I can make meaningful contributions to the council's efforts to enhance the educational experience for all students and strengthen our school community. Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the opportunity to serve our school and community in this capacity.

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### **Angilee LeConte**

As a mother of three children, two of whom are enrolled at Sandy Creek High School, my connection to the school is deeply personal and immediate. I am not only invested in the success of the educational institution itself but also deeply committed to ensuring that every child within its walls receives the best possible education and support.

Professionally, I am a registered nurse with a passion for mental health care. Currently, I am in the process of becoming a Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, which has given me invaluable insights into the complex needs and challenges facing today's youth. My background in healthcare equips me with the understanding of the holistic well-being of students, not just their academic performance.

Moreover, as a small business owner in Tyrone, Photo Glam 360, I am deeply rooted in the local community. My involvement in the business landscape allows me to understand the pulse of the community and its needs. While I am affiliated with businesses in the area, my primary motivation for seeking a position on the Sandy Creek School Council is driven by my desire to advocate for our children's education.

My varied experiences have equipped me with valuable skills that I believe would be beneficial in serving on the council. My engaging personality and ability to connect with diverse groups of people would facilitate open communication and collaboration within the council. Furthermore, my creativity would enable me to approach challenges with innovative solutions, ensuring that we are constantly striving for excellence in education at Sandy Creek.

In summary, my roles as a mother, healthcare professional, small business owner, and community member have prepared me to be a dedicated advocate for our children's education. I am eager to contribute my skills and experiences to the Sandy Creek School Council to ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

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**DC Morse**

My name is DC Morse. I am a parent of an incoming 9th grader next year. My other daughter is graduating from Sandy Creek this year. She will be attending Ga. Southern. I was on the Sandy Creek Council four years ago. I am a project manager for Turner Broadcasting in Atlanta. I have lived in Fayetteville for the past 25 years. I enjoy fishing and family. I attend most of the Fayette County council meetings to make sure that North Fayette is never overlooked.

Overall, I just want to remain involved, and help out in any way I can.