

A Case for the Generous Support of the Future . . .



Sandhills School Arts & Recreation Center



Impacting Lives - Who We Are

Sandhills School is an independent, non-profit school that gives bright students the tools needed to succeed and become leaders among their peers and in the community. At Sandhills, highly specialized teachers focus on the strengths of each student and help to navigate traditional obstacles of learning. We provide a supportive, college preparatory environment where the first through twelfth graders rediscover the joy of learning and renew their intellectual curiosity. Through academic success in small, hands on classes, leadership opportunities on the sports field and the stage, traveling internationally and serving the community, our students gain confidence in their abilities, and fears and anxieties begin to fade. Sandhills' parents notice a positive difference in their child almost immediately.

For more than forty years, Sandhills School has changed the lives of young people diagnosed with language-based learning differences such as dyslexia or ADHD. As the only Orton-Gillingham accredited college preparatory school in the Midlands, Sandhills teachers are highly trained to provide research-based individualized instruction tailored to each student's academic needs.



“No more using the cafeteria or library for PE and plays. No more borrowing the gym from other schools. From now on, we can be the home team!”

- Sebastian, Sandhills Student



This approach produces tremendous progress in everything from reading, writing, and math to study skills, organization, and college entrance test preparation. Our graduates go on to colleges of their choice, are recognized by state and national scholarships, and are equipped with the tools they need to succeed in college and beyond.

Our Need

At Sandhills School we believe in educating the whole child, body, and mind. But our ability to achieve these goals is limited in our existing facilities. Sandhills School finds itself at a crossroads.

We are excited about expanding enrollment and the ability to serve more students. However, our facilities are being stretched beyond their limits.

The growth of Sandhills School, as evidenced by waiting lists in several classes, and the rapid expansion of our high school, has made our current facilities inadequate to meet demand. Common areas in the school, such as the library and cafeteria frequently double as spaces for performances, student gatherings, physical education, after school activities, and much more.

Currently our athletic teams are without a home-court and are shuttled to off-campus facilities for competitions. Our performing arts programs are growing by leaps and need additional space. Expanding our facilities is needed in order to provide the holistic school experience that attracts and retains students most in need of the specialized education we offer.

Benefits

★ Preparing our Students for College and Beyond:

College and university admission offices are looking for students who have experienced a well-rounded curriculum that includes athletics and the arts.

★ Enhancing School Pride:

The new facility will provide a place where students can build their own sense of identity and community - a place enabling students, families, and faculty to rally.

★ Increasing Community Awareness:

With more people visiting our campus for events, awareness will be raised about the invaluable resource we provide our community and our vital mission.

★ Expanding our Reach:

Throughout the year Sandhills School serves as a resource for educators from across the state and beyond. The new facility will expand our capacity as a center for excellence and allow for training more educators in research-based methods for students with learning differences.

★ Creating a Robust Sports and Physical Education Program:

The new facility will enhance our ability to teach core values such as teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship, and cooperation. Also, for our children exercise isn't just for toning muscles. Physical activity for children with ADHD and other learning differences helps with:

- Focus
- Emotions
- Social skills
- Behavior
- Thinking
- Impulsivity
- Planning

★ Learning Through the Arts:

The arts can open the world of learning and provide students the opportunity to construct their own understanding of the world. Music, theater, fine arts, and dance all give our students a chance to express themselves through different media and gain confidence along the way.

A feeling of self-worth - the knowledge that you can do something - is a critical part of the learning process. A costume, a paintbrush, or a drum can be a tool for self-expression to boost confidence while providing opportunities for learning.

The arts engage our diverse student body. While participating in the arts requires complex thinking and problem solving, most students also find them fun! The arts help children with learning differences to overcome the challenges they face.

What Your Support Will Mean

Building a New Future: Expanding to Meet Today's and Tomorrow's Needs

The Capital Campaign for the Arts and Recreation Center gives individuals and businesses an opportunity to ensure a vibrant future for students who learn differently. A successful Capital Campaign will allow the school to strengthen long-term sustainability and expand its current capabilities.

Capital Campaign Goal

In order to meet the growing needs of our students, Sandhills School is embarking on a Capital Campaign to raise \$800,000 to supplement existing funds for the construction of the Arts & Recreation Center.

Timeline

Construction begins summer 2016 with completion anticipated in time to hold commencement ceremonies for the high school class of 2017.





The Arts and Recreation Center

Will Provide:

- Robust sports and physical education program
- Variety of recreational activities
- School assembly for awards and commencement ceremonies
- Performing Arts (theater, music, dance, and more)
- Staff development and continuing education

Will Include:

- Gymnasium with retractable bleachers
- Weight Room/Fitness Center
- Practice tennis court
- Outdoor-covered veranda with fireplace and view of the pond
- Outdoor area with picnic tables for cookouts and gatherings
- Performing Arts Stage with area for props and costuming
- Flexible spaces for students, teachers, and parents
- Conference room for meetings and trainings

This is an exciting time of opportunity!

Our students deserve all the tools necessary to soar in school, college, and throughout their lives. This expansion has been our hope for many years. The time has now come for that hope to be fulfilled.

The success of this endeavor will require all of our families and friends to consider what each can do to help and how we can all work together on this common goal. It is time to strengthen our commitment to our students and to demonstrate what we can do as a community.

We invite you to be a part of this vision, so we may remain a leader in educating bright students who learn differently - just as we have done for forty years.

Please consider a gift from your heart ... a tangible expression of your dedication to Sandhills School's mission and our future.



“We’ve seen it time and time again...students that have been hesitant or withdrawn are able to express themselves through the arts. We really see them shine.”

- Anne Vickers
Head of School