

SANFORD SPOTLIGHT

Veterans Day Celebrations



Carl J. Lamb, Sanford Pride, and Margaret Chase Smith elementary schools each organized celebrations to honor the sacrifices of veterans for Veterans Day.

On Friday, November 3rd, Carl J. Lamb Elementary School hosted an assembly in its cafeteria, inviting veterans from the community to join in the commemoration. There were performances from students of all grades, including musical renditions, artistic exhibitions, and more.

At Sanford Pride Elementary School, the 4th Grade Chorus worked on a special recording project to express their gratitude to veterans. The recording serves as a testament to the deep respect and admiration these young students have for those who have served in the military.

On Thursday, November 9th, Margaret Chase Smith Elementary School hosted a Veterans Day breakfast.

Read more [here](#)

SHS Students Selected to Jazz All-State



Sanford High School senior Hannah Paterson and junior Quang Lam were recently accepted to Jazz All-State.

Jazz All-State is a festival put together by the Maine Music Educators Association. Students from all over the state of Maine audition to be a part of the Jazz festival, which includes an Honors Jazz Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, and Jazz Choir.

Paterson was selected for the Honors Jazz Band, and Lam was accepted into the Jazz Band.

Read more [here](#)

Fall Sports Award Presentations



Sanford High School held its Fall Sports Award Presentations in the Sanford Performing Arts Center on Monday, November 13th, to recognize student-athletes and their teams' accomplishments and hard work.

Athletic Director Zach Lemelin recognized several student-athletes before handing it off to each coach to talk about their respective teams' seasons. The football team finished with a 4-4-1 record this year to earn the No. 4 seed in the Class A South playoffs.

Read more [here](#)

Career and College Fair



Sanford Regional Technical Center held its annual Career and College Fair on Thursday, November 9th. The fair provided an opportunity for students to engage with representatives and receive valuable insight, whether they are interested in college or are considering entering the workforce directly after high school.

Over 110 companies, colleges, and military branch representatives came out for the fair. Nearly 1,000 SHS and SRTC students attended the event, which was broken into a.m. and p.m. sessions.

SRTC's resident career planning coordinator, Jenn Bartlett, coordinated the fair. Career Explorations Coordinator Katie Schindler assisted in sharing the fair prep curriculum with students, ensuring that they were well-informed and prepared to make the most of the event.

"We had a spreadsheet with all the colleges and companies that are coming in to research ahead of time," SHS senior Cole Legere said. "We came in prepared with questions in mind for the colleges we're interested in."

Read more [here](#)

Sights Around Our Schools

Margaret Chase Smith



Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Randall held another recycled arts and crafts club after school on Monday, November 13th, at Margaret Chase Smith. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Carl J. Lamb



Carl J. Lamb had its Folk Dance on Tuesday, November 14th, which was put on by music teacher Hattie Skvorak. Families circled up to dance to several folk songs. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Sanford Middle School



Congratulations to 7th Grader Otis MacEachern, who recently was named the winner of the Maine State Attendance Art Contest. His art is pictured above. Click [here](#) for Sanford Middle School's newsletter.

Sanford Pride



Sanford Pride had its rescheduled Trick-or-Treat event last week and it was a great success. SPE thanked the families that joined them and the many volunteers that helped the event come together. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

SCAE Harvest Lunch




Sanford Community Adult Education hosted its first-ever Harvest Lunch on Thursday, November 16th. The entire office staff worked together to put the event on, making food dishes and desserts. Students at SCAE were also invited to make and bring food of their own. Beyond the meals, the Harvest Lunch served as a reminder of the importance of community and collaboration. It highlighted the shared commitment of the staff and students to create a supportive learning environment that extends beyond the classroom.

SRTC Program Spotlight

We are highlighting all of the programs at Sanford Regional Technical Center. Read more about the Information Technology and Networking Program below:

SANFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER




INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & NETWORKING

Learn the core skills and knowledge that will enable you to work as an entry level technician. Install, configure and troubleshoot computer networks, hardware and operating systems through hands-on experience in the lab with Windows and Linux operating systems. This program is for those students entering the IT workforce and those continuing their education at the college level in IT related disciplines.


Areas of Focus

- Install and configure computer hardware and software
- Learn operating systems-Windows and Linux
- Entry level programming using Python or Java
- Network concepts including the OSI and TCP models of networking
- Configure and design networks using switches and routers.
- Use Cisco Packet Tracer and other virtualization software to test and build hardware and software configurations



Career Skills

- Designed for juniors and seniors who will be entering the IT workforce or who will be continuing their education in a two or four-year college program.
- CompTIA and Cisco certifications are available for qualified students but are not required.



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What are the main objectives of the program?

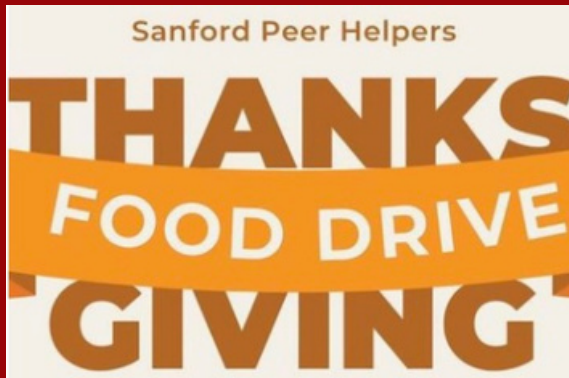
Our objectives in the SRTC Information Technology and Networking (ITN) program are to give the students core knowledge about computer technology, technical customer service, and networks.

In addition, we focus on job and interview skills that are necessary to be a member of the technical staff of a medium or large commercial company.

Read more [here](#)

The SpartanTimes

The Spartan Times is the high school's online newspaper. The writing staff is composed of reporters in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in or have completed the CCP Journalism Elective course or the School Newspaper Enrichment class.



Sanford High School's Peer Helpers Club is hosting its annual food drive for the tenth year. Sixty families with a child attending SHS are in need of warm, comforting food for this coming holiday and will be receiving a full Thanksgiving basket.

Read more [here](#)

Employee Spotlight

The Sanford School Department is spotlighting employees at all of our schools. If you know an employee who you feel should be highlighted, please email Sam Bonsey at sbonsey@sanford.org. This spotlight is on Sanford Pride Ed Tech Kathy Spencer.



How long have you worked in the Sanford School Department?

I started out with Kids Club then went on to substituting and then an Educational Technician in 1st grade. Total of 12 years but 7 years full time in Sanford.

What's your favorite part about working in Sanford?

Working with an Amazing Team and being a part of the community.

Read more [here](#)

Winter Weather Protocols



Winter is just around the corner. Therefore, it's time to remind everyone of our protocols to keep students and staff safe when inclement weather arrives.

Our last day of school is presently scheduled for Wednesday, June 5th if we use no snow days; for every day that school is cancelled due to weather, we will add a make-up day starting with June 6th. If we have to use storm days that move our last day of school beyond June 14th, we will consider remote school days.

Read more [here](#)

Attendance Matters



Thank you for your commitment to your child's regular school attendance as the holidays approach. Consistent routines are so important for learning and well-being. We appreciate your effort to get your child to school ready to learn.

Please maintain your child's attendance throughout the holiday season. Coming to school helps your child build relationships, learn, and feel stable.

Reminder:

- **Thanksgiving break is November 22nd - 24th.**
- **The last day of school before winter break is December 22nd.**
- **Students return on Tuesday, January 2nd.**
- **Click [here](#) for the school calendar**

Free Meals



Have you heard all school meals are free in Maine? This includes breakfast. Don't have time to prepare breakfast in the morning? Let us do the work. We'd be happy to provide your son or daughter with a delicious, nutritional balanced breakfast every day, free of charge.

Breakfast Service Times by School:

CJL: breakfast is from 8:00 to 8:30

MCS: breakfast is from 8:00 to 8:20

SPE: breakfast is 8:00 – 8:20

SMS: breakfast is 7:10 - 7:40

SHS: breakfast is 6:45-8:15

SPAC Presents Comedian Juston McKinney



Recover from any Thanksgiving Day trauma with Comedian Juston McKinney! He's back by popular demand with humor that has landed him specials on Comedy Central, Showtime, Amazon Prime, and multiple Tonight Show appearances.

Last year, McKinney split our sides with his show, "Parentally Challenged." He quickly became a regular at Comic Strip Live, Carolines on Broadway, Stand-Up New York, Dangerfield's, and Gotham Comedy Club.

For tickets and information, click [here](#)

Announcements



The Sanford School Department is hiring! Scan the QR code on the left to check out all of our openings.




Click this [link](#) for a list of announcements in the Sanford Community.

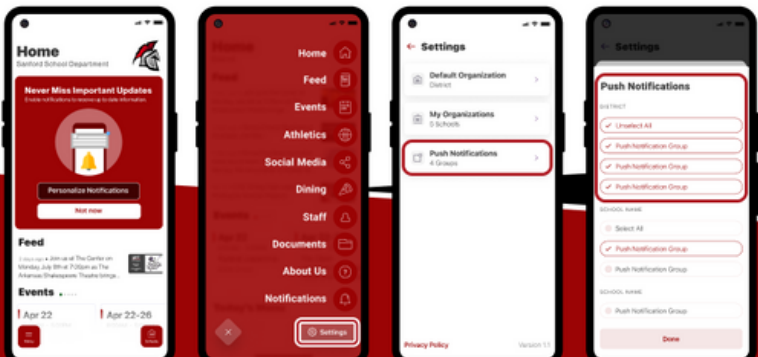


Do you have a story idea that you think should be in a future newsletter? We want to hear from you! Contact Communications Coordinator Sam Bonsey at sbonsey@sanford.org.

Download the Sanford Spartan App!

Don't miss any updates from Sanford! 

1. Search **Sanford School Department, ME** in your phone's app store and download the app
2. Select **'Personalize Notifications'** when prompted on initial download to ensure you receive notifications
3. Open the app and navigate to the bottom menu then tap **'SETTINGS'**
4. Access Push Notifications to select preferred group(s)



Main Street Memo



Election results, Holly Daze Parade and Tree Lighting, a survey on unsafe streets and much more included in the latest Main Street Memo! Click [here](#) to read it.

Additional links to stay up to date with the Sanford Community

- [City of Sanford](#)
- [WSSR-TV](#)
- [Sanford Athletics Instagram](#)
- [Spartan Times Online Newspaper](#)
- [Sanford Springvale News](#)