

SANFORD SPOTLIGHT

NHS Induction Ceremony



Scholarship, service, leadership, and character were the four pillars exemplified at Sanford High School's annual NHS Induction Ceremony at the Performing Arts Center on Monday, November 27th.

More than thirty juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honors Society, an organization that recognizes students who meet those pillars. NHS is student-led and has different events throughout the year depending on the interests and needs of the school.

Juniors and seniors with a minimum grade point average of 88% are encouraged to apply and complete a form focusing on their extracurricular accomplishments, employment, volunteer services, and more.

On Monday, the event served as a testament to the students' commitment to the four pillars while highlighting each inductee's accomplishments. Alexandra Payeur, senior and president of Sanford's National Honors Society, delivered opening remarks before the new members were inducted.

Read more [here](#)

SHS Peer Helpers Donate Thanksgiving Baskets to Families



With the support of the local and SHS community, the Sanford High School Peer Helpers provided 77 Thanksgiving baskets to families this year.

The number nearly doubled their usual output, according to Director of School Counseling Beth Letourneau, marking a tremendous accomplishment for the students and those who contributed.

The Peer Helpers acknowledged the participation of the SHS students and staff.

[Read more here](#)

Sanford Middle School Presents Raise Your Voice



Sanford Middle School's Theatre Troupe presented their Broadway Junior Revue "Raise Your Voice 2023" on Friday, November 17th.

The production showcased a medley of songs from James and the Giant Peach, Fiddler on the Roof, Junie B. Jones, Annie, Aladdin, Mary Poppins, Into the Woods, Frozen, The Little Mermaid, and High School Musical.

Rehearsals for Raise Your Voice began back in September under the direction of Adam Bellefeuille.

[Read more here](#)

SHS Junior Selected to National Field Hockey All-Region Team



Sanford High School junior Audrey Payeur was recently named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-Region team.

Payeur joins 15 other athletes from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

Payeur helped lead the Spartans to an 8-6 regular season record to earn the No. 7 seed in the Class A South Playoffs.

Check out the story [here](#)

SMS Holds Series of Panels to Educate Students on Vaping



Sanford Middle School organized a series of informative panels to educate students about the dangers of vaping throughout the week in the cafeteria.

Outreach Worker Cecilia Siriani and 8th Grade School Counselor Angela Avery did much of the leg work to put on the panels.

SMS put on two to three sessions most mornings, ensuring that all students had the opportunity to attend. These sessions lasted approximately 30 to 40 minutes, allowing time for panelists to present information and engage with the students.

Read more [here](#)

Sights Around Our Schools

Margaret Chase Smith



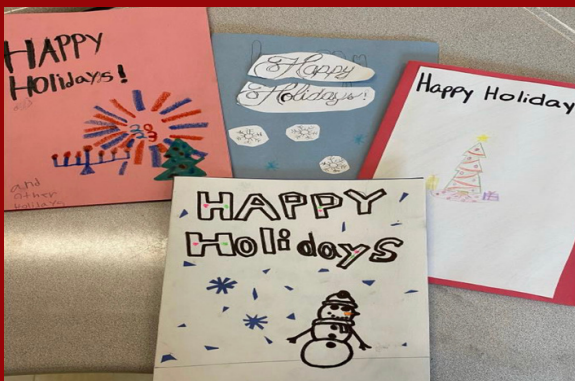
The hallways of Margaret Chase Smith came alive before Thanksgiving as the kindergarten and 4th grade teams strutted their balloons in the school parade. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Carl J. Lamb



CJL's Kindness Club is going strong! When students join an after school club, they make new friends and feel a sense of belonging. It helps improve attendance and student achievement. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Sanford Middle School



5th grade classes made holiday cards to send to deployed soldiers through the military holiday card challenge website. It was part of their Empathy/Gratitude unit in Social Emotional Learning. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Sanford Pride



3rd grade students practiced the skills of creative thinking. Using a tool called SCAMPER, students were challenged to redesign the Macy Thanksgiving Day Parade to solve the problems of wind, obstacles and much more. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Spartan Cafe at Sanford High School



The Starving Spartan Cafe is now up and running in the Life Skills Suite at Sanford High School. Students have been working hard to prepare meals and drinks for students and staff while developing specific life skills.

The cafe is open Tuesdays and Thursdays during Blocks 3 and 4. Block 3 is only available to staff, while Block 4 is open to both staff and students

The cafe is part of the student's educational programming to learn important skills.

Read more [here](#)

JMG Students Attend Youth Summit



23 JMG 8th-grade students had the opportunity to attend the Maine Youth Action Network's Leadership Summit. The summit is a two-day event where students can discuss social issues that are important to them with youth from around the state.

They also network with state-wide nonprofits that address these issues, allowing them to partner with these organizations and bring more resources to SMS. Sanford Middle School JMG Specialist Tara Houle was so proud of their ability to connect with other students and nonprofit organizations.

Read more [here](#)

SRTC Students Visit Boston Exhibit



Students in SRTC's Health Occupations, EMT, and Firefighting Programs visited Boston on Monday, November 27th, to explore the Body Worlds: The Anatomy of Happiness traveling exhibit.

85 students, 10 instructors, and chaperones attended the Back Bay Hub event. It was a rare and unique opportunity for SRTC students to consider health and anatomy in a broader context than their disciplines.

Read more [here](#)

Junior Achievement Visits Sanford High School



Junior Achievement and its volunteers came by Sanford High School on Monday, November 27th, to present to sophomores on applications and resume skills. Junior Achievement is a nonprofit organization that recruits volunteers to teach students about economics and personal finance.

All SHS sophomores will have three lessons by Junior Achievement this year in job applications, interviewing for a job, and cell phones in the workplace.

The SHS counseling department is proud to partner with Junior Achievement on this initiative.

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 Margaret Chase Smith Support Room Ed. Tech Justine Williams.



How long have you worked in the Sanford School Department?

This is my 11th year working in district. With eight years being at Sanford Junior High and currently in my third year at MCS.

What's your favorite part about working in Sanford?

My favorite part about working in Sanford is the connections within the community. I love being able to see students out and about in town and having positive interactions with them.

[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:

- **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

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



Holiday events and preparations, City Council highlights, a message from the Department of Public Works and much more is covered in the latest Main Street Memo! Click [here](#) to read it.

Additional links to stay up to date with the Sanford Community

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- [WSSR-TV](#)
- [Sanford Athletics Instagram](#)
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- [Sanford Springvale News](#)