

SANFORD SPOTLIGHT

Sanford High School Hall of Honor



An Athletic Hall of Honor is coming to Sanford High School. Much like a Hall of Fame, Sanford's Hall of Honor will induct former high school athletes, coaches, contributors, and teams who made a significant impact during their time.

It also plans to reconnect those individuals and families with the Sanford School Department and enhance the current student-athlete understanding and pride in the history of SHS athletics.

"I think this is a great opportunity to unite the community and bring people together," SHS Athletic Director Zach Lemelin said.

"This is something that will help people feel more connected to the athletic department and the Sanford Community in a really cool and unique way."

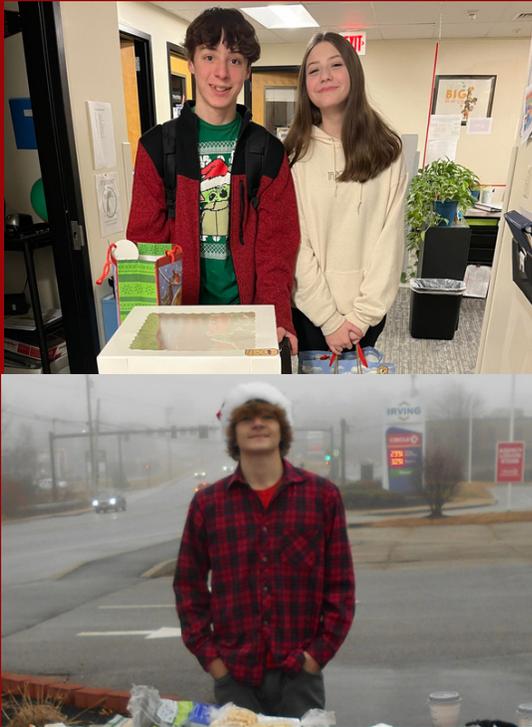
Lemelin started working on the Hall of Honor last year .

He met with SHS principal Amanda Doyle to "share the bones of it," then took it to the school committee in September to get the Hall of Honor off the ground.

"Superintendent Matt Nelson had a few thoughts on how to tweak it, and the school committee was all on board and very receptive, which was great ...

Read more [here](#)

SMS Students Make a Difference During Holiday Season



Two Sanford Middle School 8th graders went above and beyond to help others during the holiday season.

Josh Fogarty baked cookies, cakes, and other treats before Christmas to help raise money for the Toys for Tots program.

Classmate Grayson Perro set up a coca stand to raise money to buy holiday gifts for York County Shelter Program residents.

Grayson set up his stand in front of the Bowl-A-Rama on Route 109 and sold cocoa, caramel corn, cookies, and brownies.

[Read more here](#)

SHS Math Team Having Strong Season



Sanford High School's math team is off to a strong start to the 2023-2024 season.

The team's schedule consists of five regional meets, culminating in the state championship in Augusta.

Having won two regional meets, Sanford is currently ranked 30th out of 120 participating schools in Maine.

Meets consist of the same math questions given at the same time all over the state.

[Read more here](#)

Sights Around Our Schools

Margaret Chase Smith



141 students participated in the Winter Reading Challenge during December. Students who completed ten or more activities joined Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Grannell-Martin in winter-themed activities. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Carl J. Lamb



Carl J. Lamb kicked off the new year, celebrating January's theme of honesty. Several students were also honored at the assembly for their displays of empathy last month. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Sanford Middle School



8th graders hosted a LEGO drive in honor of their friend Chace Fromwiller, who passed away last September. They gathered 40 boxes of LEGOs to be donated to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in Portland. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Sanford Pride



Sanford Pride is proud of students supporting "The Giving Tree" project. The project benefited families in the Pride School community by collecting warm clothes, winter essentials, toys, books, and games to provide for those in need. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

SHS Peer Helpers Host 1st Annual Kindness Awards



SHS Peer Helpers took center stage as they hosted the first annual Kindness Awards in the Performing Arts Center on Friday, December 22nd.

The award show not only recognized acts of kindness but also promoted an atmosphere of inclusivity and fun through various engaging activities.

The event kicked off with a lively "Wrap Battle," where students and faculty showcased their creativity and enthusiasm in a friendly competition.

Read more [here](#)

SRTC Hosts Holiday Party for Carl J. Lamb



SkillsUSA students at Sanford Regional Technical Center hosted its annual holiday party for Carl J. Lamb on Thursday, December 21st.

They participated in various activities, including cookie and ornament decorating, cornhole, wreath making, and much more.

Carl J. Lamb students also explored SRTC's fire truck, ambulance, and police cars.

Carl J. Lamb students came home with holiday gifts for their families that gave them a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Read more [here](#)

SMS Holds Annual Food Drive Competition



Sanford Middle School completed its Holiday Food Drive Competition, which was organized by the JMG program.

This annual event, which has been going on for over a decade, brings teachers, students, and families together to support those in need during the holiday season.

This year's food drive was a resounding success, surpassing expectations and making a significant impact on Sanford families. This year, the food drive ran from November 8th to December 8th.

According to JMG specialist Tara Houle, the goal is to have enough food to distribute at least 40 meal baskets to Sanford families and to have enough to restock the SMS food closet.

Read more [here](#)

Upcoming Author Visit at SCAE

ASHLEE RIDLON
CHILDREN'S AUTHOR OF **BAD BUTTER** AND MORE
VISITS SANFORD COMMUNITY ADULT EDUCATION
January 27, 2024 10:00 AM -11:00 AM

Join us for an exciting event with Ashlee Ridlon, a local children's author, as she reads her newest children's book, **BAD BUTTER**. Receive one free book per family. Additional books will be available for purchase, and free snacks will be provided. Don't miss out!

REGISTER ON [SANFORDLEARN.ORG](http://SANFORDLEARN.SANFORDLEARN.ORG)

Books featured: *Bullet*, *Dinosaur ABC's*, *Friend Park*, *Hello, Baby!*, *Bad Butter*, *By Sarah Fisher*

“Have you heard the buzz about local children's author, Ashlee Ridlon? Ashlee will be visiting SCAE on January 27th from 10 AM to 11 AM to read her newest children's book, *Bad Butter*.

Each family will receive one free signed book, there will be additional books available to purchase and free snacks will be provided! Don't miss out! Register on Sanfordlearns.org

The Spartan Times

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. Below is an article on the upcoming Winter Ball at SHS.



Sanford High School's Winter Ball is set to return for the first time since 2019. It will take place in the Competition Gym on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 7-10 p.m.

SHS Abroad is the new club taking on the dance, which celebrates the end of the first semester, while the Student Council and Pep Club prepare for the following week of events, pep rally and spirit days.

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 Margaret Chase Smith Resource Room Teacher Bethany Combs.



How long have you worked in the Sanford School Department?

This is my 3rd year in Sanford and my 12th year teaching special education overall.

What's your favorite part about working in Sanford?

I love that this district is so supportive of staff and students. It's important to feel valued.

Read more [here](#)

'Fruit Flies Like a Banana' here at SPAC



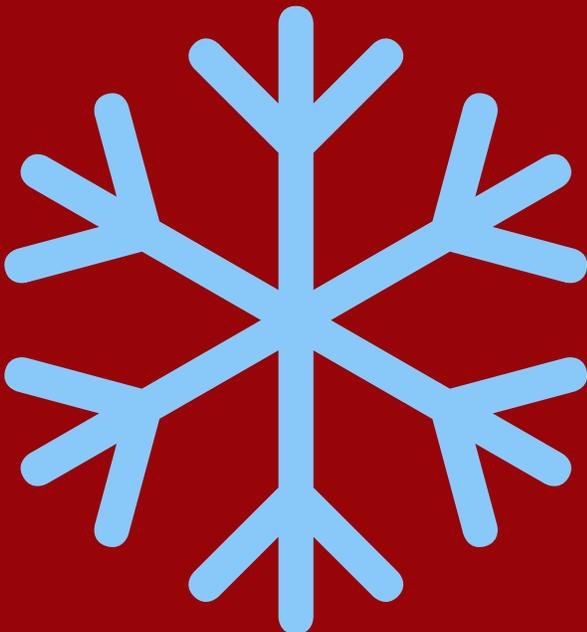
Few musical ensembles earn top marks for their hoverboard skills or “deft choreography,” but this is no ordinary ensemble. Part chamber music group, part devised theatre company, part modern dance troupe, part circus act, The Fourth Wall blends music, theatre, dance, and acrobatics into a new hybrid art form.

You can catch them on stage in Sanford at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20.

In their award-winning variety show “Fruit Flies Like a Banana,” this trio of musicians creates new interdisciplinary works and reinterprets classic repertoire ...

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

Winter Weather Reminders

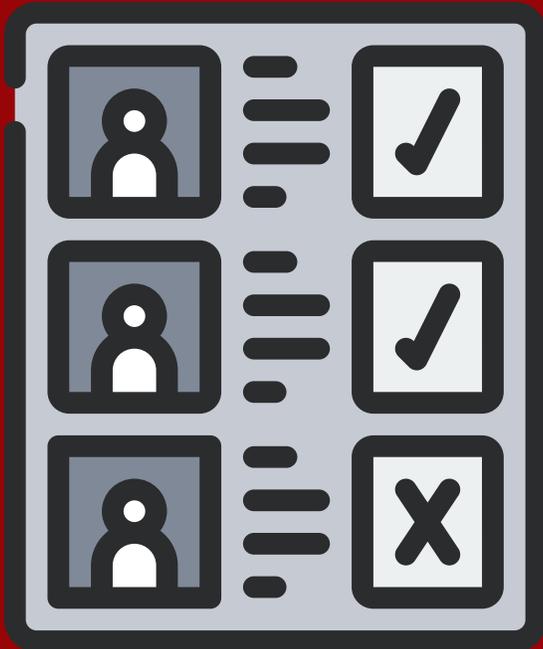


If a school day needs to be delayed, cancelled or shortened due to the weather or for any other reason, a message will be sent out from our website and app. Please be sure that we have your current contact information in Infinite Campus so you’ll be kept up to date.

Delays, cancellations and early release information will be posted as early as possible with the following media outlets: TV stations: Channels 6, 8 13 (Channel 6 has a text alert option available!)

Read more [here](#)

Attendance Matters



Thank you for your commitment to your child's regular school attendance. 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 school year. Coming to school helps your child build relationships, learn, and feel stable.

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.

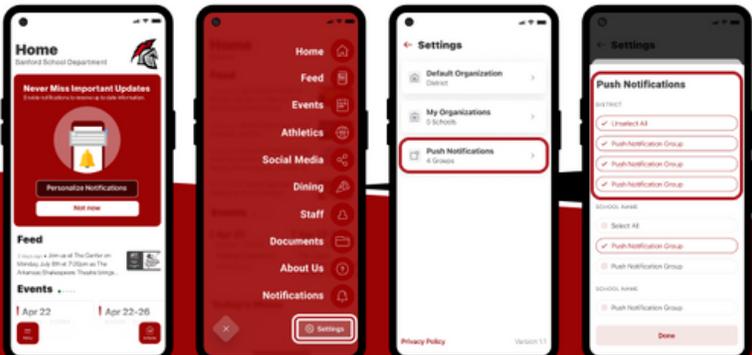


Do you have a story idea that you think should be in a future newsletter? We want to hear from you! Contact Communications Coordinator Sam Bonsey at sbonsey@sanford.org.

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



Highlights from the newest Main Street Memo include:

- A Sanford Deputy Chief graduating from the FBI National Academy
- Upcoming SPAC shows
- School Department news

And much more! 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](#)