

SANFORD SPOTLIGHT

Living Wax Museum at Sanford Pride



Sanford Pride hosted a Living Wax Museum on the cafeteria stage on Friday, January 19th. This event showcased the dedication and hard work of the participating students, who explored the lives of famous world changers.

Students researched some of their favorite influential people and created informative reports. These reports were the foundation for their presentation.

Students dressed as their chosen historical figures and shared insights into the lives through short speeches. During the event, friends and families were encouraged to walk around and interact with the exhibits.

Students chose a variety of influential people from Rosa Parks, to Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln, Barack Obama, Neil Armstrong and many more.

Read more [here](#)

SRTC Making Moves on Fourth Housing Project



Interior work has begun for Sanford Regional Technical Center's fourth house project.

The hands-on involvement of senior building trades students and the generosity of local businesses have played a pivotal role in bringing this project to life.

Students finished shingling the house thanks to the donation of supplies from CertainTeed. Eldredge Lumber Sanford, the local dealer, facilitated the donation, ensuring the project had the proper materials.

Read more [here](#)

SHS Hosts Annual Spartan Wrestling Tournament



Sanford High School hosted its annual Spartan Wrestling Tournament on Friday, January 5th, and Saturday, January 6th. Each year, the tournament draws in some of New England's toughest teams, and 2024 was no exception.

Sanford had a great showing, finishing fourth out of 23 teams. Senior standout Canton Hill won the 215-pound weight class. Sanford had several wrestlers finish high in their weight classes ...

Read more [here](#)

If you happened to miss the tournament, you can watch it on WSSRTV's YouTube [here](#)

Sights Around Our Schools

Margaret Chase Smith



Margaret Chase Smith brought back the Hula Hut Club! The club fosters an inclusive community where students of all skill levels can come together to learn, have fun, and compete using their throwing and building skills. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Carl J. Lamb



Carl J. Lamb had its annual "Be Our Guest" event for students and families on Thursday, January 18th, for an evening filled with music, dancing, crafts, karaoke, and more. They had a great turnout. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Sanford Middle School



The Sanford Middle School 8th grade staff cooked and served a spaghetti luncheon. This took place in Memorial Gym for the entire 8th grade as a random act of kindness to show their appreciation for the student's hard work. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Sanford Pride



SPE students work to win the Golden Spoon Award. Two students who have shown good manners during lunch will be selected. Students sit at a unique table decorated with a tablecloth and flowers at the end of the week. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Sanford Pride Students Visit SRTC



The hallways of Sanford Regional Technical Center were filled with excitement as more than sixty 4th graders from Pride Elementary toured the tech center.

Pride students visited six programs throughout the school with the help of guides Kat Randall, Finn Doughty, Neveah Gagne, Tyrese Ottey, Shawnty Harris, and Connor Rice.

They got to see the students in action and also learned what the programs were all about from the instructors who taught them.

[Read more here](#)

SHS Indoor Track Program Triples in Participation



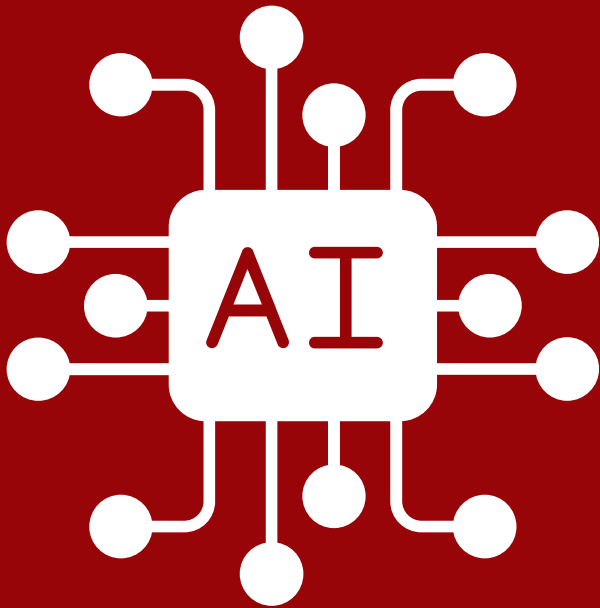
The Sanford High School indoor track program had roughly 15 athletes come out for the boys' and girls' teams combined last winter.

The program has over 40 athletes on the roster this winter, nearly tripling the amount they had in their first year. Head coach Magnes Lewis believes the program has the opportunity to grow even bigger in the coming years.

"Track is very, very flexible where you could have kids play basketball or baseball or participate in wrestling and have track as a secondary sport ..."

[Read more here](#)

Sanford Staff Members Attend AI Summit



On January 13th, the Sanford School Department sent 11 staff members spanning our K-12 schools to the Association of Computer Technology Educators of Maine (ACTEM) and the Maine Educational Technology Directors Association (METDA) hosted an AI joint summit focused on elevating technology use, especially Artificial Intelligence (AI), in K-12 education.

Educators from across the state gathered for this one day event featuring keynotes, breakout sessions, and plenty of networking centered around artificial intelligence.

Read more [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](#)

We Want to Hear From You!

Do you have a story idea that you believe should be featured in our upcoming newsletter? We're eager to hear from you and showcase the incredible stories within our school community.

Whether it's a tale of community resilience, a spotlight on an unsung hero, or an event that deserves recognition, we want to know about it! Drop an email to our Communications Coordinator, Sam Bonsey, at sbonsey@sanford.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 a new "Athlete of the Week" feature.



The Spartan Times and Sanford Athletics have combined forces to establish "Athletes of the Week", effective immediately.

Each week, both a male and female student-athlete will be selected as Sanford High School's Spartan Athlete of the Week honors.

They will receive a certificate, Gatorade and protein bar from the Athletics Dept.

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 Carl J. Lamb 4th Grade Teacher Kari Niland.



How long have you worked in the Sanford School Department?

This is my first year in Sanford.

What's your favorite part about working in Sanford?

There is a strong sense of community and the staff is passionate about education.

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 [SANFORDLEARNS.ORG](https://www.sanfordlearns.org)



“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](https://www.sanfordlearns.org)

SPAC: Kick it up with Step Afrika!



Kick off Black History Month with Step Afrika!, a global show that introduces audiences to traditional African step and contemporary rhythmic dance popularized by historically African-American fraternities and sororities. Showtime is 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28.

Tickets for adults range in price from \$35-\$59, with discounts for subscribers, students, seniors and military veterans. Call the box office at (207) 206-1126, or visit in person Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon. Online ticketing is available 24/7 at www.sanfordpac.org.

Maine Teacher of the Year Nominations



The Maine Department of Education is now accepting nominations for 2024 County Teacher of the Year and 2025 State Teacher of the Year.

Nominations can be made through a form on the Maine Teacher of the Year Website from now until 5:00 p.m. on January 31st, 2024.

They are accepted by students, parents, caregivers, community members, school administrators, colleagues, college faculty members, and associations/organizations.

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:

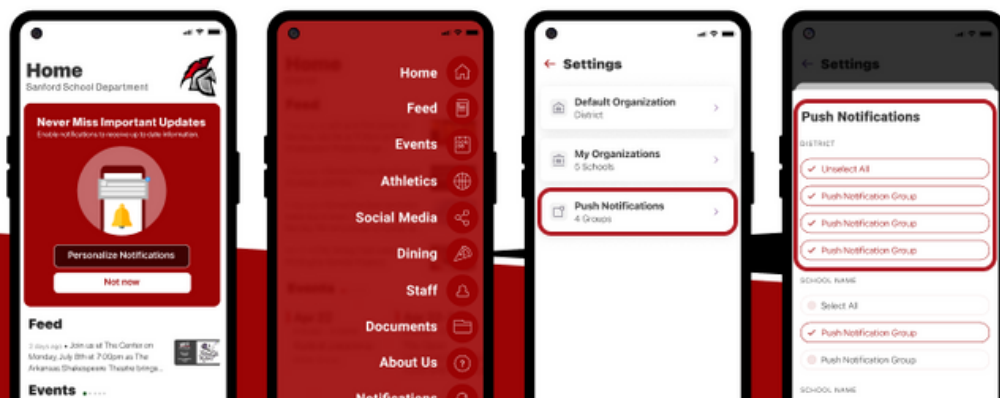
- CJL: breakfast is from 8:00 to 8:30**
- MCS: breakfast is from 8:00 to 8:20**
- SPE: breakfast is 8:00 – 8:20**
- SMS: breakfast is 7:10 - 7:40**
- SHS: breakfast is 6:45-8:15**

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:

- January is Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month
- City Council Meeting highlights
- 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](#)