

# SANFORD SPOTLIGHT

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## SHS and SRTC Students Complete JMG Career Exploration Badge



130 Sanford High School and Sanford Regional Technical Center students recently completed the Maine Career Exploration Badge through the Jobs for Maine Graduates Program (JMG).

The career exploration badge for Maine high school juniors and seniors is an opportunity to participate in 40 hours of meaningful work experiences facilitated through a designed exploration and reflection process.

SHS and SRTC students had to complete these hours of hands-on employer engagement experiences along with online modules utilizing JMG's learning management system.

Students had to document their employer engagement experience, and plan for their future. Students received an academic award of \$500 upon completion.

*Read more [here](#)*

## SHS Unified Basketball Bonds On and Off the Court



The bond between Sanford High School's Unified basketball team extends far beyond the court.

Unified Basketball partners students with developmental disabilities (Unified Student-Athlete) and students without disabilities (Unified Student Partners) to train, compete, and represent Sanford.

The season kicked off right after Christmas break, with practices beginning in the first week of January and running until the first week of March. Over the course of the season, the team plays eight games.

*Read more [here](#)*

## Sanford Pride Student Leaders Name New Mascot



Sanford Pride Elementary's Student Leadership team is comprised of third and fourth grade students, with representatives from each classroom.

At the beginning of the school year, the outgoing fourth grade leaders present to their peers, outlining what it takes to be a leader.

Through this, the school can pass the responsibility to the next leaders of the school. From planning spirit weeks to assisting in Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms,

*Read more [here](#)*

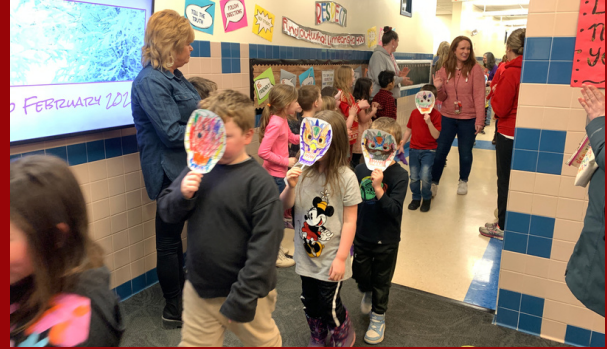
# Sights Around Our Schools

## Margaret Chase Smith



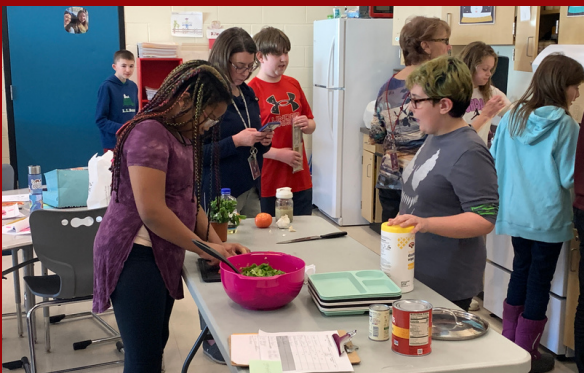
Margaret Chase Smith students participated in Global School Play Day. The initiative encourages unstructured playtime, fostering creativity, problem-solving, and social skills among students. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

## Carl J. Lamb



Carl J. Lamb students participated in a collaborative art and music lesson on the Lunar New Year. Students made dragon masks in art and learned about traditional Chinese music, dances, and instruments in music class. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

## Sanford Middle School



Sanford Middle School's first cooking club was a blast! Students crafted their own savory spaghetti sauce, assembled fresh salads with dressings, and baked garlic bread. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

## Sanford Pride



Students in Mrs. Mercier's and Ms. Flannery's classes celebrated the 100th day of school by counting collections to 100 by tens and ones. Students organized their counting collections using ten frames to keep track of their counting. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

## SRTC Represented at Hall of Flags in Augusta



Sanford Regional Technical Center Director Matt Petermann represented SRTC in the Hall of Flags at the Capitol in Augusta on Wednesday, February 7th.

The Hall of Flags is in celebration of February being CTE month.

Petermann met Matt Harrington, Anne-Marie Mastraccio and Heidi Sampson from SRTC's catchment area. He also met several others that serve on the Education Committee.

*Read more [here](#)*

## First Responders vs. Teachers Basketball Game



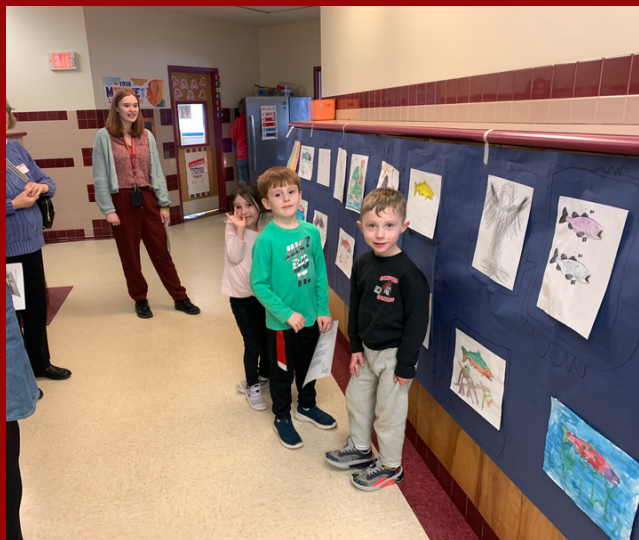
In a display of community camaraderie and spirited competition, Sanford First Responders and Teachers recently took to the basketball court for a charity game on Thursday, February 15th.

The event saw Sanford Pride and Margaret Chase Smith Elementary school staff lace up their sneakers and face off against Sanford's first responders.

The game allowed people from different parts of the community to come together.

*Read more [here](#)*

## CJL Kindergarteners Complete K For ME Showcase



Students in Ms. Brann's and Ms. Wechter's kindergarten classes at Carl J. Lamb had their K for ME Showcase on Friday, February 9th.

The showcase was a fantastic opportunity for students to share their work in Unit 2 for K for Me with their families. K for ME supports kindergarten students' learning and development in literacy and language, science and engineering, social studies, the arts, and social-emotional realms.

*Read more [here](#)*

## Staff Meal Deliveries at Sanford Middle School



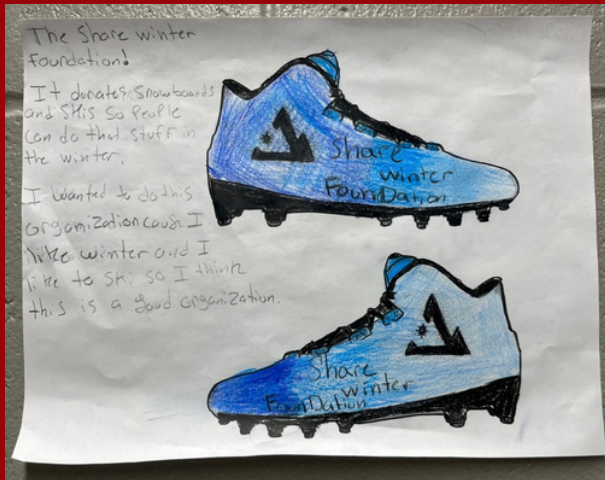
Sanford Middle School has found a creative way to encourage community spirit while teaching cooking to Life Skill Students: staff meal deliveries. Each Friday, the staff is informed about the upcoming week's menu.

The initiative is unique because students and staff collaborate to plan these meals. Together, they brainstorm ideas, choose recipes, and compile lists of necessary ingredients. Some of these supplies are incorporated from the Sanford Backpack Program.

*Read more [here](#)*

## 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 Mr. Ford's Sports History class participating in the "My Cause My Cleats" initiative.



Inspired by the NFL, Mr. Ford's Sports History and Leadership class completed a recent project promoting an important cause of their choosing and designing a pair of cleats for that cause.

The NFL does an annual initiative called "My Cause My Cleats", where all the players choose a certain charity they want to focus on, and then they represent their cause of choice on custom-designed cleats.

*Read more [here](#)*

## SHS Jazz Groups Qualify For State Competition



All three of Sanford High School's jazz groups qualified for the State High School Jazz Instrumental Festival.

The groups performed at Kennebunk High School for the District 1 Jazz Festival Thursday night and earned high scores to qualify for states.

The three groups are Jazz Ensemble 1, Jazz Ensemble 2, and Jazz Combo.

The State Instrumental Festival is on March 15th and 16th.

# SHS Senior Wins Shot Put State Championship



Sanford High School senior Tucker Walker won the shot put at the Class A Indoor Track and Field State Championships at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham on Monday, February 19th.

Walker won with a throw of 53 feet, 10 inches, breaking his school record in the process.

His record-breaking throw qualifies him for the New England Indoor Championships on Saturday, March 2, in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

## 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](mailto:sbonsey@sanford.org). This spotlight is on Carl J. Lamb Music Teacher Hattie Skvorak.*



### **How long have you been working in the Sanford School Department?**

This is my second year working in the Sanford School Department.

### **What's your favorite part about working in Sanford?**

It's difficult to pick just one! The support of my colleagues, our students' excitement for learning, and the opportunities to host extra-curricular enrichment events for students and their families are among my top favorites.

*Read more [here](#)*

## Cafe at SRTC Now Open

The Cafe at Sanford Regional Technical Center is now open. Operating the Cafe is essential to the culinary students' educational and training experience.

The Cafe is open most Wednesdays and Thursdays from February to early May when school is in session.

It serves a semi a la carte breakfast menu from 8:15 am to 9:15 am and a lunch menu from 11:15 am to 12:15 p.m.

Reservations are required. To make a reservation, click [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](mailto:sbonsey@sanford.org)

## School Budget Info

The school committee has begun its work for approving the budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

You can view budget information by clicking [here](#).

Budget workshops are also streamed on WSSRTV's YouTube.

## 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



## Pre-K Lottery

Pre-K lottery registration is now open until March 14th.

Pre-K programs are offered at Carl J. Lamb, Margaret Chase Smith, Sanford Pride, and Sanford Regional Technical Center.

There are **NO COSTS** for any of these programs. Children who are 4 years of age on or before October 15th, 2024, are eligible.

Click [here](#) for Pre-K lottery registration.

## 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**

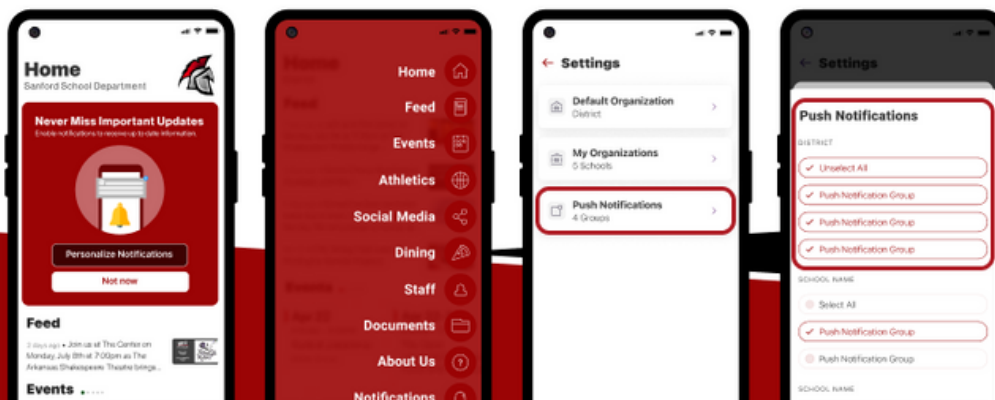
**SHS: breakfast is 6:45-8:15**

## 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)



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## Main Street Memo



Highlights from the newest Main Street Memo include:

- The Valentine Bandit visiting Sanford
- A special 105th birthday
- Presidential Primary information

And much more! Click [here](#) to read it.

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## 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](#)