

SANFORD SPOTLIGHT

Spring Sing at the Performing Arts Center



The Sanford community shined brightly for the school department's annual Spring Sing Choral Showcase at the Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, March 6th.

The showcase, which featured chorus singers from Sanford high, middle, and elementary schools, brought together students grades 4-12 as families and friends filled the seats to witness a special performance.

Sanford Middle School's 5th Grade Choir started the evening off singing "The Banana Boat Song" by Roger Emerson.

The 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Choir followed with their rendition of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," with 8th grader Josh Fogarty providing the drums.

Read more [here](#)

SHS Winter Sports Award Presentations



Sanford High School held its Winter Sports Award Presentations in the Performing Arts Center on Monday, March 4th, to recognize student-athletes and their teams' accomplishments.

Athletic Director Zach Lemelin started the evening with opening remarks and highlighted two student-athletes for their recent performances in the postseason:

Tucker Walker, who won the shot put at the Class A Indoor Track Championships in a school record-breaking throw ...

Read more [here](#)

SMS Hosts Honors Band and Chorus Festival



Sanford Middle School hosted the Maine Music Educators Association District 1 Honors Band and Chorus Festival over the weekend.

Over 160 performers and nearly 30 band and chorus teachers from several schools participated in the festival.

SMS had several students involved in the ensembles, including Allie Herring, Leah Glidden, Allison Horton, Caity Szymbor, Giuliana Drouin, Kyla Robinson, Bentley Trvilino, and Isaiah Goodale.

Read more [here](#)

Sights Around Our Schools

Margaret Chase Smith



Margaret Chase Smith has started a new STEM club. The club was busy this week creating slime! Thank you to Mrs. Gillis for always bringing the excitement to learning. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Carl J. Lamb



In science class at Carl J. Lamb, students examined how large structures are built using mud, glass, bricks, and wood. Students were also challenged to make strong paper towers to support a hard-covered book. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Sanford Middle School



8th graders and their families attended Rising 9th Grade Parent Night and Tours at the high school. Students learned about class choices they'll have next year at high school during a presentation in the Performing Arts Center. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

Sanford Pride



During Sanford Pride's all-school meeting, each class participated in a team-building activity. Students stood in a circle, created a chain with their hands, and attempted to pass a hula hoop around the circle without breaking it. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

SRTC Hosts Underclassmen During CTE Month



Sanford Regional Technical Center hosted over 1,300 sophomores from all of its sending schools over two weeks in February.

These students signed up for tours of SRTC to learn more about their programs of interest

Students also witnessed a day in the life of a student before making their decision to apply. SRTC also opened its doors for an Admissions Open House.

Read more [here](#)

Carl J. Lamb Hosts The Cromwell Center



Carl J. Lamb recently hosted a series of visits from The Cromwell Center for Disabilities.

The Cromwell Center has classroom programs for students, which help build sensitivity and understanding, reduce bullying, and create more inclusive schools and communities.

Leaders who came to Carl J. Lamb this week taught students about empathy. CJL students participated in conversations about abilities, respect, and inclusion throughout the day.

Read more [here](#)

Sanford Middle School Ski Club



Sanford Middle School's new ski club kicked off on Tuesday, February 27th.

Spearheaded by Principal Pam Lydon and math teacher Penny Christy, the club aims to encourage students to embrace the great outdoors, engage in physical activity, and embark on new experiences beyond what the middle school already has to offer.

Every Tuesday until March 19th, middle school students head to Pleasant Mountain in Bridgton to take ski and snowboard lessons.

Read more [here](#)

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Visits SRTC



Representatives from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard visited Sanford Regional Technical Center to engage with students about career opportunities in construction trades.

The visit comprised both morning and afternoon sessions. During their presentation, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard highlighted the diverse career paths available in construction trades.

They stressed the importance of exploring and discovering the right career fit.

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 SHS senior Ayden Lockard competing on Sanford hockey's co-op team.



Ayden Lockard isn't ready to hang up his skates just yet.

The Sanford senior and sole Spartan who plays on the Marshwood/Noble/Traip/Sanford hockey team (MNTS Knighthawks) has made an incredible impact on the ice.

Nominated by the Portland Press Herald as a player to watch at the start of the season, Lockard hasn't disappointed.

Read more [here](#)

Upcoming Author Visit at SHS and SMS



New York Times bestselling author Neal Shusterman is coming to Sanford High School and Sanford Middle School on Thursday, April 4th.

Shusterman has written many popular books, including The Arc of a Scythe series, Unwind series, Dry, and his newest graphic novel, Courage to Dream.

Don't miss the opportunity to get a signed copy of one of Neal's best-selling books. You can also pre-order books at this link, and he will sign them when he visits.

Tobacco Prevention Training at SHS



Sanford High School hosted a tobacco prevention training session for staff members during their early release on Wednesday, which was led by David Spaulding and Elizabeth Pratt from Maine Health's Center for Tobacco Independence in Portland.

The presentation focused on various aspects of tobacco prevention, with an emphasis on addressing the trend of vaping and nicotine addiction among teenagers.

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 Second Grade Teacher Christine Hoegen.



How long have you worked in the Sanford School Department?

I've been part of the incredible Second Grade team at Margaret Chase Smith since 2022 and have been a teacher for 16 years altogether.

What's your favorite part about working in Sanford?

Being an MCS Coyote! It's really like having an extended family. The leaders of our pack, Mrs. Hallissey & Mrs. McGuckin take a personal interest in seeing our staff and students succeed.

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

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

Kindergarten Registration

Children 5 years of age on or before October 15 are eligible to register for kindergarten. Required documents include proof of residency and a birth certificate. New students are encouraged to attend kindergarten early registration nights with their parent/guardian. Below are the dates for kindergarten registration nights:

- Carl J. Lamb Wednesday, April 3, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- Margaret Chase Smith March 27, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- Sanford Pride March 27, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

For more information, click [here](#)


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.

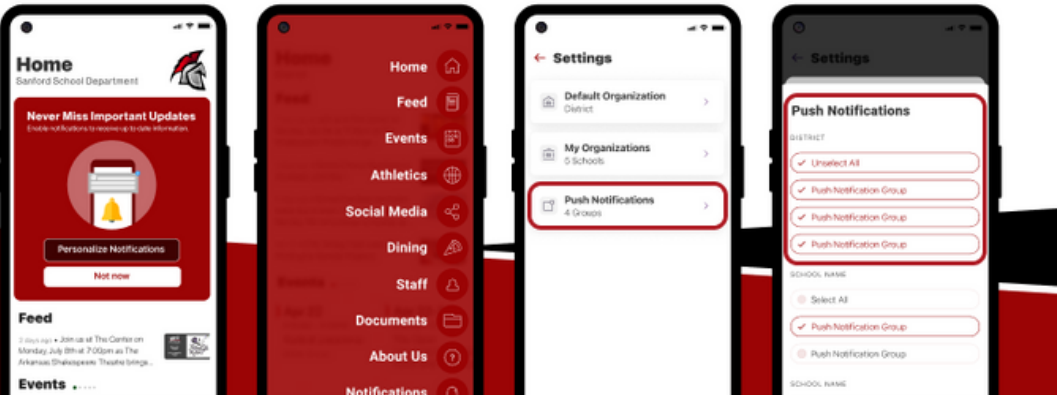
Breakfast Service Times by School:

- 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:

- A Sanford PD Sergeant being named “Maine Women of the Year”
- Sanford Springvale News coming to print
- Roadway safety feedback

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

Helpful links to stay current with the Sanford Community

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