

Sanford Middle School

April Newsletter



Upcoming Events



Quarter 3 grades close
April 3rd

Spring Sports Tryouts/Practices Begin
April 13th

PTA Meeting
April 15th
6:00pm

Quarter 3 Report Cards go home
April 10th

7th grade Junior Achievement Day
April 15th

April Vacation
April 20th - April 24th

Student field trip to SHS for Wizard of Oz
April 29th - 5th & 7th grade
April 30th - 6th & 8th grade



Sanford Performing Arts Center

Friday, May 1st & Saturday, May 2nd

7:00pm

Tickets available online

\$8 Students/Seniors - \$10 Adults



[Click here for tickets !](#)

Spring Sports registration is now open for the following sports:

6th - 8th grade boys/girls Track and Field

7th-8th grade Baseball & Softball

7th-8th grade boys/girls Lacrosse

Practice times and locations:

Softball/Baseball 2:30-4:00 (Blouin Field)

Lacrosse 2:30-4:00 (Cobb Stadium)

Track & Field 2:30-4:00 (SHS)



School Counseling

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April's Theme is Courage & Mental Health Awareness

The Be The Change Awards celebration: will be Thursday 4/9 spartan time. To date we've had over 500 BTC award winners for this school year. Keep the kindness rolling!

8th grade Transition notes: Coming 4/10 all 8th graders will hear from a panel of High School students about the HS transition experience and get their questions answered on Friday, April 10th.

The Alternative Education Program: at the High School is accepting applications. If interested, reach out to Vickie Thomas - vthomas@sanford.org.

Rising 5th Grade Transitions: 4th Grade Classroom chats will occur after April break. The rising 5th grade Parent Night will be 5/19 at 530.

Work Permits for 8th graders

Work permits are needed for students who are 14 or older planning to start a job. If any student is interested in obtaining one, they may stop into the counseling office and ask for one. Mrs. Thomas will meet with any student interested in this to help them with the process. To qualify for a worker's permit, students need to have proof of age (birth certificate), be in good academic standing (latest report card), proof of satisfactory attendance and a job offer. Email Mrs. Thomas with any questions at vthomas@sanford.org.

Boomer's Bookworms Reading Program

We are proud of our 5th & 6th graders for participating in the Sanford Mainers Baseball team's Boomer's Bookworms Program the past month. Our students read every day for weeks, filling out a reading log that will help them earn free baseball tickets to see the Mainers!



2026 After-School Bowling League

Children 8 years of age and up in the area are encouraged to participate in the after school junior bowling program. During the season, the children will learn the fundamentals and basics of candlepin bowling, as well as meet other kids in a friendly and semi-competitive environment.

Teams will consist of 2 children. When registering your child, you can sign them up as a team if they have a partner or individually and we will put them with a partner.

A one-time registration fee of \$50 (must be paid at time of registration) is the only cost to join in the 6-week bowling league. (A discount is offered if signing up with multiple family members) **This is made possible through generous sponsorships from local businesses, professionals, industries and the Bowl-A-Rama.**

The league will start on Monday April 6th after school.

Bowling 6 weeks (skipping April 21st) ending on May 18th

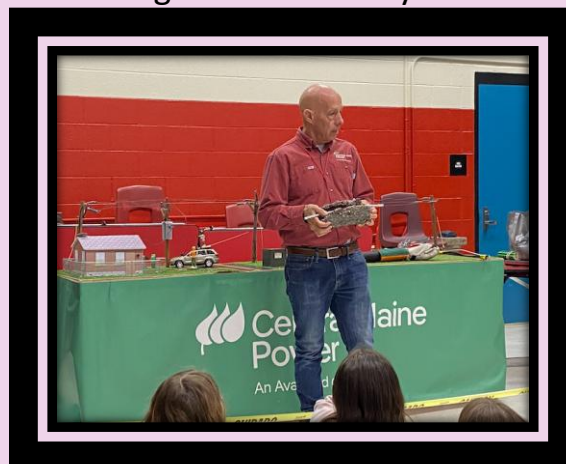
Transportation is being offered to students of SMS, MCS, CJL, Pride and St Thomas. Arrangements need to be made at the time of registration if your child plans on taking the bus. If your child doesn't attend these schools but would like to bowl in the league, they are allowed but will need their own transportation to the Bowl-A-Rama. Pick up for all parents at 5 PM.

Registrations are now being accepted at the Bowl-A-Rama, located at 1217 Main St. for more information you can contact us at 324-2401.

This program is not sponsored by the Sanford school department.



On Tuesday, March 10th and Thursday, March 12th, Robert Wassick from Central Maine Power came to SMS to educate our 5th graders on how electricity is created and how it gets to our homes. He stressed the dangers of electricity and how to be safe around it.





SMS UNIFIED BASKETBALL TEAM



Sanford Middle School reached a historic milestone recently, hosting its first-ever Unified Basketball scrimmage. Unified Sports is a Special Olympics program that pairs students with and without intellectual disabilities as teammates. This is the program's first year at Sanford Middle School. The team practiced once a week, with 17 athletes and 11 partners, 28 participants in all, spanning grades 6 through 8.

Sanford's scrimmage against Massabesic Middle School was the team's first time competing, with Massabesic edging out a close 82-80 win. Massabesic accepted the invitation to play after school administration reached out to neighboring schools, and their coach provided valuable guidance as coach Meagan Collupy worked to get the program off the ground.

Collupy said the effort involved coordination with administrators, Special Olympics Maine, life skills teachers, service providers, wellness teachers, and school counselors.



These 6th graders in Ms. Brown's classroom completed biography book reports recently and dressed up as their character for the presentation.



(Luke McNelly-Kleinrock/Michael Jackson, Grace Raymond/Dolly Parton, Marcus Etheard-Oh/LeBron James, Gabe Garza-Bennett/Adam Sandler in Happy Gilmore)

On March 19th and 20th, 8th grade JMG Students traveled to CMCC in Auburn to participate in the 2-day Maine Youth Action Network Leadership Conference. Students had the opportunity to attend workshops led by youth and organizations across Maine working to make a difference in our state. They attended a networking fair where they were able to make valuable connections related to their passions and practice their leadership skills in leadership training sessions. The students impressed many with their professionalism and level of engagement and were complimented on the energy they showed up with!



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Coin War



Help raise money for SMS PTA events such as
Random Acts of Kindness and Challenge Day!

April 6th - April 17th

- Each Grade level will have their own jug by the main office.
- **Add** points to your grade by adding change!
- **Take away** points from the other grades by adding dollars!



Scoring

Penny = 1 points

Nickle = 5 points

Dimes = 10 points

Quarters = 25 points



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\$1 bill = - 100 points



**The Grade with the most points wins Ice Cream
Sandwiches!**