

Sanford Middle School

Family News



November 13, 2020



Important Reminders:

~ **Report cards** will be issued on November 16th. Please check Infinite Campus (IC). If you do not have an IC parent portal account, you can fill in and return this form to the main office: [Parent Portal Agreement form](#) OR you can just access your child's IC account to see the same information. Your child's log-in to Infinite Campus is:

User: the 5 digit student ID (lunch number)

Password: year of graduation (25, 26, 27, or 28) first initial last name six digit birthday For example, 27astudent020708.

If you need your child's ID number, please call 324-3114 and choose the main office option.

~**Parent/teacher conferences** will be Tuesday 11/17 from 2:30 to 4:30, and on Wednesday 11/18 from 3:30 to 7:30. Teachers will be reaching out to schedule conferences with you via Zoom.

~**Food Distribution** will take place at dismissal on Thursdays and Fridays. Bags will be packed for a grab-and-go system.

~The weather is getting cooler. Please encourage your child(ren) to dress warmly as we will continue with **outdoor mask breaks**.

~Remember the school will be closed on November 25, 26th and 27th for **Thanksgiving**.

Pie Fundraiser pick-ups



The pies will be delivered here to Sanford Middle School on Tuesday November 17th and will be distributed that day any time between 2 and 5PM. The closer to 2 o'clock for pick-up, the better, because these delicious pies are frozen for optimum flavor.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



November 9th marked the official start of the 2020 Holiday Food Drive Competition. Learning Communities and grade 5 are competing for the most items collected to help those in need. We are looking for Thanksgiving items to start - cranberry sauce, veggies, fruit, dessert items, mashed potatoes, gravy and so on!

All the food brought in will be helping local families for Thanksgiving and the holidays. Anything you're able to bring in or send in will help so much! So bring that food in SMS! !

If every student and staff member brought in ONE item, we'd have over 1000 food items !!! Let's do it!!

Red Ribbon Week is coming!

Next week, November 16th-20th, will be Sanford Middle School's Red Ribbon Week. This is a week to identify and celebrate how students can stay "Above the Influence" and make healthy choices around substances.

There will be classroom presentations around substance abuse, healthy habits, and laws that keep us safe. The kids will celebrate by wearing their red ribbons signifying they are staying "above the influence" of drugs and alcohol. They will receive a goody bag and do some fun wellness activities like participating in a raffle and by dressing up for R.R. spirit week (see below for the schedule).

Red Ribbon Dress up Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Team up Against Drugs! Wear your favorite team jersey or shirt or Spartan Wear!	Team up Against Drugs! Wear your favorite team jersey or shirt- Or Spartan Wear.	At home day Challenge: Keep Drugs at bay even on a Bad Hair Day. Take a picture of your Bed Head and send it to us. It will be shared:)	Red Out! Wear lots of RED & don't forget your Red Ribbons:)	Red Out! Wear lots of Red & don't forget your Red Ribbons:)

Important Phone Numbers for Sanford Middle School:

Front Office - (207) 324-3114

Guidance - (207) 324-3055

Nurse - (207) 324-3566

Bus Company - (207) 324-4888



A MESSAGE FROM THE SANFORD BACKPACK PROGRAM:

🍎 The Sanford Backpack Program has bags of pantry goods and dry nutrient rich foods for your student to take home each week. These bags have canned tuna or chicken, pasta or rice, canned veggies and fruits as well as pasta sauce, breakfast items and more. This definitely helps with bridging that meal gap over the weekends when school meals are not available. Nothing to sign up for and no qualifications to be met. Just let your school nurse, counselor or teacher know you want to participate in this program, or email lori@strongersanford.org Like their facebook page to stay up to date, get recipe ideas, and see where and when their next fresh food distribution will be. 🍎

SAFETY ISSUE

We ask that all drivers please adhere to the rules of a rotary/roundabout. Recently, vehicles have been dropping off students and stopping in the rotary/roundabout in front of the school making for very unsafe situations. Please remember to drop off and pick up at safe locations. Please see the next page for Maine Department of Transportation information about roundabouts.

ROUNDABOUTS: YOU CAN GET THERE FROM HERE

What is a roundabout?

A roundabout is a type of circular intersection that eliminates left turn movements, reduces potential conflict between vehicles and improves the efficiency of the intersection. Roundabouts are gaining greater acceptance across the country as a solution. A roundabout differs from older style traffic circles in its design features, and provides better control of vehicle speeds and movements through the intersection.

What are the benefits of a roundabout?

- Improvement of intersection capacity
- Reduction of angled and head-on crashes
- Reduction of crash severity
- Aesthetic improvements
- Traffic calming

How do I get where I want to go?

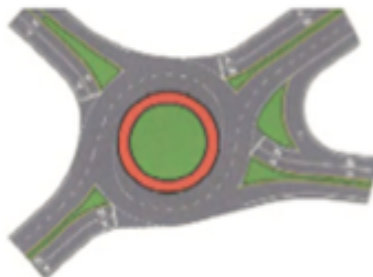
- In approaching a roundabout, **SLOW DOWN**. A roundabout is designed to be driven at a low speed.
- Pay attention to visual cues. On high-speed roads, the roadway may narrow and short curves may be added to encourage you to reduce speed. You will encounter raised "splitter" islands separating you from opposing traffic as you get close to the roundabout itself. Keep to the right of all islands.
- Observe approaching signage. On major approaches, guide signs may be provided to direct you to the appropriate exits from the roundabout.



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- Observe pavement markings. If your approach has more than one lane, or if the roundabout has more than one circulating lane, special markings will be provided to guide you to the appropriate lane.
- Get in the appropriate lane before entering the roundabout and **STAY IN YOUR LANE** following the markings to your exit.



- Yield at the entry to the roundabout. Circulating traffic in the roundabout has the right of way.
- Look to the left before entering the roundabout.
- Make only right turns as you enter and exit the roundabout.
- Travel counterclockwise around the central island.



- Do not stop in the circulating roadway.
- Do not pass other vehicles in the roundabout.
- Signal for a right turn at your exit.
- Check your rearview and right-side mirrors before exiting the roundabout.
- Watch out for bicycles and motorcycles. They might be less visible, but they have the same rights and responsibilities on the road as you do.
- **ALWAYS** yield to pedestrians crossing approaches to or exits from the roundabout.

What do I do if I am walking?

- In areas with sidewalks, marked crosswalks will be located one car length back from the yield lines at the roundabout entry points. Only cross at marked crosswalks, and look for approaching traffic before crossing.



- If there are no sidewalks, walk on the outside of an external truck apron, watch out for large trucks that might track onto the apron, and use extreme caution in crossing. Truck aprons, both around the central island and externally around the outside of the curves of the roundabout, are not sidewalks. They are not safe for pedestrians. Always cross traffic at the entry and exit lanes of the roundabout, and look for approaching traffic before crossing. **NEVER** cross the circulating roadway to the central island of the roundabout.

How do I drive a large truck in a roundabout?

- It is especially important for large trucks to reduce speed in approaching and driving through a roundabout. At higher speeds, load shifting can occur that may cause loss of control of your vehicle. It is up to you to pay attention to warning signs, pavement markings and other visual cues, to reduce your speed, and to drive safely and responsibly.
- Roundabouts are designed to be wide enough to carry passenger cars and small trucks within the paved circulating lanes, but not large trucks. For long-wheelbase vehicles, "truck aprons" may be constructed to provide for off-tracking of the rear axles of your vehicle. These typically will be a colored concrete ring around the landscaped center island. For some roundabouts without sidewalks, there also may be external truck aprons provided on the outside corners at entries to the roundabout. Do not drive across the landscaped center island.
- In all other respects, follow the same rules and guidelines that apply to smaller vehicles.