

Sanford Middle School Family News



December 4, 2020



Coming soon: when you call the Middle School, there will be an option for all your technology questions, problems, or concerns.

Quarter 2 progress reports will be issued on December 17th.



The playground for grade 5 is up and running! Students collaborated with staff to develop recess rules to keep everyone safe when on the equipment.

New PVP designation in Infinite Campus: in order to better determine who is in the building, and to make parents more aware of their children's activities, we have added the PVP (Participating Virtually on an in-Person day) to the students' and school's attendance records. This allows us all to know whether those students who *should* be in the building are not physically here, but are nevertheless participating from another location.

Spartan Gear has arrived and has been distributed except for few items waiting to be picked up in the office. Call 324-3114 email Pete Levasseur at plevasseur@sanford.org with any questions.



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Important Reminders



Please encourage your children to be engaged in their learning. When remote, we suggest having the camera on and be participating in class discussions and break-out sessions.

If students are feeling unwell, please keep them home. They can still participate remotely using the same procedures they use on their normal at-home days.

Mask-wearing and hand washing/sanitizing continue to be an important part of our lives here at SMS. We request that students bring an extra mask in case the ones they are wearing become soiled or torn. This is especially important for 5th grade students who have recess.

A Message from the Sanford Backpack Program



In the event that the Sanford School district pivots to "Fully Remote Learning" The Sanford Backpack Program is prepared to continue serving the Sanford students and their families.

Our plan is to still be able to access school pantry rooms weekly for gathering of supplies to offer pantry staples as well as fresh produce, meats, and dairy. Rather than holding our distributions at dismissals at SHS and SMS, we are prepared to offer weekly food distributions as we did beginning back in March and throughout the summer. These will be curbside pick-ups of prepacked food boxes open to all Sanford Springvale residents, but we hope to really

target our school families.

If the "fully remote" decision is made, The Sanford Backpack Program will hold FREE food distributions every Thursday from 4:00-6:00 pm (or until we run out) at both Willard School and Lafayette School. Follow our Facebook page for updates and any changes in time or locations.

If you know of students who would benefit from our service but are not sure they have access to transportation for the distributions, please reach out to them and see if a delivery is something they would

need. If we can gather the addresses of those in need without means of transport we will do our best with the help of volunteers and possibly SROs to deliver food to those in need.

THE SMS FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES UNTIL DECEMBER 18th

Learning Communities and grade 5 are competing for the most points for food collected to help those in need. All the food brought in will be helping local families for the holidays. Anything you're able to bring in or send in will help so much! Bring in that food SMS!!

Points will be awarded as follows:

- Pasta Sauce 2pts
- Pasta and Pasta Sides 2pts
- Canned Veggies 2pts
- Canned Fruits 3pts
- Cranberry Sauce 3pts
- Gravy 3pts
- Stuffing 3pts
- Dessert Mix (brownies, cake etc.) 3pts
- Instant Potatoes 4pts
- Rice 4pts
- Pie Crusts and Filling 4pts
- Tuna 4pts
- Peanut Butter 5pts
- Cereal 5pts
- Mac N Cheese 5pts
- Any other food item 1 pt

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

