What's the BUZZ!

December 2022

A Word From Your Administrators

Greetings and Happy Holidays to our Sanford Families!

As we approach our last few weeks of 2022, we are extremely proud of how our teachers and students have continued the mission of teaching and learning. This semester we have focused on getting our students more engaged with classroom instruction that is **Rigorous**, **Relevant**



and Relational. We will continue this focus in the new year in hopes that our students take more ownership of their learning and success.

A few reminders...

- Winter Break will begin on December 19, 2022 and continue through January 4, 2023.
- Students return to school on January 5, 2023.
- Second Semester will begin when students return in January.
- There will be semester exams this year. The dates and times will be added to the SMS website and Newsletter. Students must be in attendance for their exams.
- · Students should read for at least 30 minutes each day.

Parents, please encourage your students to continue to work hard each day. We will be preparing to take the ACAP or state assessments in the Spring. Our students will need all the support we can give them.

Enjoy your time with your families as we embark on another holiday season.

Thank you for partnering with us to provide your children a safe and welcoming environment to navigate the middle school years.

Merry Christmas to ALL!

Fly, Hornets, Fly!



Important Dates!

Nov. 28- Dec. 16: Winter Star Reading and Math Assessments Dec. 12-16: Fall Semester Exams (contact individual teachers for more information)

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Dec. 16- Jan.4: Winter Break Dec. 16: End of Quarter 2

Jan. 13- Quarter 2/ Semester Report Cards

Fall Semester Exam Schedule for Grades 7-8

Exam Schedule

Tuesday, December 13 th	Wednesday, December 14 th	Thursday, December 15 th	Friday, December 16th	
1 st Period	1 st Period – Exam	1 st Period	1 st Period	
2 nd Period	2 nd Period	2 nd Period – Exam	2 nd Period	
3 rd Period – Exam	3 rd Period	3 rd Period	3 rd Period	
4 th Period	4 th Period	4 th Period	4 th Period – Exam	
5 th Period	5 th Period	5 th Period – Exam	5 th Period	
6 th Period	6 th Period – Exam	6 th Period	6 th Period	

Bundles and Math Final Assessments for Grades 5-6

Bundles and Math Finals will be administered December 12-16, 2022. See the classroom newsletters for specifics.





Sanford's PTO Corner

Are you Interested in Running for Office?

If you are a member and would like to run for office, please complete the Google Forms linked below with a brief reason for your interest in an elected position. Voting will take place in mid January. More details to come!



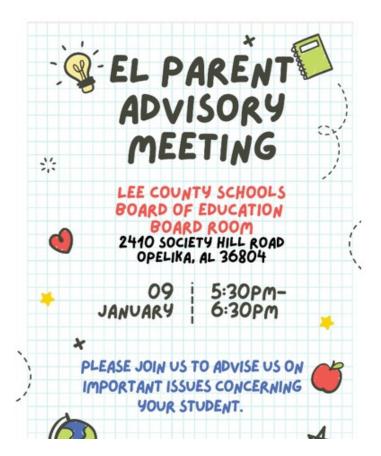


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Parents, if you have an interest in running for a position in PTO, please fill out this form with the role you would like to serve in and why. Below is the link to the PTO webpage. You will find the Bylaws which provide a description of each elected position.

EL Parent Advisory Meeting



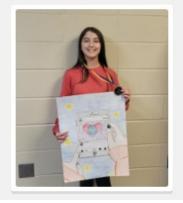


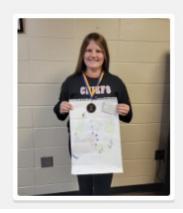


Click for More Information About Federal Programs

Congratulations to the Lion's Club Lead With Compassion Poster Winners







4H winner of Extreme Birdhouse Competition

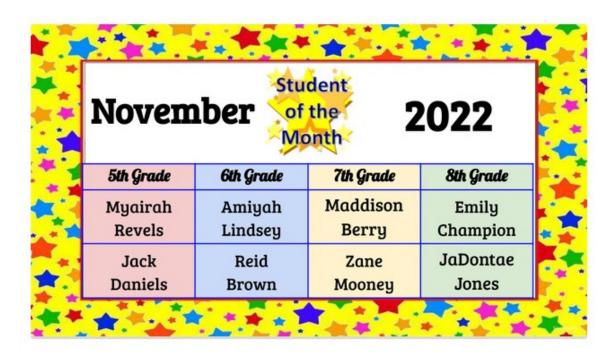
Connor Hickey

Connor was put to the challenge of using good art and construction techniques to build an unique birdhouse. There was no right or wrong answer to this design. The sky was the limit.

Congratulations Connor for a job well done!



Star Students of the Month





of the Year

Congratulations to Mrs. Debra Hightower for being selected to represent Sanford Middle School as the 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year. You are so deserving of this honor.

A Message from Mrs. Hightower

This year it was an honor to be chosen by my colleagues, my fellow teachers and friends, to represent Sanford Middle School and this year's teacher of the year. It has been a privilege to work with the students of the Beauregard community each day for 26 years. I thank you again from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to be your representative for the wonderful faculty and staff we have here at SMS. Fly Hornets Fly!



Child Nutrition



Hornet Athletics



2022-2023 Middle School Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Team</u>
Nov. 9	Beulah	4:00	SANFORD	7/G/8
Nov. 14	Smith Station	4:30	Smiths Station	G/8
Nov. 15	Opelika	4:00	Opelika	7/G/8
Nov. 17	7th Beulah/8th Dadeville	3:30/4:30	SANFORD	7/G/8
Nov. 29	Opelika	4:00	SANFORD	7/G/8
Dec. 1	Smith Station	4:30	SANFORD	G/8
Dec. 5	Valley	4:30	Valley	G/8
Dec. 7	7th Beulah/8th Poka	3:30/4:00	SANFORD	7/G/8
Dec. 9	Valley	4:30	SANFORD	G/8
Dec. 12	Loachapoka	3:30	Loachapoka	G/8
Dec. 13	Tallassee	4:30	Tallassee	G/8
Dec. 14	Beulah	4:00	Beulah	7/G/8
Dec.17	Wadley Tour.	TBA	Wadley	G/8
Jan. 9	Tallassee	4:30	SANFORD	G/8
Jan. 11	Lee County Tour.	TBA	Loachapoka	G/8
Jan. 12	Lee County Tour.	TBA	Loachapoka	G/8

Tickets for Home Games may be purchased at https://gofan.co/app/school/AL73329



7 – 7º Grade Boys' Team G – Girls' Team 8 – 8º Grade Boys' Team

Purchase Your Tickets at GO FAN!

Click Here for Score Update

Interested in Cheer?



Mark your calendar for January 18-20,



2023

Cheer Clinic will be held on the January 18th and 19th with tryouts on the 20th.

Signups will be the week before Christmas Break (December 12-16, 2022)

BgHS cheer tryouts are February 1-3, 2023.

See Coaches Willis and Laing for more information.

Purchase Your Yearbook TODAY!

Buy your yearbook!! Prices are now \$45. You may get an order form from your homeroom teacher or order online at https://www.jostens.com/

Email Ms. Cummings @cummings.anna@lee.k12.al.us with any questions regarding the Yearbook.





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