



Welcome!

Our newsletter, Sargent Spotlight, is your source for all things Sargent Center! Our goal is to keep you informed, engaged, and connected with all the events and activities within our school community. We'll share inspiring student stories, staff recognition, news articles, information on upcoming events, and valuable resources. From academic achievements to extracurricular highlights, we'll bring you the latest Sargent Center news. Thank you for your interest in our programs and your continued support!



Student Spotlight

Giovanni T.

Meet Giovanni, a bright, energetic, and kind-hearted student who has made incredible strides both academically and emotionally during his time at Sargent Center.

Giovanni initially entered his classroom with a burst of energy and his teachers quickly noticed that he was a curious and bright student with a lot of potential. Over time, Giovanni has made remarkable progress as a result of his teachers and parents collaborating to create a supportive environment tailored to his needs. With hands-on, one-on-one math games and writing strategies, he began to show impressive growth that exceeded expectations. One of the most notable improvements was in his math skills – Giovanni not only learned to count objects but is also now able to identify "less than" and "more than" when comparing numbers.

Giovanni's progress is not only academic. He has also made tremendous strides in emotional regulation, learning to navigate his feelings and embrace his strengths and his teachers and classmates have witnessed him become more confident and self-assured.

We are so proud of Giovanni for all his achievements, and we look forward to watching him continue to grow, one step at a time. Keep up the great work, Gio!





Staff Appreciation



Sandra Ferry
Teacher Assistant

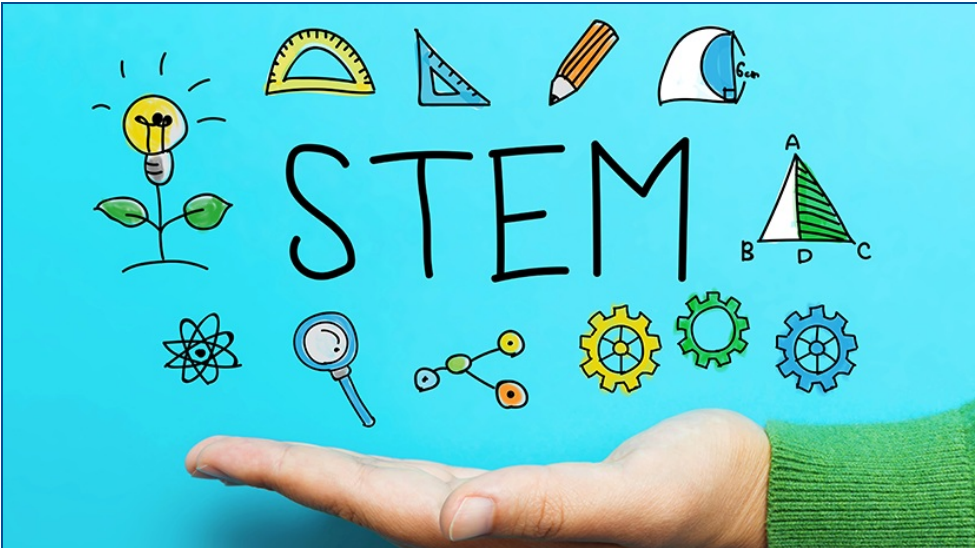
This month we recognize Sandra, who consistently demonstrates exceptional dedication to the academic and therapeutic development of our students, making an impact in the classroom and beyond.

Sandra's commitment to our students is clear in her eagerness to learn and implement strategies that best support their needs, going above and beyond to ensure each student receives the individual attention they need to succeed. She is an excellent communication partner for students who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices and serves as a natural leader in the classroom. Her ability to work collaboratively with staff has made her an invaluable asset to our team.

Thank you, Sandra, for all that you do. Your hard work, dedication, and leadership are greatly appreciated!



News & Events



The Sargent Center Launches Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Initiative

The Sargent Center School has announced the launch of a comprehensive Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum. It is believed to be the first of its kind specifically designed to introduce STEM curriculum to students with disabilities in a non-public certified special education program in Rhode Island.

The idea of introducing a STEM curriculum into the Sargent Center School programs was the vision of Prasha Sarwate, Sargent Center Board Member, and founder and CEO of Believe in Your Brilliance, LLC. The program used a City of Warwick Contributive Grant for startup investment. The new program is designed to enhance problem-solving, critical thinking, and hands-on science activities, and create student-centered learning experiences, empowering students to explore, innovate, and develop essential skills.

In support of this initiative, the Sargent Center has invested in two exceptional curriculum products: *Generation Genius* – a curriculum that aligns with science standards and integrates engaging lessons, interactive activities, and educational videos to facilitate student learning; and *Amplify Science* – a program that seamlessly integrates the four STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and math, to offer a holistic learning experience.

STEM curriculum allows educators to reinforce social and emotional learning through lessons that develop skills like communication, collaboration,

problem-solving, and critical thinking, while also providing students with opportunities to grow in these areas in preparation for their future careers. Sargent Center is a leader in providing access to opportunities for students with disabilities.

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR SARGENT CENTER

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH | 4-8PM
1200 QUAKER LN, EAST GREENWICH, RI, 02818

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **Q46RYDQ**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Online Ordering Instructions

1. Access the Chipotle mobile app or order on the [Chipotle website](#).
2. Choose "Pickup" and select the location of the Chipotle located at 1200 Quaker Lane in East Greenwich. Delivery orders or orders placed through other apps will not be counted towards this fundraiser.
3. Build your order with all your faves.
4. Once you're ready to place your order, input the promo code **Q46RYDQ** in the "Enter a Promo Code" section. Don't forget to click "Apply." Once you apply your fundraiser code, your cart will show "Fundraiser" and an amount of -\$0.01. This is normal and how Chipotle tracks the promo code in their system.
5. Provide payment information and submit your order for pickup (not delivery). Reminder, pickup must be within the hours of 4 to 8 PM on Wednesday, February 5th.

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DRESS UP FOR THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL!

The hundredth day of school is coming up and we have lots of fun activities planned for the day. We would like to invite the students to dress up like they are 100 years old. Get creative with glasses, hair, and outfits. It's lots of fun – thanks!



Hundredth Day:

February 7th



Resources



Tips for Supporting Students During Testing Season

For many students, testing season can lead to increased anxiety or stress. It's important for families to play a supportive role in helping students feel prepared and confident. Here are some tips for supporting your child during testing season:

- **Create a Calm and Organized Environment:** A quiet, clutter-free space can help students prepare better. Make sure the environment is free of distractions—turn off electronics, create a routine, and have all necessary materials (pencils, paper, etc.) ready.
- **Maintain Healthy Routines:** A balanced routine is essential for success. Ensure your child is getting adequate sleep and eating nutritious meals. Incorporating healthy habits can help reduce anxiety and improve focus.
- **Practice Test-Taking Strategies:** Help students become more comfortable by practicing test-taking strategies at home. For example, if the test is timed, practice completing similar tasks within a set timeframe. Review instructions together, and if possible, go over practice tests or sample questions to help them feel more prepared.
- **Stay Positive and Reassuring:** A positive attitude can go a long way. If your child is feeling anxious, validate their feelings but remind them of their strengths. Knowing that family members are on their side can help reduce anxiety and boost confidence.
- **Advocate for Accommodations if Needed:** If your child has accommodations or specific needs during testing, don't hesitate to discuss them with the school. If you're unsure about what accommodations may be available, reach out to your child's teacher for guidance.
- **Review and Reflect After the Test:** After the test, take a moment to talk with your child about how they felt during the process. Help them reflect on what went well and where they felt challenged. This conversation can reduce any lingering stress and help your child approach future tests with more confidence.

By following these tips, families can play a key role in helping students to perform their best and approach future challenges with greater resilience and self-assurance.



February Curriculum Topic



Pre-School: *Make-Believe*

Elementary: *Time for Peace*

- Explores people who worked for peace.

Middle: *American Peacekeepers*

- Introduces important Americans and how they have contributed to peace in our country.

High: *Leaders for Peace and Equality*

- Examines central figures throughout history who played a role in promoting peace and fighting discrimination.

Transition: *Personal Life*

- Respectful Relationships.



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February Calendar

February

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Chipotle Fundraiser for Sargent Center
4:00 to 8:00 pm • 1200 Quaker Lane, East Greenwich
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February

7

100th Day of School Celebration

February

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Early Release Day

Students will be released at 11:30am

February

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Special Olympics Basketball Skills Tournament

Bryant University • [Add to Calendar](#)

February

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President's Day

No School

2024-2025 School Calendar

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