

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - November 5, 2021

Message from Mr. Bruno:

To the Scarborough Schools Community:

It has been a busy week! At our school board meeting Thursday night I had the honor of welcoming our three new Scarborough Board of Education members: Jenna Leong, John Kelleher, and Jillian Trapini-Huff. They bring with them a wealth of personal and professional experience and a desire to support our schools as we aim to strengthen educational opportunities for all students and families in Scarborough. Thank you for your service and I look forward to collaborating with you.



In addition to welcoming our new board members, we also identified new school board leadership: congratulations to new Board of Education Chair Shannon Lindstrom and Vice-Chair Alicia Giftos. I am looking forward to working with our new board, and scheduling upcoming workshops to continue thinking strategically, planning for the future, and setting district-wide goals for the year ahead.

Throughout the course of this fall, I continue to take the opportunity to greet our students and staff as they arrive to school in the morning and have recently started visiting classrooms in all buildings. It has been wonderful seeing learning in action across our schools and getting to know our amazing educators: teachers, support staff, administrators, volunteers, alongside our awesome students. It is truly inspiring seeing all of our kids back in classrooms full-time and I am so appreciative of the effort our learning teams put in to their work with kids and families. On Thursday night, I recognized our nurses and health services team: they have taken on full-time clinic duties and balance this with the additional burden of COVID and our ongoing pooled testing implementation. They have done all of this with grace, professionalism, and excellence. THANK YOU for your efforts and to all of our educators for continuing to go above and beyond for our kids and families.

If you get the opportunity, I encourage you to reach out to a teacher, or any one of our educators and thank them. It can go a long way, and it is very easy to get caught up in the stress of managing the number of balls we are all juggling during this time (or in my case, my own kids across multiple states!). As we get closer to Thanksgiving, and perhaps a much needed break in the action, I am trying to take pause and feel thankful for everyone that has reached out to me, been so welcoming, and open to sharing your perspective, asking good questions, and being so thoughtful and committed in how we

can continue to grow as a learning community. Thank you all for supporting our schools and being so active in your child's education. I hope you have a relaxing weekend!

Kind Regards,

Geoff Bruno
Superintendent of Schools



SPS Welcomes Three New School Board members!

Welcome and Congratulations to Scarborough's newest School Board members! The school community is fortunate to have three individuals who are willing to commit and devote their time and energy to Scarborough Schools! The new members are John Kelleher, Jenna Leong, and Jillian Trapini-Huff.

THANK YOU
SCARBOROUGH VOTERS!

TURF/TRACK PASSES!



6th Annual Scarborough Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The 6th Annual Scarborough Community Thanksgiving Dinner is gearing up for another curbside event! As much as we'd like to be back inside, sharing a sit down dinner on Thanksgiving Day, it's just not safe for everyone to do so. The same delicious dinner you've come to expect from us will be packaged up and ready for you to enjoy in the comfort of your own home.

Please make your dinner reservation by calling 207-730-4171 or by registering on our website www.scarboroughcommunitythanksgiving.org



COVID Immunization Clinics

Scarborough Public Schools is partnering with Northern Light to host school-based clinics for those families who are interested in getting their children vaccinated. You should have received an email FROM YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITH THE LINKS TO OFFICIALLY SIGN UP WITH NORTHERN LIGHT for your child's vaccination. Copies of those communications have also been placed onto our [district webpage](#) for you to access it there as needed (*go to the "district" heading on our homepage and then click on "district communications"*).



Northern Light has confirmed these dates for COVID vaccinations for students ages 5-11:

11/8 - Deadline to sign-up 12:00pm on Friday, 11/5/2021

Pleasant Hill School

Scarborough Middle School

11/9 - Deadline to sign-up 12:00pm on Monday, 11/8/2021

Blue Point School

Eight Corners School

11/10 - Deadline to sign-up 12:00pm on Tuesday, 11/9/2021

Wentworth School

The vaccine is a 2 part immunization, and, as such, the second round of vaccines will take place during the week of December 6. Once fully vaccinated, students would not be subject to any kind of quarantine, either at school or in the community.

Communication about Positive COVID Cases in Our Schools

Here is our weekly snapshot of school-related cases. Close contacts are being communicated in 2 columns, whereas the Maine CDC exempts people from school quarantine if they have classroom only contact (since we are universally masking), are fully vaccinated, or actively participating in pooled testing.

Positive COVID cases at Scarborough Public Schools
October 23, 2021 to November 5, 2021

Location	Total Case # in last 14 days	Total # Close Contacts quarantined from school and community	Total # Close Contacts quarantined from community only
Blue Point School	0	0	0
Eight Corners School	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill School	0	0	0
Wentworth School	4	11	37
Scarborough Middle School	4	12	32
Scarborough High School	2	3	1
District (non-school)	0	0	0
TOTAL	10	26	70

Pooled Testing Information and Reminders

Pooled testing is solidly in place at Blue Point, Eight Corners, Pleasant Hill, and Wentworth School. **We are now expanding to Scarborough Middle School, with testing tentatively scheduled to begin during the week of November 15.**



If you are still in need of sign up and consent information, please refer to the Pooled Testing article in the [September 17, 2021 newsletter](#) to get the links you will need.

Health & Safety

Please make sure you review the **UPDATED Student Health Self Assessment questions for 2021-22** below **EVERY DAY** before sending your child off to school.




TOGETHER, we can make our schools as safe as possible!



UPDATED Pre-Screening Tool

Please note that the **Pre-Screening Tool** (shown below) was updated on **October 19, 2021** by the Maine DOE.


Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance

<p>Within the past 24 hours have you had a fever* or taken fever reducing medicine?</p>	YES =		<p>Most Common Symptoms of COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">CoughShortness of breath or difficulty breathingFever*ChillsSore throatNew loss of taste or smell <p>Less Common Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Muscle painNausea or VomitingStomach painDiarrheaFatigueHeadacheRashSwelling or redness of hands/feetRed eyes/eye drainageCongestion/runny nose <p><small>*Fever is 100.4°F/38°C regardless of measurement location: oral, temporal.</small></p>
<p>Do you feel sick, had Vomiting/diarrhea, fever*, sore throat, new cough, or felt unwell?</p>	YES =		
<p>Have you been told to stay home and isolate/quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure?</p>	YES =		

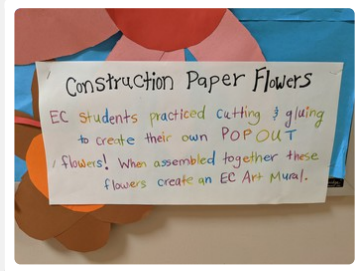
Stay home with any YES response to the questions above.

Symptoms of illness can have many causes. Please keep your student home and contact your school nurse or primary care provider if your student is unwell. Students who present with symptoms while in school will be dismissed to home at the discretion of the nurse.

*A fever is 100.4F/38C or greater.


Updated 10.19.2021

Art and Science at Eight Corners School





2021-2022 Breakfast & Lunch Ordering Protocols

As a general reminder, all breakfast and lunch meals for all students in Scarborough Schools are free for this school year 2021-2022. All existing students whose parents have an account will be able to order breakfast and lunch using the same procedure as last year, from the Nutrislice app on a device or at <https://www.scarboroughschools.org/> (at the top of the page click "Quick links", then go to School Lunch for all meal menus).

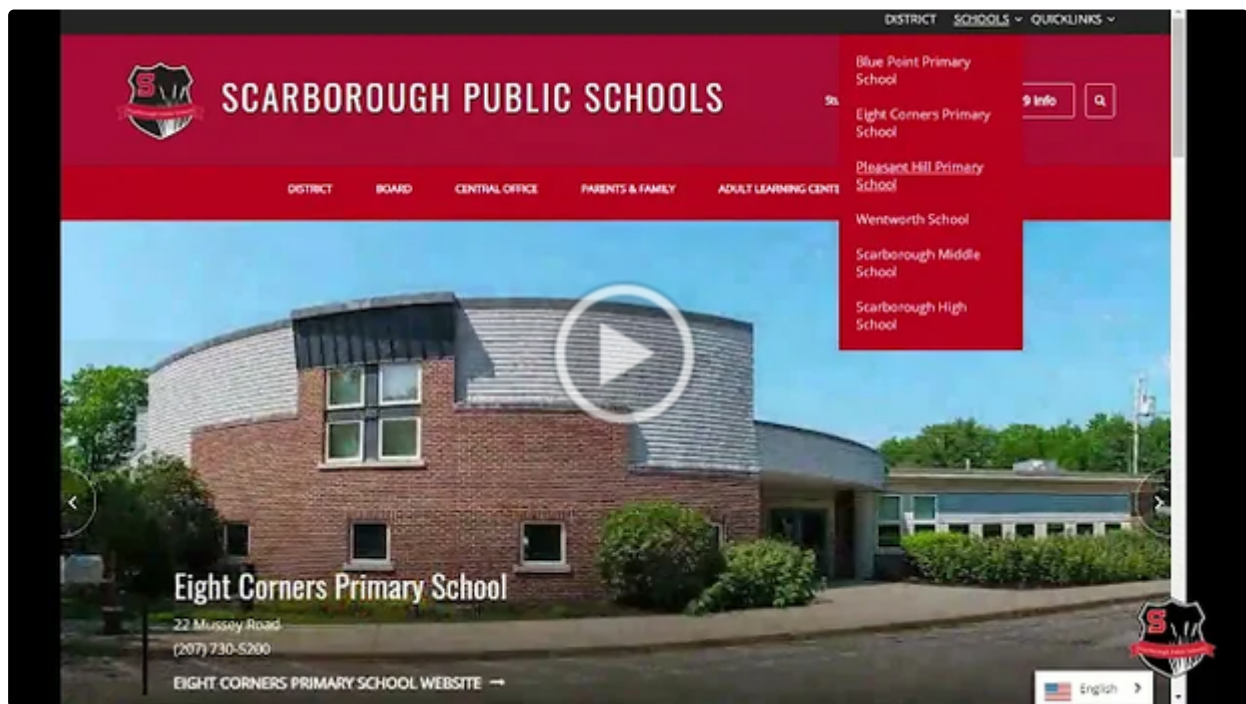
All Kindergarten and new students to the district will have to make a Nutrislice account through the Nutrislice app or through <https://scarboroughschools.nutrislice.com/menu/create-account> before they can order breakfast and lunch. Parents will need the child's ID# before they can start the registration process.

For breakfast meals in all of our schools, you can order online on the same day before 6:30 AM, while for lunch meals, you can order online on the same day before 7:30 AM. You can order meals for the day, or set up a weekly or monthly plan for meals to be provided to your children. The menus for all meals for a new month will be posted on the school's website and on the Nutrislice app the last Monday at the end of the previous month.

Each school has created their own system for their lunch disbursement. They are continually reviewing the process and making modifications as needed. Please be patient with our school staff as they work

towards improving and refining their daily lunch routines.

Please call or email Brenda Franklin at 207-730-4700 or bfranklin@scarboroughschools.org for any help or questions or if you need the child's ID#.



New SPS Website has been Launched!

Our team at Scarborough Public schools has spent the last few months working to create a brand new website, and are excited to announce that it has been launched to the Scarborough Schools community!

Please take a moment to watch the video below, and preview what new features are in store as we share our new district website.

[Watch New SPS Introduction Video](#)

Resources for Parents

- Podcast and Post: (Season 4 Episode 1) [Back To School! 4 Ways to Boost Your Kids' Mental Health](#)
- Article: [How Your Kids Can Have Fun Without Stressing You Out](#)
- Reviews: [For what your kids are into \(before they get into it\)](#)



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

- **November 11** - Veterans' Day - No School
- **November 17** - Early Release Day*
- **November 18** - School Board Meeting

- **November 24-26** - Thanksgiving Break

*Early Release Times:

K-5 - 1:45pm

6-12 - 12:25pm

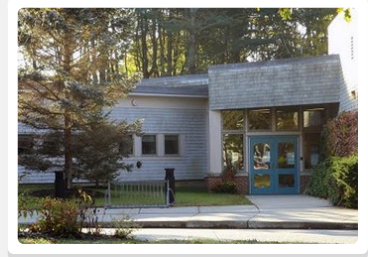
Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

Services & Information

[Spec. Services](#) | Alison Marchese, amarchese@scarboroughschools.org

[Transportation](#) | Sarah Redmond, redmond@scarboroughschools.org

[Food Services](#) | Peter Esposito, pesposito@scarboroughschools.org

[Athletics & Activities](#) | Mike LeGage, mlegage@scarboroughschools.org

[Curriculum](#) | Monique Culbertson, mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org

[Community Services](#) | Todd Souza, tsouza@scarboroughmaine.org





Tech Support


For technology assistance with SPS student laptops, please send a message to techsupport@scarboroughschools.org and someone from Technology will be in touch to assist you.



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