SHS Red Storm News

Semester 1- Quarter 2



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Principal's Message

November 3, 2020

It's Election Day and right now the building is fairly quiet. It was busy here this morning and I'm sure later today it will be busy again. I hear that we had about 12,000 community members vote early, so we don't have the usual numbers we generally have on a Presidential Election day at SHS. Another change Covid-19 has brought to us.

It's also the month to give thanks. At Scarborough High School, we can do that in abundance. We have been back in the building for school this fall! It is not fully how we'd like it to be, but the hybrid model has worked and only being partially remote is better for many than fully remote was. Beyond academics, we were able to put together a fall athletic season and we've been able to get many co-curricular activities going. These are things that make students happy and healthy, so we are grateful for that. We've had some Math Meets, our bands have been able to have some sectional rehearsals

outdoors, and Oak Hill Players is starting to do some taping of their production! All these activities, along with fall athletics, have had to find a new way to persevere, but it is happening!

I'm grateful that we have been able to stay in school. I'll confess that this was a worry over the summer (and it still is), but I'm very glad that we have been able to stay healthy and safe. I'm grateful for our students who have been positive and have taken all of these many changes in stride. They have learned a lot about adaptability and have shown that they can be responsible young adults when it is so imperative that we be safe together.

I am grateful for every staff member that is working so hard to provide a quality education and provide everything students need to succeed at school. Everyone is working so hard to do what is needed. Thanks to everyone for all of your dedication to this new and challenging work.

The time has changed, and the sun is setting earlier. We are in the month of Thanksgiving. I hope everyone has blessings to count as you gather together in a new way this year.

Be safe, be well, and let's give thanks.

Susan J. Ketch

Visual Art News

<u>Scholastic Art Award Competition and the 2020 Congressional Art Competition</u>
Deadline: 12/15/20

The 2020 Maine Region Scholastic Art Award Competition and the 2020 Congressional Art Competition are underway! Students are invited to participate by submitting artwork for juried competitions.

Since 1923, the <u>Scholastic Art & Writing Awards</u> have recognized the vision, ingenuity, and talent of our nation's youth, and provided opportunities for creative teens to be celebrated. Each year, increasing numbers of teens participate in the program, and become a part of our community—young artists and writers, filmmakers and photographers, poets and sculptors, video game artists and science fiction writers—along with countless educators who support and encourage their creative process.

The <u>Congressional Art Competition</u> takes place each spring, when the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Since this competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

Maine College of Art is pleased to be hosting both the Scholastic Art Award Competition and the Congressional Art Awards this year. For complete details on student eligibility, competition categories, jury criteria, important dates and deadlines, and more, please visit meca.edu/maine-region-art-awards/ or art-awards/ or art-art-awards/ or art-art-awards/ or art-art-awards/ or art-art-awards/ or art-awards/ or art-awards/ or art-awards/ or art-awards/art-awards/art-awards/art-awards/art-awards/<a href="

For more information on the Congressional Arts Competition, please visit the Maine Arts Commission's website or the Federal CAC site:

https://mainearts.maine.gov/pages/education/congressional-art-comp https://www.house.gov/educators-and-students/congressional-art-competition or talk to your SHS art teacher! Students in Ms. Landry-Fowler's Advanced Drawing classes have been studying portraiture. In a typical year, Advanced Drawing students would practice drawing each other from life while in class, but his year's hybrid schedule and safety precautions presented unique challenges to this assignment. Instead, students have been drawing each other over Google Meet, with volunteers "modeling" remotely! We have had great results and a lot of fun with this exercise.



Ms. Landry-Fowler by Mia Goulder



Kris by Mia Goulder



Steven by Anita Smith



Madeline by Anita Smith

Art Foundation and Photography Classes

Students in Ms. Pelletier's Art Foundation and Photography classes have been busy creating fantastic pieces, as demonstrated below.



Amelia Ingream, Grade 12



Maren Root, Grade 12



Steven Shelton, Grade 12







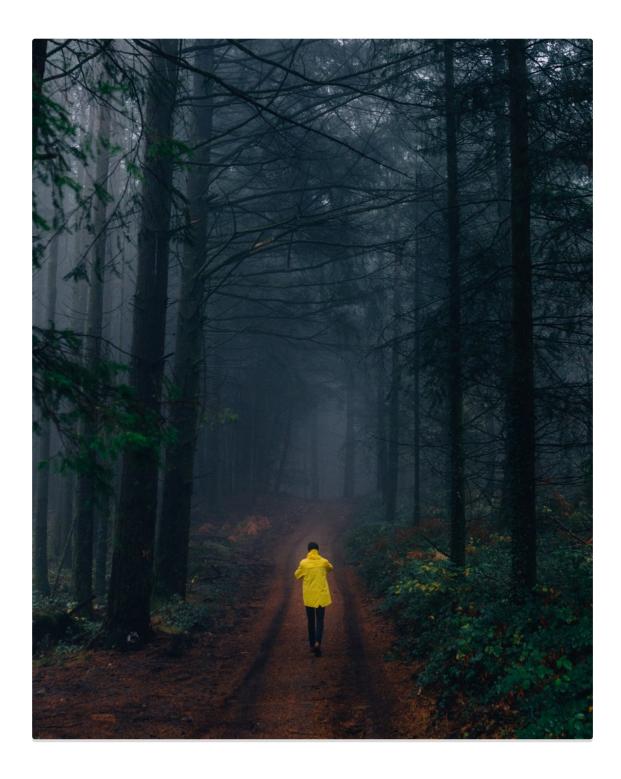
Kisani Barstow, Grade 9

U.S. History Classes Host Presidential Debates

Mr. Coffin's U.S. History classes have just wrapped up a successful round of presidential debates. Students acted as representatives of the two leading candidates as they defended and questioned the various positions on such topics as the pandemic, the economy and the environment. All students respected the rules of the debates and as a result, much was learned about both candidates and the issues!



What's Happening in Career Pathways?!



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Community Partners Make the Difference

We are grateful to the following businesses and organizations for welcoming our students for internships, job shadows and informational interviews this fall.

Advanced Physical Therapy
Aristelle
Bates Mill Dermatology
Jones & Warren Law Firm
Lucas Real Estate
MaineHealth
New England Realty Group
Wentworth School Physical Education Department

SHS students are now actively participating in weekly virtual workshops with architects, engineers and construction planners to learn about these professions. The ACE Mentor Program is made possible through volunteers from local architectural, construction and engineering firms. ACE mentors meet with students every Tuesday from 3:30-5:00 pm along with students from South Portland High School from October through March in a program that includes meeting professionals in the field, learning some technical drawing, designing projects, virtual field visits to work sites and much more.

MaineHealth Inspires the Future of Medicine

In a time when there are increasingly more demands on our medical field professionals, MaineHealth continues to step up to bring high school students across the state opportunities to explore and learn about health care professions. Following are three programs our Scarborough High School students are participating in this fall.

Med Student Mentor Program Pilot

MaineHealth and Tufts School of Medicine Maine Track students have launched a 4-week pilot program to mentor students interested in learning about careers in medicine. SHS has secured four spots in this virtual program where our students are learning about topics including organ tissues, emergency care and life in medical school.

Inside Medicine Club

The Inside Medicine Club is a monthly health career exploration series that meets via Zoom on Wednesday evenings October through May. This series is curated by a pediatric cardiologist and MaineTrack medical students and our own Shynitha Pulluri (SHS '21) assists as an intern. The program offers a variety of engaging sessions that explore not only various health careers but detailed aspects of health care, such as anatomy, physiology and epidemiology. This program also has a strong mentorship component and is an opportunity to establish supportive relationships with professionals working and training in the medical field. SHS is thrilled to have five students participating in the program this year!

Stay tuned for these upcoming virtual forums hosted by the Career Pathways Program...

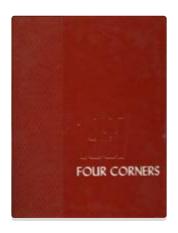
Careers in Healthcare Virtual Forum

Sponsored by MaineHealth's Department of Education, this virtual forum will be held on Wednesday, November 18th, from 12:00-1:00 pm. Join Maine Medical Center & NorDx health and laboratory career professionals in an interactive program where you'll learn about jobs, education and training opportunities in these fields. Presenters will include physician assistants, RNs, nurse practitioners, researchers, dermatologists, phlebotomists, and medical lab professionals. Students will have the opportunity to meet with and ask questions of health and medical lab professionals through breakout sessions on the Zoom platform.

Product Design & Manufacturing Engineering Career Exploration Forum

In partnership with the Manufacturers Association of Maine and Destination Occupation, this virtual forum features professionals in product design and manufacturing engineering working in companies across Maine creating systems, solutions and innovations. On Wednesday, December 2nd, students will have the opportunity to meet virtually with product designers, developers, project managers, manufacturing engineers and technicians who will share with students their career paths, training and a day in the life in their work.

To learn more about these and other <u>opportunities for career exploration</u>, contact Christy Zavasnik, Career Pathways Coordinator, <u>czavasnik@scarboroughschools.org</u>, 730-5061







Yearbook

2020 Yearbooks have arrived!!!!

Important message to families of Class of 2020 Graduates - Yearbooks will be mailed to the homes of the Class of 2020 Graduates.

Yearbooks are being distributed to current students in their Advisories. Fully remote students will be able to pick theirs up in the main office (Admin 1).

2021 Yearbooks can be preordered at ybpay.com. The cost is \$60. until 1/2/21.

Senior Parents: If you would like to purchase a Yearbook Advertisement for your 2021 Graduate, please visit ybpay.com to purchase an ad or contact either advertising editor Darby Stolz at dstolz2022@scarboroughschools.org or Yearbook teacher, Eric Huntington at ehuntington@scarboroughschools.org

Seniors: If you missed the 10/30/20 deadline to submit senior information, please contact the Senior Section Editor, Adrianna Hopkins at fourcornersyearbook@gmail.com for an extension. Information is due as soon as possible!

And the Band Played On . . . (sort of)



Photo by Curioso Photography from Pexels

When school started in September, the Bands found out that no wind instruments could be played indoors in a group. What happens next is the story of 1st Quarter.

Wind players worked outdoors (in all kinds of weather) with Mr. Henry (woodwinds) Ms. Boggs (trumpet) and Mr. Smith (low brass). Percussionists enjoyed playing indoors but were disappointed that the rest of the band could not play along with them, since percussion is such an important part of the rhythm and tempo. As the weather got windier, colder and wetter, wind players transitioned into Google meets for their lessons.

Meanwhile back in the band room, students were learning music theory, rhythm studies, and listening to music. And we ordered 80 pairs of snare drum sticks, along with music for percussion ensembles. For starters we are using our desks as drums! (including the sides and legs of the desks). Next to come will be working on real percussion instruments, ranging from timpani and bass drum to triangle and xylophone - a lot of new experiences for the wind players. Luckily we have our well seasoned percussionists to lead the way (and play the more difficult parts).

Band Boosters are still on hand to support us with encouragement and extra funds if we need them. Remember, the only fundraiser we can have right now is the money made from donations to the Band Booster Clynk account. We have plenty of bags available in the band room!

As all musicians, we are anxiously waiting for the chance to perform together again - whether on percussion instruments or on our own instruments. At any rate we are going to keep on MAKING MUSIC.



Music and Chorus Students

Jennifer Joray, who is currently teaching our Chorus and Music students, proudly reports that her piano students are reading music, playing melodies and harmonies together, chords and even improvising music. Her Chorus students are moving to show their understanding of music and her music production students are totally rocking their software programs, writing original compositions.

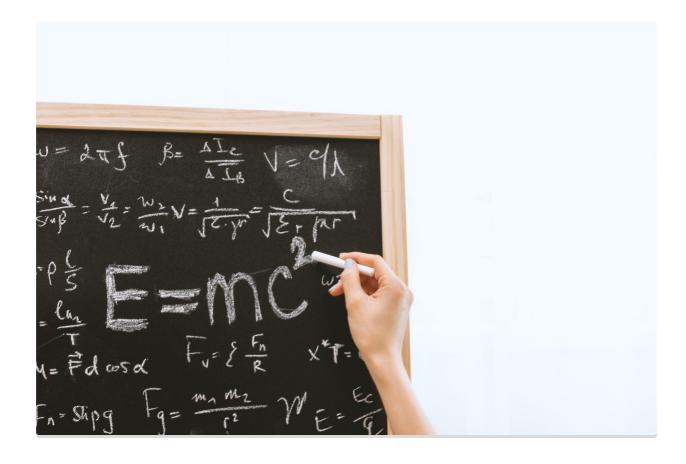


Photo by Gabby K from Pexels

SHS School Store to Open during the Last week in November, 2020

Our vendor will be opening the online SHS store for one week during the last week in November. Dates will be announced and shared soon! Please check your email inbox to make sure that you do not miss it. Plan your holiday shopping and get that perfect Red Storm gift! All orders and payments will go directly through our vendor. Items are expected to be delivered prior to our December holiday break. Look for more information as it becomes available soon.

Thank you for your continued support of the school store and the Scarborough Schools Backpack Program!



SHS Math Team

The Math team has been finding a way to combat the hybrid model by "hybriding". The team has been practicing both live and remotely. The team had their first meet, which was held remotely on October 14. Top scorers included Priyanka Mittal, Harshini Chaganti, Alisha Mittal, Wes Chalmers and Lena Wood. The A team is currently ranked 6th in the state out of 86, a mere 8 points out of second place. Math Team is a great opportunity for Scarborough to boast its support of scholar athletes. 17 mathletes participated in the first meet. Participants come when they are available, working hard to strike a balance between their academics, athletics and academic clubs. There are currently 36 members of the team. The next meet will also be held virtually on Wednesday, November 4.

Anyone interested can follow the team locally at https://www.pi-cone.org/mathhome.asp or at the statewide level at maml.net



Math Meet - November 4, 2020

The SHS crushed it with five mathletes scoring 50 or more! Mr. Hayward believes that this is the first time in Scarborough history that Scarborough had 5 mathletes scoring 50 or more! Congratulations!

Alisha Mittal perfect 60 Harshini Chaganti 55 Lena Wood 55 Wes Chalmers 52 Priyanka Mittal 50



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What's happening in SHS Learning Commons?

SHS Learning Commons works to keep learning!







Reading is an Experience You Can't Create for Yourself!

We began the school year with the 5 Book Reading Challenge! 5 categories, 5 choice reads. Ask your student if he/she is

participating; it's not too late to join!

A Citizen Democracy Requires Participation!

Each month we feature an Academic Discipline from the SHS school Curriculum October was Social Studies

Science is Essential to Human Life!

The Month of **November** is **Science**



Photo by Sebastian Voortman from Pexels

Parent Meeting

The SHS Building Leadership Team, Principal Ketch, Assistant Principals Nate Theriault and Jake Brown, and Athletic Director, Mike LeGage will be holding a Second Quarter Parent Meeting on Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, virtually. A link will be shared with all families prior to this meeting.

SHS Key Club

While Scarborough Key Club members have been unable to support community members in person this year, we have been working to connect in other ways:

During an activity meeting, members made Halloween cards for residents of the Enclave of Scarborough.

Students are also making Veterans Day cards for residents of Piper Shores.

On Saturday, November 7, members will rake leaves and clean the yards of Scarborough residents who need assistance as well!

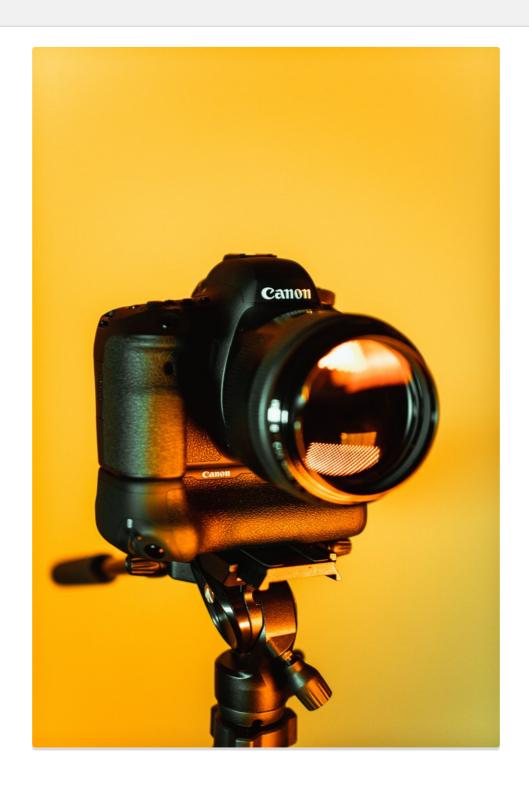






Halloween Cards

Veterans Day Cards



Picture Retake Days - November 16 (Cohort A & C) and November 19 (Cohort B & C)

SHS will be hosting Picture Retake Day on Monday, November 16th for Students in Cohort A and C and on Thursday, November 19th for Students in Cohort B and C.

Students who have already had their pictures taken, please swing by one of the following offices to pick up your picture and ID.

Seniors: Admin 1

Juniors: Senior Placement Office

Sophomores: Guidance Freshmen: Admin 2



SHS Chess Club

Chess Club members Thomas Faries and "Big Game" James Day, above.

The SHS Chess Club meets Mondays after school in Mr. Hayward's room. All students are invited to join us - anytime!



Calendar of Events

November 25 - 27, 2020: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving break)

December 23-31, 2020: NO SCHOOL (Winter break)

January 1, 2021: NO SCHOOL (Holiday) January 18, 2021: NO SCHOOL (Holiday) January 22, 2021: End of Quarter 2 *January, 2021: Mid Term Exams TBD

Interact Club 2020

As with everything else this year due to the Pandemic, service projects, which the Interact Club traditionally provides, have been quite challenging. In an effort to boost morale in our community, the Interact Club decided to spread positivity through motivational chalk messages. As the year continues, the Interact Club plans to come up with more clever ways to keep everyone optimistic. Right now they are busy creating cards of thanks for the veterans at Piper Shores, letting them know how grateful we all are for their service and sacrifice for us all. All students interested in joining Interact Club, please join our Google Classroom with the code xlximwv. Meetings are virtual every Wednesday at 11:45!



Inspirational Chalk Drawings Courtesy of the Interact Club!



Positive Messages Courtesy of the Interact Club!



Interact Club Welcomes Staff and Students



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Kristina Jutras, Interact Club



Interact Club Members, Ethan Furr, Tae Delaware, Finn Brady, James Day, Kristina Jutras and Interact Club Advisor, Deb Pease

Junior School Board Representative Elected

Congratulations to our newest Junior School Board Representative: Gabriella Giftos! Gabby is a member of the math team, a member of Natural Helpers, and plays softball and field hockey at SHS. She is a bright and talented student and will hold this position for two years, serving this year alongside Senior Representative Max Bennett! Congrats again to Gabby!



Gabriella Giftos, SHS Junior School Board Student Representative

Class Officer and Student Council Elections

Class of 2021

President: Maggie Amann Vice President: Avni Bhatnagar Secretary: Elaina Panagakos Treasurer: Olivia Chaplick

Class of 2022

President: Logan Lon

Vice President: Alden Griffiths

Secretary: Anna Ravis Treasurer: Fintan Brady

Student Council: Remi Bristol, Ava Foley, Emma Goodwin, Emma Singer, Hayden Wellman

Class of 2023

President: Anish Pradeep Vice President: Jason Liponis Secretary: Natalie Smith Treasurer: Ethan Blanche

Student Council: Gillian Shaw, Claire Shaw, Livie Richard, Evan Wardrop, Caroline Stratis

Class of 2024

President: Owen Keller Vice President: Ava Chen Secretary: Alisha Mittal

Treasurer: Calvin Venegoni-Ranger

Student Council: Thomas Baia, Thomas Faries, Maddie Noonan, Kyleigh Record, Colby Shumway



SHS Athletics

The Maine Principals Association has delayed the winter sports season and have not announced a new start date has been given. Please stay up to date by visiting www.scarboroughathletics.org/covid-19

Registrations for the winter sports season have opened through FamilyID. It is important that any student-athlete interested in participating in a winter sport please register as soon as possible. This will ensure that we are able to communicate with each sport team as it relates to updates about winter sports through the FamilyID system as well as provide coaching staff with a list of student athletes planning to participate/tryout. The registration form can be found here:

https://www.familyid.com/scarborough-high-school-athletics-activities/winter-2020-2021-athletic-registrations



News from the Senior Placement Office

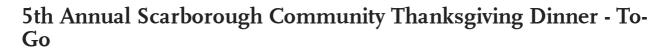
Upcoming Senior On-Spot Application Review Days:

University of Maine, Orono - Tuesday, November 10, 2020. University of Southern Maine - Wednesday, November 18, 2020. University of New England - Friday, November 20, 2020.

Financial Aid: Students and parents are reminded to check financial aid deadlines for each college and to make sure that they have completed all required documents. The FAFSA is the most often required form and is completed online at <u>fafsa.gov</u>, while the CSS Profile is requested by many private colleges and can be completed at <u>cssprofile.collegeboard.org</u>

The Finance Authority of Maine (**FAME**) offers individual assistance in completing financial aid documents, as well as offering helpful information and resources on their website famemaine.com/education/. Their office can be reached at 1-800-228-3734.

If you have any questions related to financial aid or have encountered a significant change in your financial situation this year, please reach out to your individual colleges so that they are able to update your current information versus what is asked for in the financial aid applications.



Due to the Pandemic, this year Scarborough will be hosting a Thanksgiving to-go via curbside pickup the day before Thanksgiving. Reservations must be made by the prior Friday, November 20, 2020.

