

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter -September 25, 2020



Parent FAQ

Now that we have been back to school for a few weeks, we have been able to observe how our COVID-19 guidelines are playing out in real circumstances. [This FAQ](#) is intended to clarify and provide additional information about some of the most common questions that have arisen in regards to health and safety. As new questions and situations come up, we will add to this shared document and place it on our district website, so you may want to check it more than once.

From the Superintendent

You will find the latest message from Superintendent Prince in the box below. In the future, you will also find archived messages from previous weeks in this same box. Please contact the Superintendent's Office at (207) 730-4100 or superintendent@scarboroughschools.org with questions or suggestions.



Message from the Superintendent 9.25.2020.pdf

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Curriculum Updates

Addressing Anxiety: Consistent with our focus on social and emotional learning, we are leveraging our federal funds this fall to assist our families by offering a live, interactive webinar with [Lynn Lyons](#), an expert on the topic of anxiety. She will be providing strategies for our students



(and ourselves) to help manage the anxiety that comes with the many uncertainties of our current environment. Please save the date and time of November 4 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm for the parent and community event titled, "***NOW What? Helping Children (and Parents) Manage Emotionally During Uncertain Times.***" More information will be provided in the coming weeks. Our staff will also have an opportunity to learn from Lynn via live webinars scheduled through the fall.

i-Ready Information for grades K-9: As we move into October, we will be continuing to use our i-Ready suite of tools. This online assessment provides teachers with diagnostic information. The results assist teachers in identifying what the instructional next steps are for a student along with information they gather from student's work. The results also set the appropriate level of challenge in the Personalized Instruction (My Path) tool for your child. *This diagnostic assessment is not an achievement test from which any placement decisions are made.* We have scheduled the fall session for Oct. 13th through the 30th. We are looking into how our students might be able to take this assessment at home rather than in school. More information will be provided either within this newsletter or via your child's school and teacher.

In Case You Missed It: Please read [this important letter to families](#) regarding video conferencing.

Web resource: [Wide Open School](#) offers quality, free learning activities for families/caregivers from Pre-K to 12



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[SPS Calendar](#)

- **Thursday, October 8** Virtual Open House, Scarborough High School
- **Friday, October 9** No School- Staff Development Day
- **Monday, October 12** No School- Indigenous People's Day
- **Thursday, October 22** Virtual Open House, Scarborough High School

Did You Know...

- Resources are available to assist any family with **connectivity issues**. Please reach out to your school if you do not have reliable internet access and your child is struggling to maintain a solid connection on remote learning days.

- Ongoing reminder: Thanks to a federal waiver, all Scarborough students can access **free breakfast and lunch** each day until December 31, 2020, even on remote learning days? To place your orders, go to <https://scarboroughschools.nutrislice.com>



Health & Safety

We have good news regarding the out of state travel guidelines for students returning to school. Massachusetts has been added to the exemption list! Please refer to the guidelines below and remember that out of state travel is a key question on our pre-screening tool for school attendance. As always, please contact your school nurse with any questions.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

1. Students who are Maine residents traveling to non-exempt states* for any reason, including, but not limited to, medical or behavioral health visits, educational purposes, or custody or visitation with parents, are required to either quarantine for 14 days OR obtain a negative COVID test upon returning to Maine and prior to returning to school or any school activities.
2. A copy of the student's COVID test results must be provided to Health Services Staff prior to returning to school or school related activities.

*At this time, the Governor's "Stay Safer at Home" order exempts the following states: Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey

- **Blue Point:** Laurie Hibbard, RN *
- **Eight Corners:** Rebecca Cummings, RN *
- **Pleasant Hill:** Dorice Groshon, RN *
- **Wentworth:** Cindy Fasulo, LPN and Anne Ornstein, RN
- **Middle School:** Patty Bolduc, RN and Amanda Eason, RN
- **High School:** Heidi Igneri, RN and Lisa Verzoni, RN

*Suzanne Kenney, Medical Assistant, supports all schools with a focus on K-2 at this time.

All It Takes is 10 Mindful Minutes

In our current climate, all of us can benefit from taking time to be mindful and unplug from the relentless pace. Enjoy [this TED talk](#) from Andy Puddicombe on the value of self-care.



Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth



Middle School



High School

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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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