

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter -October 30, 2020



Message from SPS Leadership Team

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Dear Scarborough Students, Staff and Families,

The events of this week have been cause for much reflection and learning. We want you to know that we are fully committed to creating school cultures where conversations about equity, race and inclusivity are the norm, not the exception. Our most important job as a school district right now is to create safe space to talk about what this means in our schools and our community. We must listen first, so that any actions taken have lasting and meaningful impact. In addition, we believe that it is not “good enough” to say we support those who are brave and standing up to racism and inequity; we must also be the ones modeling this for the community we serve each day and demonstrate that with the actions we take moving forward.

Currently, leaders from across the district are learning alongside over 40 other K-12 Scarborough Public Schools staff in a Cultural Competency Institute, a year long PD series with over 300 educators across Maine. The series of workshops are facilitated by Lawrence Alexander, Carney Sandoe and Associates from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Practice Group. Scarborough Public Schools are also taking part with several other districts in the Equity and Excellence Community of Practice Group through the University of Southern Maine. We also acknowledge how challenging it can be to talk about race, class, gender, political affiliation, sexual orientation, age, religion, ability or any other kind of identity. At the September Cultural Competency Institute session, a powerful [Ted Talk](#), “Danger of a Single Story” was shared, and we’d encourage you to take a few minutes to watch it as well.

We recognize these steps are just the starting point and foundation for this critical work. We invite you to become more involved, and we are committed to creating brave and safe spaces for these conversations to occur. At the November 5 School Board meeting, the Board will be scheduling a future workshop which will invite administration, staff, and students to come together to develop an action plan to pursue our goal of drafting a resolution ensuring Scarborough Public Schools is both safe and inclusive for all students and staff.

We look forward to embracing this work with the Scarborough community.

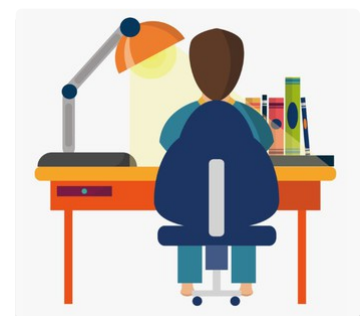
Respectfully,

Scarborough Public Schools Leadership Team -

Don Begin, Director of IT
Kate Bolton, Director of Business Operations
Jake Brown, Assistant Principal, High School
Kelli Crosby, Principal, Wentworth School
Monique Culbertson, Director of Curriculum & Assessment
David Currier, Assistant Principal, Middle School
Peter Esposito, Director of Food Services
Todd Jepson, Director of Buildings, Grounds & Facilities
Sue Ketch, Principal, High School
Michael LeGage, Director of Athletics & Activities
Anne Lovejoy, Principal, Eight Corners School
Alison Marchese, Director of Special Services
Kelly Mullen-Martin, Principal, Blue Point School
Diane Nadeau, Assistant Superintendent
Sanford Prince IV, Superintendent
Chris Rohde, Assistant Director of Special Services
Jesseca Steele, Principal, Pleasant Hill School
Brem Stoner, Assistant Principal, Wentworth
Nathan Theriault, Assistant Principal, High School
Kathy Tirrell, Principal, Middle School

Instructional Model Change Form- Final Reminder

Over the summer when we released our School Reopening Plan, you were asked to select a model of learning for your child(ren). We let you know then your selection would be in effect for the first ranking period and that we would come back to you to confirm your interest in either maintaining the current model of instruction for your own child, or to select a different one. Your input now will assist us in preparing for any change in model you might be seeking at this time whereas Quarter 2 begins on November 9 for students in Grades 6-12, and Trimester 2 begins on December 14 for students in grades K-5.

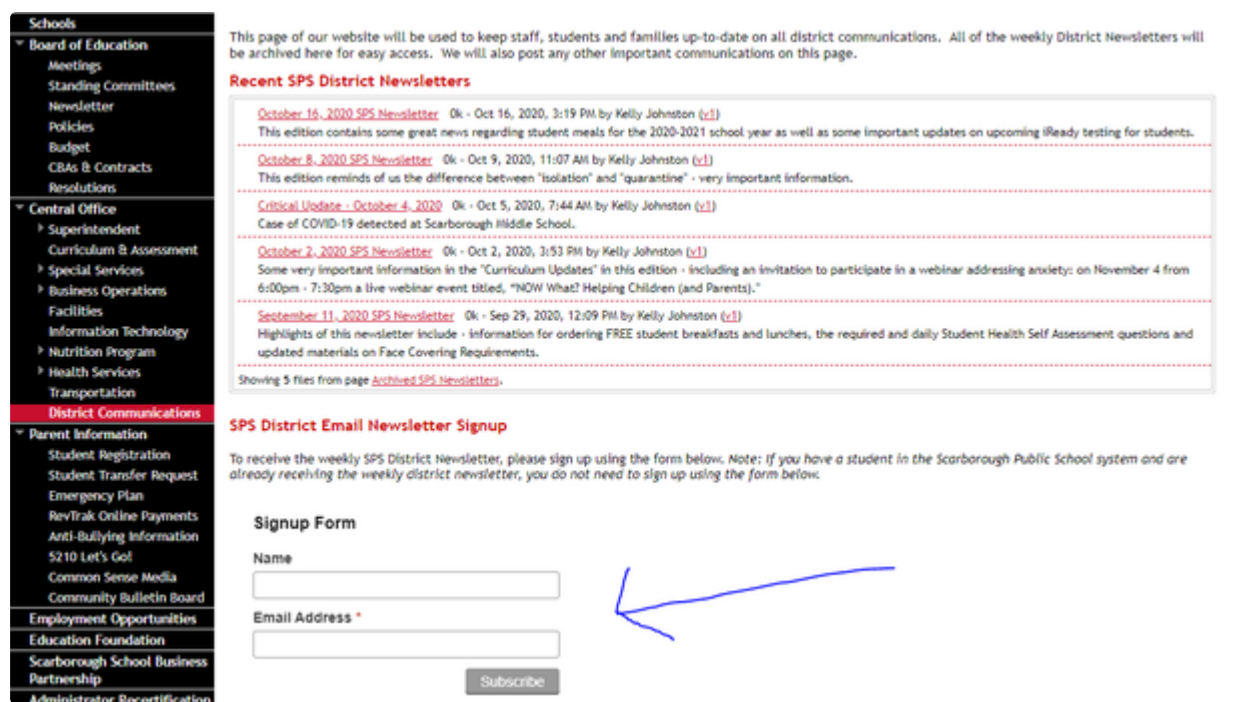


Please complete information for each of your children separately, **ONLY IF YOU ARE SEEKING A TRANSITION TO A DIFFERENT INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL** for your child at this time. There is no need for you to complete [this form](#) unless you are looking to move from hybrid to 100% remote, or vice-versa.

[This form](#) will be available through Monday, Nov 2. Your child's school will be make direct contact with you about any requested changes after that time.

SPS District Email Newsletter Signup

Share the news! Please let any community members, who do not currently have students enrolled in a Scarborough School, know that they too can stay in touch with the latest happenings in the schools and the district. By simply going to the SPS website and selecting the "District Communications" tab on the left, they can enter their name and email address and we will send along our weekly news to them. *If you have a student(s) in the district and you are already receiving our newsletter - no need to sign up (if you do, you will receive duplicate newsletters from us).*



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This page of our website will be used to keep staff, students and families up-to-date on all district communications. All of the weekly District Newsletters will be archived here for easy access. We will also post any other important communications on this page.

Recent SPS District Newsletters

[October 16, 2020 SPS Newsletter](#) Ok - Oct 16, 2020, 3:19 PM by Kelly Johnston (v1)
This edition contains some great news regarding student meals for the 2020-2021 school year as well as some important updates on upcoming iReady testing for students.

[October 8, 2020 SPS Newsletter](#) Ok - Oct 9, 2020, 11:07 AM by Kelly Johnston (v1)
This edition reminds of us the difference between "isolation" and "quarantine" - very important information.

[Critical Update - October 4, 2020](#) Ok - Oct 5, 2020, 7:44 AM by Kelly Johnston (v1)
Case of COVID-19 detected at Scarborough Middle School.

[October 2, 2020 SPS Newsletter](#) Ok - Oct 2, 2020, 3:53 PM by Kelly Johnston (v1)
Some very important information in the "Curriculum Updates" in this edition - including an invitation to participate in a webinar addressing anxiety: on November 4 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm a live webinar event titled, "NOW What? Helping Children (and Parents)."

[September 11, 2020 SPS Newsletter](#) Ok - Sep 29, 2020, 12:09 PM by Kelly Johnston (v1)
Highlights of this newsletter include - information for ordering FREE student breakfasts and lunches, the required and daily Student Health Self Assessment questions and updated materials on Face Covering Requirements.

Showing 5 files from page [Archived SPS Newsletters](#).

SPS District Email Newsletter Signup

To receive the weekly SPS District Newsletter, please sign up using the form below. Note: If you have a student in the Scarborough Public School system and are already receiving the weekly district newsletter, you do not need to sign up using the form below.

Signup Form

Name

Email Address *

Curriculum Updates

Thank you for your i-Ready support: We very much appreciate all that you are doing in making the i-Ready Diagnostic a positive experience for your child. The data will be very helpful in supporting your child's learning. You can learn more about i-Ready by visiting i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter.



Lynn Lyons presentation on Anxiety Open to Entire Scarborough Community: On November 4 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm Scarborough parents, guardians, caregivers and all interested in the topic of anxiety are invited to attend a live webinar with [Lynn Lyons](#) on the topic of anxiety. The title of her session is, **"NOW What? Helping Children (and Parents) Manage Emotionally During Uncertain Times."** To join, use this ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82808112105?pwd=RW5kaXh2MC5ySnQrOU1lRkR0K2t1Z700>

Please view [this link for additional information](#).



5th Annual Scarborough

**COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING
DINNER To-Go**



Curbside Pick-Up Wed. Nov. 25th

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Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner of ROAST TURKEY
with ALL THE FIXINGS to-go family-style. FREE.

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**Order by Fri. Nov. 20th
online or call 730-4700
www.thanksgivingscarborough.org**

5th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner (To-Go)

Sign up now! Scarborough Schools, in conjunction with the Scarborough School Nutrition Program, Scarborough Community Services, Scarborough Police Department and Project GRACE will again be offering free Thanksgiving dinners to area community members! Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no in-house seating this year, but instead will be featuring meals-to-go. Order deadline to sign up is November 20th.

Please check out this website for full details or call (207) 730-4700 with any questions.



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[SPS Calendar](#)

- **November 2** - 7:00pm - Special School Board Meeting - Virtual Meeting
- **November 3** - Election Day - No School for High School Students
- **November 4** - 6:00-7:30pm - Live, interactive webinar - *"NOW What? Helping Children (and Parents) Manage Emotionally During Uncertain Times"*
- **November 5** - 7:00pm - School Board Meeting - Council Chambers A & B, Town Hall
- **November 11** - Veterans' Day - No School
- **November 19** - 6:00pm - School Board Workshop - Council Chambers A & B, Town Hall
- **November 20** - Order deadline for Thanksgiving Dinner sign-up
- **November 25** - Thanksgiving Dinner Curb-side Pick-up



Upcoming Flu Shot Clinics

Flu shot clinics began the week of October 26th and will finish up in the coming week. Please see the schedule below for the date/time of your child's clinic. Reach out to your child's school nurse with any questions.

Flu Shot Clinic Dates/Times:

- **High School** - October 27 at 7:30am and November 5 at 7:30am
- **Eight Corners School** - October 27 at 10:30am and November 5 at 10:30am
- **Middle School** - November 3 at 7:30am and **November 6* at 7:30am**
- **Blue Point School** - November 3 at 10:30am and **November 6* at 10:30am**

**These are new dates.*

SPS School Nurses:

- **Blue Point:** Laurie Hibbard, RN - 730-5300
- **Eight Corners:** Rebecca Cummings, RN - 730-5200

- **Pleasant Hill:** Dorice Groshon, RN - 730-5286
- **Wentworth:** Cindy Fasulo, LPN and Anne Ornstein, RN - 730-4600
- **Middle School:** Patty Bolduc, RN and Amanda Eason, RN - 730-4800
- **High School:** Heidi Igneri, RN and Lisa Verzoni, RN - 730-5000



Health & Safety

Please make sure you review [the UPDATED Student Health Self Assessment](#) questions EVERY DAY before sending your child off to school. Updated guidance from the state has REMOVED a few less common symptoms from the list, including stomach pain, rash, swelling, and red eyes.


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

COVID-19

Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance


Within the past 24 hours have you had a fever (100.4 and above*) or used any fever reducing medicine?

YES =




Do you feel sick with any of the most common symptoms of Covid, had vomiting/diarrhea, or felt unwell? (see symptom list to the right)

YES =




Have you been a close contact of a person with Covid in the past 14 days?

YES =




Have you traveled outside of the state in the past 14 days?

YES =


Contact Your School

Stay home with any YES response to the questions above OR with two or more of the "less common" symptoms listed to the right.

Attend school when all answers are NO and your child is feeling well with no other symptoms of illness. Call or see your school nurse or other designated person at school if you have questions.

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Most Common Symptoms of Covid 19:

Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fever (100.4°F/ 38 °C or greater)*
Chills
Sore throat
New loss of taste or smell

Less Common Symptoms:

Muscle pain
Nausea or Vomiting
Diarrhea
Fatigue
Headache
Congestion/runny nose

*Fever is 100.4°F/ 38°C regardless of measurement location (oral, temporal).



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