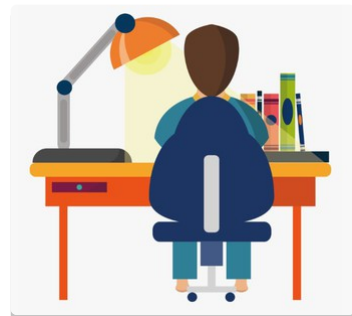


Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter -October 23, 2020

Instructional Model Change Form

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 Friday, Oct. 29. Your child's school will be make direct contact with you about any requested changes after that time.



From The Superintendent

Dear Red Storm Families,

We hope that the school year continues to progress well for your child. Whether your child has been learning remotely, in-person, or through a combination of both models, we strive to provide an engaged, supportive, and challenging learning environment. We continue to recognize the amazing work of staff, families, and students alike in our efforts to provide each of our students with the best educational experience possible during these times. For sure,

more than ever "it takes a village" and we appreciate all the work of our entire Scarborough community.

This time of year I appreciate how our educators and families have been immersed in parent teacher conferences. Both as an educator and a parent of three children, I found this to be valuable time knowing it helps develop a rapport and builds strong relationships to understand and determine the needs of a child. By working together our employees are committed to a process of continuous improvement of their teaching.

Lastly, I am happy to report that our school system completed the district application for the second round of federal Coronavirus Relief Funds released by the state Department of Education on September 23, and our application has been approved. The new grant is in the amount of \$2,216,441, on top of \$2,120,670 allocated to Scarborough in the first funding round in July.

Projects approved in this new funding application will allow us to:

- Support synchronous instruction under our hybrid learning model by installing classroom audio equipment to improve sound quality;
- Maximize effective use of outdoor space by installing tents, winter-grade canopies, benches and tables, and by improving access to playground areas;
- Improve public hygiene by replacing water fountains with bottle filling stations;
- Increase instructional space by providing portable barriers and creating alternative storage options;
- Improve sanitation with the purchase of additional floor-cleaning equipment;
- Improve air quality by working with HVAC consultants and installing air purifiers.

We are excited to have this opportunity to make these much needed investments in our district's facilities and operations during this challenging time, without having to turn to our local taxpayers for additional support.

My best to your families and friends.

Warmly,
Sanford Prince IV

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

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

In line with our focus this year: See right and below for photos of the High School Interact Club spreading positivity beginning at the front door. As you may know providing safe and inclusive learning environments is one of our strategic focus areas this year. Our goal is specific to providing social and emotional learning opportunities which includes promoting diversity, equity and inclusion. Thank you to the Interact Club for their creative actions.



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. An accurate diagnostic assessment will calibrate the (or personalize) the online instruction tool at your child's appropriate level of challenge. You can learn more about i-Ready by visiting i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter.

In case you missed it: [Important Family Letter regarding Google Meet](#)

Save the date and time for a live webinar: On November 4 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm we are leveraging our federal funds this fall to assist our families by offering live, interactive webinars with [Lynn Lyons](#) on the topic of anxiety. She will be providing strategies families can use to help manage 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**" presented by Lynn Lyons. 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.



5th Annual Scarborough

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER To-Go



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Curbside Pick-Up Wed. Nov. 25th
.....

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

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

5th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner (To-Go)

Exciting news! 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.

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

www.ThanksgivingScarborough.org



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[SPS Calendar](#)

- **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 will begin the week of October 26th. 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:

- **Wentworth School** - October 26 at 8:00am and October 30 at 8:00am
- **Pleasant Hill School** - October 26 at 11:00am and October 30 at 11:00am
- **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** - October 29 at 7:30am and November 3 at 7:30am
- **Blue Point School** - October 29 at 10:30am and November 3 at 10:30am

SPS School Nurses:

- **Blue Point:** Laurie Hibbard, RN - 730-5300
- **Eight Corners:** Rebecca Cummings, RN - 730-5200
- **Pleasant Hill:** Dorice Groshon, RN - 730-5250
- **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



Don't Forget... Face Coverings for All

- Per the Governor's Order, face coverings (cloth facemasks) must be worn in all publicly accessible areas of schools and everywhere on school grounds (parking lots, playgrounds, walkways, entryways, etc.) This is true for students and staff, and also applies to any other visitors as well. We appreciate everyone's support in following these directives.



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.

updated 10.9.20 


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



Middle School



High School

Services & Information

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