

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - November 6, 2020

SPS Wants Your Feedback!

Scarborough Public Schools is looking for your feedback on our back to school efforts. Please click on the link under the school in which your child attends. If you have more than one child enrolled, you can either complete one survey about your oldest child, or complete a survey once for each child.



Please note:

- Your answers are completely anonymous.
- We are conducting similar surveys seeking input from staff, community and students as well.
- Results will be shared at an upcoming School Board meeting.
- The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete.
- Your voice is important, so thank you for sharing your thoughts and experiences.
- Deadline for submissions is Friday, November 13.

Thank you in advance for completing this.

Blue Point School: [BP Family Back to School Survey Fall 2020](#)

Eight Corners School: [EC Family Back to School Survey Fall 2020](#)

Pleasant Hill School: [PH Family Back to School Survey Fall 2020](#)

Wentworth School: [WS Family Back to School Survey Fall 2020](#)

Middle School: [MS Family Back to School Survey Fall 2020](#)

High School: [HS Family Back to School Survey Fall 2020](#)

From the Superintendent

Dear Scarborough School Community,

We are now into the month of November and this weekend's forecast looks great for getting outdoors and enjoying the sunshine that will be upon us. I hope each of you can find some wellness time and take advantage of the seasonably warm weather.

Today we heard from the Maine Department of Education that Cumberland County's positivity rate is below the state average, and, as such, remains green on the Governor's Risk Level metric at this time. That being said, we must be prepared to adapt to a variety of modes of instruction if indeed we find ourselves in a position that we need to close our schools at any point in time during the year. We continue to review our plans and adjust accordingly knowing we there have been valuable lessons learned over the course of the past 8 months. Each of us have experienced how COVID-19 continues to present challenges and opportunities. It demands that we think and act in different ways, use our strengths, and remain vigilant during these unprecedented times. We did have one individual from our school system test positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 9 COVID-19. Please click on [this link](#) to read the notification letter that went to our school community.

Lastly, continue to look for your strength zone, knowing that a strengths-based approach improves one's confidence, direction, hope and kindness toward others. Soaring with your strengths will build your talents and teach others the importance of applying your strengths.

With warm regards,
Sandy Prince



Travel Reminder

As we approach the upcoming Thanksgiving break, we want to remind everyone that per the updated travel restrictions issued by the Governor of Maine effective November 4th, 2020, all Maine residents returning to Maine upon return from a visit out of state (or country) must either quarantine for 14 days or receive a negative COVID-19 test with a sample taken less than 72 hours from arrival back to Maine, quarantining while awaiting test results, per the Keep Maine Healthy Plan. At this time, the only states exempt from this restriction are Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. New York, New Jersey and Connecticut are no longer on the exempt list for travel.

Please contact your school before you plan to travel and complete a Planned Absence Form. If you choose to have your child tested upon returning, the school must receive confirmation of a negative COVID-19 result via email, fax or hard copy prior to a student returning to school. If your family chooses quarantine only (no COVID testing), contact the health office to ensure a 14 day quarantine period is established. With the numbers of COVID cases already on the rise in Maine, your compliance is very much appreciated.

We will continue to update you with any changes in the Maine CDC/DOE guidelines as we receive them.

Last night, November 5th, the Board had an action item on the agenda to set a date for a future workshop to draft a resolution ensuring SPS provides a safe and inclusive environment for students and staff. While a date was not set during the meeting, we did engage in a lengthy, rich discussion on next steps and wanted to share those with the community now.



Our administrative team, with the Board's support, has recommended that we engage with a third party to assist us in navigating through this work. We also appreciate that, while important, a workshop is just a first step in our process. It is critical that a thoughtful plan is developed to collect feedback from which to craft an action plan to help us move forward. As a next step, we will be having an exploratory meeting with the [Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium \(MAEC\)](#) to better understand how they could act as our partner as we conduct this important work. The Board anticipates an update on this discussion at our next meeting. Following the intake meeting, we will work collaboratively to chart our next steps, including a community workshop which we hope will take place in early 2021. We will provide regular updates at our Board meetings and will ask for community input along the way, so please stay engaged over the next several weeks.



Shannon Lindstrom



Leanne Kazilionis



Gabby Giftos

Welcome to the School Board!

Scarborough Schools and the Board of Education are pleased to welcome their two new members, and one returning member! Shannon Lindstrom has joined the Board as its newest member, and Leanne Kazilionis will be returning for a second term. Gabby Giftos will be joining senior School Board representative, Max Bennett, as the representative from the junior class. At the November 5th School Board meeting, April Sither was elected as the School Board Chair for the upcoming year, and Leanne Kazilionis will be the Vice Chair.

A hardy welcome to the new members and a thank you to our departing member - Hillory Durgin - for her hard work and dedication to the staff and students in Scarborough!

School Board News: COVID Grant Funding

Please see the notice below from the Board of Education regarding the recent COVID-19 grants that have been awarded to Scarborough Schools.



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[SPS Calendar](#)

- **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
- **November 25 - 27** - Thanksgiving Holiday Break - No school

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](#) 0k - Oct 16, 2020, 3:19 PM by Kelly Johnston [\(v\)](#)
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](#) 0k - Oct 9, 2020, 11:07 AM by Kelly Johnston [\(v\)](#)
This edition reminds of us the difference between "isolation" and "quarantine" - very important information.
 - [Critical Update - October 4, 2020](#) 0k - Oct 5, 2020, 7:44 AM by Kelly Johnston [\(v\)](#)
Case of COVID-19 detected at Scarborough Middle School.
 - [October 2, 2020 SPS Newsletter](#) 0k - Oct 2, 2020, 3:53 PM by Kelly Johnston [\(v\)](#)
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](#) 0k - Sep 29, 2020, 12:09 PM by Kelly Johnston [\(v\)](#)
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 *



School Health Professionals:

- **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
- **K-12 Health Support Staff:** Suzanne Kenney - 730-4842





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 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
[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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