

# Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - January 22, 2021



## Your Feedback is Requested

As you have been reading in previous correspondences, Scarborough Public Schools is committed to promoting diversity, inclusion, and equity at all levels. Two new components of this work include the creation of a district steering committee and the formulation of a partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium.

The next key early action step involves gathering feedback from stakeholders, including students, staff, families and the larger community.

Please endorse this work by taking a few minutes to complete this Parent/Community Climate Survey designed by the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium, the link to which is [here](#). All results will be anonymous. Your feedback will be critical in assisting the Steering Committee in the development of a long term action plan for Scarborough Public Schools.

Surveys will be open until February 5. We understand that everyone's time is valuable, and thank you in advance for taking the time to share your experiences and perspectives



## The Start of a Safe Return to After School Activities

On Wednesday, January 20, 2021 the Maine Principals Association, along with State of Maine agencies, informed member schools that the Maine DOE's color coding would no longer be connected to school-based after-school activities. This means that school-sanctioned clubs, activities, and athletic programs may return to in-person activity. All programs must abide by all Community Sport Guidelines, sport specific guidelines as directed by the Maine Department of Economics and Community Development, the Maine Principals Association, as well as Maine Department of Education guidance related to band, chorus, etc.

We will begin to proceed forward with in-person practices and meetings beginning next week, with all safety precautions and protocols in place. More specific information is being sent out from both the high school and middle school. You can also find updates regarding the return of club and athletic programs by visiting [www.scarboroughathletics.org/covid-19](http://www.scarboroughathletics.org/covid-19) and clicking on the stay-informed button.

## Weekly SPS COVID-19 Update

Positive COVID cases at Scarborough Public Schools  
January 9 to January 22, 2021

| Location                  | Total Case # in last 14 days | Total # Close Contacts identified |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Blue Point School         | 0                            | 0                                 |
| Eight Corners School      | 0                            | 0                                 |
| Pleasant Hill School      | 0                            | 0                                 |
| Wentworth School          | 1                            | 0                                 |
| Scarborough Middle School | 0                            | 0                                 |
| Scarborough High School   | 7                            | 62                                |
| District (non-school)     | 0                            | 0                                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>8</b>                     | <b>62</b>                         |

We continue to notify staff and families of positive cases as they occur in individual buildings or sites, via communication from building principals. All school level communications in regards to COVID are uploaded on our district communications webpage as they occur for those of you who want to be informed more than once a week.

Cumberland County continues to be in the yellow category which suggests that our county has an elevated risk of COVID-19. As a reminder, color category data are publicly posted on the Maine CDC

website. The next assessment for color coding by the state will take place on January 29.

**Please continue to reach out to your school nurse if your student tests positive and share any information about contact that may have been had with anyone affiliated with Scarborough Public Schools, even if that contact occurred outside of school.**

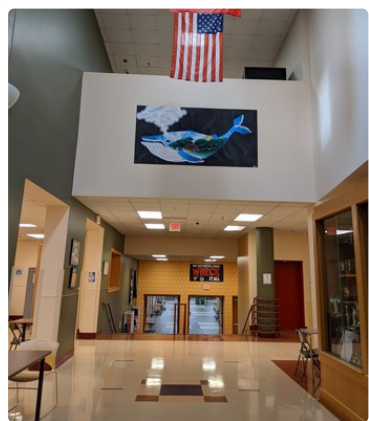
## MAINE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

In a typical year, it is our classroom staff who create a world of learning for our students and find ways to engage each student to meet their individual needs. This year has demanded new ways of doing things on a daily basis including engaging in person and remote students at the same time, recreating plans and lessons, and reminding our students a smile CAN be seen behind the mask. Our staff has done all of this and more, demonstrating their dedication to and mastery of their profession.

Our teachers are the role models, the innovative leaders, the committed advocates, and trusted resources our students depend upon each and every day. This is our chance to share this knowledge with the rest of the state by [nominating](#) that special someone for County Teacher of the Year!!

Educate Maine and the Maine Department of Education will be selecting 16 recipients for this honor; recognizing those teachers who advocate for their students at every opportunity, ensuring they have the tools and resources necessary to accomplish their craft, and more importantly are nominated for their dedication by their community. Please take a moment to nominate a member of our staff for their work. The [nominations](#) are open until February 5th and the winners will be announced in May! Let's show the state what we already know - the teachers of Scarborough Public Schools are the best!

### Where Are The High School Students This Week?

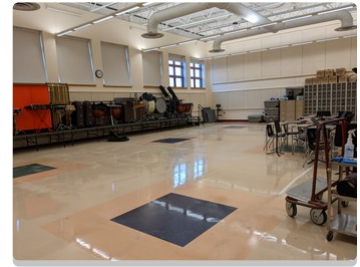


Remote Mid-Year Exams



## Getting Ready for Band

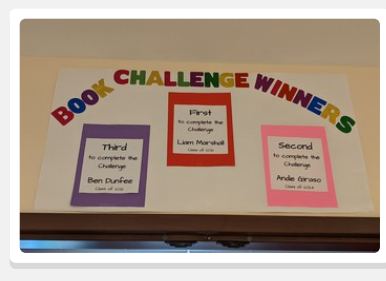
A big thank you for everyone's efforts in preparing for the SHS band to begin practicing and performing safely. We are all very excited about the possibilities!



Recognizing SHS Alum Who Serve



HS COVID-19 Time Capsule Ideas



HS Learning Commons Book Challenge Winners



## Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[SPS Revised School Calendar](#)

- **February 4** - School Board Meeting
- **February 15** - Presidents' Day
- **February 15 - 19** - School Vacation

## Fully Remote Preparedness Plans

Linked [here](#), you will find an overview to Scarborough Public Schools Fully Remote Preparedness Plan, which was shared with the School Board at their December 3, 2020 meeting. Although our goal is to maintain in person learning to the greatest extent possible, there needs to be adequate staffing to facilitate in person learning.



## 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).*

- Schools
- Board of Education
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  - Facilities
  - Information Technology
  - Nutrition Program
  - Health Services
  - Transportation
- District Communications
- Parent Information
  - Student Registration
  - Student Transfer Request
  - Emergency Plan
  - RevTrak Online Payments
  - Anti-Bullying Information
  - 5210 Let's Go!
  - Common Sense Media
  - Community Bulletin Board
- Employment Opportunities
- Education Foundation
- Scarborough School Business Partnership
- Administrator Recertification

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 \*



**Health & Safety**

Please make sure you review [the UPDATED Student Health Self Assessment](#) questions EVERY DAY before sending your child off to school.


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





# COVID-19


## Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance

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**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?** YES =   
*(see symptom list to the right)*

**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

**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).

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

Affend 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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## 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](mailto:amarchese@scarboroughschools.org)

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[Community Services](#) | Todd Souza, [tsouza@scarboroughmaine.org](mailto:tsouza@scarboroughmaine.org)





## Tech Support


For technology assistance with SPS student laptops, please send a message to [techsupport@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:techsupport@scarboroughschools.org) and someone from Technology will be in touch to assist you.



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