

# Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - December 4, 2020

## Back to School Survey Results Fall 2020

Families, students, and staff had the opportunity to provide feedback in a Panorama Back to School Survey between Nov. 6 and 16, 2020. We very much appreciate the feedback that was provided and are closely examining results to identify strengths and areas for continued attention. Click on the link below to find detailed results and statistics about each of the surveys that were provided to students, families, and staff.



[Detailed Survey Results Fall 2020](#)

## Fall Data Overview: December 3 School Board Presentation

Attached please find a presentation of the Panorama Back to School Survey Results and the i-Ready Fall Diagnostic Results presented at the Dec.3 School Board meeting.



[Fall 2020 Data Overview](#)

## A Message From the Superintendent

Dear Friends,

The month of December is a natural interlude to not only reflect on the year in review, but continue to establish priorities for the new year ahead. As we move into 2021, our dedication to the growth and well-being of our students, employees, and community remains steadfast. Indeed, we all have seen positive cases of COVID-19 within Southern Maine and beyond, however, I am most pleased that our school community to date has contained the virus to relatively small numbers.

The new year also brings encouragement knowing that the Maine Department of Education has hired a cadred of nurses, many retired from years of employment in Maine Schools. Over twenty nurses have joined the ranks with focusing their work with the ongoing work of Maine CDC's case investigation and contact tracing team.

With our continued effort with increasing and providing new technology initiatives supporting our efforts which will support every learner, our technology department has been working furiously to deploy equipment. Desktops, laptop replacements with audio enhancements and cameras will further enhance our learners as we embark on the year 2021. We are forever grateful to have our technology staff who have played a crucial role with providing education to all of our students.

Our due diligence as an organization is to ensure that we are ready for full remote learning if and when this may occur. Each Building Administrator presented their Building's Remote Learning Preparedness Plan at our most recent school board meeting. No matter what challenges lie ahead, each student, staff, parents/guardian has an opportunity to get Better. How we can incorporate a mindset of continuous improvement into everything we do is the essential question. Day by day, work to work, we will do what is right for our students and our continued dedication to this important work will be nothing short of outstanding.

As always, our commitment to be transparent and to ensure we take the extra care and caution for our school community remains the highest priority.

Warm regards,  
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## Following up from Lynn Lyons

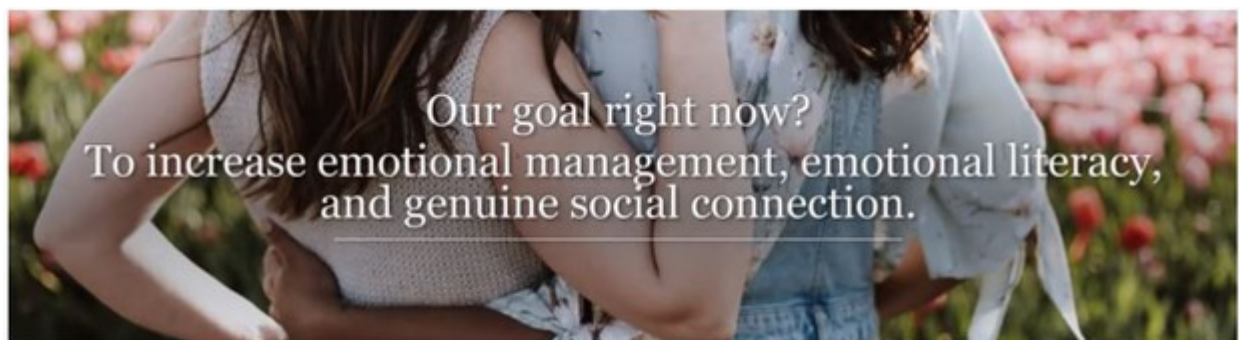
Here are links to the resources that Lynn Lyons, anxiety expert, shared at the recent virtual community events. The feedback from these events is currently being reviewed to identify potential next steps.

[Lynn Lyons Website](#)

[Flusterclux with Lynn Lyons](#) (podcasts)

[Neuroplasticity Infographic](#)

## Lynn's Advice for All:



## 2020 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Due to the pandemic this year, the Annual Scarborough Community Thanksgiving Dinner 2020 program shifted gears. This year there was no sit-down dinner offered and instead, contactless, curbside pick-up was offered and over 1,300 Thanksgiving dinners were prepared and packaged for our community! This was quite a feat to say the least! Our volunteers worked hard and got this incredible job done. We are so appreciative of our generous community sponsors - our fantastic Scarborough Public Schools Nutrition Department for cooking and packing every meal, Scarborough Police Department, for assisting with traffic, food distribution, and delivery for those unable to pick up their food, and of course, Project GRACE, for helping in too many ways to count! As always, this is truly a community event, and Scarborough Schools is so grateful to have been involved in the tremendous endeavor!



## Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[SPS Calendar](#)

- **December 17** - School Board Workshop
- **December 23 - January 1** - Winter Break

## Parent FAQ for COVID-19 Updated

As new information continues to evolve regarding COVID-19, it is extremely important that we share with you the most up-to-date materials that we receive. **PLEASE take a moment and carefully review this [Parent FAQ](#) that has been updated as of today, with information from the district and also from the state Department of Education.** All updates in the FAQ are in blue type. Just this afternoon, the Maine CDC amended the quarantine requirement to 10 days, down from 14 days.



If you have additional health-related questions or concerns, please reach out to your school nurse:

- **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 Kennev - 730-4842

# 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).*

The screenshot shows the SPS website interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like Schools, Board of Education, Central Office, District Communications, and Parent Information. The 'District Communications' link is highlighted. The main content area features a 'Recent SPS District Newsletters' section with a list of dated newsletters and their topics. Below this is the 'SPS District Email Newsletter Signup' section, which includes a 'Signup Form' with fields for 'Name' and 'Email Address', and a 'Subscribe' button. A blue arrow points to the 'Email Address' field.




## 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

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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)  
[Transportation](#) | Sarah Redmond, [redmond@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:redmond@scarboroughschools.org)  
[Food Services](#) | Peter Esposito, [pesposito@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:pesposito@scarboroughschools.org)  
[Athletics & Activities](#) | Mike LeGage, [mlegage@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:mlegage@scarboroughschools.org)  
[Curriculum](#) | Monique Culbertson, [mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org)  
[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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