

# Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - September 24, 2021

## Flu Shot Clinics

Check your child's Smore newsletter next week for the date and time of the flu clinic that will be held at your child's school during the last week of October. Complete details will be included next week!



## Communication about Positive COVID Cases in Our Schools

As we did last year, Scarborough Public Schools will continue provide information to you on a weekly basis about the number of positive COVID cases in our schools, as well as the number of people who are identified as close contacts. This year close contacts are being communicated in 2 columns, whereas the Maine CDC exempts people from school quarantine if they have classroom only contact (since we are universally masking), are fully vaccinated, or actively participating in pooled testing.

Positive COVID cases at Scarborough Public Schools  
September 10, 2021 to September 24, 2021

Location	Total Case # in last 14 days	Total # Close Contacts quarantined from school and community	Total # Close Contacts quarantined from community only
Blue Point School	2	0	0
Eight Corners School	2	17	0
Pleasant Hill School	0	0	0
Wentworth School	0	8	0
Scarborough Middle School	3	2	19
Scarborough High School	0	0	0
District (non-school)	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>



## Pooled Testing Information and Reminders

Pooled testing begins next week at our K-2 schools, with Blue Point and Eight Corners testing on Monday, and Pleasant Hill testing on Tuesday.

This weekly testing will only take place for those who choose to be part of the program and is another mitigation measure that is being put in place to identify any positive cases at the earliest time possible. Although enrollment will remain open indefinitely, **if you have not yet enrolled your child, their testing will not begin until the October 4 pool.** Active status in the program is based on the enrollment on the Concentric site each Thursday.

Below you will find a link to the consent form. This sign-up process should take no more than 5 minutes for you to complete using a computer or a smartphone. We also have paper copies available if you would prefer that, as well as consents available in multiple languages. Please note that if your child is already 18, they should fill out their own form using the link for adults. If you need to provide consent **for more than one child**, please complete the process separately for each child. Click on the appropriate link below to access the online consent form. For a screen by screen visual of the sign up process, [click here](#).

[Minors \(<18 years of Age\)](#)

<https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/minor-consent>

[Adults \(> 18 years of Age\)](#)

<https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/invite-by-code>

Here are the access codes that you will need to input for the school your child attends:

School Name Access Code

Scarborough High School: RED-STORM

Scarborough Middle School MIDDLE

Wentworth School WENTWORTH

Blue Point School BLUE-POINT

Eight Corners School 8-CORNERS

Pleasant Hill School PLEASANT

Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days should wait to complete this form and to participate in pooled testing until they are 90 day past the positive test date.

Resources:

\* To learn more about pooled testing watch this [video](#) from another school using this service or this [video of a second grade student](#) demonstrating pooled testing.

\* For more information on our pooled testing provider, Concentric by Ginkgo, visit their website [www.concentricbyginkgo.com/families](http://www.concentricbyginkgo.com/families)

\* [This](#) is a helpful fact sheet about pooled testing.







## Message from the School Board

On November 2 Scarborough residents will be asked to vote on Referendum Question 2 to replace the aging turf and track field. The original track was installed in 1979 and has been resurfaced twice in the last 42 years. The most recent resurfacing occurred in 2006 when the turf field was initially installed. At the time of installation, the turf field had a warranty period of eight (8) years which expired in 2014 and a projected ten (10) year useful lifespan which ended in 2016.

Much like the brakes on your vehicle, the track and turf field need to be replaced on a regular basis for safety reasons. The town has completed general maintenance and upkeep on the facilities to ensure a safe playing surface over the years, including an extra 600 lbs of rubber installed on the turf field to improve the cushion for our athletes. Over the past few years, mitigation efforts have become more costly and less effective at maintaining the safety of the facility. The fibers and seams are so worn down that the rubber pellets are rising up and often fill cleats and sneakers of anyone who is on the field. In the very near future, seasonal repairs will not be enough to maintain a safe standard for community and school use; a replacement is the only solution.

These facilities are used by the general community and our students on a near daily basis:

- Scarborough schools have 27 different teams using the full facility throughout the school year
- 1100 hours by 18 different user groups were logged from Fall 2018 - Summer 2019 on the field
- This number does not include any hours community members may have logged walking or running on the track

Over the next seven weeks there will be more information shared with the community regarding the need for this project as well as the design plans for the changes to the Kippy Mitchell Sports Complex turf and track. Part of this outreach will include opportunities for the community to see the conditions and ask questions before the referendum on November 2nd.

## Health & Safety

Please make sure you review the **UPDATED Student Health Self Assessment** questions for 2021-22 below **EVERY DAY** before sending your child off to school.

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



## Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance

Within the past 24 hours have you had a fever\* or taken fever reducing medicine? YES =



Do you feel sick, had vomiting/diarrhea, fever\*, sore throat, or felt unwell? YES =



Have you been told to stay home and isolate/quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure? YES =



**Stay home with any YES response to the questions above.**

**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.**

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY ILLNESS THEY SHOULD STAY AT HOME UNTIL NO FEVER FOR 24 HOURS WITHOUT TAKING FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION AND SYMPTOMS ARE IMPROVING OR GONE.

\*A fever is 100.4F/38C or greater.



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## 2021-2022 Breakfast & Lunch Ordering Protocols

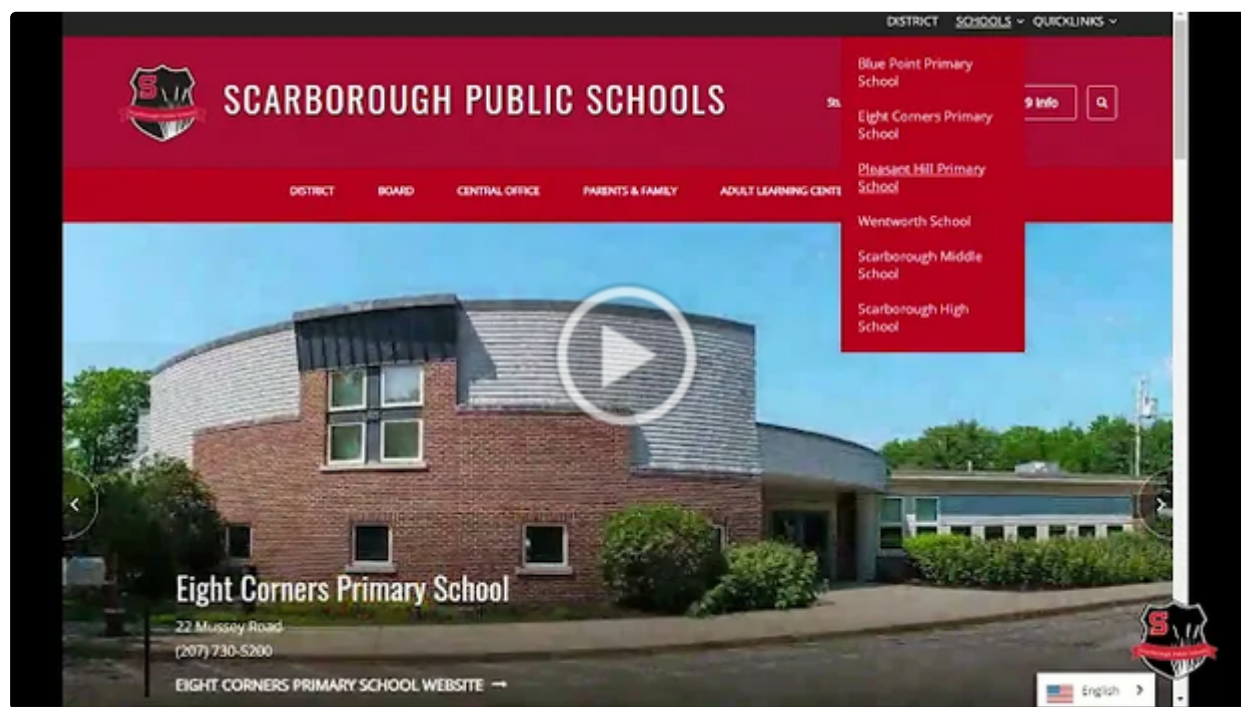
As a general reminder, all breakfast and lunch meals for all students in Scarborough Schools are free for this school year 2021-2022. All existing students whose parents have an account will be able to order breakfast and lunch using the same procedure as last year, from the Nutrislice app on a device or at <https://www.scarboroughschools.org/> (at the top of the page click "Quick links", then go to School Lunch for all meal menus).

All Kindergarten and new students to the district will have to make a Nutrislice account through the Nutrislice app or through <https://scarboroughschools.nutrislice.com/menu/create-account> before they can order breakfast and lunch. Parents will need the child's ID# before they can start the registration process.

For breakfast meals in all of our schools, you can order online on the same day before 6:30 AM, while for lunch meals, you can order online on the same day before 7:30 AM. You can order meals for the day, or set up a weekly or monthly plan for meals to be provided to your children. The menus for all meals for a new month will be posted on the school's website and on the Nutrislice app the last Monday at the end of the previous month.

Each school has created their own system for their lunch disbursement. They are continually reviewing the process and making modifications as needed. Please be patient with our school staff as they work towards improving and refining their daily lunch routines.

Please call or email Brenda Franklin at 207-730-4700 or [bfranklin@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:bfranklin@scarboroughschools.org) for any help or questions or if you need the child's ID#.



## New SPS Website has been Launched!

Our team at Scarborough Public schools has spent the last few months working to create a brand new website, and are excited to announce that it has been launched to the Scarborough Schools community!

Please take a moment to watch the video below, and preview what new features are in store as we share our new district website.

[Watch New SPS Introduction Video](#)

## Images From Our Schools





## Resources for Parents

- Podcast and Post: (Season 4 Episode 1) [Back To School! 4 Ways to Boost Your Kids' Mental Health](#)
- Article: [How Your Kids Can Have Fun Without Stressing You Out](#)
- Reviews: [For what your kids are into \(before they get into it\)](#).







## Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

### [2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

- **October 7** - School Board Meeting
- **October 11** - No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day
- **October 20** - Early Release\*
- **October 21** - School Board Meeting

\*Early Release Times:

K-5 - 1:45PM

6-8 - 12:55PM

## 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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[Curriculum](#) | Monique Culbertson, [mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org)

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



Task 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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