

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - October 29, 2021



Please Get Out to Vote On the Turf and Track Referendum

As you may know the turf field and track surfaces are much past their normal life expectancy, nearly 8 years past that time.... On November 2, there will be a ballot question and an opportunity to change that

Shall the Order entitled **"ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$1,900,800 IN BONDS OF THE TOWN TO FUND THE COST OF THE HIGH SCHOOL TURF FIELD AND TRACK REPLACEMENT"** be approved?

We hope you join us in our efforts to spread the word to Vote on November 2. Our turf/track facility is in such poor condition that we do not know season to season whether it will be playable or not.

Project History

The track was first installed in 1979. In 2006, the track underwent a second resurfacing and the original turf was installed. Since then, there has been ongoing maintenance to support the active use of both amenities. A typical lifespan for a turf surface is eight- ten years (reached in 2016). It has surpassed its lifespan and is beyond the point of being remedied by general maintenance alone. There are safety concerns brought on by the deterioration of surface material and tripping hazards on the field.

Sports and activities are vital to the education of students to help support well-rounded and civic minded adults. Students learn lifelong lessons that complement the academic lessons taught in the

classroom, and these programs cost just over 2% of the overall school's budget. We are proud of our school system as people move to Scarborough in part, because of its schools and our athletics/activities programs. **Good schools make good communities.**

Impact if Approved

This renovation project does not only benefit student athletes; it benefits the community and user groups of all ages. There are nearly 18 different groups who use the turf and track, ranging from students, athletes, community services program participants, residents, youth sports leagues and clubs. From the Fall of 2018 to Summer of 2019, this amounted to 1,100 hours of scheduled use for various activities and programs.

Impact if Not Approved

If not approved, the damage will worsen and cost to fix will rise. This was proven true when it was not approved in the 2019 referendum at \$1.2 million. The current project cost is an estimated \$1.9 million. It also faces the potential for closure when safety risks become too high. Closure of the facility would impact programming offered through the School Department as well as increase the demand on other town fields. Closure would also affect much of the youth programming offered through Community Services and private clubs. Additionally, there would be potential costs for the schools to rent facilities outside of Scarborough to continue offering existing athletic programs.

The decisions we make on November 2nd related to the turf/track project affect our children's daily lives. Elections are our chance to stand up for what matters most to us and to have an impact on the issues that affect us, our communities, our families and our future. Please be educated when you go to the polls on November 2nd to vote....

[IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCARBOROUGH'S TURF/TRACK PROJECT](#)

COVID Immunization Clinics

Scarborough Public Schools is partnering with Northern Light to host school-based clinics for those families who are interested in getting their children vaccinated. Over 400 people expressed interest to date. You should have received an email FROM YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITH THE LINKS TO OFFICIALLY SIGN UP WITH NORTHERN LIGHT for your child's vaccination. Copies of those communications have also been placed onto our [district webpage](#) for you to access it there as needed (*go to the "district" heading on our homepage and then click on "district communications"*).



Northern Light has confirmed these dates for COVID vaccinations for students ages 5-11.

11/8

Pleasant Hill School

Scarborough Middle School

11/9

Blue Point School

Eight Corners School

11/10

Wentworth School

The vaccine is a 2 part immunization, and, as such, the second round of vaccines will take place during

quarantine, either at school or in the community.

Communication about Positive COVID Cases in Our Schools

Here is our weekly snapshot of school-related cases. 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
October 16, 2021 to October 29, 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	0	0	0
Eight Corners School	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill School	0	0	0
Wentworth School	4	5	27
Scarborough Middle School	6	24	103
Scarborough High School	1	3	1
District (non-school)	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	32	131

Pooled Testing Information and Reminders

Pooled testing is solidly in place at Blue Point, Eight Corners, Pleasant Hill, and Wentworth School. **We are now expanding to Scarborough Middle School, with testing tentatively scheduled to begin during the week of November 15.**



If you are still in need of sign up and consent information, please refer to the Pooled Testing article in the [September 17, 2021 newsletter](#) to get the links you will need.

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!




UPDATED Pre-Screening Tool


Please note that the **Pre-Screening Tool** (shown below) was updated on **October 19, 2021** by the Maine DOE .

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, new cough, or felt unwell?

YES = 

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

YES = 

Most Common Symptoms of COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever *
- Chills
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Less Common Symptoms:



- Muscle pain
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Stomach pain
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Rash
- Swelling or redness of hands/feet
- Red eyes/eye drainage
- Congestion/runny nose

*Fever is 100.4°F/ 38°C regardless of measurement location (oral, temporal)

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

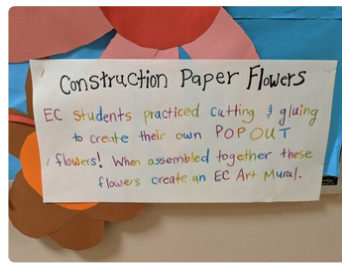
Symptoms of illness can have many causes. Please keep your student home and contact your school nurse or primary care provider if your student is unwell. Students who present with symptoms while in school will be dismissed to home at the discretion of the nurse.

*A fever is 100.4°F/38°C or greater.



Updated 10.19.2021

Art and Science at Eight Corners School





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 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](#)

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](#)

- **November 2** - Election Day* - Scarborough High School - 7:00am-8:00pm
- **November 4** - School Board Meeting

- **November 11** - Veterans' Day - No School
- **November 17** - Early Release Day**
- **November 18** - School Board Meeting

*For more information on Election Day, please see the [Town's website](#).

**Early Release Times:

K-5 - 1:45pm

6-12 - 12:25pm

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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[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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