

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - November 19, 2021



New Wentworth School Interim Assistant Principal Named

At the November 18th School Board meeting, Karen Walker was appointed as the Interim Assistant Principal at Wentworth School. Karen replaces Brem Stoner, who is now the Interim Principal at Pleasant Hill School. Karen has been the Literacy Instructional Coach at Wentworth School since 2014. Prior to that she was a primary school teacher in Old Orchard Beach.

Scarborough Schools is excited to welcome Karen into this leadership position, and feel confident that her positive energy and student-first approach will serve the Wentworth staff and students wonderfully!



COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics- Round 2

As we prepare for the 2nd round of vaccine clinics, we want to make sure you have the dates for your child. Each building will send out logistics for parents who choose to be present for their child's second vaccination. Once fully vaccinated, students would not be subject to any kind of quarantine, either at school or in the community.

Here are the specific dates and times:

Pleasant Hill Dec 6 - 9 am to 11:30 am

Middle School Dec 6 - 12 pm to 2 pm

Blue Point Dec 7 - 9 am to 11:30 am

Eight Corners Dec 7 - 12 pm to 3 pm

Wentworth Dec 8 - 9 am to 12 pm

Please contact your school nurse if you are not planning on getting the second dose at school.



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, 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 100.4F/38C or greater.



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Return to School Requirements for International Travel

For those of you traveling outside of the United States, please follow the state mandate as listed below, per the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention requirements:

For all people who are **NOT FULLY VACCINATED** and arrive in Maine within 7 days of entering the United States:

- **Quarantine for 7 days from arrival in the US AND get a COVID-19 molecular or antigen test 3-5 days after arrival in the US.**
 - If the COVID-19 test is positive, [isolate](#).
 - **Even if the COVID-19 test is negative, complete the 7-day quarantine after travel.**
 - If individuals arriving from international travel do not get a COVID-19 test after their arrival, they should quarantine for 10 days after their arrival in the US.
- Avoid being around anyone who is at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness for 14 days following arrival in the US, regardless of COVID-19 test results.

For people who **ARE FULLY VACCINATED** (at least 14 days past their final COVID-19 dose) who arrive in Maine:

- Quarantine is not required unless you are experiencing symptoms.
- Testing is recommended 3-5 days after arrival in the US.
 - If the COVID-19 test is positive, [isolate](#).

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
Nov 6, 2021 to November 19, 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	1	0	0
Eight Corners School	3	2	16
Pleasant Hill School	0	0	0
Wentworth School	2	2	5
Scarborough Middle School	7	15	63
Scarborough High School	5	5	2
District (non-school)	0	0	0
TOTAL	18	24	86

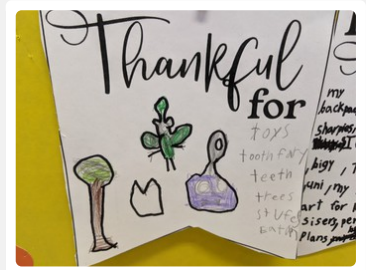
Pooled Testing Information and Reminders

Pooled testing is solidly in place at Blue Point, Eight Corners, Pleasant Hill, and Wentworth School, and the Middle School. 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.



There will be NO pooled testing next week, as the state will be on hiatus for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Images from Blue Point School





NWEA MAP Reports Heading Home This Fall

The individual student results of the fall **NWEA MAP Growth Tests** will be going home to families this fall. They will include a Reading, Language Usage and Mathematics report. Middle school and high school reports will be going home between mid-November and mid-December. Families of students in grades 3-5 will receive their reports in mid December with their report cards. To learn more about these reports, here is [a link to a Sample Family Report](#).

We are sharing the NWEA reports with you now in our efforts to provide you with the current information we have regarding your child's performance on this assessment. As students will be required to take these assessments again in the spring, we will be sending these reports home again by the end of the school year.

The data is very important to us as it will assist us in making improvements to our curriculum and instruction. We track and study group data to inform shifts in curriculum and we look at classroom

and individual data to plan for instruction. The spring data will be used to gauge and celebrate growth.

Our primary purpose for these assessments is not to give your child a score or grade but to determine how to best support their learning and their growth. They are not placement tests. They are tools, along with classroom data, to help your child continue their learning at an appropriate level of challenge and celebrate their growth. NWEA is an adaptive assessment that adjusts questions to identify your child's areas of instructional readiness.



2021-2022 Breakfast & Lunch Ordering Protocols

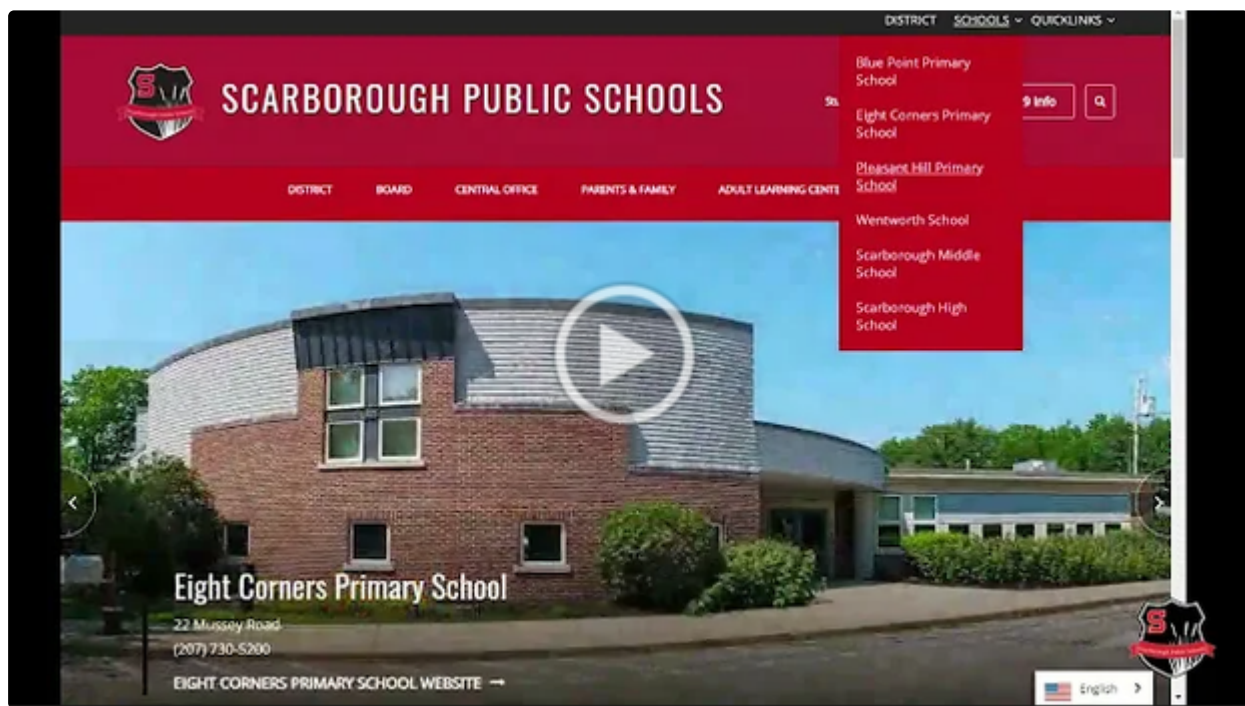
As a general reminder, all breakfast and lunch meals for all students in Scarborough Schools are free for this school year 2021-2022. All existing students whose parents have an account will be able to order breakfast and lunch using the same procedure as last year, from the Nutrislice app on a device 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 24-26** - Thanksgiving Break
- **December 2** - School Board Meeting
- **December 15** - *Early Release
- **December 16** - School Board Meeting
- **December 23 - 31** - Winter Vacation

K-5 - 1:45pm
6-12 - 12:25pm

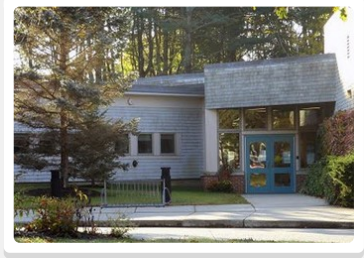
Links to Our Schools



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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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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