

# Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - December 10, 2021

## COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics- Round 2 Complete!!!

Thanks to our partner, Northern Light, our school nurses, administration, and many staff who came together to make our second round of vaccine clinics a huge success. Because of our team effort, over 650 students were vaccinated this week! In fact, Northern Light shared that Scarborough Public Schools had the highest percentage of participation of all the districts that they partner with!!!



## Join Us at The Regional Job Fair Tomorrow!

We are actively seeking people to join our team here at Scarborough Public Schools. Hope to see you tomorrow at our Job Fair- details below! If you are unable to attend the job fair, please go to the district website and apply for one of our openings at

<https://www.scarboroughschools.org/employment-opportunities>

# Regional Schools Job Fair

**NEED A NEW GIG?  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE  
LIFE OF A CHILD!**



**Saturday, Dec 11  
Westbrook Middle School  
471 Stroudwater St.  
9 am to 11 am**



**On the spot interviews  
for:**

- student support staff
- custodians
- food service workers
- bus and van drivers
- substitutes

**Participating School Districts Include:**

**CAPE ELIZABETH - GORHAM - FREEPORT - MSAD 15 - RSU 14  
SCARBOROUGH - SOUTH PORTLAND - WESTBROOK**

## COVID Dashboard

Here is our weekly snapshot of school-related cases that have occurred in the last 2 weeks. 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 27, 2021 to Dec 10, 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	6	12	26
Pleasant Hill School	4	8	42
Wentworth School	4	3	36
Scarborough Middle School	8	7	50
Scarborough High School	7	5	7
District (non-school)	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>161</b>



## Pooled Testing at the High School Starts on Monday

In case you have not yet signed up, here is a link to the consent form and the access code that you will need. At this time, anyone who signs up will be included in the pools beginning on Jan 3.

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

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

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

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

[Access Code](#)

Scarborough High School: RED-STORM

## 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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## 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.

# 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](#).



## 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](#)

## 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](#)

- **December 15** - \*Early Release
- **December 16** - School Board Meeting
- **December 23 - 31** - Winter Vacation

\*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](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)

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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)



## 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.



## Scarborough Schools

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