

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - April 8, 2022



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Community Dialogue - May 11th

Scarborough Community-

I am pleased to announce that a Community Dialogue is being planned for Wednesday, May 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Scarborough High School. We hope you will join us and participate in charting a course for Scarborough Schools now and into the future.

- Join us to exchange ideas about a strategic vision for the future;
- Staff, parent/family and students surveys will be going out soon - we need your feedback;
- Our Leadership Team will be facilitating conversations on focus areas generated from our surveys;
- We will also be presenting information on the new primary school building project.

Please mark your calendar! Watch your email for our survey. We will be sending out more detailed information soon.

Regards,
Geoff Bruno

SPS Announces New Director of Special Services

At the April 7th School Board meeting, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Chris Rohde as the district's next Director of Special Services. Chris will be replacing Alison Marchese, who will be retiring in July 2022 after over 37 years with Scarborough Schools.

Chris has been a member of the Scarborough School roster since he started in the district in 1999. He has been the Assistant Director of Special Services since 2005.



We would like to thank Alison for all she has done for our district - she will be greatly missed. And we would also like to congratulate Chris for his next venture with SPS - as the new Director of Special Services! Best of luck to both!

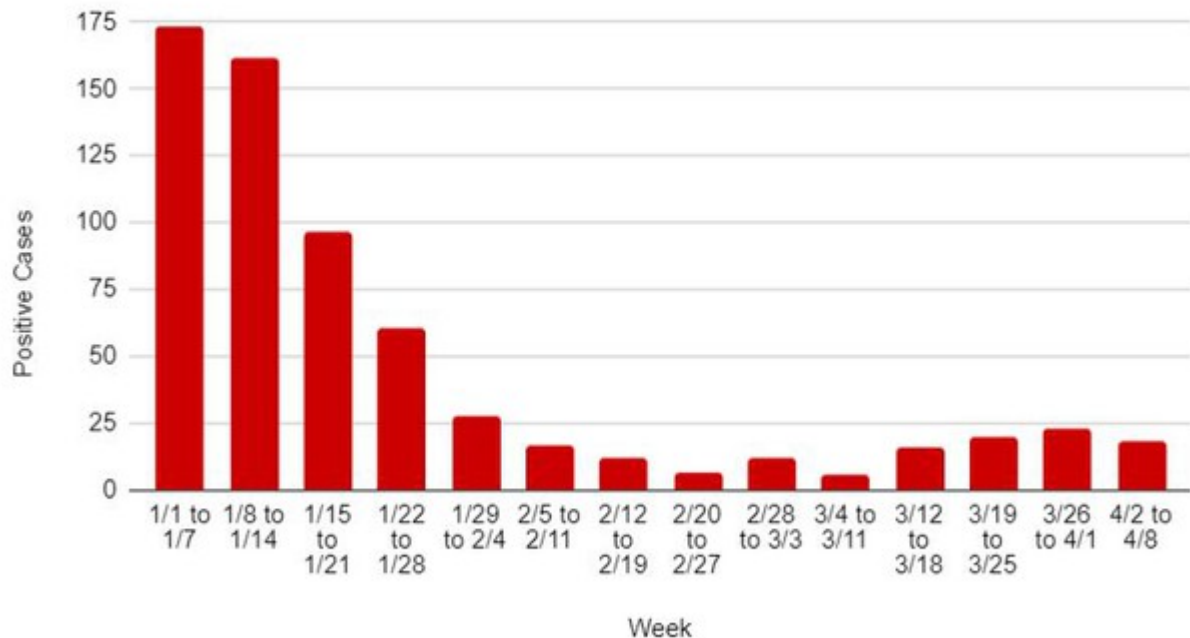
Approved 2022-2023 School Calendar

The [2022-2023 school calendar](#) was approved at the April 7th School Board meeting. The only major change from the previous 2021-2022 calendar is an additional staff professional development day on October 7, 2022 (no school for students). The balance of the calendar is very similar to years past, including holidays and vacation days for staff and students. For our K-5 students, there is a slightly different format for them for their first days of school (8/31 and 9/1), as noted on the calendar.



For those of you interested in knowing daily absence rates due to general illness by school, that information will be available on our [Scarborough Public Schools Website](#), in addition to the already existing COVID numbers by school for each week. Please note that the data about student illness rates is an overall percentage of students absent, calculated as a daily average for each week, and includes ALL illnesses, not just those that are COVID related.

District Wide Positive Cases by Week



The [Scarborough Public Schools Website](#) has more detailed information on the number of COVID-19 positive cases by school. We will continue to update information on the website each week, so please visit the link above for the most recent information by school.

FY23 Budget Calendar

April 6th: Town Council 1st Reading

April 28th: School Board Public Hearing

May 4th: Town Council Public Hearing

May 5th: School Board 2nd Reading

May 18th: Town Council 2nd Reading

June 14th: Referendum

Please visit the town and school websites for additional budget information, dates and Zoom links



Overview of Results Winter 2022



Group	Students Grades K-2	Students Grades 3-5	Students Grades 6-8	Students Grades 9-12
Survey	Teacher Perception Survey	SEL Skills and Wellbeing	SEL Skills and Wellbeing	SEL Skills and Wellbeing
Resp.	563 (90%)	564 (89%)	668 (95%)	677 (75%)
Topics (listed in rank order with range of percent favorable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emotion Regulation (77%) Engagement Social Awareness Self Efficacy Self-Management (57%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive Relationships (89%) Self-Management Social Awareness Positive Feelings Challenging Feelings Growth Mindset (59%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive Relationships (85%) Self-Management Social Awareness Positive Feelings Challenging Feelings Growth Mindset (54%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive Relationships (85%) Self-Management Social Awareness Positive Feelings Growth Mindset Challenging Feelings (45%)

Survey window: January 30 - February 18, 2022

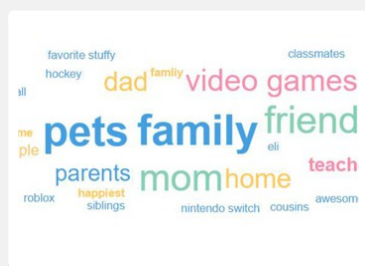
More on the Winter Panorama Survey Results

Students in grade 3-12 took the Panorama SEL Survey in February. Staff on March 18th have begin reviewing and analyzing the data to gauge progress on our district-wide goal of social and emotional learning as well as to re-focus our efforts in areas indicating a need for improvement. The link below contains a highlight of the data across all schools.

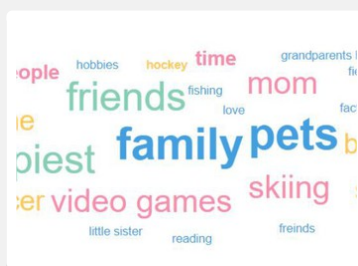


- [Highlights of the Winter 2022 Student SEL Survey Results](#)

Family Matters! Student Survey Responses: Thinking about everything in your life right now, what makes you feel the happiest?



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

- **April 15** - No school - staff or students
- **April 18** - Patriot's Day - Central Office Closed
- **April 18 - 22** - School Vacation
- **April 28** - School Board Meeting & Public Hearing on FY23 Budget

Become a Substitute!

The Maine Department of Education and Educate Maine have partnered together to promote more individuals to become substitutes by offering **full reimbursement for the fees** associated with fingerprinting and background checks as an incentive. Please consider this opportunity if you have time to support our students in this way.

A Call to Action: Our Schools Need YOU!



Maine Department of Education and Educate Maine are partnering to call on Maine businesses, leaders and citizens to become guest school staff members. It's time to lean in!



Maine's schools have been safely open for business, ensuring that students have access whenever possible to high quality, in-person learning.

The statewide surge of COVID-19 has increased school staffing shortages, and many schools have had to make emergency and disruptive pivots to remote learning, simply because they do not have enough adults to ensure that schools can operate safely and effectively.

WE NEED YOU to be a guest school staff member.

What is a Guest school staff member? Guest school staff members are substitute staff who are supporting or filling in for bus drivers, playground monitors, food service workers, teachers and support staff. Most are daylong positions, some are hourly, but even one day of substituting can make the difference, keeping a school open for students!

How?

It's a simple process. Go to this [website](#), and follow the 9 steps for choosing where you would like to help, applying, and receiving the required training and background clearance for working in a school. Check it out: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/substitute>

What does it cost?

Nothing but a little time. It will take about one hour to fill out and submit the needed applications, and a \$15 application fee and \$55 fingerprinting fee will be charged, but this **WILL BE REIMBURSED!** Getting fingerprinted will take a bit more time, but you can schedule an appointment that is convenient for you.

Why?

You can make a difference. You will be a hero, supporting your schools and ensuring that public education is available for all of Maine's children. You can work with the school district(s) of your choice, may be able to choose when and where you can help, and you will be inspired by the energy and miracles that fill our schools.

We will be using social media platforms to recognize our heroes and the organizations who are supporting Maine schools. Please join us- and be recognized as among those who are making a difference.



Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High 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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Services & Information

- [Spec. Services](mailto:amarchese@scarboroughschools.org) | Alison Marchese, amarchese@scarboroughschools.org
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- [Curriculum](mailto:mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org) | Monique Culbertson, mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org
- [Community Services](mailto:tsouza@scarboroughmaine.org) | 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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