

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - May 13, 2022

Community Dialogue - THANK YOU!

To the Scarborough Community:

A special thank you to those of you who participated and/or tuned in to our virtual community dialogue and presentation on the K-8 Strategic Project & New Primary School. During the first hour, from **6-7pm**, groups of community members, staff, and students engaged in facilitated table group discussions on one of the following topic areas of interest:

- **Topic 1 - Vision for Scarborough facilities now and into the future:** school buildings, extracurricular activities, preparing for growth in our community, and meeting the needs of our kids and families.
- **Topic 2 - Cultivating an inclusive and safe community environment in our schools.** Scarborough continues to grow and become more culturally diverse: how can we strengthen our community to make all feel welcome?
- **Topic 3 - Support for Learning:** coming out of this pandemic and returning to in-person schooling, how can we best support and meet the academic and social emotional needs of all our learners?

We had in-depth discussions and are looking forward to sharing our notes and ideas: they will be posted to our website by early next week!

During the second hour, from **7:15-8:15**, Lisa Sawin, head architect from Harriman Associates, Andrew Bradley, co-chair of the building committee, and myself, led a presentation sharing progress made by the Scarborough Primary School Project Building Committee, which has been meeting twice every month starting this past January. The presentation included a history of research, studies, work already completed, the current conditions and why a new primary school is needed, an interactive educational visioning exercise, and upcoming forums/ways to get involved in the project. Please navigate to this page to access a recording of the presentation, or any other information related to the building project. [LINK TO BUILDING PROJECT](#).

GET INVOLVED. Join a building project subcommittee by clicking on [THIS LINK](#).

ATTEND A FORUM: Site Selection Overview and Process - June 6th, 6-8pm

Best Regards,

Geoff Bruno, Superintendent of Schools



Voices of Hope



Addiction impacts our lives and community in seen and unseen ways. Connecting with people's stories of struggle and hope and tapping into resources for support can make a difference on this rugged road. **Voices of Hope** has a [new series airing on Maine PBS](#) with videos available after each broadcast. You can also visit the [Voices of Hope website](#) to view the series and much more. Scarborough Schools is proud to support and to be supported by the work of Voices of Hope and we encourage our entire school community to help share this resource. FMI: voicesofhope.ep@gmail.com

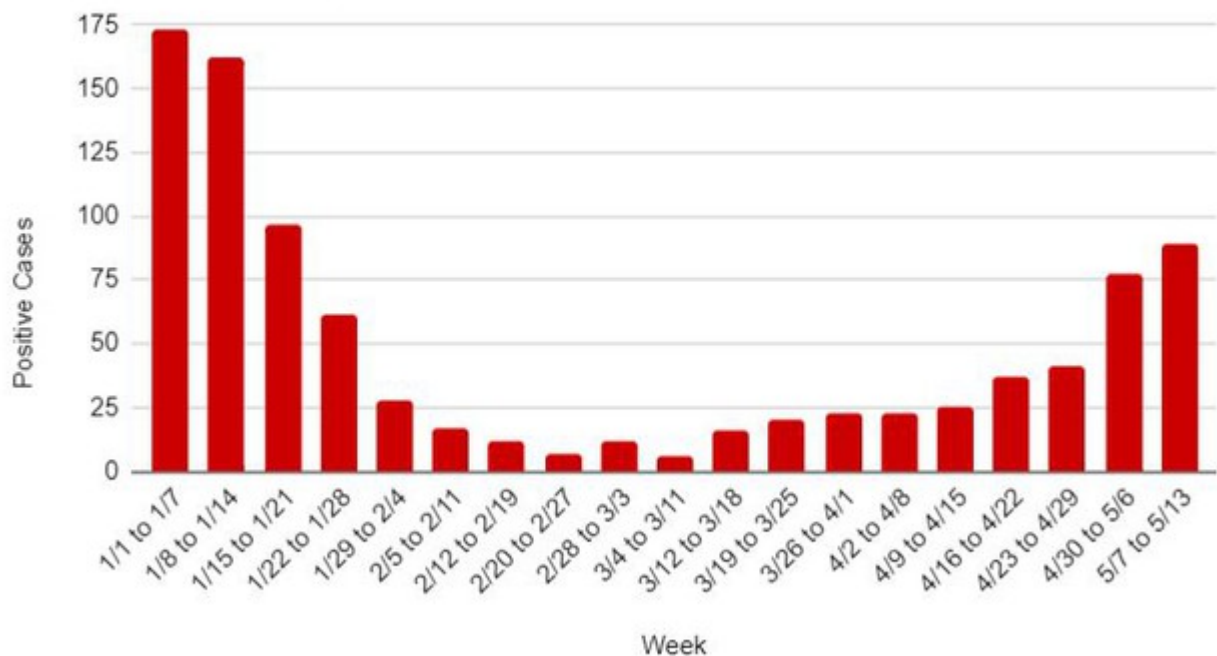


Celebrate a Senior!

It's that time of year again. The Scarborough Education Foundation is holding its annual fundraiser and celebrating our seniors with messages and balloons! Please click on the link below for more information and to place an order. The deadline to order is May 20. If you have any questions, please email scarborougheducationfoundation@gmail.com.

<https://forms.gle/Azi2VyFy5WGZ3Pxc8>

District Wide Reported Positive Cases by Week



Spring State Testing Information

As our schools move into spring activities, one spring event on the horizon is the state requirement for testing, often known as the Maine Educational Assessments or MEAs. There are two different State assessments required to take place this spring: One is the NWEA MAP



Growth Tests; the other is the MEA Science test, also referred to as the ADAM Science test. what follows is information on each as well as the importance of this data and how we use it.

NWEA MAP Growth:

- Who: students in grades 3-8 and 3rd year of high school
- When: Between May 2 and June 10 Why: To measure and celebrate growth from the fall tests in Reading, Language Usage, and Math
- How: Online assessments taking approximately 45-60 minutes each
- Results: will be sent home at the end of the year

ADAM Science:

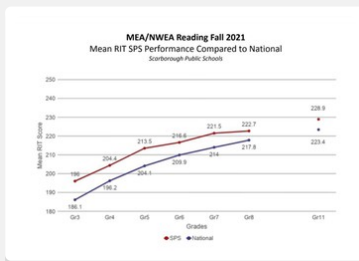
- Who: students in grades 5, 8, and 3rd year of high school
- When: For grades 5 and 8: between May 2 and 27; For 3rd year of high school: between May 16 and June 10
- Why: To measure student performance in science
- How: Online assessment scheduled in multiple sessions for a total of 3 hours of testing
- Results: will be sent home as soon as the state releases the results, typically in the fall

School leadership is working hard at scheduling these assessments to minimize the disruption to the instructional day. More specific details will be provided by each school.

The data is important to us as it will assist us in making improvements to our curriculum and instruction. As the Literacy and Math results will be available to teachers this spring, the information will assist teachers in measuring growth and celebrating growth.

While an 'opt out' option is not available, we do wish to partner with parents to make decisions in the best interest of our students. If you have concerns regarding your child's participation, please contact either your child's guidance counselor, principal, or Monique Culbertson, Director of Curriculum and Assessment. We appreciate your support as we look forward to using the data from these assessments to inform teaching and learning.

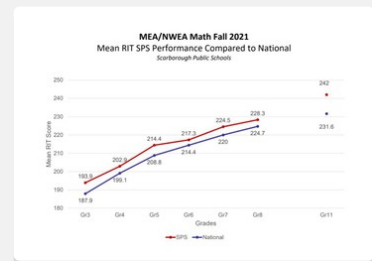
Fall NWEA SPS Performance Compared to National



Fall 2021 Reading



Pre-Pandemic Norms



Fall 2021 Mathematics

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

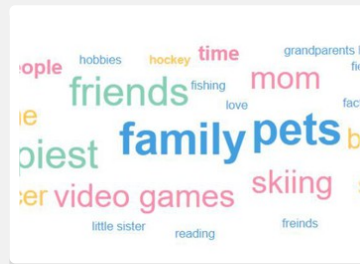
Please visit the town and school websites for additional budget information, dates and Zoom links



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



Wentworth School

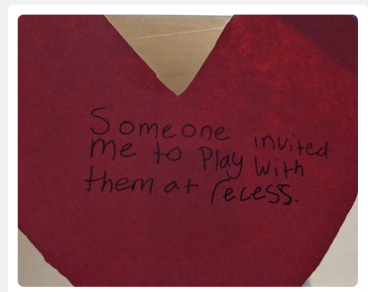
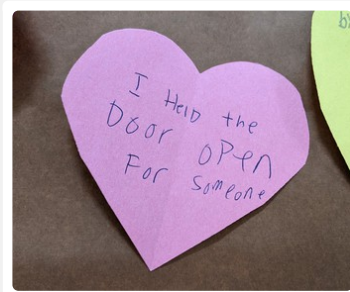
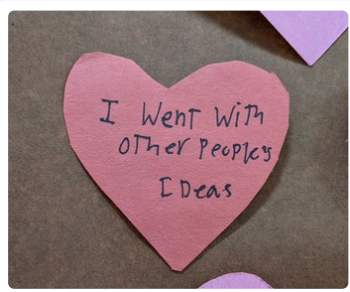


Middle School



High School

Images from Wentworth School



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

- **May 18** - Town Council 2nd Reading of the FY23 Budget
- **May 18** - Early Release Day*

- **May 26** - Educational Visioning Workshop #1 (**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82126663523>)

May 30 - Memorial Day - No School

*Early Release Times:



K-5 - 1:45 p.m.

6-12 - 12:55 p.m.

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](https://www.maine.gov/doe/substitute), 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](#) | Alison Marchese, amarchese@scarboroughschools.org

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[Facilities](#) | Todd Jepson, tjepson@scarboroughschools.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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