

# Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - May 27, 2022

## K-8 Strategic Project & New Primary School

To the Scarborough Community,

**Mark your calendar!** On Monday evening **June 6th, from 6-8pm**, we will be hosting a virtual community forum presentation on the K-8 Strategic Project & New Primary School. This is a follow-up to our first community forum held virtually on May 11th, with a focus on Educational Visioning for a new primary school in Scarborough. The building committee, composed of district leaders, elementary principals, teachers, BOE members, Town Councilors, and community members, has been meeting twice a month since January: we look forward to sharing our progress with you and getting your input. This second community forum will focus on the site selection process and hearing what priorities and goals you feel should be included in the process. Tune in to learn more about the process of selecting a school site and participate in two interactive exercises facilitated by Harriman architects and site selection consultants. During the meeting community members will have the opportunity to learn about site analysis, review the site selection criteria, and find out how this data is translated into identifying possible locations for a school. **We need your feedback and participation!**



Please click [HERE](#) or go to [www.scarboroughschools.org](http://www.scarboroughschools.org) and find the "Building Steering Committee" under QuickLinks at the top right hand corner of the homepage to access the zoom link for June 6th, and to access all agendas, minutes, slideshows, and presentation materials related to the K-8 Strategic Project & New Primary School. Also included on this page is a link to the recording of our first community forum presentation held May 11th.

Please click [HERE](#) if you are interested in serving on a subcommittee related to this project. Thank you again for your support and attention to our schools and community!

Kind Regards,  
Geoff Bruno  
Superintendent of Schools

School Budget Vote - June 14

Vote YES on this year's school budget referendum. Absentee voting is now happening in Town Hall - Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Voting will take place at the high school on June 14 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



## Thank You Veterans

On May 26th the Scarborough High School culinary class students delivered 125 cupcakes that they baked and decorated to honor the residents at the Maine Veterans' Homes in Scarborough for their military service.





L to R, Katie Berthiaume (Volunteer Coordinator/Maine Veterans' Homes), Molly Copeland (student), Peter Esposito (SPS Nutrition Program Director/Culinary Instructor), Noah Kelsen (student), Autumn Fraser (student), Josh Demers (student), Ivette Barone (SHS Educational Technician), Phil Thompson (SHS Educational Technician), Sam Cassellius (student)



Display of cupcakes.



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## THE SHAKESPEARE COMPANY AT SCARBOROUGH HS PRESENTS

JOIN US MAY 28  
(RAIN DATE MAY 29)  
3PM AND 6PM

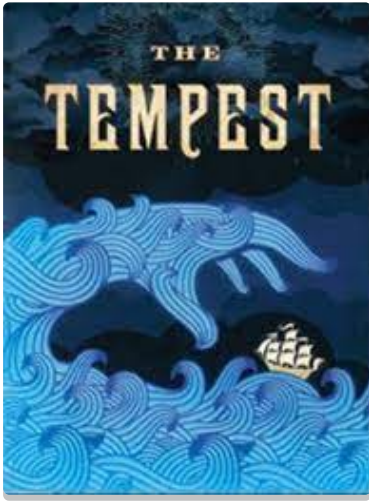


AT THE GAZEBO  
IN MEMORIAL PARK

BLANKETS AND  
LAWN CHAIRS  
WELCOME

SUGGESTED DONATION \$10 ADULTS, \$5 TEACHERS, CHILDREN/STUDENTS FREE  
CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

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## SHS Students Present Shakespeare in the Park!

If you're looking for something fun to do this weekend - mark your calendar for Sunday, May 29th! The High School Shakespeare Company will be performing their production of "The Tempest." There will be two shows - 3:00PM and 6:00PM. Be sure to check it out!

**\*\*THE SHOW WILL BE PERFORMED ON THE RAIN DATE, SUNDAY 5/29 in the park as advertised\*\***

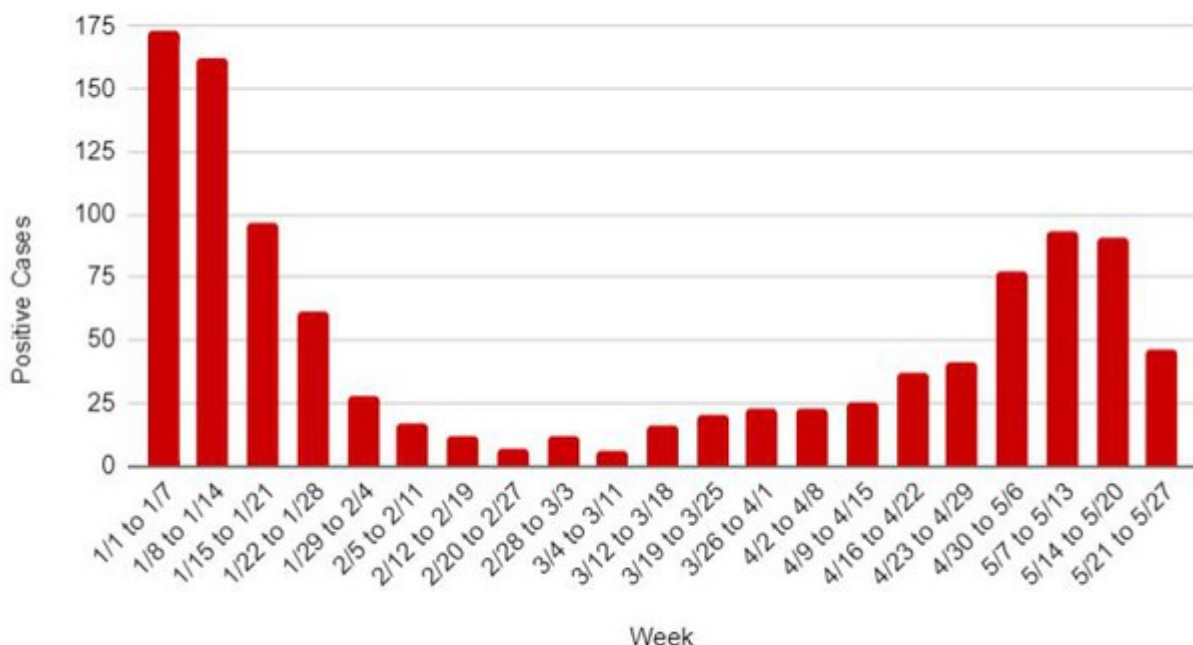
## COVID Update

A few important reminders as we look to the last 3 weeks of school:

- The state ended the Pool Testing program; there is no in school testing available at this time.
- [Click here](#) for the latest CDC recommendations to follow if you think you/your child might be a close contact.
- Please continue to be vigilant in monitoring your child for symptoms before sending them into school.
- If your child has had COVID, please make sure that, if you are sending them back to school after 5 days, they continue to wear a mask for at least 5 additional days.

Together, we can ensure that our students and staff experience a healthy and positive end to the school year.

## 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:

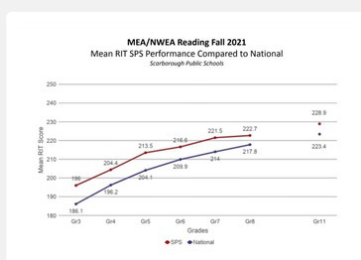
- Who: students in grades 5, 8, and 3rd year of high school
- When: For grades 5 and 8: between May 2 and 27; For 3rd year of high school: between May 16 and June 10
- Why: To measure student performance in science
- How: Online assessment scheduled in multiple sessions for a total of 3 hours of testing
- 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.

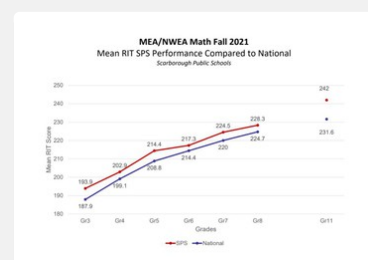
## Fall NWEA SPS Performance Compared to National



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.

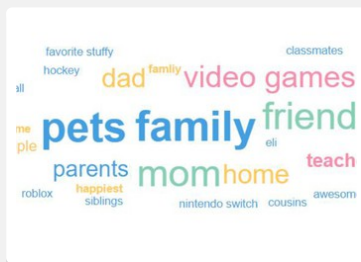
## FY23 Budget Calendar

**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

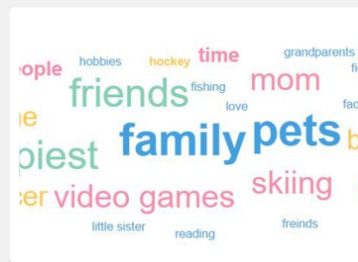
\*\*Please visit the town and school websites for additional budget information, dates and Zoom links\*\*



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



Wentworth School

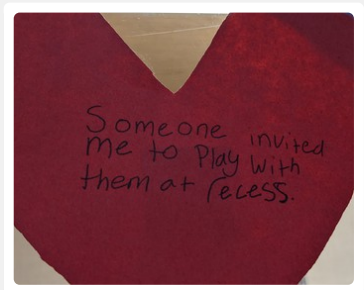
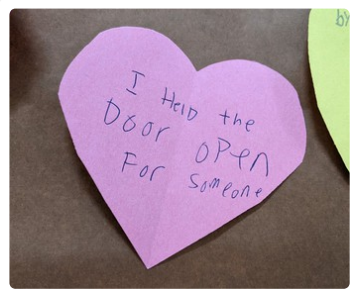
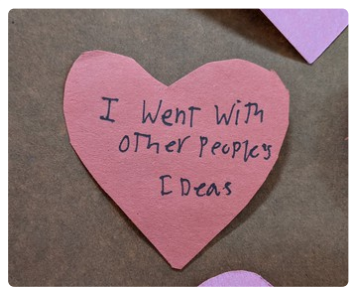


Middle School



High School

Images from Wentworth School



## Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

- May 30 - Memorial Day - No School

- **June 6** - Virtual community forum presentation on the K-8 Strategic Project & New Primary School - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- **June 8** - Early Release\*
- **June 14** - School Budget Referendum Vote - 7:00am - 8:00pm  
Scarborough High School
- **June 17** - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL\*\*

\*Early Release Times - June 8:

K-5 - 1:45 p.m.

6-12 - 12:55 p.m.

\*\*Last Day of School Release Times - June 17:

K-5 - 11:45am

6-12 - 10:45am

## 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

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## 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.



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