

Scarborough Public Schools

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An August Update!

Scarborough Schools Community - Students, Families, and Staff:

We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! Time seems to accelerate as we get through July and into August. Special thanks to all our staff members that keep things going through the summer: our facilities crew, teachers, support staff, school and districts leaders, students, family members, and community leaders. We are starting to ramp up our efforts to be ready for a full return to our school campuses and can't wait to show off some of our upgrades: most tangibly, a new turf field ready for use in a few weeks! In addition to the turf field replacement, we are excited to press play on new STEM

labs at the high school, continued expansion of our gardens next to Wentworth, and further communication from our building committee regarding the new elementary building project. Coming soon: a new website linked to the Scarborough Schools homepage about the new elementary school project!

In addition to the work and planning on our facilities, our kids have taken advantage of multiple learning opportunities on campus during this summer. This includes our extended year program, K-5 Summer Academy, our middle school summer program, our 2nd annual high school credit recovery program, and multiple day camps run through Scarborough Community Programs. Thank you to all staff, leaders, students, families, and community members that made these opportunities so successful and meaningful for our kids. It is a team effort, and wonderful to see our school buildings and outdoor spaces utilized throughout the summer.

Our educators have had multiple opportunities over this summer for professional development, curriculum work, collaborative planning, and strengthening leadership skills aligned with board and district strategic goals. This has included a district leadership council retreat, professional development in literacy (word study and writing), collaborative time for curriculum unit development, a K-12 social emotional learning (SEL) summit, among other pursuits designed to move our district forward. Our goal is to model lifelong professional learning for each other and for our students we are in charge of educating and developing.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school in a few weeks!

Kind Regards,

Geoff Bruno
Superintendent of Schools

IMPORTANT FOR ALL PARENTS.... PLEASE ADD TO YOUR TO-DO LIST!

It is time for all families to create a PowerSchool Portal account, if you have not previously had one. PowerSchool is our student information system and the platform through which student information is housed. In an effort to go paperless and to streamline the collection of [all forms and paperwork electronically](#), all families will need an account to be able to access all forms.

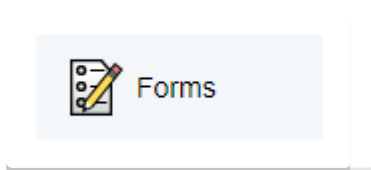
This online software is a secure site and allows the district to quickly obtain up to date information in real time on your child that you provide. This includes student demographics, emergency and medical information; you will be able to update that information prior to the start of the new school year, instead of waiting for paper forms to be sent home, parents updating them, and then the forms being returned to school for an admin assistant to input into the system. This will create efficiency, be a HUGE timesaver, and most of all, will ensure we have the most up to date information.

The system will also allow you to electronically acknowledge and sign all of the forms at the start of the year, such as the annual permission forms for Technology, School Handbooks, Field Trips, photo permissions, etc.

What do you need to do now? You will receive an individual email with your unique code and directions on how to create a PowerSchool Portal account, if you don't have one yet. Step by step instructions on how to create a new account, as well as adding students to existing accounts, are linked below.

[Creating a New PowerSchool Parent Portal Account](#)

[Adding Students to Your Existing PowerSchool Parent Portal Account](#)



Once you are connected to your students and logged into the Parent Portal, you will see a new Forms button on the navigation bar. Click this button to view a list of forms available for each student. The 2022-23 Chromebook form is available now, and many more will be added as the new school year opens. Please reach out to your school if you need assistance accessing the forms, or need paper copies sent to you.



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

- August 29 & 30 - Staff Days
- August 31 - Grades 6 & 9 only; K-5 by appointment only
- September 1 - Grades 6-12; K-5 by appointment only
- September 2 - No School
- September 5 - Labor Day - No School
- September 6 - 9 - Grades K-12

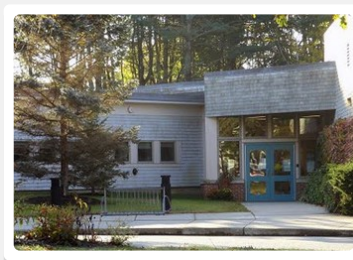
Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

Services & Information

[Spec. Services](#) | Chris Rohde, crohde@scarboroughschools.org

[Transportation](#) | Sarah Redmond, redmond@scarboroughschools.org

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[Curriculum](#) | Monique Culbertson, mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org

[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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