

Scarborough Public Schools

November 11, 2022

Influenza on the Rise

There has been an increase in influenza both in our schools as well as in Cumberland County. On Thursday, the CDC deemed Scarborough Middle School in outbreak status for Influenza, based on more than 15% of our student body being absent from school due to illness. That designation means that the CDC will continue to monitor absences for our students until we show at least 3 days with less than 15% absences and flu-like symptoms.

Some common symptoms of influenza this year include a runny nose, sneezing, sore throat, fever/body aches, and vomiting or diarrhea. Please keep your student home if they are experiencing any of these symptoms to prevent further spread and do not have them return to school until they are feeling better. It is also recommended that students see their doctor to be tested for the flu if they are feeling ill. Proactively, consider getting the flu vaccine to strengthen your and your child's immunity. Contact your school's nursing clinic if you have any questions or concerns.

Maine CDC resources can be found at <https://maineflu.gov>. You can find some great review of respiratory illness prevention methods here: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/school/index.htm>

Please Donate!

The Scarborough Kiwanis Club is pleased to partner with Scarborough Schools to collect adult socks, gloves/mittens, and hats for donation to Preble Street for distribution to persons experiencing homelessness.

These clothing items can be used in good condition or purchased new. Collection bins will be available at each school and clothing items can be donated by students, faculty, and staff between **Monday, November 28th and Friday, December 16th**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!





Free COVID -19 Test Kits

As the winter months approach, there is a chance we we may see the number of COVID-19 cases rise. If you have [COVID like symptoms](#) (i.e. cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose), please stay home and be tested. To be prepared, be sure to have some tests kits available for home use. You can order your FREE test kits each month using this link: <https://www.accesscovidtests.org>. If you have further questions regarding COVID and testing for COVID, please check out the [State of Maine COVID-19 testing website page](#).

SPS Building Committee Volunteer Opportunities - K-8 Strategic Project and New Primary School

Want to get involved with the SPS Building Project? There are many opportunities listed below and we would love for you to participate!



Here's how to get involved:

For our friends in the community who want to stay informed and help contribute to the K-8 Strategic Project and New Primary School, we've put together a list of ways-big and small-that you can get involved. Community excitement and support for this project will be absolutely critical to its success. We are always looking for passionate families and community members to help us spread the word about this project and the positive effect it will have on the Scarborough Community as a whole.

Please fill out the form below with your first and last name, your email address, and which areas you would be interested in participating in.


More details about meetings, forums, and project flyers can be found on the project website:

<https://www.scarboroughschools.org/new-sps-building-project>

- Attend a Building Committee meeting (Town Hall Council Chambers B or via Zoom). Our fall meeting dates are listed below. (2+ hours per month)
- October 25, 2022 - 6:30-8:30pm
- November 15, 2022 - 6:30-8:30pm
- Join a Subcommittee (1-2 meetings per month - time commitment varies depending on committee and tasks)
- Communications
- Building Systems and Sustainability
- Participate in Public Forums (2+ hours per forum)
- Our next Community Forums are on October 12th, with both daytime and evening sessions. View the flyer and save the date on the project website!
- Contact us with your questions via the project website.
- Follow us on Facebook and share posts:
<https://www.facebook.com/ScarboroughSchoolsBuildingProject>
- Inform your friends and neighbors of the need for this project - share the project informational flyer

- Volunteer for a shift to help run the project information table on Election Day (1+ hours)
- Volunteer for a shift to help run the project information table at a HS football home game (1-3 hours)
- Volunteer for a shift to help run the project information table at a Farmers Market (Sundays from 9am-1pm through October)
- Volunteer for a shift to help run the project information table at a Back-to-School Night (2-3 hours)
- Wentworth Intermediate School - 9/28 from 5-7pm
- Not available for any of these dates, but might want to help out in the future? Submit your interest and we can keep you on our Volunteer List.

CHECK THIS OUT!



Full Plates Full Potential School Meals Benefit Form



Receive more EBT grocery benefits, fill out a school meal benefit form today!

Go to <https://mealapp.lunchtimesoftware.net/> to apply today, or call us at 730-4700 if you need help filling out the application.

P-EBT benefits for eligible school age kids and children under 6 were issued by the state of Maine during the last week of August and first week of September for the 2021- 2022 school year. For more information about who is eligible and how to check your EBT balance, visit feedkids.me

Summer P-EBT benefits will be issued before October 31, and additional benefits to support eligible children who miss school due to Covid this school year will be available soon. Get your application in to

see if you qualify!



Now Hiring!

We are still in need of staff for a few key areas for the coming year!

Please consider joining our team for the following positions:

- Educational Technicians in our Special Services Department HIRING BONUS!
- Substitutes: starting at \$130/day - *flexible schedules according to your availability!*
- Custodians HIRING BONUS!
- Food Service workers
- Bus Drivers & Bus Aides

For a complete list of open positions and how to apply, please visit our website at <https://www.scarboroughschools.org/employment-opportunities>



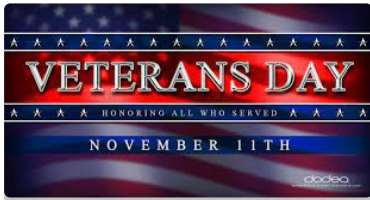
We Need Your Help!

Like previous years, there will be no cost to families for student breakfast and lunch again this year! However, it is imperative that families continue to complete the [Free & Reduced Lunch Form](#) even if you do not believe you would qualify.

WHY? Key federal funds are tied to data from these applications. Programs that are impacted from these include:

- Federal Grants for academic support and professional development;
- Federal IDEA grants for students with disabilities;
- Summer programming funding, and
- Fee waivers for student activities and testing.

Please review [this information from our website](#) where you can register on-line or submit a [paper application](#). For more information, please check out [this short video](#). If you have any questions, please call the Scarborough School Nutrition Office at 207-730-4700.



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

- November 11 - Veterans' Day (No School)
- November 16 - Early Release Day*
- November 17 - School Board Meeting
- November 23 - 25 - Thanksgiving Break

*Early Release Times:

K-5 - 1:45 p.m.

6-12 - 12:55 p.m.

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, sredmond@scarboroughschools.org

[Food Services](#) | Peter Esposito, pesposito@scarboroughschools.org

[Athletics & Activities](#) | Mike LeGage, mlegage@scarboroughschools.org

[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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