

Scarborough Public Schools

September 16, 2022

Mark Your Calendars for September Open Houses!

Here are the dates for the remaining school Open Houses. We are excited to be welcoming all families to our schools this fall and hope you can plan to attend these evening events!

High School: September 21

All K-2 Schools: September 22

Wentworth: September 28



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)
- September 20, 2022 - 6:30-8:30pm
- 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)
- Scarborough Middle School - 9/14 from 5-8pm
- Scarborough High School - 9/21 from 5-8pm
- Eight Corners, Pleasant Hill, or Blue Point Primary Schools - 9/22 from 5-7:30pm
- 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.



Educational Visioning Workshops Continue!

During the months of September and October 2022, the Scarborough Primary School Educational Visioning Group (EVG) – a group of Scarborough Public Schools (SPS) leadership and Scarborough primary school administrators, teachers, students, parents, and community partners will participate in three Educational Visioning Workshops run by New Vista Design and Harriman Architects. Each workshop is intended to be a collaborative virtual session to inform the design for a new Scarborough Elementary School facility.

Participants will be led through a step-by-step visioning process aimed at capturing their best thinking about SPS's current and future educational goals and priorities and connecting them to best practices and possibilities in innovative school facility design. All workshops will take place virtually, from 6:00-8:00 PM via Zoom and are designed to be highly participatory, engaging, and informative. The educational and architectural goals set during these workshops will have a direct and tangible impact on the design approach and features of the renovated and/or new school facility.

Although the first session happened last evening, there are 2 more upcoming sessions, and we definitely are interested in having additional members of the larger community be part of this effort, and more closely involved with giving feedback and creating the vision for this proposed school.

Workshop Two will take place on **Monday, September 19, 2022**, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM and explore the following topics:

- Strengths, Challenges, Opportunities, and Goals (SCOG Analysis) associated with SPS's and the primary schools' current academic programming as well as the district's vision for its future
- 21st Century Design Patterns that innovative elementary schools throughout the U.S. have put into practice to make their forward thinking learning goals come alive on the level of facility design Blue Sky Ideas that participants would like to see in new school program and facility

Workshop Three will take place on **Tuesday, October 18, 2022**, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM and explore the following topics:

- Guiding Principles for the design of the renovated and/or new facility
- Bubble Diagramming of conceptual design ideas for the renovated and/or new facility
- Key Talking Points that aim communicate the visioning group's priorities and findings to the Scarborough Public Schools community

Please [fill out this form](#) if you are interested in participating in the upcoming workshops. We understand that your time is valuable, and we do hope that you will consider taking part and sharing your ideas and dreams for the future Scarborough Primary School Facility!



COMMUNITY FORUM #3

K-8 Strategic Project & New Primary School

Save the date for the upcoming community forum! Help us develop a project "Design Statement" that captures the essence of Scarborough's Primary Schools. Be a part of the vision that will help guide the design of the future consolidated primary school!

DAYTIME SESSION

- When: October 12, 2022
- Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm
- Where: Town Hall- Council Chambers A

EVENING SESSION

- When: October 12, 2022
- Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- Where: Wentworth School Cafe

Both sessions are available in-person or remotely. Zoom links will be available on the project website (<https://www.scarboroughschools.org/new-sps-building-project>) in October.

ASAP: Please complete beginning of the year forms online now

Families, if you have not yet done so, please take time to log into your PowerSchool account for your student and update their information now. Ensuring that we have the most current information, especially as it relates to emergency contact information, is critical for our schools to have. **As of today, approximately 2,100 students' info has been updated by families. With 2,900 students, that means we are still looking for 800 student accounts to be updated at this time.**



If you have not yet created a PowerSchool Portal account, the directions are [linked into a previous week's newsletter](#).

Need support? Have questions? Please contact your child's school and they will direct you to the correct personnel for assistance. We are also happy to have you come into the school and guide you directly through the forms if that is helpful.



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.

What to Expect When Visiting Our Schools

Scarborough Public Schools will begin to use the Raptor Visitor Management System in all of our schools to strengthen our program of campus safety for students and staff. Part of keeping students and staff safe is knowing who is in our buildings at all times, and the Raptor system allows us to do that. The Raptor system assists in screening visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools and provides a safer environment for our students and staff.

What to Expect:

- Upon being allowed through the exterior door of a district building and navigating to the main office as you have always done, visitors will be asked to present a photo ID such as a driver's license.
- Your ID will either be scanned or manually entered into the system by office personnel at the transaction window.
- Once cleared, you will receive a pre-printed badge with your photo on it.
- You will then be directed to the appropriate location that you are going to.
- This badge must be worn at all times when in the building.
- When in the building, you are only approved to go to the specific location requested. You should not go to any other area of the building without returning to the main office for approval.
- When leaving the building, return to the main office and sign out with office personnel.

What does the Raptor System do?

- The Raptor system checks to ensure that registered sex offenders are not entering our school campuses without our knowledge. It checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. **The registered sex offender database is**

the only official database. No other data from the ID is gathered or recorded, and the information is not shared with any outside agency.

- The Raptor system will also check for any court issued custodial orders, restraining orders and other custom alerts as established by the School District.
- Once entry is approved, a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit will be printed and given to the visitor to wear.

The safety of our students is our highest priority, and the Raptor visitor management system allows us to quickly identify those that may present a danger to our students. Thank you in advance for your understanding and your support in enhancing the school safety protocols in our district.

2022-2023 Bus Routes

Following is the transportation schedule for this upcoming school year. Please note that there are two tabs on this Google Sheet - one for K-5 and another for 6-12. Be sure you are checking out the correct one! If you have any questions, please call the Transportation Department at (207) 730-4145, or email the Transportation Supervisor, Sarah Redmond, at sredmond@scarboroughschools.org.



[2022-2023 Bus Routes](#)



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

- October 6 - School Board Meeting
- October 7 - Staff Day only (no students)
- October 10 - Indigenous Peoples Day (no school)



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

- Substitutes: starting at \$130/day - *flexible schedules according to your availability!*
- Custodians
- Food Service workers

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

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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