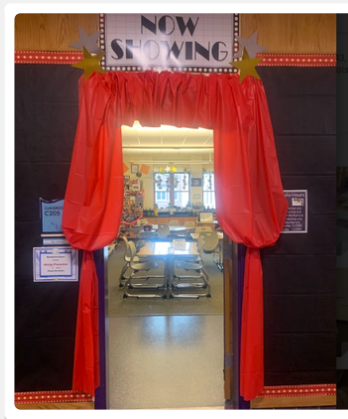# Scarborough Public Schools

September 2, 2022

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year!

On Wednesday, August 31st, we were delighted to welcome our 6th and 9th graders back to school! They were able to enjoy their day getting acclimated to their new learning environments and meeting their new teachers and classmates. Thursday, September 1, students in grades 6 - 12 began their 2022-2023 school year. When we return from the Labor Day weekend, all students will be back in class and ready to embark on a new school year. We are very excited for our seniors, Class of 2023, to begin their final journey at Scarborough High School. We hope the seniors, along with all of our students, have a fabulous school year!

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

2022-2023 Scarborough Nursing Communication

Please click here to access the full Health Services page on our district website.

Click here to access our **Permission to Administer Medication form** if your child will require medication while at school.

What should I do if my child is unwell?

Please keep your child home from school if they are ill. If your child is ill, home is the best place for them to rest and recuperate.

Students who have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home. **Your student needs to be fever, vomit, and diarrhea free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before returning to school.** Testing is recommended for individuals with symptoms of COVID prior to returning to school.

CDC/Department of Education Updates as of August 11, 2022

What if my child tests positive for COVID?

If your child develops symptoms and tests positive for COVID, they must stay at home regardless of vaccination status. They should remain home for a full 5 days from the onset of symptoms, if their symptoms are improving, they may return to school on day 6. They must wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days upon their return.

- More information about isolation can be found on the US CDC Website.

* Of note, Scarborough Public Schools will no longer be conducting COVID testing in our schools.

What if my child is exposed to COVID, but does not have any symptoms?

Individuals should follow US CDC recommendations on what to do if you are exposed to COVID-19

- In short, as long as your child does not have any symptoms and is testing negative, they may attend school. It is recommended that the student mask for 10 days following their exposure and remain home if they develop symptoms. The CDC removed the recommendation for close contacts to quarantine, unless they are symptomatic.

What about COVID vaccinations?

CDC recommends COVID-19 primary series vaccines for everyone ages 6 months and older, and COVID-19 boosters for everyone ages 5 years and older, if eligible. See US CDC website for more information. COVID Vaccination Recommendations

Educational Visioning Workshops

Join us in building an educational vision for a new elementary school in Scarborough! We will be hosting three Educational Visioning Workshops, TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM on **September 8th, September 19th, and October 18th, all from 6-8pm**. These will be participatory sessions facilitated by members of our building committee, district leadership, and Harriman, our Architectural and Engineering firm.

Please sign up here to join in one of our workshops: we need participation from parents, students, staff, community members, district & school leaders, town leaders, BOE members, Town Council members, and citizens. While it would be ideal for participants to attend all three workshops, we still encourage participation if it is only possible for you to make two or one of them!

Workshop #1: September 8 from 6-8pm
Workshop #2: September 19 from 6-8pm
Workshop #3: October 18 from 6-8pm

For further details on the workshops, please review this informational flyer. You can also visit our newly completed website to LEARN MORE about this project. There are multiple links to the page right at the top of the Scarborough Schools home page!

Geoff Bruno
Superintendent of Schools

ADDITIONAL FORMS AS OF 8.26.2022 FOR PARENTS TO COMPLETE.... PLEASE ADD TO YOUR TO-DO LIST!

Update as of 8.26.22: additional forms have been added to your student(s)' accounts for you to complete. Remember, providing these online eliminates all of the paper packets that have previously been sent home. We have included directions below once again for those of you who need to set up an account.

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. **Your unique ID Access code that is needed to set this up should be in your email by early next week.**

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? An individual email with your unique code and directions on how to create a PowerSchool Portal account should be in your email. Step by step instructions on how to create a new account, as well as adding students to existing accounts, are linked below.

What if you already have an account? Please log into the Parent Portal and go to the Forms button on the navigation bar to begin filling out forms unique to your child.

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 you to complete for each of your students.

Need support? Have questions? Please contact your child's school and they will direct you to the correct personnel for assistance.

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!

- September 2 - No School
- September 5 - Labor Day - No School
- September 6 - 9 - Grades K-12
- September 14 - Early Release Day*
- September 15 - School Board Workshop/Meeting

*Early Release Times:

K-5 - 1:45pm

6-12 12:55pm

Mark Your Calendars for September Open Houses!

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

K-2 Schools: September 22

Wentworth: September 28

Middle School: September 14-15 (assigned by grade level to allow for parking)

High School: September 21

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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