

# Scarborough Public Schools

December 8, 2022

## Communication Modes in the District - Receiving Text Messages from Our Schools

As many of you may have noticed, there is now an option to receive text messages for communications in the district, in addition to emails or phone messages that the district or your child's school may send.

The first time a message is sent, the system will send messages to all recipients on the list. However, in that message, it prompts users to opt-in in order to receive any subsequent messages. This is done because BrightArrow uses short code messaging, as opposed to sending messages from a traditional 10-digit phone number.



Our BrightArrow messages can originate from one of two short code numbers - 79041 or 87569. Anyone who hasn't done so yet can opt-in to texting by sending the word "Yes" to either 79041 or 87569. Conversely, anyone can unsubscribe by texting "stop" or "unsubscribe" to either number. By doing this, you can ensure you get texts as they are sent.

## Upcoming Flu Shot Clinics!

There has been a considerable uptick in the number of people in our community being diagnosed with Influenza, and our schools definitely reflect that. Below is a listing of upcoming flu shot clinics that you might want to consider if you have not yet been vaccinated or vaccinated your child. Please assist us by making sure that anytime your child is experiencing a fever, vomiting, or having diarrhea that you do not send them to school. We are working diligently to maintain a healthy atmosphere for all.

*Note: Please excuse the highlighting of one particular clinic. This information was obtained from the DHHS website and they highlighted the most recent clinic additions.*

CUMBERLAND COUNTY				
Location	Hosts	Date & Time	Ages & Vaccines	Details
PORTLAND - MAIN Office, 237 Oxford St, Suite 25A	Maine Access Immigrant Network, Northern Light	This clinic is weekly on Fridays, 3-5:30 pm.	All ages (6mos+). Moderna and Pfizer. Flu shots also available every week.	Open to the public. Walk-in's welcome. If possible, schedule ahead: Call/Text: Sarah Lewis at 207-331-8138, or call office at 207-552-1800, or <a href="mailto:info@main1.org">info@main1.org</a> .  Language support: Somali, Arabic, French, Lingala, Swahili, Kurdish, Spanish
PORTLAND- The City of Portland, 39 Forest Ave	City Of Portland Public Health/Northern Light	Saturday, December 10 <sup>th</sup> 9-12PM	Covid-19 Boosters and Flu Shots  (you must have primary series to have the Booster)	Open to the Public, walk-in Welcome!  For additional questions contact <a href="mailto:ssheldon@portlandmaine.gov">ssheldon@portlandmaine.gov</a> or call 207-874-8448
BRUNSWICK - MidCoast Hospital Walk-In Clinic, 22 Station Avenue	Maine Health, MidCoast Hospital	Every day 8am – 7pm	All ages.  Only doing primary series (no boosters) for Walk-in's.  <a href="#">Make appointment for boosters here.</a>	Open to the public. Walk-ins welcome.  Only doing primary series (no boosters) for Walk-in's. <a href="#">Make appointment for boosters here.</a>
NAPLES – Town Gym 15 Village Green Lane	The Opportunity Alliance, MeCAP, Community Pharmacies	Friday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> 2-5pm	All ages  Pfizer & Moderna & Boosters  Flu shot also available	Open to the public-Walk-in clinic, no appt needed
<b>YARMOUTH: Middle School -220 McCartney St, Yarmouth</b>	Yarmouth Community Coronavirus Task Force, Community Pharmacy	Sunday, December 11 <sup>th</sup> 2-5pm	Primary series for children under 8  Bivalent Boosters and Flu Shots	<b>Open for the public: Appointment are encouraged but not require</b>  <b><a href="#">Make an appointment Here</a></b>  <b><a href="#">Walk-in clinic!</a></b>

## Exciting SPS Building Committee Updates!

*Did you see this week's one page message in the Scarborough Leader on the School Project? Check your paper today and please encourage others to do the same.*

The next Building Committee meeting is taking place on Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in Town Hall Chambers A. These are all public meetings and we hope you will consider attending. You can also participate virtually through Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82983327484?pwd=TGgwOEhORTVQdjBuY1JhZEZJR2poZz09>

More detail about meetings, forums, and project flyers can be found on the project website: <https://www.scarboroughschools.org/new-sps-building-project>

- Join a Subcommittee (1-2 meetings per month - time commitment varies depending on committee and tasks)
- Communications Subcommittee
- Building Systems and Sustainability SubCommittee
- NEW! Finance Subcommittee

Contact us with your questions via the project website.

Follow us on Facebook and share posts:

<https://www.facebook.com/ScarboroughSchoolsBuildingProject>

# CHECK THIS OUT!



## SEF's 2022 Annual Appeal!

[Contribute Today!](#)

This [#GivingTuesday](#) kicks off our annual appeal. Help us fund innovative education experiences for Scarborough students.

Since 2011, the **Scarborough Education Foundation** has been raising funds from committed Scarborough families and businesses like yours to help support innovation in the Scarborough Public Schools. In that time, we have awarded more than **100 grants** totaling over \$230,000!

These grants provide learning opportunities to Scarborough children that wouldn't otherwise be available. These opportunities lead to learning memories that will last a lifetime.

Consider a donation to **SEF** as you're making your year-end charitable contributions. Help learning happen everywhere!

[Contribute Today!](#)





## 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](#).



## Now Hiring!

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

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>



## Upcoming Events at the Public Library

Be sure to check out these fun events planned at the Public Library for December/January!

[SPL Upcoming Events](#)





# Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

## [2022-2023 School Calendar](#)



- December 14 - \*Early Release Day
- December 15 - School Board Workshop
- December 22 - January 2 - Winter Vacation

\*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](mailto:crohde@scarboroughschools.org)

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

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

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

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

[Facilities](#) | Todd Jepson, [tjepson@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:tjepson@scarboroughschools.org)



## 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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