

Scarborough Public Schools

January 20, 2023



2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration NOW OPEN!

We are eager to welcome our newest students to Scarborough Public Schools for Kindergarten in Fall, 2023.

- Kindergarten is open to any student who **turns 5 on or before Oct. 15, 2023.**
- If your child meets this criteria, and you are sending them to school in the fall, please complete the form linked here: [REGISTRATION FORM](#)
- If your child meets the age requirement, but you are on the fence about sending them due to their age or developmental level, please complete the [REGISTRATION FORM](#) anyway. This will help us plan for all potential students.
- Appointments will be scheduled later this spring in each of our schools to review paperwork, including notarization of residency.
- If your child has specific health concerns, you can call or set up an appointment with one of our school nurses at any time.
- More information will be provided throughout the spring!

[Click here to bring you to the registration page.](#)

Panorama SEL Surveys to Gather Students' Perceptions of Their SEL Skills

Our focus on supporting our students with the life long skills necessary for success within and beyond our schools is referred to as social, emotional learning, or SEL for short. We have used [Panorama](#)

[Survey tools](#) to gather feedback over the past few years and to make changes for our students in grades 3-12.

- [This winter](#) we plan to survey students on *their perceptions of their skills and competencies*.
- [This spring](#) we plan to survey students again on *their perceptions of the supports and environments within their schools*.



These are short online surveys that will take less than 30 minutes to complete. Both will be scheduled to be completed during the school day. The winter survey will take place between Jan. 30 and Feb. 10.

We are asking that all of our students participate in the surveys, as their feedback provides invaluable insights into their school experiences and how we can improve and adapt our district to their needs. If a student doesn't feel like they have enough information to answer a question, they can skip the item altogether. If a student is uncomfortable taking the survey, they do not need to take it. Only the principals, guidance counselors, social workers, and district leadership will have access to individual student responses. Individual responses will not be shared with teachers unless there is a significant need to know. In such cases, parents will also be informed. Only in partnership can we support each and every student.

The survey content will ask students to self-reflect on their perceptions of their experiences at school through questions that are organized around the following topics:

- **Self-Management:** How well students manage their emotions, thoughts, and behaviors in different situations.
- **Social Awareness:** How well students consider the perspectives of others and empathize with them.
- **Self-Efficacy:** How much students believe they can succeed in achieving academic outcomes.
- **Emotion Regulation:** How well students regulate their emotions
- **Growth Mindset:** Student perceptions of whether they have the potential to change those factors that are central to their performance in school.
- **Supportive Relationships:** How supported students feel through their relationships with friends, family, and adults at school.

These surveys are optional. Information will be coming home from the Wentworth School, Middle School and High School containing who to contact if you do not want your child to take the survey.

Here are links to the survey questions:

- [SEL Skills Student Survey for grades 3-5](#)
- [SEL Skills Student Survey for Grades 6-12](#)

Scarborough Public Schools values our partnership with you as we work together to prepare our students for success beyond Scarborough Schools. We value input from our students – and we want to hear from your child or children! If you have any questions about the survey, please don't hesitate to contact your child's building principal or Monique Culbertson, Curriculum Director.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TRANSPORTATION

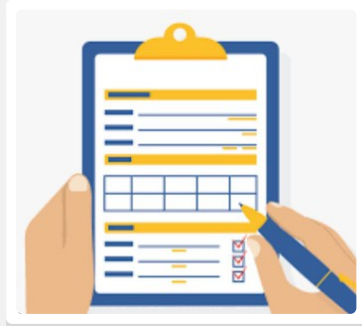
To All Families-

Please be aware that we are currently experiencing bus driver shortages and are working diligently to hire/train additional drivers. However, until new drivers are qualified and ready to drive our students, we may encounter situations where bus routes may either have to be



combined or may run late. If either of these possibilities have to occur, we will send out text/phone/email messages with as much notice as possible to alert you of any bus changes and/or late bus runs. In advance, we thank you for your patience as we work through this.

If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about becoming a school bus driver, please reach out.



Online Registration for New Students is NOW LIVE!

All new student enrollments are now being processed online. If you know anyone looking to register a student here in Scarborough, have them visit our website and follow the links under the tab labeled "Parents & Family." For quick access, use [this link](#). As always, office staff, either in our schools or at the district office, are happy to support families through this process.



SPS Building Committee Openings!

Looking for 2 Full Building Committee members and individuals who can assist by serving on our Finance Subcommittee! [Let us know about your interest here!](#)

Here is more information on Finance Committee:

Calling all community members with MBA's, municipal finance background, tax background, capital finance, general finance, construction finance, etc!

Description of the Finance Subcommittee: to assist the building committee in building a complete view of the cost of the project including:

- Operating & Expense Costs (labor, utilities, supplies, etc.)
- Transportation costs
- Capital Cost & Depreciation Schedule
- Disposition of existing assets and any associated write-off's
- Financial modeling of various scenarios, i.e. transportation, capital, depreciation, impacts to taxes, etc.
- And other financial impacts

We would love your participation and expertise!

Contact us with any building related questions via the project website.

Follow us on Facebook and share posts:

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

Our next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30pm in Council Chambers A and B.

For those who need to join via Zoom, the link can be found below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86181637527?pwd=Q3doN3ZRTjBhOUlQUSQudjWEpPZz09>



Volunteers Needed for Junior Achievement Programming



Scarborough Public Schools has benefitted from an amazing partnership with Junior Achievement of Maine for over 30 years!!! We are looking for some amazing volunteers to help with Junior Achievement programming for programs that are being offered in our K-8 schools, as well as in nearby communities. Perhaps you personally have time, or might want to include a staff team from your workplace? Current needs include:

Eight Corners

2nd grade: Friday, March 10th

Blue Point

2nd grade: Friday, April 7th

1st grade: Friday, May 26th

Scarborough MS

6th grade: Monday, June 5th/Friday, June 9th – 6 to 12 volunteers

Training, materials, and curriculum, which aligns to state standards, are all provided for you. If you are interested and available on one of these dates, please reach out to dnadeau@scarboroughschools.org and we can get you connected to the appropriate folks.

To learn more about JA programming and how else to get involved and support efforts, please visit [Junior Achievement of Maine](#).



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 either of these links:

Federal: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

Maine: <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 SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

- January 24 - SPS Building Committee Meeting - 6:30PM - In person at Town Hall or online via Zoom
- February 2 - School Board Meeting
- February 15 - Early Release Day*
- February 16 - School Board Meeting
- February 20 to 24- School Vacation Week

*Early Release Times-

K-5 - 1:45PM

6-12 - 12:55PM

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 LeCasse, mlecasse@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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