

Scarborough Public Schools

February 3, 2023

Warming Center Available - 2/3 and 2/4

With the forecasted frigid temperatures coming our way, the [Town of Scarborough, Maine](#) will be opening a warming center at the [Scarborough Public Library](#) on Friday 2/3 and Saturday 2/4/2023 from 9am-5pm. As always, if you find yourself or someone else is need of additional assistance, please reach out to the Emergency Communications Center 24/7 at 207-883-6361. Please share this announcement with friends and neighbors to help spread the word!



SPS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Openings!

Looking for 2 SPS staff and 2 community members (do not need to be parents!). [Apply here!](#)

Here is more information on the DEI Committee:

Scarborough Schools are committed to creating a welcoming and safe environment for all Scarborough students and staff. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee will promote the goal of diversity, equity and inclusion for all individuals in our school district regardless of their identity (ie race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, or socioeconomic status).

The charge of the committee is to:

- work with the Board finance committee to assess budgetary needs;

- review data collected from climate surveys, school equity audits, and listening tours;
- raise awareness, within the committee, of work happening in the district within the boundaries of the board's existing policies;
- make recommendations to the Board of Education for the development of an action plan that outlines next steps for our district;
- monitor action plan progress to ensure that action steps are in line with actual needs.

We would love your participation and expertise! Our upcoming meetings are 5:30pm-7pm at SHS on the following Tuesdays: February 7, February 28, March 21, April 11, May 2, May 23, and June 13.

Contact us with any DEI related questions via our committee email:

dei@scarboroughschools.org.

Check out our site on the district webpage [here](#).

Our next DEI Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7 at 5:30pm in the Scarborough High School AP Room or on Zoom:

<https://scarboroughschools.zoom.us/j/91841580474>

Meeting ID: 918 4158 0474



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.

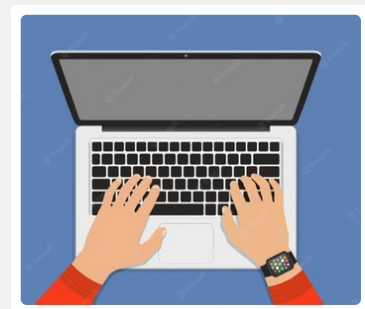
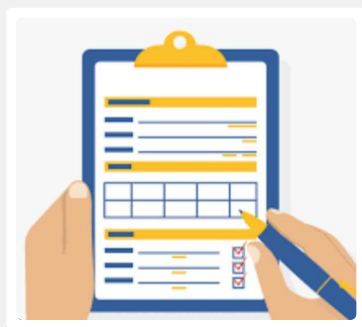
Eight Corners Needs Volunteers for Junior Achievement Programming on March 10



Many thanks for such a great response to our recent requests for volunteers for programming. Scarborough Public Schools has benefitted from an amazing partnership with Junior Achievement of Maine for over 30 years and, with your support, it will certainly continue well into the future.

At this time, the last needs to be filled are for **5 volunteers at Eight Corners School, 2nd grade classrooms, on Friday, March 10**. If you are interested and available to assist, please contact dnadeau@scarboroughschools.org and we will make sure we connect you with the appropriate contacts for training and materials.

Keep in mind that Junior Achievement also provides programming across the state, and there are ongoing opportunities in neighboring districts that still are seeking volunteers. To learn more about JA programming and how else to get involved and support efforts, please visit Junior Achievement of Maine.



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 1 Full Building Committee member 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>

Next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for **February 28th at 6:30pm** - please join us in Town Hall or via Zoom.

WHY | WHY NOW | GOALS

REVIEW OF WHY THIS PROJECT IS NEEDED

WHY?

We have already exceeded the capacity of our existing schools. Our infrastructure does not support our students' basic educational needs. We need a sustainable solution to house our current and growing population.

WHY NOW?

We need a solution to support today's kids and plan for continued housing starts. The planning and construction process will take approximately five years.

GOALS

- » Consolidate the 3 Primary Schools as part of a K-8 strategic solution.
- » Remove all 30 District Portables.
- » Alleviate overcrowding at the Middle School.
- » Strategically coordinate and align the project with other community initiatives and the town comprehensive plan.



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



Upcoming Policies for Review

The next Board of Education Policy Subcommittee Meeting will be on Monday, February 6 from 4:30-6:00pm in the Town Council Chambers. Topics to be discussed include:

- 23/24 School Calendar
- Transgender and Gender Expansive Students Policy
- Naming of Facilities

We welcome all to attend remotely or in person. Please see the school website to locate the agenda, linked policies, zoom link and for more information.



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](#)

- February 15 - Early Release Day*
- February 16 - School Board Meeting
- February 20 to 24- School Vacation Week
- February 20 - Presidents' Day - Central Office closed
- February 28 - SPS Building Committee Meeting

*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 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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