

# Scarborough Public Schools

February 10, 2023

## Important Reminders

Next week will be the last week of classes for staff and students before February break which begins on Monday, February 20th. As a reminder, Central Office will also be closed for the day on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day. Other important upcoming dates:

- March 10 - End of trimester 2 for K-5 students
- March 31 - End of quarter 3 for middle and high school students



## 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 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](mailto:dei@scarboroughschools.org).

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

**Our next DEI Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30pm in the Scarborough High School AP Room or on**

**<https://scarboroughschools.zoom.us/j/91947811217>**



## 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.](#)

# 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.

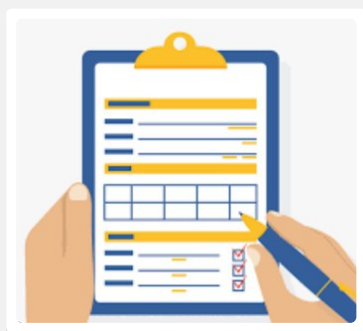
## Eight Corners Needs Volunteers for Junior Achievement Programming on March 10



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](mailto: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](https://www.ja-maine.org).



## 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!](#)*



**FINANCE  
COMMITTEE**

### *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.

# BUILDING THE FUTURE OF SCARBOROUGH'S SCHOOLS



## WHY NOW?



FOR APPROX. 20 YEARS, THE EXISTING K-2 SCHOOLS & MIDDLE SCHOOL HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR CAPACITY.



OUR K-2 SCHOOLS DO NOT HAVE ROOM TO ADD ANY MORE PORTABLES OR ADDITIONS.



OUR ENTIRE 6TH GRADE IS HOUSED IN "TEMPORARY" PORTABLE CLASSROOMS.



OVER HALF OF THE DISTRICT'S 30 "TEMPORARY" PORTABLES ARE OVER 20 YEARS OLD.



OUR 55+ YEAR OLD K-2 SCHOOLS HAVE INADEQUATE SAFETY AND SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE.

## WHAT IS THE PLAN?



## NEXT MEETINGS

Building Committee Meeting (Open to Public): December 13, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm  
Community Forum #4 (Site Selection Announcement): January/February 2023 (Date Tabled)



**LEARN MORE** SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
K-8 STRATEGIC PROJECT & NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL  
[www.scarboroughschools.org/new-sps-building-project](http://www.scarboroughschools.org/new-sps-building-project)

Visit the website via the link listed above, or for quick access, use the QR code at left.  
Need help using the QR code? Open your phone's camera app and point the lens at the QR code.  
Then tap the website banner that appears on your phone. This will take you to the project website.



## 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>

## What to do in Scarborough?

For upcoming Scarborough community events, be sure to check out [Scarborough's Community Services website](#) and follow them on FaceBook.



## Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

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

- February 15 - Early Release Day\*
- February 16 - School Board Workshop/Meeting (begins at 5:30pm)
- 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](mailto:crohde@scarboroughschools.org)

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



## Scarborough Schools

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