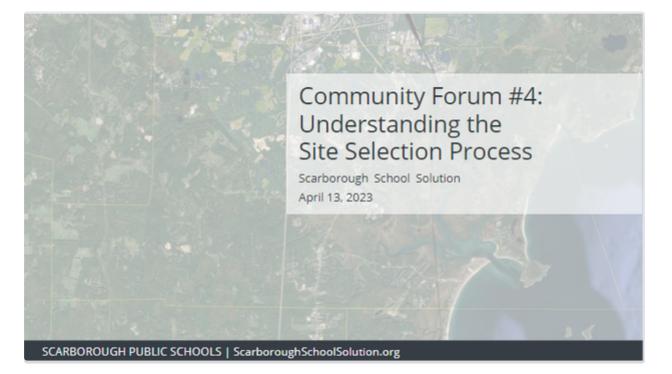
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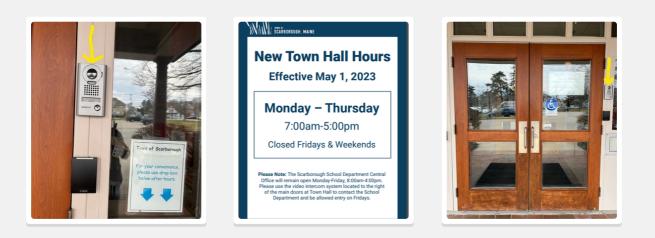


#### SPS Building Project - Community Forum - April 13

Thanks to everyone who came out to learn more about the site selection process for the new unified K-3 school on April 13th.

Unable to make it? You can watch the full video and review the presentation slides at <u>www.ScarboroughSchoolSolution.org</u> under project news or on our Facebook page.

The Building Steering Committee will make a selection on a final site next week at Tuesday's meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall, and send their recommendation to the School Board for review at their meeting on Thursday evening at 7 pm, so please take some time now to understand the process, criteria for selection, and hear answers to some of your most pressing questions around site selection and the unified school project.



#### We're Still Open for Business Monday-Friday

The hours of operation for Town Hall services <u>ONLY</u> will be changing to four days, effective May 1, 2023. Town Hall will now be open from Monday through Thursday, 7:00am-5:00pm and closed on Fridays and weekends **BUT** the Scarborough Public School's Central Office will remain open Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm. Please use the video intercom system located to the right of the main doors (Route 1 front doors only) at Town Hall to contact the School Department and be allowed entry on Fridays. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Central Office at 730-4100.



#### MORE BUSES BEING ADDED TO BUS SWIPE SYSTEM

#### WHAT?

The early implementation of the Tyler "Student Transportation" system, an online platform, is going well. We are now ready to add Bus 5 (Ron's bus), Bus 29 (Brian's bus) and Bus 10 (Rocco's bus) to the swipe system, beginning on May 1, in addition to Bus 7 (Julie's bus) and Bus 8 (Mike's bus) that started on April 10.

#### WHY IS THIS SYSTEM NEEDED?

It uses onboard guidance and navigation for drivers, like a standard vehicle's mapping directions, including where to stop and what specific students get on and off at each stop. This will help in the case of a driver filling in on a route they don't usually drive.
It allows for online student accountability so we know who is on each bus and when/where they are dropped off. We often get calls about whether a student boarded a bus or not from anxious parents, and this will provide the Transportation Department live information to convey immediately.

• It optimizes bus mapping and routing as bus routes are planned each year. This will ensure we are maximizing the buses and staff we have. • It provides for increased maintenance planning by digitizing all pre and post trip vehicle safety checks to assist us in monitoring that our buses are in optimal working condition.

#### HOW WILL IT WORK FOR MY CHILD?

Each student will be given a "bus card" to scan as they get on and off their bus. It will not have their name on it, only their student ID number. It is recognized that at our younger levels, drivers may need to support students with this piece as we build in new routines. NO student will be denied entry onto a bus without their card, as drivers have the ability to select them on the transportation program tablet (which comes up for them at each stop or upon entering the bus at school).

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Please reach out to the Transportation Department as needed.



#### Keeping Student Information Up to Date Please

Has your address or phone contact information changed recently? Please assist our schools by keeping your information up to date. You can easily do so by logging into the parent portal in PowerSchool, and then click the **Forms** button on the menu. Even if you have already filled the form out earlier this year, you can make updates at any time.

Link is here: https://scarborough.powerschool.com/guardian/forms.html

#### SPS Building Committee

Join us at our next meeting on <u>Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30PM</u> - either in person in Town Hall or via Zoom.



Contact us with any building related questions via the project website. Follow us on Facebook and share posts: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ScarboroughSchoolsBuildingProject</u>



# Incoming 3rd Grade Parent Night - 4/25/2023

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the <u>Parent Information Night</u> for parents and guardians of all current 2nd Grade students who will be entering Wentworth School in the fall of 2023 has been rescheduled.

#### The new date and time are as follows:

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM

- 6:00 6:35 School Tour
- 6:35 7:15 Multimedia Presentation in the Cafe

There will be an opportunity to tour the building, meet the school Leadership Team, and see an informative multimedia presentation for parents.

This informational evening is designed for parents and guardians. We look forward to meeting our incoming 3rd grade students when we invite them to visit Wentworth in June. We are sorry for any inconvenience this change may cause, and are very much looking forward to meeting you on Tuesday, April 25, and welcoming your "almost-third-grader" to their new school in 2023-2024!

# Now Hiring! 2023-2024 Applications Now Being Accepted!

Be sure to check our website as we begin posting open/anticipated positions for the 2023-2024 school year. We update the listings as needed. Current openings can be found <u>here</u>.



We are still in need of staff for a few key areas for the remainder of this school year as well.

Please consider joining our team for the following positions:

- Custodians HIRING BONUS!
- Food Service workers
- Bus Drivers & Bus Aides
- Educational Technicians in our Special Services Department HIRING BONUS!

In an effort to make applying for a support staff position with SPS more accessible, in addition to our online application, we are now offering a paper application for those who can't access our applications via the Internet. If you (or anyone you know) would like to apply for one of our Support Staff positions (listed above) and would prefer a paper application, please <u>use this link</u> to download a copy, or stop by our Central Office (Scarborough Town Hall, 259 US Route 1) to pick up an application. Once

As always, if you have any questions regarding any of our open positions, or our application process, please call our Central Office at (207) 730-4100.

For a complete list of open positions, please visit our website at <u>https://www.scarboroughschools.org/employment-opportunities</u>



#### SPS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meetings

We would love your participation and expertise! Our upcoming meetings are 5:30pm-7:00pm at SHS on the following Tuesdays: May 2, May 23, and June 13.

Contact us with any DEI related questions via our committee email: <u>dei@scarboroughschools.org</u>. Check out our site on the district webpage <u>here</u> for more information.

Our next DEI Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23 at 5:30pm in the Scarborough High School AP Room or on

https://scarboroughschools.zoom.us/j/96528788224.



#### 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: <u>REGISTRATION FORM</u>
- 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 <u>REGISTRATION FORM</u> 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!



#### Community Bulletin Board

Be sure to regularly check our "Community Bulletin Board" found on our website for events happening in our community for our students. The link can be found under the "Parents & Family" tab on our website. There are lots of opportunities and activities for students and families to enjoy!



### What to do in Scarborough?

For upcoming Scarborough community events, be sure to check out <u>Scarborough's Community</u> <u>Services website</u> and follow them on FaceBook.

You won't want to miss their <u>summer brochure of events</u> - summer programs fill up fast! Also - plan to attend their Family Dance on May 6th! Fun for the whole family!





# Last Day of 2022-2023 School Year

Assuming there will be no more "no school" days for this school year, the last day of school is <u>Wednesday, June 21st</u>. This will be a half day for students and a full day for staff. If there are any additional "no school" days - they will be added to June 21st. Keep in mind that Monday, June 19th is a holiday and there will be no classes for staff or students on that day.

# 2023-2024 School Calendar

The 2023-2024 School Calendar was approved by the School Board at their March 16th meeting. Also approved at the meeting was the number of traditional "snow days" for the 2023-2024 school year. Next year's calendar will allow for up to three "traditional snow days" (or any type of no school days). If more than the allotted three days are needed, those days will be asynchronous remote learning days. Therefore, the latest possible in-person school day for 2023-2024 (if 3 days are used) will be June 14, 2024.



The 2023-2024 school calendar can be found here.



### Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

2022-2023 School Calendar 2023-2024 School Calendar

- April 25 SPS Building Committee Meeting
- April 27 School Board Meeting Public Hearing on FY24 School Budget
- May 3 Town Council Meeting 1st Reading of the FY24 Budget
- May 4 School Board Meeting

#### Links to Our Schools



**Blue Point** 



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

#### Services & Information

<u>Spec. Services</u> | Chris Rohde, <u>crohde@scarboroughschools.org</u> <u>Transportation</u> | Sarah Redmond, <u>sredmond@scarboroughschools.org</u> <u>Food Services</u> | Peter Esposito, <u>pesposito@scarboroughschools.org</u> <u>Athletics & Activities</u> | Mike LeGage, <u>mlegage@scarboroughschools.org</u> <u>Curriculum</u> | Monique Culbertson, <u>mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org</u> <u>Facilities</u> | Todd Jepson, <u>tjepson@scarboroughschools.org</u>



### Tech Support

For technology assistance with SPS student laptops, please send a message to <u>techsupport@scarboroughschools.org</u> and someone from Technology will be in touch to assist you.



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