

Scarborough Public Schools

April 28, 2023



SPS Building Project - Site Selection Approved by BOE

This week the school Building Committee and the School Board both voted on and approved the site for the new unified K-3 school. We are so excited to announce the site that best fit all the criteria laid out both by the committee and the community is: **Scarborough Downs**.

It's been a very long and detailed process to get here. One which began with 46 potential sites, the input of many subject matter experts, and which involved prioritizing the criteria the Scarborough community indicated were most important in a final school site.

Want to learn more about how we got here and why the final site was selected?

Watch the video of the April 25th School Building Committee meeting, where the site was selected, and view the presentation slides.

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

What's next? The recommendation will go to the Town Council for their consideration on May 3.



REMINDER - MORE BUSES BEING ADDED TO BUS SWIPE SYSTEM - MONDAY - MAY 1 and MONDAY, MAY 8

WHAT?

The early implementation of the Tyler "Student Transportation" system, an online platform, is going well.

On Monday, **May 1, Bus 5 (Ron's bus), Bus 29 (Brian's bus) and Bus 10 (Rocco's bus)** will be added to the swipe system, in addition to **Bus 7 (Julie's bus) and Bus 8 (Mike's bus)** that started on April 10.

Beginning on **May 8, Bus 12 (Mike's bus), Bus 23 (Megan's bus) and Bus 34 (Bill's bus)**, will go on-line and will be utilizing this new system!

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.

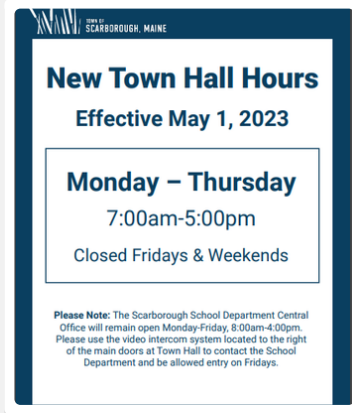
HOW WILL IT WORK FOR MY CHILD?

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?

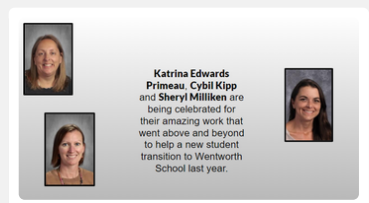
Please reach out to the Transportation Department as needed.



We're Still Open for Business Monday- Friday

DON'T FORGET - This change is in effect beginning next Friday - May 5th.

The hours of operation for Town Hall services ONLY 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.



L to R: Cybil Kipp,
Katrina Edwards
Primeau, Sheryl Milliken

April Spotlight Award Recipients

At the April 27th School Board meeting, three staff members were celebrated by the Board for their efforts that go above and beyond for their students. The three staff are Cybil Kipp, Katrina Edwards Primeau and Sheryl Milliken. They were recognized for their hard work by their co-worker Stephanie Leonhartt. Congratulations and thank you for your continued support and dedication for your students!



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 Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30PM - 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:

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



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 [here](#).



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 [use this link](#) to download a copy, or stop by our Central Office (Scarborough Town Hall, 259 US Route 1) to pick up an application. Once completed, return it to our Central Office for consideration.

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 <https://www.scarboroughschools.org/employment-opportunities>



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 (this meeting will begin at 6:00pm), 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](#) for more information.

Our next DEI Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2 at 6:00pm (note the time change) 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: [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.](#)

The screenshot shows the Scarborough Public Schools website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'DISTRICT', 'SCHOOLS', and 'QUICKLINKS'. Below this is the school logo and the name 'SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS'. A search bar and links for 'Faculty & Staff', 'Calendar', and 'Building Project' are also visible. A secondary navigation bar includes 'DISTRICT', 'BOARD', 'CENTRAL OFFICE', 'PARENTS & FAMILY', 'ADULT LEARNING CENTER', and 'ATHLETICS'. The main content area features a 'Community Bulletin Board' section with a list of links on the left and a main heading on the right. The links include 'Student Registration', 'Student Transfer Request', 'Emergency Plan', 'RevTrak Online Payments', '5210 Let's Go!', 'Anti-Bullying Information', 'Common Sense Media', and 'Community Bulletin Board'. The main heading 'Community Bulletin Board' is followed by a paragraph: 'Scarborough Public Schools will share with families community flyers on the "Community Bulletin Board".' Below this, it states: 'Flyers posted are for informational purposes only and are not district sponsored events. Posting does not imply Scarborough Public Schools endorsement of them.' Further down, it says: 'Scarborough Public Schools will continue to send families any district and school related information home with students directly or through email.' There are two image links: 'SHS Softball' and 'CS Family Dance'. At the bottom right, there is an 'English' language selector.

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!

The flyer is for a 'Kids Fishing Derby' at Bayley's Camping Resort. It features a central image of a child fishing. Text includes: 'Kids Fishing Derby', 'Saturday, May 6th 9:00am - 1:00pm', 'Bayley's Camping Resort Scarborough, ME'. At the bottom, it says: 'BAYLEY'S CAMPING RESORT', 'Open to children age 4-11. Must be accompanied by an adult.', 'Join us Saturday, May 6th', 'ADMISSION FREE FOR KIDS AGE 4-11. ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A FOOD DONATION (E.G. CANNED GOODS, ETC.)', 'Prizes for different age categories • Snacks and beverages available for purchase • BRING YOUR OWN POLES - FISHES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE'.

The flyer is for an 'Under the Stars Family Formal'. It features a starry night sky background. Text includes: 'Under the Stars FAMILY FORMAL', 'SATURDAY, MAY 6TH', '6:30 - 8:30 PM | WENTWORTH SCHOOL', '\$7 PER PERSON'. At the bottom, it says: 'REGISTER AT TINY.CC/FAMFORMAL or scan here' with a QR code.

The flyer is for a 'Pasta with the Players and Silent Auction' on Thursday, May 11th. It features a pasta dish image. Text includes: '2023 SCARBOROUGH SOFTBALL', 'Pasta with the Players and Silent Auction!', 'Thursday, May 11th', 'Meal and Auction at Wentworth School Cafeteria Following our 2-3:20pm Practice at the SHS Varsity Field'. A schedule of events is listed: '5:00pm - 2023 League Players join the High School Players at the Varsity Field. (Bring your gloves)', '5:30pm - High School Softball players will honor Angeliya with the 2023 League Softball players.', '6:30pm - Group photos and autograph session with the High School softball team both JV/Varsity.', '6:30-8:30pm - Proceed to Wentworth Cafeteria with the Team for Pasta dinner with the Players.', '8:30pm- 2:00am - Meet with the players and coaches throughout the Dinner and Silent Auction.', '8:30pm- 2:00am - Bid on (and win) your favorite silent auction items and purchase apparel'. There are three small images: 'Meet members of our 2023 Varsity and JV Team!', '6th Grade Meets Softball!', and 'Our 2023 Girls Softball Captain, Lisa Pizzella'. Below these are sections for 'SILENT AUCTION: Gift cards to local restaurants, business services, tickets to games, gift baskets, food items, softball lessons and much more!', 'SOFTBALL BATTLE and GYM BALL GUESSING', and 'RED STORM APPAREL SALE: New T-shirts, windbreakers, hoodies, joggers, and more! Bring your family and enjoy pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert!'. It also mentions: 'Tickets sold in advance and at the door: \$10 Adults / \$5 Students (8th grade and under) Maximum \$40 per family. For tickets, contact: Collette.Dunham@realnorth.org or tpizzella@gmail.com'. At the bottom, it says: 'Thank you to our local Amato's at Oak Hill for helping to sponsor this event!'.

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.

You won't want to miss their [summer brochure of events](#) - 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 Wednesday, June 21st. 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](#)

- May 3 - Town Council Meeting - 1st Reading of the FY24 Budget
- May 4 - School Board Meeting
- May 17 - Town Council - Public Hearing on the FY24 Budget
- May 18 - School Board Meeting - 2nd Reading on the FY24 School Budget
- May 23 - SPS Building Committee Meeting

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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