

Scarborough Public Schools

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Message from Superintendent Bruno

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To the Scarborough Public Schools Community,

We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and is ready for our schools to come alive as students, staff, and families return this fall! There is much to report: our community has been staying busy on campus throughout the summer:

- We conducted our summer reading academy and kindercamp at the elementary level, middle school connections with 6th graders, and credit recovery/pathways academic programs at the high school.
- Staff continued to hone their skills and develop engaging curriculum across all grade level phases, with over 30 different sessions offered, including professional development opportunities offered by staff for staff. We are fortunate to have such a collaborative, knowledgeable, and professional faculty who share expertise with their colleagues and build effective professional learning communities.
- We had over 70 students participate in our special education Extended School Year services programs this summer. Students from grades K through 12 participated in a variety of academic, functional and social/emotional programs designed to help them maintain the gains they made last year so they can build on those skills at the start of the new school year. These students were supported by many members of our dedicated special services staff team.
- Athletics and other student activities are already underway as we get further into August. Fall sports such as football, field hockey, soccer and volleyball are in full swing. For students who prefer individual sports, golf and cross-country are also underway and you are sure to see many of our athletes around town doing their workouts. We have nearly 400 athletes participating in Fall sports at the high school level.
- Clubs and organizations are getting ready for the upcoming start of school and will be eagerly recruiting new members, and planning events and fundraisers. Our music boosters had a booth

set up at this week's summer-fest.

- Our district leadership council wrapped up our two day leadership institute, setting district-wide goals for the year and planning for the opening days of school. We are excited to welcome nationally renowned educational consultant and speaker [Principal Kafele](#) to our all-district opening to deliver a morning keynote address to all staff on cultivating culturally responsive school and classroom culture.

Finally, we continue to make progress with respect to the Scarborough Schools [Building Project](#). The town-wide Building Committee, Board of Education, Town Council, and town & district leaders have been collaborating to finalize a site for a new unified K-3 primary school, understand the costs and potential tax impact of the K-8 strategic solution, and bring Scarborough Schools into the 21st century with a new state of the art learning facility. Please mark your calendars for September 6, 2023, when the Town Council will hold a public hearing and vote to authorize a ballot referendum to bring this long overdue facilities solution to the voters for approval in November. We are excited to continue educating the Scarborough community about the state of the art unified K-3 campus designed for our students and educators. The future vision for our schools is strong!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement as summer turns to fall - we are excited to welcome everyone back in the coming weeks!

Regards,
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2023-2024 School Calendar

The 2023-2024 school calendar can be found [here](#).

