

Scarborough High School

October 6, 2023

Dear Scarborough Students and Families:

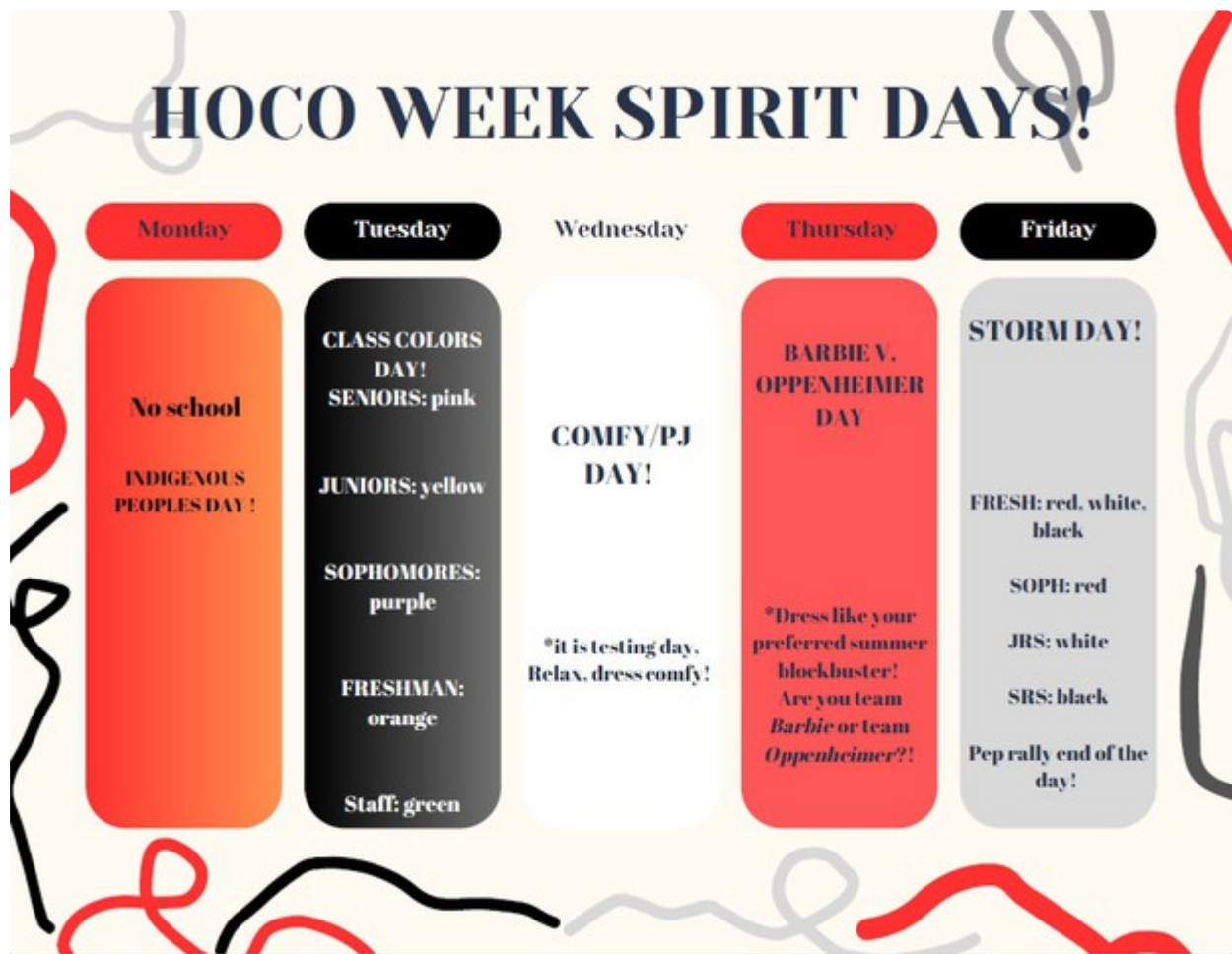
September has suddenly passed and the school year is in full swing. We have many upcoming events this month, be it Spirit Week, Parent/Teacher Conferences, or our first Band/Chorus event of the year. We are also somehow more than halfway through Q1, which ends on Friday, November 3.

While there are many important details that follow, I do want to call attention to adjustments to the school day schedule on October 11, our testing day, and on October 13, our Pep Rally day.

Is it a Red or White Day?

October 10-13: Spirit Week

Spirit Week is upon us! Our annual weeklong celebration will take place from Tuesday, October 10 - Friday, October 13. Student Council has been working busily to finalized details for the week. See below for regarding dress up days.



Students should be checking emails and listening to announcements all week regarding different events and plans.

On Friday, October 13, we will have our Pep Rally from 1:30-2:25. That schedule for the day is below. Students who do not want to attend the Pep Rally should report to the All Purpose Room when their class is called to Alumni Gym. There will be two staff members there to supervise.

Scarborough High School
2023-24
Pep Rally Schedule
Friday, October 13 (White 2 Day)

Time	Block/Event	Notes
8:00am-9:05am	Block 1	
9:10am-10:15am	Block 2	
10:20am-11:25am	Block 3	
11:30am-1:15pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Lunch = 11:30-11:55 B Lunch = 12:10-12:35 C Lunch = 12:50-1:15 	Block 4 + Lunch	We will use the White Day Early Release Lunch Schedule, but not that the times are slightly adjusted for the day to maximize instructional time.
1:15pm	Go to AEAST/ADV Rooms for attendance	
1:20pm	Seniors to cafeteria	Grades will be called down by announcement over the intercom. Please do not send students until you hear the announcement.
1:22pm	Freshmen to Alumni	
1:24pm	Sophomores to Alumni	
1:26pm	Juniors to Alumni	
1:28pm	Seniors to Alumni	
1:30pm-2:25pm	PEP RALLY	

October 11: Testing Day

Wednesday, October 11, is our Fall testing day for Grades 9, 10, and 11 and our Financial Wellness Workshop for Seniors.

Schedule and Logistics

Testing for Grades 9, 10, and 11 will run from 8:00-11:15. The Senior Financial Wellness Workshop will also run from 8:00-11:15. This means neither White Blocks 1 and 2, nor Advisory/AEAST will meet on this day. After testing, we will run White Blocks 3 and 4 as regularly scheduled. Students should plan to go to their assigned lunch for a White 1 day.

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
8:00-11:15	iReady Diagnostic Assessment	Maine Through Year Assessment	PSAT	Financial Wellness Workshop
11:20-1:05	White 1 Block 3*			
1:10-2:25	White 1 Block 4			

**Students should plan to go to their regularly assigned White 1 lunch.*

Room assignments for all students (including Seniors, who will be assigned to a teacher for the Financial Wellness Workshop) are posted outside the Cafeteria and Student Services on Snacks and drinks will be provided to students during testing breaks.

This year, ALL assessments are administered through a digital platform. Paper/pencil versions will not be available. Students will need to use a school-issued Chromebook.

- **School Chromebooks:** If your child does not have a school issued Chromebook, they will need to pick one up from our IT Department (C103) prior to Oct. 11th. **Parents:** Please be sure that you have signed the Chromebook Use Policy form in PowerSchool. If you have not yet signed this form, please log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal and sign the form before Oct. 11th. Your child cannot be issued a school device until you have signed the Chromebook Use Policy.

While an 'opt out' option for these tests is not available, we do wish to partner with you in making decisions in the best interest of our students. If you have concerns regarding your child's participation, please contact either your child's School Counselor or myself.

Our expectations for attendance are the same as they are for every other day. To participate in after-school Athletic activities on this day, students are expected to be in school and on-time for all in-day school activities and classes. Any discrepancies in attendance will need to be taken care of with the teacher or Mr. Yeo, our Safety and Attendance Officer, before the end of the same school day, as the Athletic and Activities Department will follow whatever is posted in PowerSchool. To excuse an absence, parents should call 207.730.5000 and provide a reason for the absence.

Testing and Activity Information

Freshmen will be taking the iReady Diagnostic assessment, which is given in both the fall and the spring. The iReady Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit each student's needs. Data from this assessment will help teachers learn more about their students, and assist teachers in better meeting student needs in the classroom. We will be in contact with ninth graders who are absent on October 11 or who need more time to complete the assessment to establish a makeup plan.

Sophomores will be participating in the Maine Through Year Assessment for reading and math, formerly called the Maine Educational Assessment (MEA). This State-mandated assessment is also given in both the fall and the spring. The data gained from this assessment will assist us in making improvements to our curriculum and instruction. We will be in contact with tenth graders who are absent on October 11 or who need more time to complete the assessment to establish a makeup plan.

Juniors will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT. All students who have been pre-approved for College Board testing accommodations will have access to those accommodations through the digital testing format. Approved accommodations will automatically be loaded onto your child's Chromebook by the College Board. **Please note:** Because the PSAT must be completed in one sitting, students who have extended time as an approved accommodation are likely to miss additional instructional time during Blocks 3 and/or 4 on October 11. Teachers have been made aware and students would be wise to check in White Blocks 3 and 4 about any missed instruction or assignment. We will offer a single make-up day on October 12, 2023. Any Junior who is absent and would like the opportunity to make-up the exam may do so on this date. The make-up exam will also be digital and will begin at 8:00am.

Seniors will be taking part in a Financial Workshop in coordination with Town & Country Federal Credit Union. Seniors have received an email from Mrs. Zavasnik detailing the different learning opportunities within this event. The Financial Wellness Workshop is a chance for Seniors to get insight and advice from local financial experts on budgeting, credit cards, debt, loans, etc. Seniors should bring a writing utensil to the workshop.

October 14: Homecoming Dance

Saturday, October 14, is our Homecoming Dance. The Dance will take place in the SHS Cafeteria from 7:00-10:00pm.

Tickets went on sale on October 2 and will continue to be sold at lunch through Wednesday, October 12.

Dance Permission Forms and Guest Forms are currently available in Admin I and Admin II.

Yearbook

This week SHS will be celebrating Spirit Week, and that translates to tons of photos for the yearbook! The year is ramping up and getting busy. Don't miss out on these memories for your child. Now is a great time to order a 2024 Yearbook using the link below. Parents of seniors, you can also purchase a recognition ad here.

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1067379/Scarborough-High-School/2024-Yearbook/2023062908154620355/CATALOG_SHOP/

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences, Round 2: October 19

This past week, we complete the first round of Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. Thanks to all parents who attended. The next round of Conferences is on Thursday, October 19, from 2:45-5:15pm.

Parents/guardians can sign up for conferences through Conference Manager.

Does your child need a flu shot?



It's Vaccination Time

Scarborough High School will be having an influenza vaccination clinic on Monday 10/23/23. We will be partnering with Northern Light Home Care & Hospice to provide this clinic to our students.

Please click on the link below and complete the consent form by Friday 10/20/23 at noon. You must type something into all highlighted fields, so please use NA if it doesn't apply. Although the vaccine is provided at no charge, there is a cost to administer the vaccine. **We appreciate it if you include accurate insurance information.** There is no out of pocket cost and those without insurance **will** be vaccinated with the appropriate form completed. **Children presenting with an incomplete form will not receive their vaccine.**

[Click here for Consent Form](#)

Or scan below



- ✓ You will be notified if there is a change in the planned dates of school flu clinics.
- ✓ The Vaccine Information Sheets are included in the link after the consent form. Please take a minute to read these.
- ✓ If you need a translated form or are unable to complete an electronic form, please let the school nurse know and we will send a paper form home.

For information about flu and the vaccine go to www.maine flu.gov.

<https://www.maine.gov/oe/vaccine/toolkit/sections/2.2%20SLVC%202014-2015FactSheet.pdf>

For questions about the flu vaccine, call Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention (Maine CDC) at 1-800-867-4775, Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5 pm.

For questions about the vaccine clinics at our school, please call the school nurse at Lisa Verzoni or Stacey Hang.

Sincerely,
Scarborough Public Schools

Please be sure to complete and return the Health Screen & Permission form!

October 23: Flu Clinic, Picture Retakes, and a Band Concert

Monday, October 23, will be a busy day at SHS. In addition to the Influenza Vaccine Clinic, we will also be running Picture Retakes in the Rear Auditorium. Students participating in picture retakes should plan to listen to announcements that day for guidance.

Later that evening, we'll also be hosting our a Band Concert. The Concert will take place in the Auditorium at the HS and will start at 7:00. We hope you'll attend what is sure to be a splendid performance.

October 25: Q1 Student Meeting and Parent Night

On October 25, the Building Leadership Team will host our Q1 Student Meeting in the Auditorium during AEAST. We encourage any student with a concern or question to stop by.

That evening, we will host our Q1 Parent Night on Zoom. A link to the meeting and agenda will be out a few days prior to the meeting. We greatly value these opportunities to meet with parents/guardians to share more about the school and hope that you'll plan to attend.

Absences

As a reminder, please be sure that if your child is absent from school, that you call 730-5000 to notify us about the absence and provide a reason for it so that we can properly account for it.

This can be particularly important for student-athletes, as attendance plays a key role in their ability to participate in daily practices or games.

Scarborough Building Project

Want a [detailed look](#) at the design of the new unified school?

Lisa Swain, the lead architect for the project, walks you through the concept plans and design of the new school and explains the thoughtful and research-backed choices made to create a school which fills the specific needs of Scarborough students today and in the future and meets the community-developed design statement of “an intimate community of innovative, flexible, and inspirational learning neighborhoods that fosters inclusivity, collaboration, and hand-on learning.”

We certainly hope to see you at some of these events over the next month and wish you a happy and healthy October!

Building Leadership Team

Ms. Blaisdell, *Assistant Principal (Gr 9 + 11)*

Mr. Brown, *Assistant Principal (Gr 10 + 12)*

Mr. LeGage, *Director of Athletics and Activities*

Mr. Theriault, *Principal*