

# Scarborough Public Schools

November 9, 2023



Reminder that there is no school tomorrow in recognition of the Veteran's Day holiday. Thank you to all staff, parents, and community members who have served in the military: your commitment has benefitted the greater good.



## Parent Portal for School Buses Now Open!

As you may already be aware, Scarborough Public Schools started using "Student Transportation", an online application, this spring to provide the utmost accountability with students to enable us to know who is on which bus. Since spring, students have been swiping on and off their buses using their individual bus cards. When students do not have their card with them, it is expected that drivers are selecting and accounting for them manually using their mounted tablets.

The next phase in the implementation of the "Student Transportation" platform is the opening of the Parent Portal, **My Ride K-12, beginning on Monday, November 13**. The My Ride K-12 app allows you and your student the ability to access estimated times for your bus' arrival, to monitor where the bus is in real time, to confirm your child when your child is boarding or disembarking from the bus, ultimately ensuring that your child is accounted for and safe as it relates to bussing. The application uses GPS technology to provide the most accurate route data with real-time updates. The application also allows for notifications to be sent to you, in the case that there are any specific changes to your bus on an emergent basis.

Linked below are step by step directions to take you through setting up the app on your computer or on a mobile phone if you are interested in doing so.

[My Ride K-12 Web Browser Signup - Parent Guide](#)

[My Ride K-12 Mobile App Signup - Parent Guide](#)

## Important: Student Use of Bus Cards

My Ride K-12 gets all of its information about who is riding the bus each day from students swiping on and off with their cards. Please help us on a day to day basis by **making sure your child has and is using their bus card every day**, so you can check on your child using the app as needed and so drivers don't have to individually select your student by hand on the program. Although we recognize that from time to time, a student may forget their card, we also know that our drivers do not have time to hand select 70 students on a bus route as a daily responsibility.

Please check in with your students to establish a routine and find a safe place for their cards. Reach out if you need a replacement. The bus department will also be communicating with you to let you know if your child has not been using a card so you can help to reinforce the importance of this safety feature.

## Middle School and Blue Point School's Rescheduled Flu Clinics

Due to the unexpected school closure on October 26th, the Middle School and Blue Point School's Fall Flu Clinics have been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 14th at 7:30am for Middle School and 10:30am for Blue Point School.



OAK HILL PLAYERS PRESENTS

42<sup>nd</sup> STREET

Winslow Homer Center for the Performing Arts  
Friday, **November 10th** at 7PM  
Saturday, **November 11th** at 1PM & 7PM  
Thursday, **November 16th** at 6PM  
Friday, **November 17th** at 7PM (**Senior Night**)  
Saturday, **November 18th** at 1PM & 7PM  
[scarboroughredstorm.org/ohptickets/](http://scarboroughredstorm.org/ohptickets/)

## Oak Hill Players' Fall Musical, 42nd Street

Oak Hill Players of Scarborough High School proudly presents our Fall Musical, *42nd Street!* Please join us for a performance. Tickets are available online and a limited number are available at the door. For help with tickets or questions about the performances, please email





[OHPproducer@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:OHPproducer@scarboroughschools.org) or call Bethany Jensen at (518)788-7617. We hope to see you there!



## Scarborough Kiwanis Club Donation

The Scarborough Kiwanis Club is pleased to partner with Scarborough Schools to collect adult socks, gloves/mittens, and hats for donation to Scarborough Public Safety's Social Services Division. The items will be distributed to those that need a little extra help during the colder months within our community, including those unhoused or facing other adverse challenges. These clothing items can be used (but in good condition) or purchased new. Collection bins will be available at each of our public schools. Clothing items can be donated by students, parents, faculty, and staff between Monday **November 13th** and Friday **December 15th**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## Scarborough Education Foundation (SEF) Information

Please take a moment to read about the Scarborough Education Foundation (SEF) and the wonderful things this non-profit does for our school district.

Click [HERE](#)



## Community Bulletin Board

Don't forget to check out the [Community Bulletin Board](#). Lots of great community information to view:

- Scarborough Education Foundation (SEF) Information
- Camp Ketcha's Outdoors After School Program
- Scarborough Public Library
- Girls Scouts
- 2023 Adult Education Fall Catalog

and much more!

## Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

- November 10th - No School (Veteran's Day Observed)



- November 14th - Reschedule Flu Clinic for Middle School (7:30am) and Blue Point (10:30am).
- November 15th - Early Release Day\*\*
- November 22nd, 23rd, and 24th - Thanksgiving Break; No School

\*\*Early Release Times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm



## Let your child know...

“There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind.” – Mister Rogers

## A Message from our Health Department

**ILLNESS:** Students who have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever (**being 100.4 or above**), sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home. **Students need to be free from fever, vomiting, and diarrhea for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before returning to school.**



The CDC recommends COVID-19 testing for individuals with [symptoms of COVID](#). If an individual tests positive for COVID, the CDC recommendation is that they stay at home for five days **after the first day of symptoms or positive test** and wear a well-fitting mask in public on days 6–10.



# SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Come join our team!**  
**Positions Available include:**

- ✓ Special Education Technicians
- ✓ Food Service Workers
- ✓ Custodians
- ✓ Bus Drivers
- ✓ And MORE!



 **Apply at:**  
[www.scarboroughschools.org](http://www.scarboroughschools.org)

## We Are Hiring!

Scarborough Public Schools is currently hiring. Interested candidates may visit the School District's Employment site for details and application instructions by using this link here:

<https://www.applitrack.com/scarborough/OnlineApp/default.aspx>

## Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill





Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

## Services & Information

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## Tech Support

For technology assistance with SPS student laptops, please visit

<https://tickets.scarboroughschools.org> to open a ticket and someone from Technology will be in touch to assist you.



## Scarborough Schools

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