

Scarborough High School

November 3, 2023

Letter from the Principal

Dear Scarborough High School Families:

While I often find myself increasingly reflective as the calendar gets to late November, I find myself looking back now at all that has occurred recently. The past two weeks were marked by great horror and heartbreak, with lives forever altered by the events that took place in Lewiston on October 25.

As I've tried to process and comprehend what has occurred, I have also found myself noticing moments that give cause for hope: a staff member stepping in for another who was struggling, students and staff sharing stories about connections to the events Lewiston, students checking up on each other as they pass through halls, and a school that, under incredibly difficult circumstances, came together in support of one another – as a community – in response to a terrible tragedy.

The empathy, compassion, and resilience that I've witnessed has been a ray of light and inspiration in dark days. Robert Frost once wrote, "the best way out is through." After what I've seen from our staff and students, I have full confidence we will make our way through together.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy month of November, and a joyful start to the holiday season.

Nate Theriault

Principal

Election Day Learning for SHS Students

Election Day will be held in the Town of Scarborough on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Since Scarborough High School is the voting site for the Town, all SHS students will attend classes remotely that day. Only high school students will have remote learning on this day. All other district levels will operate as usual.

This will be an asynchronous remote day for SHS classes, meaning we will not be running a coordinated class schedule for the day. Attendance will be taken once through Advisory only. Every Advisor will be posting or emailing a Google Form to their Advisees by 8:30am on the morning of November 7. To be marked present for the day, students need to complete and submit that form by 10am. Any student who has a legitimate reason for why that form was not submitted by 10am should contact the Advisor.



As our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs take place offsite, we will still be running buses for students in Westbrook Regional Vocational Center (WRVC) and Portland Arts and Technology High School (PATHS) programs. As usual, all CTE students are expected to take SHS buses to and from their CTE site on November 7:

- The **AM bus** from SHS will leave for WRVC and PATHS at 7:40am and return to SHS around 10:45am.
- The **PM bus** from SHS will leave for WRVC at 10:00am and return to SHS around 1:15pm.

Students or parents/guardians of CTE students who need a ride to SHS to catch the AM or PM bus or a ride home when they return to SHS from their program should contact Mr. Coombs (tcoombs@scarboroughschools.org) so that we can arrange for appropriate transportation. As some of these CTE program times may conflict with the plan for attendance outlined above, Mr. Coombs will be taking care of attendance for all CTE students.

Lunches Will Be Provided to All Students

Related to being remote on Election Day, our Food Services Department will provide bag lunches for all students to take home on Monday, November 6, 2023. Students who wish to pick up a lunch to bring home, please stop by the main lobby on your way out of school at the end of the day on Monday.

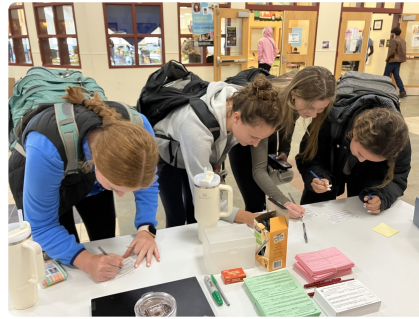


5th Annual Voter Registration Drive

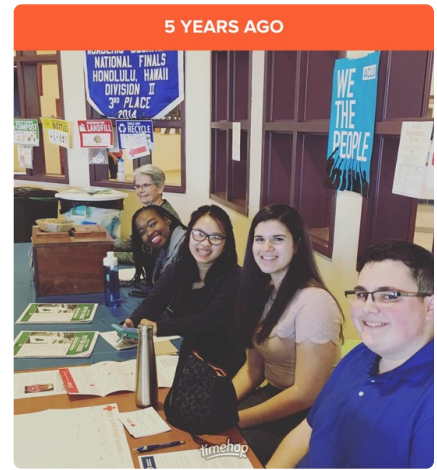
On October 19th at all school lunch periods, the SHS Civil Rights Club held its 5th annual Voter Registration Drive. In the weeks leading up to registration day, signs and emails were shared with students, advising them about their rights regarding voter registration. In our first voter registration drive five years ago, we registered three seniors. This year, 44 students, ages 16+, registered to vote. Well done, Scarborough Students! This is what democracy looks like.



October 19, 2023



SHS Students Registering



5 Years Ago!

AP EXAMS!

Students who are currently taking an AP course and wish to take the AP Exam **MUST** complete the following steps in order to take the exam in May.

1. If you have not already, Join AP Classroom to register for your exam(s)
2. No later than **11/6/2023** you must pay for your exam(s) on [RevTrak](#).



Exciting News!

Scarborough High School has been named to ESPN's Citizens Honor Roll for our students' work as a Special Olympic Unified Champion School and their effort to create a more inclusive community. We are so proud!



Special Olympics
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Schools®**



Scarborough Kiwanis Club Fundraiser for Socks, Gloves, Mittens & Hats

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!





Important Information for All SHS Families

All students are guaranteed the right to a free, appropriate, public education. **If a student is experiencing housing instability, they might be entitled to certain resources and rights under the McKinney-Vento Act.**

Housing instability can look like a lot of different things, but know that **our school is here to help.** Please contact your child(ren)'s counselor in the Student Services Department at SHS if you think your family might qualify.

Student Services Department

Grades 9 and 11:

- **Last Names A-K:** Mr. Soucie | rsoucie@scarboroughschools.org | 730.5024
- **Last Names L-Z:** Mrs. LaBelle | alabelle@scarboroughschools.org | 730.5026

Grades 10 and 12:

- **Last Names A-K:** Mrs. Spaulding | wspaulding@scarboroughschools.org | 730.5023
- **Last Names L-Z:** Ms. Lane | alane@scarboroughschools.org | 730.5025

Community Courage Awards

SHS Teacher, Michelle Shupp and student, Alex Wu, were both recently honored at the Maine Boys to Men Community Courage Award ceremony. On October 5th, at their 25th anniversary celebration, Maine Boys to Men recognized Alex Wu with their Youth Courage Award. Alex, a junior at

Scarborough High School, is a courageous advocate for gender equity at school and in the community. Alex is a leader for gender equity on the Maine Boys to Men Youth Advisory Council, an officer in Scarborough's Reducing Sexism and Violence Program, the Co-President of the SHS Civil Rights Club, and an intern with the League of Women Voters. Congratulations, Alex!

Michelle Shupp was also honored with the Community Courage Award. Michelle teaches Latin at SHS and is also the Advisor for the SHS Civil Rights Club as well as Scarborough's Reducing Sexism and Violence Program. Michelle has been a fearless advocate for SHS students and our community for many years. We are extremely proud of her and her work and so incredibly grateful to have her as a member of our community. Congratulations, Michelle!



SHS Civil Rights Club hosts guest performer and educator, Ahmad Kafari

On October 12th, the SHS Civil Rights Club hosted Portland-based pianist and rhythm bones-wielding beatmaker Ahmad Kafari. Kafari's music synthesizes his love of ambient piano music, instrumental hip hop, and acoustic percussion. Kafari performed pieces from Miles Davis and of his own composition. He also provided CRC members with their own bones (an historic percussion instrument) and taught them basic rhythmic maneuvers. Kafari's vocation is to teach bones to his listeners at his performances, sharing pieces of their complex and fraught history while workshopping basic rhythmic techniques with his audiences over his original beats. *"I think of being a musician as a private, public journey. My intention is to care for myself and to cultivate a personal relationship with music that is expressive, healing, and that serves my needs at the time. And perhaps through that act of expression and of making a statement, I can make a connection with you."*





Visual Art News

Scholastic Art Award Competition and the 2024 Congressional Art Competition

Deadline: December 12, 2023

The 2023 Maine Region Scholastic Art Award Competition and the 2024 Congressional Art Competition are underway! Students are invited to participate by submitting artwork for juried competitions. Last year, many Scarborough High School students won awards!

The Scholastics competition is open to students currently in grades 7–12 in all public, private, homeschooled and after school art programs. Students can compete in up to 18 different art categories, and may submit individual works of art or portfolios. The Scholastics national website is open for submissions for the 2024 competition.

For complete details on student eligibility, competition categories, jury criteria, important dates and deadlines, and more, please see your art teacher or visit meca.edu/maine-region-art-awards/ and artandwriting.org.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, Dec 12: Final day to submit artwork — no late entries will be accepted

March 2024: Exhibition at Maine College of Art (date and time TBD)



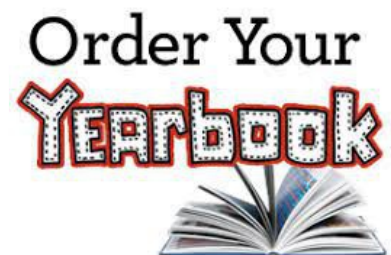
SHS Art Club is Back!

ART CLUB meets Fridays from 2:40-3:40 pm in room E106. Art Club meetings usually alternate between planned group projects and open studio time. Last year, we designed buttons, tried our hands at embroidery, marbelized paper, carved stamps, and tie-dyed T-shirts, among other things. All students are welcome, but you must register ahead of time through the FamilyID app. See Ms. Landry-Fowler for more information.

Order Your 2023-2024 Yearbook Now!

The time to order your 2023-2024 yearbook is NOW! We will **not** be ordering extra books so please reserve one today.

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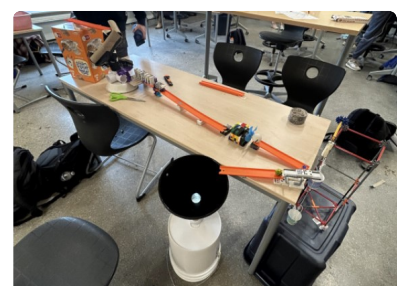


Parent recognition Ad

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Engineer Class Completes Rube Goldberg Design Challenge

SHS Engineering students recently completed a Rube Goldberg design challenge. They had to incorporate 5 energy transfers and 3 simple machines chosen at random to create a complicated machine to complete a simple task. This picture shows the work of one group who designed a machine to turn off a light. They had to use a lever, inclined plane, and screw as their simple machines and Gravitational Potential Energy






(PE) to Kinetic Energy (KE); Sound to KE; KE to Gravitational PE; PE to Sound; and Chemical PE to KE. These students constructed their own screw from PVC pipe and cardboard tubes, inclined planes from hot wheels tracks, a holder for an electronic motor and fan from legos, a pulley system from K'NEX and a lever from K'NEX.

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)


Humankind's greatest space science facility

Presented by James W. Beletic, Ph.D.
Chief Scientific Officer
Teledyne Digital Imaging




This talk explains why the James Webb Space Telescope, (JWST) was built, and discusses the major technical challenges when addressing space requirements for deploying the most advanced astronomical observatory ever built. Stunning images of the universe will demonstrate the scientific capabilities of JWST.

Sponsored by Students Empowered to End Dependency



**Hannaford Hall at Abromson Center
University of Southern Maine
88 Bedford Street, Portland, Maine
6pm Monday, November 06, 2023**



Dr. Beletic is the Chief Scientific Officer for Teledyne Digital Imaging, focusing his efforts on space missions. Previously, Dr. Beletic was the President of Teledyne Imaging Sensors, which is a world leader in the development and production of high performance infrared focal plane arrays (FPAs).

Athletics & Activities

Athletics:

- Registration for Winter Sports: [FamilyID](#)
- Girls Ice Hockey starts on Monday, November 6th
- All other Winter Sports start on Monday, November 20th
- Boys & Girls Cross Country are participating in the State Championship on Saturday, November 4th @ Belfast
- After a win over Cheverus on Thursday night, Girls Soccer will play in the Class A Regional Finals vs. Gorham on Tuesday, November 7th @ 4:00pm at Kennebunk High School



See the [Red Storm Athletics website](#) for any information regarding sports.

Activities:

- Registration for Clubs and Activities: [FamilyID](#)

Winter Concert Dates

December 19, 2023, 7:00 pm: Winter Choral Concert
January 10, 2024, 7:00 pm: Winter Band Concert
Location for both concerts: SHS Winslow Homer Auditorium



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8/28: Staff Day - No School for Students					10/3: Fall P/T Conferences					11/3: End of Quarter 1 (6-12)					12/13: Early Release Day					1/1: New Year's Day				
8/29: Staff Day - No School for Students					10/6: Staff Day - No School for Students					11/10: Veterans' Day Recognized - No School					12/22-12/29: Holiday Vacation					1/10: Early Release Day				
8/30 - Orientation Day					10/9: Indigenous People Day					11/15: Early Release Day										1/15: Martin Luther King Day				
8/31: First day for all students					10/11: iReady, NWEA, PSATs					11/23: No School/Staff Flex Day										1/16-1/19: HS Mid-Term Exams				
9/1: No School					10/14: Homecoming Dance					11/23-11/25: Thanksgiving Break										1/19: End of Q2/S1				
9/4: Labor Day - No School					10/18: Early Release Day																			
9/13: Early Release Day					10/19: Fall P/T Conferences																			
9/20: Open House (6-8:10 PM)																								
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2/14: Early Release Day					3/6: Early Release Day					4/3: Early Release Day					5/11: Prom					6/3-6/5: Sr Finals + Events				
2/19: Presidents' Day					3/7: Spring P/T Conferences					4/12: No School/Staff Flex Day					5/13: Early Release Day					6/5: Early Release				
2/19-2/23: Vacation					3/13: Staff Day - No School for Students					4/15: Patriots' Day					5/15: May Awards					6/9: Graduation				
					3/21: Spring P/T Conferences					4/15-4/19: Spring Vacation					5/27: Memorial Day					6/11: Last Student/Teacher Day with no storm days used				
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NO SCHOOL - Holiday/Vacation					Red 1 Day										Student School Day Start/End					8:00am -- 2:25pm				
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Watch our video about the
school design via the QR Code!



SCHOOL-WITHIN-A-SCHOOL

A PROVEN SCARBOROUGH MODEL

Community-Developed Design Statement:
"An intimate community of innovative, flexible, and inspirational
learning neighborhoods that fosters inclusivity, collaboration, and hands-on learning."

Want a detailed look at the design of the new unified school?

Lisa Sawin, 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."

Remember to vote November 7th!

Link to video: https://fb.watch/nunQ_hPH-M/?mibextid=Iprqdp

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*



Karen Sprague

Karen is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters