



Scarborough Public Schools

December 15, 2023



Have a Wonderful Break!

Last Day of Classes is December 21st

With 2023 coming to an end, this will be the final SMORE for this year. Our next district newsletter will go out on January 5, 2024. We hope that you and your family will enjoy the winter break and all

that this holiday season brings. We look forward to a happy and healthy 2024!

FACTS ABOUT ATTENDANCE

Every Day Counts!

Students who miss even a few days of school each month are at greater risk academically and socially than students who attend regularly.

Every Day Counts!!!

[Information Sheet](#)

We all want the best for children when it comes to academic excellence. Take a moment to [read](#) how schools, families and even students themselves can work to increase regular school attendance, as well as what Scarborough Public Schools data says about school attendance.

Some of you may have received letters in November from your child's school regarding their attendance. These communications are being made in conjunction with a [new state law](#) regarding chronically absent students, which is defined under the law as a student "*whose total number of absences at any time during a school year is equal to or greater than 10% of the total number of days that that student has been enrolled at that school during that school year.*"

Winter is Just Around the Corner!

Now that the calendar has turned to December, thoughts turn to family, great food, Holiday desserts, and snow ❄️. Please take a look at your PowerSchool parent portal is updated with all of your contact information. This will ensure you receive all of the communications from the district.



<https://scarborough.powerschool.com/public>

We also post no school announcements on New Center Maine, WGME, and WMTW.

The 2023 -2024 school calendar has three traditional "no school" snow days built into the calendar, ensuring that students continue to experience old-fashioned snow days. If there are more than 3 days called off for bad weather, we will move to remote learning days, wherein students will be expected to complete work asynchronously; no one will be expected to have online classes with their peers and teacher. Schools will provide more detail on that later. If it's looking like we might

SNOW DAY!



need to use them. The benefit of using a combination of no-school days and remote learning days is that we can ensure that the latest "last day" of school for the year will be Friday, June 14. Hopefully, this will help all families in planning for summer break.

The Maine Department of Education has granted Scarborough Public Schools' waiver request to have the October 26th and October 27th days off returned back to the district. As a result we are no longer at a deficit with the snow days.



Community Bulletin Board

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

- Free Hospice of Southern Maine Benefit Concert with the Don Campbell Band
- Scarborough Public Library
- Community Services Events
- Girls Scouts



and much more!

Upcoming Scarborough Public School Events

Mark Your Calendar!

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

- December 21st - School Board Meeting and First day of astronomical winter
- December 22nd through January 1st - December Break/School Vacation
- January 4, 2024 - School board Meeting
- January 10, 2024 - Early Release



**Early Release Times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm



Let your child know...

Remember this is just one day of your whole life.

SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS



SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

QUALIFICATIONS :

- 60+ College Credits
- MDOE valid fingerprinting and CHRC approval



Submit your application:
www.scarboroughschools.org/





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

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

[Spec. Services](#) | Chris Rohde, crohde@scarboroughschools.org

[Transportation](#) | Sarah Redmond, sredmond@scarboroughschools.org

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[Curriculum](#) | Katie Vetro, kvetro@scarboroughschools.org

[Facilities](#) | Todd Jepson, tjepson@scarboroughschools.org

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.



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