



Scarborough Public Schools

January 5, 2024



Welcome Back!

We hope all staff, students and families had a restful and peaceful winter break. We are looking forward to all of the wonderful times ahead in 2024! Happy New Year to all!

Ready for Winter Storms?



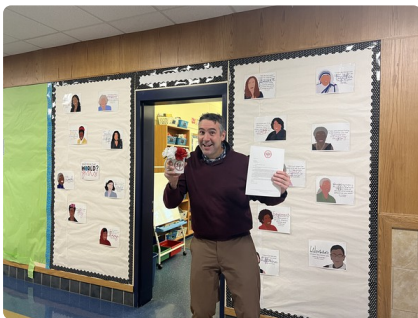
The 2023 -2024 school calendar has **three traditional "no school" snow days** built into the calendar, ensuring that students continue to experience old-fashioned snow days.

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 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.

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.



Patrick Reagan



**Ellen Stone Benson with
WS FLS Team**

SEF Fall Grant Winners

Congratulations to the six fall 2023 SEF (Scarborough Education Foundation) grant recipients! The chosen grants totalled over \$13,352.00 for activities and events designed to "promote academic excellence in the Scarborough Public Schools." The six awards cover a variety of topics (see full list below) .

2023 SEF Fall Grant Recipients

- Cultural Diversity Responsive Teacher - submitted by Patrick Reagan, Wentworth School Grade 5 Teacher
- Bringing Maine Authors to Scarborough Schools - submitted by Megan Blakemore, K-5 Resource Librarian
- Building Thinking Classrooms - submitted by Olivia Ghikas, Middle School 7th Grade Math Teacher
- Outdoor Chess Set - submitted by Jennifer Schweizer, Wentworth School Ed Tech III
- How to Read a Play - submitted by Jessica Kelly, Middle School Gates Teacher and Dylan Ney, Middle School Humanities Instructional Coach
- Picture Books: A piece of the puzzle to shift Scarborough Schools from awareness to complete acceptance of Neurodiversity - submitted by Ellen Stone Benson Speech/Language Pathologist

The staff and students are very grateful for the leadership and dedication of the SEF volunteers, and for all of the generous community donations offered to support their mission.

The SEF continues to promote and enhance educational opportunities for our students through their hard work and ongoing efforts. If you would like to get involved, would like to donate towards their cause or would like more information on their mission, please visit their website at:

www.sefmaine.org.



Jennifer Schweizer



Olivia Ghikas



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.*"

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:

- Scarborough Public Library
- Community Services Events
- Girls Scouts

and much more!



Upcoming Scarborough Public School Events

Mark Your Calendar!

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)



- January 10, 2024 - Early Release
- January 15, 2024 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
- January 18, 2024 - School Board Workshop and Business Meeting

**Early Release Times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

Scarborough Adult Education

Scarborough's Adult Education has sent out their Winter/Spring catalog. Interested in the history of tea, want to "pump up your strength", learn how to make pasta, go to their [website](#) for more information!





Let your child know...

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have."
Maya Angelou

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

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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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