



Scarborough Public Schools

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Scarborough HS Learning Commons

Scarborough HS Learning Commons Gives Students the Power to Reframe Discussion on Social Awareness and Society

Scarborough High School's school library, the Learning Commons is celebrating current fiction to encourage curiosity, discover ideas and perspectives, and inform self-understanding and awareness of the world we live in. It was part of this learning journey that students recently engaged in a book event that helped empower them to reframe the way we think about the society we live in.

Read the entire article from the Maine Department of Education's Newsroom [here](#)



The New School Building Committee is asking for volunteers!! Deadline 02/09/24

The Scarborough School Board and Scarborough Town Council are working together to create a new School Building Committee charged with researching the current space issues in the district and proposing a new solution. We are asking any residents interested in serving on this committee to please formally state



their interest through the below form no later than February 9th, 2024. **All residents who agree to the meeting expectations will be welcomed to join the committee.** From this larger committee, selection will be made for a smaller steering committee to guide the work of the larger committee, as outlined in the governance document below.

Once formed, the School Building committee will meet and determine a cadence and schedule as a committee, but should expect about 10 hours a month in meetings. Subcommittees will also be formed and will determine their own schedules. This is a great opportunity to get involved! The link to the application is here: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdUkfQmRztMi8.../viewform>

[Governance Document](#)

Junior Achievement in a Day at the Pleasant Hill School

We had a great group of volunteers come to PH this week to provide a JA in a Day program to all second graders, delivering the My Community programming.



Update: Volunteers Still Needed to Assist with Junior Achievement Programming

Scarborough Public Schools has benefitted from an amazing partnership with Junior Achievement of Maine for over 30 years and, with your support, it will certainly continue well into the future.



At this time, the following school needs exist to offer programming:

JA in a Day - one day commitment (1 lesson with each class rotating in for the lesson)

- **March 4 - Scarborough Middle School - Grade 6- [JA It's My Future](#)- 5 volunteers needed** from 8:00 am to 11:00 am - thank you to the 4 people who have signed up to volunteer since last

week

- **April 11- Eight Corners School** - Grade 1 [JA Ourselves](#) - 1 volunteer needed and Grade 2 [JA Our Community](#) - 5 volunteers needed
- **May 17- Blue Point School**- Grade 1 [JA Ourselves](#) - 3 volunteers needed and Grade 2 [JA Our Community](#) - 2 volunteers needed

All training and materials are provided. This is a great opportunity for individuals, as well as work teams. If you are interested and available to assist, please contact Assistant Superintendent Diane Nadeau at dnadeau@scarboroughschools.org and we will make sure we connect you with the appropriate contacts.

Keep in mind that Junior Achievement also provides programming across the state, and there are ongoing opportunities in neighboring districts that still are seeking volunteers. To learn more about JA programming and how else to get involved and support efforts, please visit [Junior Achievement of Maine](#).

Panorama SEL Survey to Gather Students' Perceptions of Their SEL Skills

Our focus on supporting our students with the lifelong skills necessary for success within and beyond our schools is referred to as social, emotional learning, or SEL for short. We have used [Panorama Survey tools](#) to gather feedback over the past few years and to make changes for our students in grades 3-12. This winter we plan to survey students on their perceptions of their skills and competencies.



This is a short online survey that will take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will take place between January 29 and February 9, 2024. The specific dates for your child's school will be determined by their building administrator to fit the needs of the school's schedule.

We are asking that all of our students participate in the survey, as their feedback provides invaluable insights into their experiences and how we can improve and adapt our district to their needs. If a student doesn't feel like they have enough information to answer a question, they will be able to skip the item altogether. If a student is uncomfortable taking the survey, they do not need to take it. Only the staff on your child's educational team, which may include their classroom teacher, principal, guidance counselor, social worker or district leadership, may have access to individual student responses.

The survey content will ask students to self-reflect on their perceptions of their experiences at school through questions that are organized around the following topics:

- **Self-Management:** How well students manage their emotions, thoughts, and behaviors in different situations.
- **Social Awareness:** How well students consider the perspectives of others and empathize with them.

- **Self-Efficacy:** How much students believe they can succeed in achieving academic outcomes.
- **Emotion Regulation:** How well students regulate their emotions
- **Growth Mindset:** Student perceptions of whether they have the potential to change those factors that are central to their performance in school.
- **Supportive Relationships:** How supported students feel through their relationships with friends, family, and adults at school.

These surveys are optional. Information will be coming home from the Wentworth School, Middle School and High School containing who to contact if you do not want your child to take the survey. Here are links to the survey questions:

- [SEL Skills Student Survey for grades 3-5](#)
- [SEL Skills Student Survey for Grades 6-12](#)

Scarborough Public Schools values our partnership with you as we work together to prepare our students for success beyond Scarborough Schools. We value input from our students – and we want to hear from your child or children! If you have any questions about the survey, please don't hesitate to contact your child's building principal or Katie Vetro, Curriculum Director.

Community Bulletin Board: Gym Dandies & Girl Scouts

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

- The Gym Dandies present Wildfire Fundraiser
- Girl Scouts New Member Sign up Event
- Scarborough Adult Education Winter/Spring Catalog
- Scarborough Community Services Winter Catalog
- Scarborough Education Foundation
- Scarborough Public Library



Upcoming Scarborough Public School Events

Mark Your Calendar!

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

- February 1, 2024 - School Board Business Meeting
- February 14, 2024 - Early Release and Valentine's Day
- February 15, 2024 - School Board Workshop & Business Meeting
- February 19 - 23, 2024 - February Break/No School

Upcoming Early Release Days:

- March 6
- April 3
- May 15
- June 5



**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...

It is alright to take a break if you need and then go back to it with fresh eyes.

SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS



SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

QUALIFICATIONS :

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



Submit your application:
www.scarboroughschools.org/



Be a part of our **Team**

WE ARE **HIRING!**

Positions Available: :

- Lacrosse Coaches
- Track and Field Coaches
- Field Hockey Coach
- Educational Technicians
- Bus Drivers
- Substitutes
- Custodians
- Chorus Club Advisor
- Cooks and Kitchen Staff



Apply at:

[Scarborough Public Schools](http://www.scarboroughschools.org)

Questions?

call 207-730-4126

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

[Food Services](#) | Peter Esposito, pesposito@scarboroughschools.org

[Athletics & Activities](#) | Mike LeGage, mlegage@scarboroughschools.org

[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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