



Scarborough Public Schools

March 15, 2024

Happy St. Patrick's Day



"May your blessings outnumber the Shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go." An Irish Blessing

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and Enrollment Application Process
School Year 2024-2025**

Scarborough Public Schools will launch a public Pre-K pilot program in the fall of 2024, to include one classroom of 16 students. We seek to serve children from each of our three

neighborhood districts: Blue Point, Eight Corners, and Pleasant Hill. We are extremely fortunate to be partnering with The Shooting Stars Program, located at 152 Rt. 1 in Scarborough. Shooting Stars is a high quality program which has been serving



preschoolers for the last 20 years.

For more details, [click here](#) or go to the [Scarborough Public Schools website](#).

Scan the QR code to go directly to the application form..



2024-2025 School Calendar



March 7, 2024 the School Board approved the 24-25 [school calendar](#).

Scarborough School Building Survey - Coming Soon

The new School Building Advisory Committee wants your opinion! The Town of Scarborough will soon be mailing surveys to a randomized sample of addresses across Scarborough. The survey covers a variety of topics related to our public school buildings. Our survey consultant, ETC Institute, will collect and process the anonymous surveys and provide a report with key findings. The survey will also be open to the public for additional input.



Your voice is important for a community solution to our schools. Stay tuned for more details!

The School Building Advisory Committee, comprised of community members and representation from Scarborough Town Council and School Board, is charged to provide guidance and recommendations regarding a solution to current and future facilities deficiencies in our K-8 schools. Meeting information and materials are accessible at:

<https://www.scarboroughschools.org/building-project>. We are currently working on updated materials to keep our community informed of our work and progress.

Looking for 2 Parent Volunteers!



Thank you to all who have served as Junior Achievement program volunteers across the district to date this year. Although most of our building requests have been filled, we are still in need of **TWO** volunteers on **April 11** at **Eight Corners School** for JA in a Day programming in second grade to teach [JA Our Community](#) (click to learn more). Please reach out to dnadeau@scarboroughschools.org if you are able to volunteer, and we will get you connected to our liaison at Junior Achievement. All training and materials are provided.



SMCC Workforce Training

Educator Apprenticeship Program

Are you interested in becoming an Ed Tech in our schools in the Fall? Click [here](#) to read about the completely FREE training program through Southern Maine Community College starting August 12, 2024. This program allows you to earn college credits, including your associate's degree, while working as a member of the school staff. For those who are interested in continuing on to a bachelor's degree, USM is working with SMCC to accept the workforce hours as credits.



Latest SPS District News

kindergarten REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration NOW OPEN! Register today!

Kindergarten Registration is now open for the 24-25 school year. Click on this [link](#) for complete instructions. Please share with others you might know in the school community who have

children that may be of school age this coming year. Students must reach the age of 5 prior to October 15, 2024 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

Opportunities to share your input!

The Scarborough School Board is in the process of hiring a new Superintendent and is seeking input from the community! Specifically, we are looking for what knowledge, skills, and personal and professional characteristics that you think are valuable for the Search Committee to consider when interviewing candidates. We are seeking input from a variety of stakeholders within the community.



There are two remote **Community Listening Sessions** with links that can be found on the [Scarborough Schools Calendar](#):

→ **March 28th** from 6-7:30 pm

→ **April 1st** from 6-7:30 pm

If you are unable to attend one of these events or would like to submit your responses in written format, you can take the anonymous survey [here](#). Submissions are due no later than March 29th.

All responses from the community listening sessions and survey will be combined with the responses from our staff listening sessions that were conducted on March 12 and 14. into a report that will be provided to the Board of Education for their preparation of criteria for interview question development and candidate selection. We appreciate your participation! Your feedback is incredibly valuable as we select the next Superintendent to lead our district.

Save the dates!

**We are hosting 2
Community Forums**

**Remote Community Forum:
Thursday, March 28 from 6:00-7:30**

**Remote Community Forum:
Monday, April 1 from 6:00-7:30**

**Community forums are a great way for
you to come say what qualities you want
to see in our next Superintendent!**

Superintendent Search Update

The deadline is today!

The Superintendent hiring process is getting underway, and we need YOU! You can apply before close of business on March 15th by filling out the form in the link below. Please note the required dates of attendance and times as you consider your availability to potentially serve.

Here is the [link](#) to the application.

SUPERINTENDENT HIRING PROCESS

UPDATE

- **Maine School Management Association** selected to conduct the search process
- Interview committee makeup will be:
 - Community members
 - Staff Members
 - Students
 - 3 Board members
- The Board's goal is to hire a new Superintendent by May of 2024.
- Applications to serve on the interview committee will be online March 1st with a deadline of March 15th @ 4pm (see the link above)



NEW CDC Recommendations



CENTERS FOR DISEASE
CONTROL AND PREVENTION

NEW CDC Recommendations For Return Following Respiratory Illnesses Including COVID-19

The recommendations, as of March 1, 2024, suggest returning to normal activities when, for at least 24 hours:

- symptoms are improving overall
- if a fever was present, it has been gone without use of a fever-reducing medication (ie: Ibuprofen/Motrin or Acetaminophen/Tylenol)

Upon return to school/activities it is recommended that you do the following for the next 5 days:

- Continue to practice good hand hygiene
- Wear a well fitted mask

If you would like to read more, click here: [CDC Press Release](#)

Community Bulletin Board Information



Below are some great community events and fundraisers going on in Scarborough. Click on this link [Community Bulletin Board](#) for more information.

- Scarborough Community Services Breakfast with the Bunny
- Adventure is Calling - Girl Scout Information Night
- Race to the Point
- Gym Dandies 43rd Annual Community Performance
- Scarborough's Project Graduation Fundraiser - Spring Mini Sessions
- SCS Newsletter/Park Hop Egg Hunt
- All Town Chorus Concert - Sold out, but available on YouTube
- Scarborough Youth Lacrosse Registration
- Scarborough Community Services' Spring 2024 Catalog
- Scarborough Adult Education Winter/Spring Catalog
- Scarborough Education Foundation
- Scarborough Public Library

Upcoming Scarborough Public School Events

Mark Your Calendar!

[2023-2024 School Calendar/2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

- March 15, 2024 - SPS Staff Day - No students.
- March 17, 2024 - Happy St. Patrick's Day
- March 18, 2024 - Leadership/School Board FY25 Budget Workshop
- March 19, 2024 - Leadership/School Board FY25 Budget Workshop
- March 21, 2024 - School Board Workshop and Business Meetings
- March 28, 2024 - Community Forum
- April 1, 2024 - Community Forum
- April 3, 2024 - Early Release Day



Upcoming Early Release Days:

- May 15
- June 5

**Early Release Times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

What to do in Scarborough?

For upcoming [Scarborough Community](#) events, be sure to check out Scarborough Community Services website and follow them on Facebook.



Let your child know...

"There is more treasure in books than all the pirate's loot on treasure island." - Walt Disney



Scarborough Public Schools is **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>

Sold Out: However, you can watch on YouTube

UPDATE: The All-Town Chorus Concert has sold out. We invite all additional audience members to join us via livestream with the following link. Thank you for your support of choral music education in Scarborough! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CsB1r2Y7qs>



Scarborough Public Schools

All-Town Chorus Concert

Tuesday, March 19th | 6pm
Winslow Homer Auditorium



Expected to sell out! Reserve your free seat with the QR code above. When we reach capacity, all others will be directed to the livestream. Singers need not reserve a seat!

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!



Scarbrough Primary PTA

RACE 2 THE POINT

Presenting Sponsor:



Register now:



10:30 AM - FREE KIDS FUN RUN
10:45 AM - KIDS ½ MILE RUN
11:00 AM - 5K RUN/WALK

PROCEEDS BENEFIT:
SCARBOROUGH PRIMARY PTA

SATURDAY
MARCH 23, 2024
BLUE POINT SCHOOL
174 PINE POINT RD

SPONSORED BY: TREE & STONE DIRECT EFFECT ENTERTAINMENT, THE SCOVILLE FOLEY TEAM AT SIGNATURE HOMES REAL ESTATE, MEASURING UP KITCHEN, FAMILY CHIROPRACTICE ASSOCIATES, LANDRY/FRENCH CONSTRUCTION, MARTIN'S POINT HEALTHCARE, DUNSTAN & OAK HILL ACE HARDWARE, NATHAN GOFF DMD, TOWN & COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, SOUTHERN MAINE ORTHODONTICS, RYAN PETIT ELECTRIC, MICHELLE RABER STATE FARM, EDWARD JONES, TRU BRIT REALTY GROUP OF SAXBY, MEEK & COWARD - KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY, EAST YARD CROSSFIT, INFINITE CAPACITY PT, SOUTHERN MAINE ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY, & MEPOWERED PASTRIES.

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.



Scarborough Schools

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Location: [259 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough, ME 04074, USA](#)

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