



Scarborough Public Schools

March 29, 2024

Solar Eclipse, April 8, 2024



A Message from Superintendent Bruno

Scarborough Schools Community,

On Monday April 8, 2024, All Scarborough Schools will be dismissing students one hour earlier than usual: grades K-5 at 2:15pm, and 6-12 at 1:25pm. This is in response to a once in a lifetime solar eclipse event that will be at its peak during the normally scheduled dismissal time. Our goal in making this adjustment is to keep all of our students, staff, and families safe, minimize disruption for that day, and provide an opportunity for our kids to experience and learn from this unique astronomical phenomenon.

We appreciate your patience and understanding and do not anticipate changes to extracurricular or after-school activities planned for that day. Check out Maine DOE's [solar eclipse](#) page, with some cool educational links. Many of our teachers are already finding innovative ways to capitalize on this special event as a unique learning opportunity for our kids!

Kind Regards,

Geoff Bruno
Superintendent of Schools

School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC)

NEW CITIZEN-LED SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING SCHOOL SOLUTION

Scarborough's **School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC)** was created to bring the public into the school planning process at the ground level. The SBAC was formed after the Unified School Proposal was rejected by the voters in Nov 2023. Following the referendum's defeat, the Town Council and School Board sought to bring the public back into the conversation about a school solution. SBAC members include volunteers from the Scarborough community who bring expertise and interests to the table, as well as select elected officials.

SBAC members have divided into subcommittees focusing on different aspects of school needs. Their work now is to review and analyze the materials of the previous School building committee as they seek a fiscally responsible solution for Scarborough's school deficiencies.

When results from the town-wide survey are available, SBAC members will use this data to inform their analysis and recommendations for a school solution.

NEW SCHOOL SURVEY — YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Survey in mailboxes soon. Responses will drive School Solution planning.

The new School Building Advisory Committee wants your opinion!

The Town of Scarborough is 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 curate 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!**



04/12/24 Deadline for Scarborough's Public Pre-K and Enrollment Application



**Announcing Scarborough's Public Pre-K
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 schools: 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..



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 so we can plan adequately for the coming year. **With 5 months before school starts, we already have over 170 kindergarteners pre-registered.** Students must reach the age of 5 prior to October 15, 2024 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

FY25 School Budget - Ways to Get Informed

The first reading of the [FY25 school budget](#) was approved by the School Board at their March 21, 2024 meeting. At the March 27th Town Council meeting, a joint FY25 budget presentation was given by Town Manager, Tom Hall, and Superintendent, Geoff Bruno. Next steps include a joint Town Council/School Board budget workshop at 5:30 pm on April 3rd at Town Hall, followed by the Town Council's first reading of the overall Scarborough budget for FY25.



The 2nd reading of the FY25 school budget and Board approval is set for May 4th. There are several additional upcoming opportunities for the community to review/comment on the FY25 proposed budget. A complete schedule of all of the FY25 budget meetings/presentations are included in the schedule below. As a reminder, all meetings are available in person, for viewing/participating on Zoom, or for live or recording viewing on the Scarborough Schools'

YouTube channel. For more information, please visit the "Budget" page of our [website](#) found under the "School Board" section.

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3/18, 4:30-7:00 pm: School Board Budget Workshop Part 1 (Leadership Council)					4/3, 5:30 pm: Joint Town Council/ School Board Budget Workshop					5/1, 5:30 pm: Joint Town Council/ School Board Budget Workshop					6/11, 7 am - 8 pm: School Budget Validation Referendum				
3/19, 8:30-11:00 am: School Board Budget Workshop Part 2 (Leadership Council)					4/3, 7:00 pm: Town Council Meeting First Reading of FY25 Budget					5/1, 7:00 pm: Town Council Meeting Public Hearing on FY25 Budget									
3/21, 7:00 pm: School Board Meeting First Reading of FY25 School Budget					4/11, 2:00-7:00 pm: TC Finance Committee Budget Workshop Part 1					5/2, 7:00 pm: School Board Meeting 2nd Reading and Budget Vote									
3/25, 4:00 pm: SB Finance Committee FY25 School Budget review					4/12, 8:00 am-1:00 pm: TC Finance Committee Budget Workshop Part 2					5/3, time TBD: Joint Town Council/ School Board Staff Q&A (optional)									
3/27, 7:00 pm: Town Council Meeting Town Manager & Superintendent present FY25 Town/School Budget					4/18, 5:00 pm: TC Finance Committee FY25 Budget Recommendations #1					5/9, 5:00 pm: TC Finance Committee Final FY25 Budget Recommendations									
					4/22, 4:00 pm: SB Finance Committee FY25 School Budget review					5/15, 7:00 pm: Town Council Meeting 2nd Reading and Budget Vote									
					4/24, 5:00 pm: TC Finance Committee FY25 Budget Recommendations #2					5/16, 7:00 pm: School Board Meeting School Budget adjustments (if needed)									
					4/25, 7:00 pm: School Board Meeting Public Hearing on FY25 School Budget														
					Joint Town Council/School Board Budget Roundtables 4/20, 10:00-11:00 am 4/22, 5:00-6:00 pm 4/24, 5:00 pm														

- = Joint Town Council/School Board meetings
- = Town Council meetings
- = School Board meetings
- = Town Council Finance Committee budget review
- = School Board Finance Committee budget review
- = School vacations & holidays

FY25 BUDGET CALENDAR
AS OF 3/25/2024

SMCC Workforce Training



Educator Apprentice 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.

Junior Achievement Volunteers Needed for Upcoming 7th Grade Programming!

Looking for 7 Volunteers

Thank you to all who have served as Junior Achievement program volunteers across all of our schools to date this year. At this time, we are planning for JA in a Day programming on May 10th in 7th grade with a focus on the [Economics for Success](#) program (click on the link 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. This is a great independent opportunity or also a team building opportunity for employees in your organization.

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.



As reported to you last week, two remote **Community Listening Sessions** have been offered, one of which took place yesterday. The link for next next listening session can be found on the [Scarborough Schools Calendar](#):

→ **April 1st from 6-7:30 pm**

If you are unable to attend 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!

2024-2025 School Calendar



The 2024-2025 School Calendar was approved by the School Board at their March 7th meeting. Also approved at the meeting was the number of traditional "snow days" for the 2024-2025 school year. Next year's calendar will allow for up to two "traditional snow days" (or any type of no school days). If more than the allotted two days are needed, those days will be asynchronous remote learning days. Therefore, the latest possible in-person school day for 2024-2025 (if 2 days are used) will be

June 13, 2025.

The 2024-2025 school calendar can be found [here](#).

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.

- Middle School Presents Disney NEWSIES Jr.
- Adventure is Calling - Girl Scout Information Night

- Scarborough's Project Graduation Fundraiser - Spring Mini Sessions
- 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](#)

- April 1, 2024 - Community Forum on Superintendent Search
- April 3, 2024 - Early Release Day
- April 4, 2024 - School Board Meeting
- April 8, 2024 - **1 hour** early release for Solar Eclipse
 - grades K-5 at 2:15 pm, and grades 6-12 at 1:25 pm
- April 12th - 19th, 2024 - April Break

Upcoming Early Release Days:

- May 15
- June 5

**Early Release Times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

Save the Date!

Scarborough Middle School Proudly Presents

You saw the movie in 1994! You know the story, and now you can see it live on stage at the Winslow Homer Center for the Arts at Scarborough High School!



Performances will be on April 11, 12 and 13.
Ticket information will be available soon!
Check back next week for more information!

Keeping Student Information Up-to-Date Please



Has your address or phone contact information changed recently? Please assist our schools by keeping your information up to date. You can easily do so by logging into the parent portal in PowerSchool, and then click the **Forms** button on the menu. Even if you have already filled the form out earlier this year, you can

make updates at any time.

Link is here:

<https://scarborough.powerschool.com/guardian/forms.html>

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>

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...

"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." - John Wooden



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, redmond@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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