



# Scarborough Public Schools

April 26, 2024

## April's Staff Spotlight Award Recognition



The April Spotlight Award was presented at the April 25th board meeting for a team of 6 teachers at Blue Point school. This incredible team of teachers was nominated by their colleague Marcia Grant and is the "Classroom and Community Connections Team" members Leah Ly, Jillian Daigle, Gabi Joy, Lori Bloom, Marilisa Dowling and Abbey Randall! Mrs. Grant nominated this incredible team of teachers for their work in "fostering social connections" which was a project that was initiated last spring and was rolled out this past fall. Mrs. Grant said "their program fosters social connections among students and teachers alike, it

encourages positive behavior in all areas of the school, and it instills a school-wide sense of community.”

The Community Connections program as described by Mrs. Grant, are monthly community meetings involving the entire school, where all students participate in a social emotional learning curriculum, “Mind Up.” Some of the things the Community Connections team implements is having the whole school practice mindful listening & movement and take “brain breaks” together. They also team discuss school expectations and celebrate the school mantra which is kids being safe, kind and focused!

An example of a way the team makes this exciting for kids is by passing out coins to students who demonstrate being safe, kind and focused throughout the school and on the playgrounds. The children deposit their coins in coin jars. When they are filled, the team brings celebrations to the kids. Some of these celebrations are: An outdoor concert with their music teacher, Andrew Martel; an impromptu extra recess; a dance party; a pass the ball challenge; a pie in the teachers’ faces show; a popsicle party; and a building party!

It is exciting to hear about the great work being done in our schools, and as always, a great opportunity to share with the community this impressive, creative, and innovative work that is done every day in our schools. Please join the board in celebrating the Community Connections Team, thank you for all that you do!



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## The Board of Education Celebrated Unified Sports



Thursday, April 25th, the BOE recognized and celebrated the High School and Middle School's Unified Sports Teams. Both schools were selected as National Unified Champion Schools. These two schools were 2 of 5 in Maine to be chosen as Champions. Unified sports are a fully-inclusive sports or fitness program that combines an approximately equal number of students with and without intellectual disabilities. Examples include such things as: Interscholastic Unified Sports, Unified PE or Unified Intramurals.

#### INCLUSIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP:

Students with and without intellectual disabilities working to lead advocacy, awareness, inclusion and other Special Olympics activities throughout the school year. Examples include such things as: Unified Clubs, inclusive student councils or similar types of inclusive student groups.

#### WHOLE-SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

Awareness and education activities that promote inclusion and reach the majority of the school population. Examples include such things as the Spread the Word >> Inclusion Campaign, Pep Rallies or "Fans in the Stands" for Unified Sports teams, Respect Campaigns or student Fundraising.

#### SUSTAINABILITY

Strategies and plans which help ensure the three Unified Champion School components will continue into the future and truly become part of the school culture. Examples include such things as: student fundraising, Unified Booster Clubs or Unified Sports/Club expenses included in school budgets.

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## Last Day of 2023-2024 School Year

The last day of school is Friday, June 14th. This will be a half day for students and a full day for staff. Dismissal time for students in grades K through 5 will be 11:45am and students in grades 6 - 12 will be 10:45am.



## SPS STAFF WE NEED YOUR NOMINATIONS

# Spotlight Award Nominations Wanted



Scan the QR code to nominate them now!

Do you have a colleague that deserves special recognition?

If selected, the nominee will be presented an award at a school board meeting.

The nominating party will get to surprise the nominee at the meeting or through a nomination presentation.

In June, every person that submitted a nomination for the school year will be entered into a drawing for a prize!



### 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

**kindergarteners pre-registered.** Students must reach the age of 5 prior to October 15, 2024 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

## FY25 School Budget: Upcoming Meetings- Stay Involved!

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.



March 2024					April 2024					May 2024					June 2024				
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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.

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## 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](#).

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## Community Bulletin Board Information

The screenshot shows the Scarborough Public Schools website. At the top is the school logo and name "SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS". Navigation links include "Faculty & Staff", "Calendar", "Building Committee", and a search icon. A secondary navigation bar includes "DISTRICT", "BOARD", "CENTRAL OFFICE", "PARENTS & FAMILY" (which is highlighted), "SCARBOROUGH ADULT EDUCATION", and "ATHLETICS".

The "PARENTS & FAMILY" section features a "Student Registration" link with a sub-header "Student Registration" and a welcome message: "Welcome to Scarborough Public Schools! Here you will find registration forms and contact information for each of our district's schools as we welcome you and your student to the Scarborough Schools community." Below this is an image of a student with a backpack.

To the right of the image is a grid of links:

- Student Registration
- Student Transfer Request
- Emergency Plan
- RevTrak Online Payments
- 5210 Let's Go!
- Anti-Bullying Information
- Common Sense Media
- Community Bulletin Board
- Board
- Fundraising Proposal
- Work Permits
- Chromebook Support

Below the grid, there are additional links: "RevTrak Online Payments", "5210 Let's Go!", "Anti-Bullying Information", "Common Sense Media", and "Community Bulletin Board".

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



- SCS Summer Sneak Peak
- Scarborough's Project Graduation Fundraiser - Spring Mini Sessions
- Scarborough Adult Education Winter/Spring Catalog
- Scarborough Education Foundation
- Scarborough Public Library

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## Upcoming Scarborough Public School Events



### Mark Your Calendar!

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

- May 1, 2024 - Joint Town Council/School Board Budget Meeting
- May 2, 2024 - School Board Business Meeting and second reading of the FY25 Budget
- May 15, 2024 - Early Release Day
- June 11, 2024 - School Budget Referendum Vote
- June 5, 2024 - Early Release Day
- Last day of school is June 14, 2024 and it is a half day.
  - Dismissal of Grs. K-5 is 11:45am
  - Dismissal of Grs. 6-12 is 10:45am

Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

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## Keeping Student Information Up-to-Date Please

The word "UPDATE" is written in large, colorful, 3D block letters. Each letter is a different color: U (blue), P (purple), D (green), A (yellow), T (orange), E (red).

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>

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# Be a part of our Team

## WE ARE HIRING!

### Positions Available: :

- Grades 3-5 Classroom Teachers
- High School English Teacher
- Special Services FLS Teacher - HS
- Middle School ELA Teacher
- Learning Community Ed Tech III
- Building Ed Tech III -Long Term Sub MS
- Special Services Resource Room Teacher- MS
- Middle School Social Worker- Long Term Sub
- K-2 Special Services Teacher - Long Term Sub
- School Cook and Kitchen Worker
- Custodians ➤ Bus Drivers
- Check online for additional employment opportunities



### Questions?

call 207-730-4126

[www.scarboroughschools.org](http://www.scarboroughschools.org)

## 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.

## Children shine because...

"Children see magic because they look for it," - Christopher Moore



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## 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](mailto:crohde@scarboroughschools.org)

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

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

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

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

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

Website: [www.scarboroughschools.org](http://www.scarboroughschools.org)

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

Phone: (207) 730-4100

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/scarbmeschools/>

Twitter: [@scarbmeschools](https://twitter.com/scarbmeschools)



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