



Scarborough Public Schools

August 30, 2024

Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year!

On Wednesday, August 28th, we were delighted to welcome our 6th and 9th graders back to school! They were able to enjoy their day getting acclimated to their new learning environments and meeting their new teachers and classmates. Thursday, August 29th, students in grades 6 - 12 began their 2024-2025 school year.



When we return from the Labor Day weekend, all students K-12 will be back in class and ready to embark on a new school year. We are very excited for our seniors, Class of 2025, to begin their final journey at Scarborough High School. We hope that all of our students have a fabulous school year!

2024-2025 Bus Routes



Just in case you missed last week's newsletter, we are re-sharing that all bus routes are currently all loaded in MY Ride K-12 software. You can access the bus routes via the My Rides K-12 app on your cell phone or by the [My Rides k-12 website](#) on your computer. [Here are the directions](#) to access via the phone app or the website. If you don't know your child's ID number, please call the school your child attends and they can share the child's ID number (it is the same number as your child's lunch number).

All of the [bus routes are also linked here](#) with the start and end times of each run and their streets/roads they service.

If you have any questions regarding your child's bus stop, accessing the My Bus k-12 software, or other route information, please call the Transportation Department at (207) 730-4145, or email the Transportation Supervisor, Sarah Redmond, at sredmond@scarboroughschools.org.

Please be aware that there are currently staffing challenges associated with our bussing system that may potentially impact your family's daily routine. Not unlike surrounding school districts, we are struggling to find enough school bus drivers to meet our needs. Our transportation team is dedicated to minimizing delays and any increases in bus routes, but these may occur, especially as we adjust bus routes in the first few weeks of school. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these challenges.

What to Expect When Visiting Our Schools



For the past couple of years, Scarborough Public Schools has been using the Raptor Visitor Management System in all of our schools to strengthen our program of campus safety for students and staff. Part of keeping students and staff safe is knowing who is in our buildings at all times, and the Raptor system allows us to do that. The Raptor system assists in screening visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools and provides a safer environment for our students and staff.

What to Expect:

- Upon being allowed through the exterior door of a district building and navigating to the main office as you have always done, all visitors and outside contractors are asked to present a photo ID such as a driver's license.
- Your ID will either be scanned or manually entered into the system by office personnel at the transaction window.
- Once cleared, you will receive a pre-printed badge with your photo on it and where you are going in the building.
- You will then be directed to the appropriate location that you are going to.
- This badge must be worn at all times when in the building. When in the building, you are only approved to go to the specific location requested. You should not go to any other area of the building without returning to the main office for approval first.
- When leaving the building, please be sure to return to the main office and sign out with office personnel.

What does the Raptor System do?

- The Raptor system checks to ensure that registered sex offenders are not entering our school campuses without our knowledge. It checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. **The registered sex offender database is the only official database. No other data from the ID is gathered or recorded, and the information is not shared with any outside agency.**
- The Raptor system will also check for any court issued custodial orders, restraining orders and other custom alerts as established by the School District.

The safety of our students is our highest priority, and the Raptor visitor management system allows us to quickly identify those that may present a danger to our students. Thank you in advance for your understanding and your support in enhancing the school safety protocols in our district.

Parent Forms in PowerSchool

PowerSchool is our student information system (an application used for managing and disseminating student data). In an effort to go paperless and streamline data collection, forms are now being submitted and processed electronically. This includes forms for updating student information, such as demographics, parent and emergency contacts, medical information, and more. Additional forms give parents the ability to provide their annual consent for things like use of school technology, administration of over-the-counter medication, field trip participation, photo use, school handbooks, and more. In order to access these forms, as well as other educational information, families will need to have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account.



If you already have an account set up and linked to your students, we are asking you to please log into the Parent Portal at <http://scarborough.powerschool.com/public>, click on the Forms button in the navigation bar, and fill out any incomplete 2024-25 forms.

If you do not have an account, or your account is not linked to one of your students, please consult the step by step instructions linked below.

- [Creating a New PowerSchool Parent Portal Account](#)
- [Adding Students to Your Existing PowerSchool Parent Portal Account](#)

You will need access keys, unique identifying codes used to validate each parent/student relationship, in order to set up your account. If you do not have these keys, please contact your child's school (access keys were sent to parents of new students via email at time of initial enrollment).

Mark Your Calendars for September Open Houses!



Here are the dates for each school's planned Open House. Scarborough High School's Open H0use took place on Wednesday, August 28. We are excited to be welcoming all families to our schools this fall and hope you can plan to attend

these evening events!

K-2 Schools: September 18th

Wentworth: September 17th

From the School Board

The School Board has two district wide policies, policy JFCK and JFCK-R, Student Use of Cellular Telephones and Other Electronic Devices, that guide how Scarborough Public Schools addresses cellphones and personal electronic devices. School procedures specific to cell phones and electronic devices are listed in school handbooks, are reviewed with students, and are listed in school communications.

Current procedures per building are:

- **K-2 schools:** Electronics, including cell phones and smartwatches, are not allowed at school and requested to be kept at home.
- **Wentworth:** Electronics, including cell phones and smartwatches, and are requested to be kept at home. If they are needed for after-school activities, items are to be turned off and stowed in the backpack all day, bell-to-bell.
- **Middle School:** Cell phones are not to be used between the hours of 7:40-2:20. They are to be turned off and kept out of sight.
- **High School:** Devices are prohibited from use during instructional time. They may be used between classes and during lunch.

As it does with all policies on a rotating basis, the School Board Policy Committee began a review of policies JFCK and JFCK-R at its July meeting. Currently, information from building leaders and school staff is being collected to assist the Policy Committee as they continue their work to update the policies.

The School Board welcomes students, employees and families to be engaged in its policy review process. The community is welcome to attend the Policy Committee meetings in person, remotely or communicate with the Board by emailing boe@scarboroughschools.org.

Scarborough Public Library: Important Parent Information






From the Scarborough Public Library: Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding After School Use

Please take a moment to read [this letter](#) from the Scarborough Public Library, located on our [Community Bulletin Board](#).

Communicating With School Personnel

Over the course of the 2023-2024 school year, the Scarborough Education Association partnered with district level staff to create a document, as pasted below, that would assist families in knowing how to best partner with school staff. We all share a common interest to ensure that students have the most positive, successful school experience, and the partnership between families and staff cannot be overstated. We hope that you find this helpful in your interactions this coming school year!

Scarborough Schools Expectations for Adult Collaboration and Communication

Elements of Engagement	School Community Expectations	Examples of Expectations
Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage students to advocate for themselves Assume positive intent Be polite and respectful in interactions with all members of the school community Communicate directly with appropriate staff first to resolve issues before going to administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help students draft written communication to staff (emails to teacher, note to bus driver, etc.) Brainstorm communication strategies that your child can use at school when they are having difficulties Seek to clarify your student's version of events with staff directly involved to bring about peaceful resolution Voice concerns about school issues to staff, instead of using social media Discuss issues with appropriate staff (teacher, bus driver, coach, etc.) when they happen
Collaboration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare for the school day Encourage students' academic, social, and emotional growth Support students in following school and classroom rules Reinforce school policies and expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know students' schedules and help them be prepared with necessary materials (ex. bus scan cards, laptops, library books, snacks, weather-appropriate clothes, etc.) Create and maintain a consistent dismissal schedule Support healthy habits (sleep, eating, managing emotions, limited screen time, time management, etc.) Read district, building, and classroom newsletters and communications Check take-home folders and online programs regularly (ex. PowerSchool and SeeSaw) Emphasize appropriate and safe use of technology (laptops, cell phones, smart watches, etc.)
Community Culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treat staff as trained educational professionals Respect staff time Prioritize safety and educational time for all students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledge the hard work, expertise, experience, and education of staff Recognize that educators make decisions with the safety and benefit of the group as a whole in mind (ex. being mindful of allergies, cultural differences, etc.) Be positive when posting about Scarborough Schools on social media Understand that staff will attempt to respond to communications in a timely manner but that staff will prioritize instructional time Appreciate that safe driving is a bus driver's top priority Limit interruptions during the school day (ex. avoid texting and calling students during school hours)

2024-2025 School Calendar



This year's calendar will allow for up to two "traditional snow days" (or any type of unplanned "no school" days). If more than the allotted two days are needed, those days will be **asynchronous** remote learning days, consistent with how the school calendar has looked like for the past few years. Your child's school will be sharing more details about what that will look like as the year unfolds.

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

SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS



SCAN TO APPLY!



CURRENT AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

- Front Desk Ed Tech @ Wentworth
- Learning Commons Ed Tech @ Wentworth
- Long Term Sub - Math @ High School
- Long Term Sub - FLS @ Blue Point
- Academic Support Ed Tech @ Pleasant Hill
- Custodians @ district-wide
- Kitchen Workers
- School Cooks
- Bus Drivers

Check often as positions are added frequently



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>

Now Hiring Custodians

- Scarborough Public Schools
- Call 207-730-4100
- www.scarboroughschools.org
- Great Benefits
- \$500 sign-on bonus
- Afternoon / Evening Hours
- Training Provided

Custodians

WE ARE HIRING Bus Drivers

GREAT BENEFITS - FULL TRAINING

www.scarboroughschools.org
OR CALL 207-730-4100

Bus Driver

Scarborough Schools are looking for Food Service Specialists

- Kitchen Worker / Server (k-2)
- Baker / Cook (Wentworth School)
- Baker / Cook (Middle School)
- School year only position
 - All the same vacations as the kids
 - Hours 7:00am-1:30pm
- Great Benefits
- How to apply:
 - www.scarboroughschools.org
 - or Call 730-4100

Food Service Specialist

Scarborough Community Services' Fall Catalog is now available

Fall 2024



Click [HERE](#) to view the catalog

What to do in Scarborough?

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



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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