



Scarborough Public Schools

September 6, 2024

We're All Here!

This week we welcomed our K-5 students to our schools! It has certainly been exciting to feel the enthusiasm and energy of all of our students back in our buildings. I'm sure that students and staff alike have been a bit more tired than usual as they re-adjust to the change of school being back in session. We are looking forward to all of the exciting things that this school year will bring.

Ordering Student Meals

As a general reminder, all breakfast and lunch meals for all students in Scarborough Schools are free for this school year. All existing students whose parents have an account will be able to order breakfast and lunch using the same procedure as last year, from the Nutrislice app on a device or at the [Nutrition Program Menu](#) page (at the top of the page click "Quick links", then go to School Lunch Info for all meal menus).



All Kindergarten and new students to the district will have to make a Nutrislice account through the Nutrislice app or through <https://scarboroughschools.nutrislice.com/menu/create-account> before they can order breakfast and lunch. Parents will need the child's ID# before they can start the registration process.

For breakfast meals in all of our schools, you can order online **on the same day before 6:30 AM**, while for lunch meals, you can order online on the same day before 7:30 AM. You can order meals for the day, or set up a weekly or monthly plan for meals to be provided to your children. The

menus for all meals for a new month will be posted on the school's website and on the Nutrislice app the last Monday at the end of the previous month.

The Civil Rights Club and the Maine Humanities Council

On September 4th, the Civil Rights Club had the extraordinary honor to host Shelly Lowe, the Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities from Washington, D.C., as well as Congressperson Chellie Pingree.

The Civil Rights Club and the Maine Humanities Council have collaborated many times in the past two years to expand Humanities opportunities for students at SHS. During the 2023/2024 school year, the Maine Humanities Council granted the SHS CRC an Arts and Humanities Grant of \$1,000 which provided the majority of the funding for the second year of our poetry workshop with Portland Poet Laureate Maya Williams. In addition, the MHC and Civil Rights Club collaborated in the spring as a satellite location for the statewide event which spotlighted Indigenous experiences, centered around the book, *There There* by Tommy Orange.

The National Endowment for the Humanities provides funding to the Maine Humanities Council, and, due to our past partnerships, when Chair Lowe and Congressperson Pingree asked to speak with a student group that champions the Humanities, MHC reached out to the Civil Rights Club with this honor. Visiting Dignitary Lowe is a citizen of the Navajo Nation, an esteemed elder and advocate both for the Humanities and for youth voice.

Civil Rights Club members and officers had the opportunity to have the ear of these receptive federal leaders for over two hours. Most importantly, our student leaders learned from them as well and were able to share the benefits of the federal funding to our students, in addition to expressing in what ways more can be done for youth.

Thank you, Chair Lowe and Congressperson Pingree!



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).

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.

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.

Mark Your Calendars for September Open Houses!



Here are the dates for each school's planned Open House. Scarborough High School's Open HOUse 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

Middle School: September 11th & 12th (assigned by grade level to allow for parking)

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.

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](#).

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 Public Library
- New Fall SCS Catalog
- Scarborough Education Foundation



Upcoming Scarborough Public Schools Events



Mark Your Calendar!

[2025 School Calendar](#)

- September 11th - Early Release Day *
- September 19th - Workshop and Business School Board Meeting

*Early release times:
Grades 6-12: 12:55pm
Grades K-5: 1:45pm

SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS



SCAN TO APPLY!



Check often as positions are added frequently



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

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

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[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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