



# Scarborough Public Schools

September 20, 2024

## September: Suicide Prevention Awareness Month



September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and our school district cares deeply about the efforts of preventing death by suicide. Because of this, we wanted to highlight for you some of the ways suicide prevention is addressed in our schools.

Suicide prevention for students begins with adult training. Our district ensures that all adults hired for any position in the district are trained on suicide prevention using materials from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Maine by our own staff

who have undergone specific Gatekeeper training. All adults are retrained every five years.

Our district staffing reflects our community's investment in our students' mental health with access to school counselors and social workers at all levels from kindergarten through high school.

Our community has invested in MindUP and RULER curriculums, which are both SEL-ect programs endorsed by the Collaborative for Academic Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL). This means that they are aligned to CASEL's framework and include evidence-based practices for teaching social emotional topics.

In other areas of the curriculum, mental health and suicide prevention is taught explicitly, particularly in our high school Health class.

We encourage anyone who is facing thoughts of suicide to seek help immediately. You can feel better. To speak to someone about getting the help you or a loved one needs, call 988 or visit

## Parents of Kindergarten Students Who Ride the Bus

We will be attaching yellow bus tags, similar to what is shown here, to your students' bus tags to help drivers identify them as kindergarteners. Please do NOT take these off your child's backpacks, as they are being placed there to help drivers more easily identify them as kindergarten students. Although drivers do get to know their students well, from time to time there are substitute drivers and we want to make every effort to be sure your child is known.



Why is this important? Per the K-2 Parent Handbook, an adult must meet kindergarten students at their bus stop. If an adult is not visibly present at the bus stop, the driver will return the student to school and the school will contact the parents. Parents may permit an older sibling or neighbor to accept a child from the bus, but must make this arrangement in writing with the bus driver or bus department before it can occur.

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## Application for Phase II of the Ad Hoc School Building Advisory Committee

The Scarborough Board of Education and Town Council are seeking Scarborough residents to serve on the School Building Advisory Committee Phase II . The SBAC shall be a joint ad hoc advisory committee of the Board of Education and Town Council, assisting them in their respective responsibilities for development of a solution to current and future space deficiencies within the K-8 schools.



All residents interested in serving on this committee should formally state their interest by submitting the form below no later than September 27, 2024.

[View Application](#)

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## Information from Scarborough Public Schools' Health Services

You may be aware that that Cumberland County is among several areas in the state that are currently experiencing significantly elevated risks of mosquito-borne illnesses at this time. We are providing a resource below to assist everyone in taking precautions to mitigate risk.



## Mosquito Bite Prevention: Steps to Protect You and Your Family

The best way to prevent a mosquito-borne disease is to prevent mosquito bites. Follow these steps to stay safe.

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**Wear protective clothing when going outside where mosquitoes might be active.**
  - Pants
  - Long sleeve shirt
  - Socks
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**Take special care to prevent mosquito bites at evening, night, and early morning when mosquitoes are especially active.**

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**Use EPA-approved repellents. Always follow label instructions. Use permethrin on clothing only. Use these repellents on skin:**
  - DEET
  - Picaridin
  - IR3535 (Ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate)
  - Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus
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**To apply repellents on children, put onto your hands and then rub onto child's skin. Do not allow young children to apply repellents to themselves.**
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**After outdoor activities, wash repellents off skin with soap and water. Wash treated clothing before wearing again.**

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**Protect infants and young children with mosquito nets over strollers whenever mosquitoes are active.**
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**Use tight-fitting screens in doors and windows. Repair holes in screens or replace.**

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**Research shows that vitamin B, ultrasonic devices, incense, and bug zappers are not effective in preventing mosquito bites.**






Learn more about preventing mosquito bites at:  
[www.maine.gov/dhhs/vectorborne](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/vectorborne)

## Please complete beginning of the year forms online!!



Families, if you have not yet done so, please take time to log into your PowerSchool account for your student and update their information now. Ensuring that we have the most current information, especially as it relates to emergency contact information, is critical for our schools to have.

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](#)

# 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.



- Gym Dandies 24-25 Registration
- Sustainable Scarborough Day
- Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) information
- Scarborough Public Library
- New Fall SCS Catalog
- Scarborough Education Foundation

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## Mark Your Calendars!



### [2025 School Calendar](#)

- October 3rd - Business Meeting School Board
- October 11th - Staff Day-No Students
- October 14th - Indigenous People Day - No School
- October 16th - Early Release Day\*\*
- October 17th - Workshop and Business School Board Meeting

\*\*Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

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## 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](#).

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## Scarborough Public Schools is HIRING!

# Scarborough Schools are looking for Ed Techs



- Pay up to \$27.96 / Hour
- School year only position
  - All the same vacations as the kids
  - School day hours
- Great Benefits
- How to apply:
  - [www.scarboroughschools.org](http://www.scarboroughschools.org)
  - or Call 730-4100



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## LONG TERM SUBS NEEDED

### LONG TERM SUB POSITIONS:

- K-2 FLS Teacher @ Blue Point
- Math Teacher @ High School
- Social Worker @ Pleasant Hill

**APPLY NOW**



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

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.com

Great Benefits  
\$500 sign-on bonus  
Afternoon / Evening Hours  
Training Provided

Custodians

**WE ARE HIRING  
Bus Drivers**

Scarborough Public Schools

**GREAT BENEFITS - FULL TRAINING**  
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Bus Drivers

**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:  
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or Call 730-4100

Food Service Specialists

## Adult Education Fall Catalog

2024 Fall Catalog

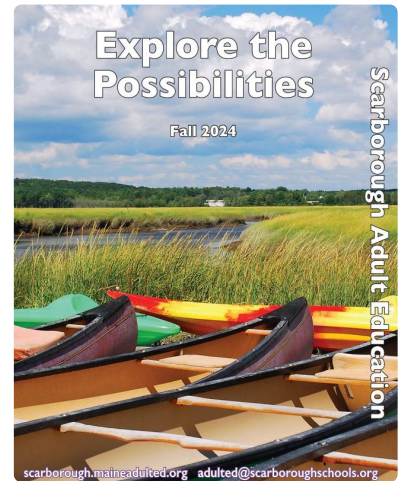
[Click here for the link](#)

### Healthcare Training

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) courses are scheduled on an ongoing basis, and are convenient for students with busy day schedules. Please call 730-5040 for more information, or register online by following the catalog link above.

### Multilingual Language Learners

We offer beginner through intermediate English language classes, including a conversational English class, to Scarborough residents. Please call 730-5040, or register online by following the catalog link above.



### High School Diploma/HiSET

Tutoring in targeted subjects and official testing for HiSET, which has replaced the GED in Maine, is offered through the Adult Education office at Scarborough High School. Please call 730-5040, or register online by following the catalog link above.

### Professional Development

Students enrolled in Academic or English Language instruction are invited to make an appointment with Adult Education Director, Marianne Doyle, for assistance with career exploration, job searches, and resume writing. Please call 730-5045 to schedule an appointment.

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## Scarborough Community Services' Fall Catalog is now available



### Fall 2024

Click [HERE](#) to view the catalog

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## 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](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.

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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/>

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