



Scarborough Public Schools

November 22, 2024

Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving to our staff, students and families! What a wonderful time for us to tell you how grateful we are for all of you. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving and well-deserved break!



School Solution Work Continues- Firm Engaged to Assist

November 22, 2024

The Scarborough School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC), a joint advisory body of dedicated community members formed by the Board of Education and Town Council, has been working diligently since last winter towards the purpose of coming up with a school solution to address the deficiencies and previously identified needs in the town's K-8 schools. This community-driven initiative began with the long-range goal of developing a comprehensive solution that meets both current and future needs of our community. In June 2024, the SBAC presented four potential proposals to the Town Council and School Board, marking the conclusion of the first phase of their work.

The second phase of the SBAC's efforts commenced in October, 2024. This phase involves a reconstituted committee, including both members from Phase 1 and new community participants, tasked with collaborating alongside school department staff and qualified consultants. Their

mission is to provide recommendations on the preferred concept, site, design, and cost estimates for a viable school solution that can gain voter approval.

To aid in this critical work, a subcommittee of 10 SBAC members undertook the responsibility of selecting an architectural firm. This process began with the issuance of a statewide Request for Qualifications (RFQ), inviting firms to submit proposals. The subcommittee conducted a thorough review and ranking of the submissions, followed by an intensive interview process.

During these interviews, firms showcased their credentials and strategies, addressing key considerations such as project milestones, creative problem-solving, fiscal responsibility, and community engagement.

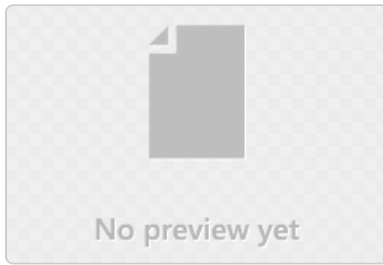
After careful deliberation, the subcommittee unanimously recommended Harriman, a Portland-based firm, to lead this project. Harriman's proposal stood out for its detailed alignment with the 15 RFQ criteria and its reflection of community feedback gathered through Scarborough's Spring Community Survey. One subcommittee member remarked on Harriman's evident preparation, stating, "It was clear they had done their homework." Another highlighted the firm's innovative approach during their presentation, which included a prioritization exercise to gauge key community values such as fiscal responsibility and safety.

Although Harriman was previously tasked with the specific ask of designing a K-3 school for the unsuccessful 2023 referendum, their role in this new endeavor is markedly different. This time, they will build upon the SBAC's extensive groundwork and work within clear financial parameters and the four initial concepts developed by the committee. The project's proposed budget ranges from \$70 million to \$130 million, with a target cost in the area of \$100 million. Achieving this budget will necessitate difficult decisions to manage expenses effectively. Harriman will handle all aspects of the project with their in-house team, including engineering, and they have assigned a dedicated outreach coordinator to ensure consistent communication with the community. Additionally, the firm will partner with Market Decisions to survey public sentiment at key milestones.

Harriman brings an extensive understanding of Scarborough's school facilities, having previously worked on renovations and additions to Scarborough High School, the construction of Wentworth School, and the development of a Long Range Facilities Plan in 2017. Their familiarity with the town's infrastructure and their proven track record were key factors in the committee's decision. A selection committee member expressed confidence in Harriman's ability to "hit the ground running," citing their knowledge, experience, and success with similar projects across Maine.

On November 21, the School Board hosted a joint workshop with the Town Council to review SBAC2's progress and outline next steps. Following the workshop, the School Board unanimously voted to approve SBAC2's recommendation to engage Harriman. Board members voiced strong support for the firm, emphasizing their ability to build on the grassroots efforts of the SBAC, tailor solutions to Scarborough's unique needs, and help prioritize critical improvements within the project's financial constraints.

With Harriman now on board, the SBAC and the firm will work collaboratively to finalize a school solution that addresses the town's educational needs and aligns with community priorities. The goal is to present this plan to voters in a referendum scheduled for November, 2025.



Progress on School Solution TC_SB Workshop Nov 2024.pdf

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzW3YcHRpM&t=5s>



Last Weekend for OHP's White Christmas! Don't Miss It!



Superintendent Nadeau attended the November 16th afternoon performance of White Christmas with her parents. She said , " This afternoon's performance was OUTSTANDING! I had the pleasure of attending today, and I can't say enough about how impressive the students were in their performance. From the high quality choreography, singing, acting, and set design, this was a high quality, professional performance." There are still a few more performances- consider attending! It's not to be missed!

Friday, Nov. 22nd at 7 pm

Saturday, Nov. 23rd at 2 pm

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[Click here](#) for tickets.

Congratulations to Wentworth School's Spotlight Award Recipient-Nikki Vafiades

Wentworth School's Allied Arts Teacher was given the district's Spotlight Award at November 21st's board meeting.

Ms. Vafiades is described as "always thinking, the best to work with, and a work ethic that is enormous." Kristin Goodall, Wentworth School's Music Teacher, who also nominated Ms. Vafiades,



said, "She has gone above and beyond to provide a positive learning experience for our Wentworth student first by setting up a breakfast for multi language students to have time to communicate with each other, and by working to make the lunch experience in the cafeteria more meaningful."

Congratulations Nikki Vafiades and thank you for your great work in our district!

Board of Education November 2024 Update

Click [here](#) for an update from the BoE's November Meeting



Scarborough Education Foundation (SEF) Fundraiser

Take advantage of this wonderful Gift of Giving...

Scarborough Education Foundation is the recipient of the Scarborough Paper Store's gift of giving the week of Thanksgiving. This is a great opportunity for us to fund raise in the community. Please take a moment to read about the Scarborough Education Foundation (SEF) and all of the wonderful things this non-profit does for our students with the district.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

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Socks, Mittens, Hats...

Scarborough Kiwanis Club

The Scarborough Kiwanis Club is pleased to partner with Scarborough Schools to collect young adult and adult socks, gloves/mittens, and hats for donation to Preble Street and local teen centers. The items will be distributed to those that need a little extra help during the colder months within our community, including those unhoused or facing other adverse challenges. These clothing items can be used (but in good condition) or purchased new. Collection bins will be available at each of our public schools. Clothing items can be donated by students, parents, faculty, and staff between Friday November 8th and Friday December 15th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!





Kiwanis®

Scarborough



Accepting donations of new and gently used winter mittens, hats, gloves, and socks from November 8th - December 20th.

Drop off locations:

- All Scarborough public schools
- Scarborough Town Hall
- Ron Forest & Sons Fence Company

Benefiting Preble Street and local teen centers

Reminder about Scarborough's Safe Storage Resolution

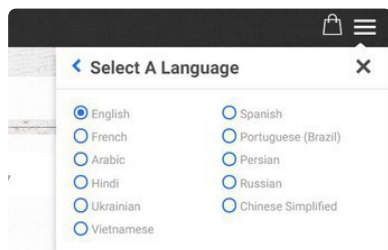
In May, 2023, the Scarborough School Board and Town Council collectively passed [Resolution 23-001](#), focusing on Gun Safety. I am writing to you to today as a reminder of this resolution, as hunting season approaches and as an annual reminder to each of you of the critical importance of proper gun storage. It is our collective responsibility to prevent firearm violence and protect our children, homes, schools, and neighborhoods from the tragedy that the discharge of a firearm can cause. Safe firearm storage is a key step in achieving this goal. By securely storing firearms, we can prevent access by children and teens who might unintentionally or intentionally harm themselves or others. More than 4 million children live in homes with unlocked, loaded firearms, putting them at risk. Studies show that securely storing both firearms and ammunition significantly reduces the risk of injury or death among children and teens.

Safe firearm storage helps prevent unnecessary harm. Here are some key actions that everyone can take:

- Store Firearms Unloaded: Keep firearms in a locked, tamper-proof cabinet or safe that children or unauthorized adults cannot access.
- Store Ammunition Separately: Keep ammunition in a locked container, separate from firearms.
- Use Safety Locks: Employ trigger locks or cable locks to prevent accidental firing.

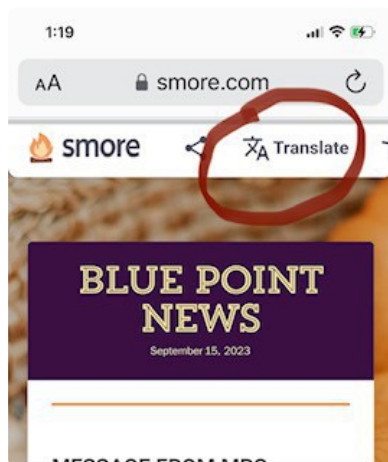
By following these steps and educating children about the dangers of firearms, we can help prevent tragic accidents. Scarborough Public Schools is committed to ensuring the safety of our students and community. Together, we can reduce firearm-related injuries and deaths and protect those we care about. Thank you for your partnership in this critical effort.

News from the SPS Nutrition Department about Nutrislice



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.

Did you know the Nutrislice technology that provides all of your child/ren's school digital menus, can now be translated into a number of different languages. Ukrainian and French to name a few?



If you look at the embedded photo above which shows you what our newsletters look like when you open them on a computer, you will see that **every newsletter we send has the ability to translate to 90 languages!!!** Harnessing the power of translation tools in Smore is an essential step in making sure ALL of our families are included and have the most up to date information.

The picture to the side shows the translate feature on a mobile device.

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 Community Services Maine Celtics Tickets for 01/15/2025 Game.
- Scarborough Community Services Santa Letters
- Scarborough Education Fundraiser with the Scarborough Paper Store

- SCS New Winter Catalog
- Scarborough Youth Football - "Try Tackle" Spring 2025
- Oak Hill Players-White Christmas The Musical in November
- Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) information
- Scarborough Public Library
- Scarborough Education Foundation

Important Dates

[2024- 2025 School Calendar](#)

- November 27 - December 1, 2024 - November Break
- December 5, 2024 - School Board Business Meeting
- Decembers 11, 2024 - K-12 Early Release Day
- December 19, 2024 - School Board Workshop and Business Meeting
- December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025 Winter Break

**Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

Thanksgiving
Break
NO SCHOOL!



2024-2025 School Calendar

**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](#).

Reminder

Scarborough Public Schools' Central Office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm, even though the Municipal Building is closed. Please use the video intercom system located to the right of the main doors (Route 1 front doors only) at Town Hall to contact the School Department and be allowed entry on Fridays. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Central Office at 730-4100.

KEEP
CALM
WE OPEN
ON
FRIDAY!

Scarborough Public Schools is **HIRING!**

WE'RE

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Scarborough Public
Schools

Apply at scarboroughschools.org



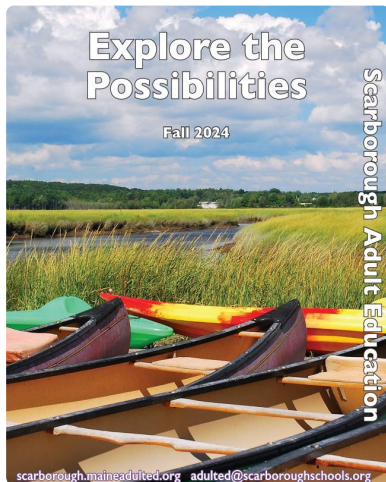
AVAILABLE POSITIONS :

- Director of Middle School Theater
- High School & Middle School Coaches (winter and spring seasons)
- Custodians, Kitchen Help, Bus Drivers and Ed Tech II's and III's

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>

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.

Scarborough Community Services' Winter Catalog is now available

Winter 2024-2025

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.

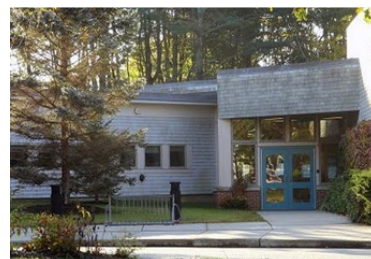
Links to Our Schools



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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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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Cheryl Callahan

Cheryl is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters