



Scarborough Public Schools

December 6, 2024

Board of Education Recognizes the Oak Hill Players



Noelle Daigle



Layla Keener



Jeremiah Violette



Love to Keep Me Warm."

During the December 5, 2024 Board of Education business meeting, they recognized the Oak Hill Players ensemble. This talented group performed four songs from their November musical *White Christmas*.

Layla Keener sang, "I'm Happy."

Noelle Daigle and Jeremiah Violette sang a duet, "Love, You Didn't Do Right by Me."

The entire ensemble sang, "White Christmas" and "I've Got My

Photos' courtesy of J. Leong.

Winter Weather is Upon Us!

- Based on the approved calendar, there are 2 traditional snow days built into our approved calendar this year
- Any additional weather-related days will be asynchronous remote learning days
- Building leaders and school staff are finalizing plans/procedures for this year
- A dedicated webpage is being created and will go live soon, explaining overall procedures, as well as school by school plans, to ensure there is strong communication with families



Wentworth School

Ms. Kelli Crosby sent this information to the School Board. We love celebrating our students and the amazing things they do!



Scarborough Living Magazine

December 4 at 6:00 PM · 🌐



BIG THANK YOU to Ace Hardware! Today Ms. Hewitt's and Ms. Chin's 3rd and 4th graders walked there to thank the Johnson family for donating paint to help restore the U.S.A. playground map. A great example of what makes Scarborough so special - dedicated teachers, generous businesses, and hard-working students. The best moment was the students serenading the Johnsons with the 50 States song. 😊

[Oak Hill and Dunstan Ace Hardware](#) @scarboroughacehardware #scarboroughmaine #scarboroughstrong #communitylove Scarborough Public Schools



Scarborough Middle School's 7th Graders

Superintendent Nadeau reported at last evening's school board business meeting.

"Our 7th grade integrated team has been working on a Stewardship Unit in conjunction with the Scarborough Land Trust. During the afternoon of November 22nd, the students worked on the trails on the middle school campus. Highlighting hands-on learning opportunities, this educational approach aims to boost academic performance, foster deeper connections to the local community, nurture students' appreciation for nature, and instill a dedication to becoming engaged, contributing members of society. Members from a DOE film crew doing a five-part series on education accompanied the students to capture footage. Our contact wrote me afterwards to say, *"It was a special experience that was the most enjoyable part of my journey across the state."*



School Board Community Round Table. SAVE THE DATE!

THE SCARBOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD IS HOSTING

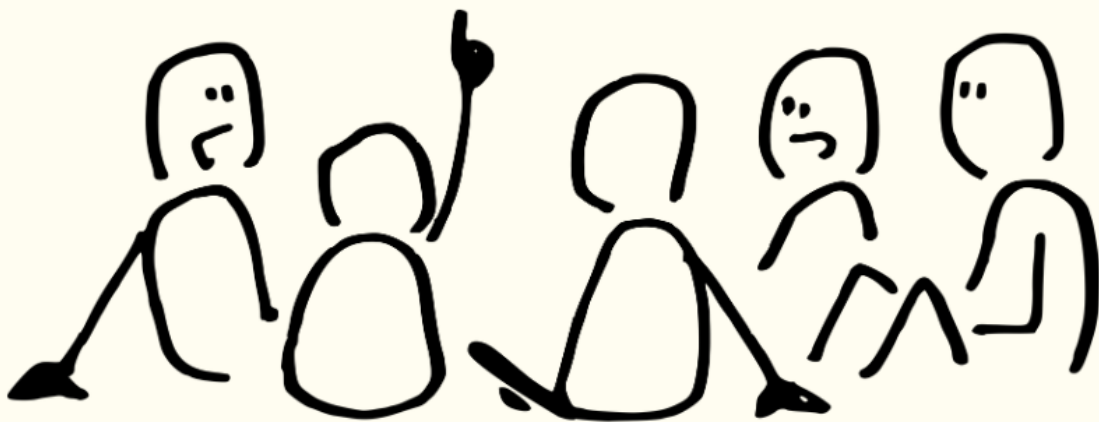
A Community Round Table

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12, 2024 @ 6PM

JOIN ON ZOOM - SEE THE LINK IN THE DETAILS

OR IN PERSON @ WENTWORTH LEARNING COMMONS

This is a two-way conversation and a chance for you to get to know school board representatives. Come talk candidly about topics that interest you within the schools.



Message from Scarborough's School Board: December 5th Update

December Events

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Dec. 12 ~ School Board Round Table - 6pm @ Wentworth Learning Commons

Dec. 19 ~ Board Workshop @ 6pm - "Understanding AI" & Regular Board meeting @ 7pm



SCARBOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board is working to provide brief updates for the whole community and hope to update on a monthly basis. The Board met on 12/5 and this is a brief overview and some links for more information below.

Meeting highlights:

The cast of **White Christmas** came and put on a lovely performance to showcase 4 songs, highlighting the hard work they did for their recent performances.

The following Board committees provided updates:

- **School Building Advisory Committee:** Met on 12/2, created 2 subcommittees Communications and Site Selection. The next meeting is 12/16 at 6pm. New council liaisons are April Sither and Bill Donovan.
- **Communications:** Met last on 12/4, work on the Community Dinner. The next Spotlight Award will take place at 7pm on December 19th.

Important dates upcoming --->

- **Finance:** The next meeting will be 12/16 @ 5pm.
- **Negotiations:** Custodial Staff/Food Service Contracts complete, starting work on teacher contracts next!
- **Policy:** The policy committee met on 12/5 at 5pm to discuss [JFCK](#), Student Use of Cellular Technology and Other Devices and [JFCK-R](#), Student Use of Cellular Technology and Other

Devices. This work will continue on January 2, 2025 at 5pm. The board is also planning a live event

- **Student Reports:**

- Senior Rep [Grace Leger](#) reported on the Unified club putting on a spirit week, they also had a sugar cookie decorating event and donated them to public safety, as well as planned events to raise awareness about disabilities and promote inclusion. She also shared the success of the Oak Hill Players recent musical "White Christmas".
- Junior Rep [Abigail Rasquinha](#) shared that 3rd graders participated in a unit on weather where they got to take part in an early morning weather report and "Weather at Your School" live broadcast. Social studies classes also learned about branches of government and got to see voting in action, as well as take part in student elections and mock polls.

You can also view the meetings and documents [here](#).

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.

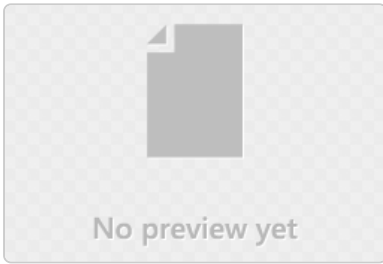
Harriman brings an extensive understanding of Scarborough’s school facilities, having previously worked on renovations and additions to Scarborough High School, the construction of Wentworth School, and the development of a Long Range Facilities Plan in 2017. Their familiarity with the town’s infrastructure 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.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzW3YcHRPpM&t=5s>





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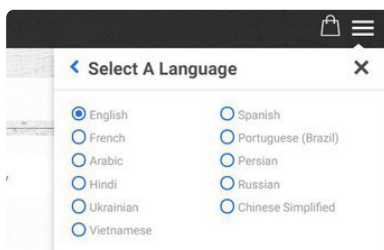
Next week is the last week for the Hats, Gloves & Mittens Collection

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!



News from the SPS Nutrition Department about Nutrislice

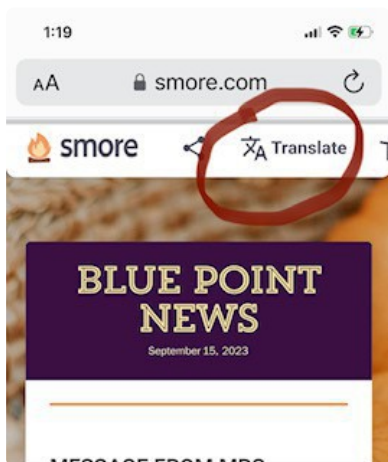
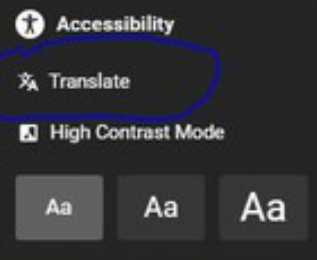


All Kindergarten and new students to the district will have to make a Nutrislice account through the Nutrislice app or through <https://scarboroughschools.nutrislice.com/menu/create-account> before they can order breakfast and lunch. Parents will need the child's ID# before they can start the registration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

Scarborough Public Schools

September 15, 2023



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.
- SCS New Winter Catalog
- Scarborough Youth Football - "Try Tackle" Spring 2025
- Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) information
- Scarborough Public Library
- Scarborough Education Foundation

Important Dates

[2024- 2025 School Calendar](#)

- Decembers 11, 2024 - K-12 Early Release Day
- December 12, 2024 - School Board Community Round Table
- 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



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.



Scarborough Public Schools is **HIRING!**

Scarborough Public Schools

WE ARE HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

CURRENT OPENINGS:

- SPED Ed Techs
- Custodians
- Bus Drivers
- Kitchen Staff
- Middle School Coaches
- High School Coaches

SCAN TO APPLY



Call 207-730-4100 for more information

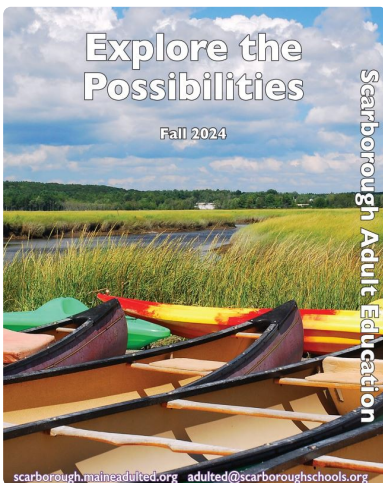


scarboroughschools.org

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>

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

[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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