



Scarborough Public Schools

December 20, 2024

Holiday Break: December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025



We would like to wish our Scarborough Public Schools' staff, students and families a joyous holiday season. Take time to unwind, connect with family and friends, and relax during your break. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, January 2, 2025!

Scarborough High School Caroling Tour

On Thursday, December 19, 2024, the Scarborough High School Chorus spread joy this year with their caroling community service project. In total, the group was able to sing for six retirement facilities and a couple hundred Scarborough residents. Jeff Mosher, High School Chorus Teacher said when speaking of the memory care unit of the Enclave, "the effect that music has on folks experiencing memory loss is profound. Their eyes light up and they smile widely." How this experience affects the students, he said, "while our students are blessed with many performance opportunities throughout the year, I always feel that this performance is the one where they truly "get" the power of this art form."





December School Board's Spotlight Award Recipient

Jim Watson, High School Special Education Consulting Teacher, is December's Spotlight Award Recipient. Mr. Watson was nominated by Marc Simard who is a Special Education Teacher at the High School. Mr. Simard said, "I am 4 months in, and he's as proactive and helpful as on day one. He teaches me new things, makes me feel like a priority, and absolutely is a part of why I only want to work at SHS." During the presentation, Mr. Simard said many wonderful things about Mr. Watson; he is motivating, provides constructive feedback, and brings out the best in the Special Education Department. The one very special quote Mr. Simard used to describe Jim Watson is, "Some people talk to you in their free time and some free their time to talk to you."



Congratulations Mr. Jim Watson!!

Civil Rights Club Maine Initiative Grant Recipient

Grant for Change




We are extremely proud and excited to share that the Scarborough High School Civil Rights Club is one of 12 organizations to be selected for a 2024 Grants for Change award from Maine Initiatives. This 3 year award is in the amount of \$45,000. The Grants for Change program seeks to fund and strengthen community-based efforts advancing racial justice in Maine by supporting Black, Brown, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, and People of

Color (BIPOC) -led organizations which focus on this work. We are extremely proud of our students for their efforts!

Pictured: (from left to right) Phil Walsh, Executive Director of Maine Initiative, Kalei Kieu, Magdalena Goebel-Shupp, Yashu Derisala, Siyad Ali, Alex Wu, Jodie Tesi. Photo courtesy of J. Leong

School Board Upcoming January Meetings



JANUARY 2025 MEETING DATES

02 JANUARY	POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING 5:00 - 6:00PM CENTRAL OFFICE (HYBRID)
06 JANUARY	SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6:00 - 8:30PM TOWN HALL (HYBRID)
09 JANUARY	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DEVICE POLICY 6:00 - 8:00PM WENTWORTH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
10 JANUARY	COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING 8:00 - 9:00AM ZOOM WEBINAR
13 JANUARY	SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6:00 - 9:00PM TOWN HALL (HYBRID)
16 JANUARY	SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP & BUSINESS MEETING 6:00 - 9:00PM TOWN HALL (HYBRID)
21 JANUARY	SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC FORUM 6:00 - 9:00PM MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
27 JANUARY	SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6:00 - 8:30PM TOWN HALL (HYBRID)
27 JANUARY	FINANCE COMMITTEE 6:00 - 7:00PM CENTRAL OFFICE (HYBRID)
30 JANUARY	LONG RANGE PLANNING 12:00 - 1:00PM LOCATION TBD

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School Building Advisory Committee - Phase II



SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN JANUARY!

Our Citizen-Led School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC) work is ramping up as we work toward selecting a school building proposal to go to voters in 2025!

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN JANUARY!

Your input will directly inform which options the SBAC moves forward with as we work toward a final option to go to referendum. Here's how you can participate:

- **Attend Community Forum #1: January 21st 6-8PM** at Scarborough Middle School Cafeteria
 - Learn about the Four Options being considered for a school construction project to address Scarborough's needs, ask questions, and provide feedback.
- **Take our community survey on the 4 options: Late January/Early February**
 - The survey will be released in late January, following Community Forum #1. More detail on this to come in the new year!
 - The SBAC will take the community's feedback under advisement as they evaluate and reduce from 4 options to 2.
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Want to follow the process even more closely?

- Attend an SBAC2 meeting
 - We're meeting weekly in January (Mondays at 6pm).
 - Meetings are open to the public.
 - Locations vary; check the District Calendar:
 - <https://www.scarboroughschools.org/district/calendar-school-hours>
- Attend the joint Town Council/School Board Workshop for a status update from the committee – January 16th

Here's what happened in December:

- Harriman Architects & Engineers was selected to work with the citizen-led SBAC2.
- Harriman's team has been deep in data collection mode, visiting and assessing the existing schools, reviewing previous reports, meeting with leadership, and working closely with the SBAC2 to dig into the four options identified by the SBAC2.
- Communication and Site Selection subcommittees of the SBAC2 kicked off their work.
 - Visit our updated project website here:
[2024 School Building Advisory Committee - Scarborough Public Schools](#)

PROJECT PROCESS & MILESTONES DIAGRAM:



THE GYM DANDIES

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ECOLOGY CENTER & FARM SCHOOL

SATURDAY, JAN 11TH

1:00PM

BLUE POINT SCHOOL GYM

174 Pine Point Rd, Scarborough, ME 04074

TO BUY TICKETS CLICK HERE



\$10 Per Person or

\$25 Per Family

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE GYM DANDIES
NATIONAL PARADE FUND**

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

Community Events & 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.

- December 23, 2024 - "Come Try Girls Hockey" at 1:50pm
- Gym Dandies - 01/11/2025 Wildlife Encounters
- 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](#)

- December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025 Winter Break
- January 2, 2024 - Welcome Back! - School Board Business Meeting
- January 15, 2024 - K-12 Early Release
- January 21, 2024 - School Building Advisory Committee Public Forum



**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



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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>



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September 15, 2023

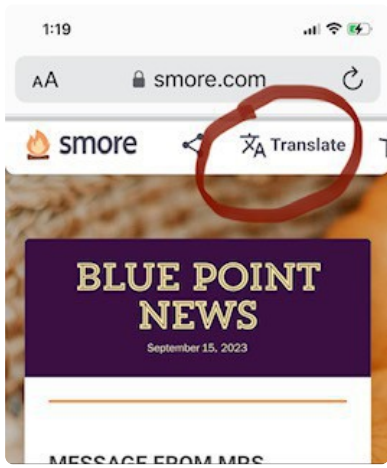
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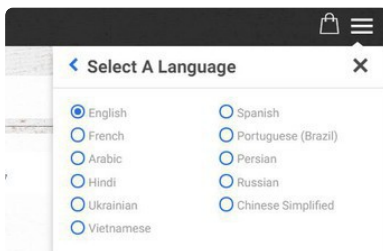
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If you look at the embedded photo above which shows you what our newsletters look like when you open them on a computer, you will see that **every newsletter we send has the ability to translate to 90 languages!!!** Harnessing the power of translation 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.

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 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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Cheryl Callahan

Cheryl is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

