



# Scarborough Public Schools

January 3, 2025

## Welcome Back



We hope you had a wonderful, restful and energizing Holiday Season. We are looking forward to seeing all of your remarkable achievements in 2025.

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## GoGuardian Beacon

Scarborough Public Schools has adopted GoGuardian Beacon services as part of our school's broader suicide prevention program. GoGuardian Beacon is a monitoring software used on school issued devices. It now has a parent / guardian notification feature for parents to get instant alerts if their child's online activity raises concerns on school issued devices. The alert will be sent to the email address listed in PowerSchool for the child's parents. The GoGuardian Beacon parent notifications will start during the week of January 6th.



GoGuardian Beacon helps notify our schools and parents if the system detects that a child searches, creates, views, or interacts with online content that could be related to suicide and active planning. Because of this, GoGuardian Beacon helps us detect and intervene when a child may be at risk of suicide or self-harm. If you get a notification, please talk with your child and check their online activity. If you feel you and your child need additional supports, please see the link below for resources and/or contact your health care provider / emergency services.

It is important to know that neither Scarborough Public Schools nor GoGuardian Beacon can possibly detect every situation when a child is suicidal. [Click here](#) for more information about GoGuardian/Beacon services and suicide prevention information.

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## From the School Board Policy Committee

### **SCARBOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD** COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

### **THE PERSONAL DEVICE POLICY**

The School Board is considering updates to the current policy JFCK and JFCK-R, The Personal Device Policy, and is inviting the community to discuss these potential changes for the Scarborough School District. Please join us for this event and share your thoughts!



**Thursday, January 9th**

6:00 PM

Wentworth School Cafeteria

Click [here](#) to view the Draft Policy JFCK

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## School Board Upcoming January Meetings



## JANUARY 2025 MEETING DATES

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

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

## 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.

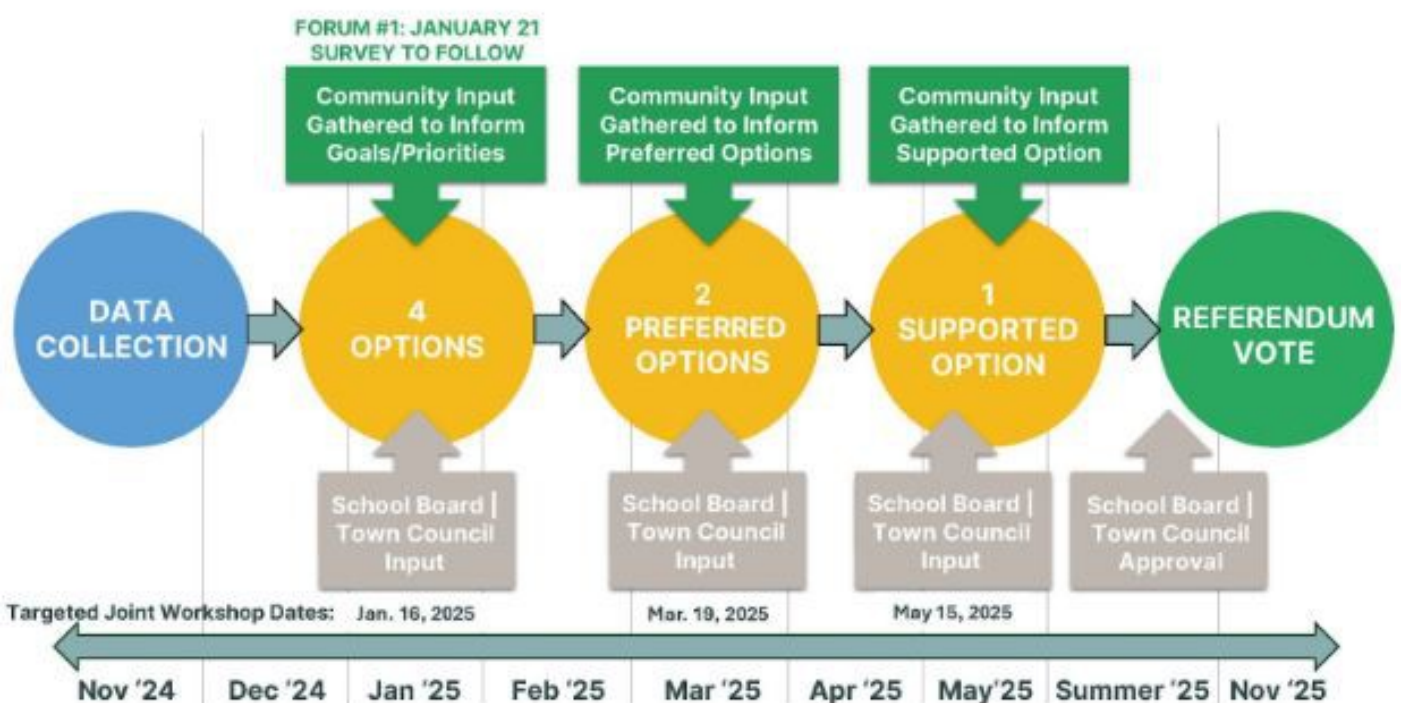
*Want to follow the process even more closely?*

- 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



## PRESENT



**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**

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## Scarborough Project Graduation

Join Scarborough Project Graduation for an Exciting Maine Mariners Hockey Game!

Don't miss an action-packed afternoon as the **Maine Mariners** take on the **Norfolk Admirals** on **Sunday, January 12th at 3 PM!**



Tickets are just **\$15**—perfect for a fun outing with family and friends, or as a unique gift. Every ticket purchased supports **Scarborough Project Graduation**, helping to create a safe and memorable celebration for our graduates.

**Get your tickets today** and cheer on the Mariners while supporting a great cause! <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Scarboroughhigh7>

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## 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

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## 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.

- Project Graduation - 01/12/2025 Fundraiser
- 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

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## Important Dates

### [2024- 2025 School Calendar](#)

- January 15, 2025 - K-12 Early Release
- January 16, 2025 - Workshop and Business School Board Meetings
- January 21, 2025 - School Building Advisory Committee Public Forum

\*\*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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## 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.



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## 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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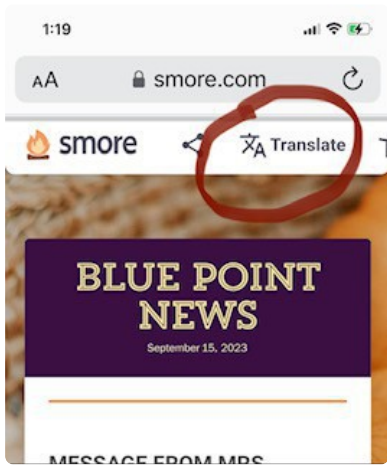
Scarborough Public Schools is currently hiring. Interested candidates may visit the School District's Employment site for details and application instructions by using this link here:

<https://www.applitrack.com/scarborough/OnlineApp/default.aspx>



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.

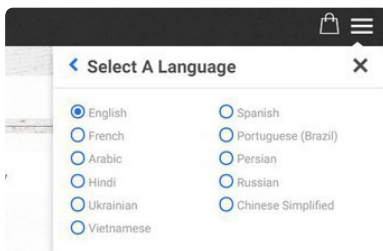




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## News from the SPS Nutrition Department about Nutrislice



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?

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## Scarborough Community Services' Winter Catalog is now available

### Winter 2024-2025

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.

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## 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.

### Scarborough Schools



**Website:** [www.scarboroughschools.org](http://www.scarboroughschools.org)

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**Phone:** (207) 730-4100

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