



# Scarborough Public Schools

January 10, 2025

## Inclement Weather - School Closures

Although we have had very little snow to date, in Maine we expect snow storms and other types of inclement weather events during winter. In cases of inclement weather, the Scarborough Public Schools will use up to two "traditional" snow days. All of our schools will be closed on these days and students will not be expected to go to school in person or learn remotely. No school meals will be provided on snow days. These two school days will be made up in June if they are used.



If there are more than two days of inclement weather, we will have remote learning days in lieu of a traditional snow day. On remote learning days, students will stay home and will be expected to complete academic assignments. Meals will be provided in advance for remote learning days.

Each building will communicate directly with specific information about their school's plan to all parents. Please click [here](#) to navigate to our newly designed "Weather Closures" page for more information about [inclement weather closings and remote learning](#).

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## Scarborough Education Foundation Fall Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the seven fall 2024 SEF (Scarborough Education Foundation) grant recipients! The chosen grants totalled over \$14,000.00 for activities and events designed to "promote academic excellence in the Scarborough Public Schools." The seven awards cover a variety of topics (see full list below) .

Birds of Maine - Maura Heffernan - K-2  
Bring GaGa Ball to Wentworth - Keith Kitchin - Wentworth  
Digital Photography - Justin Stebbins - SMS  
Kids and Gardens Grow Together - Jen Pinkham - Pleasant Hill  
Leveling Up with Games in the Classroom - Kate Kuhn/Shannan Houlette - SMS  
Playful Playground - Erica Keay - Eight Corners  
Third Grade Visit w/Maine Author Lynn Plourde - Cari Lyford - Wentworth



**Photo courtesy of SEF's Facebook Page**

Keith Kitchin - Wentworth School

**Photo courtesy of SEF's Facebook Page**

Cari Lyford - Wentworth School

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## GoGuardian / Beacon Parent Notification Delayed



Scarborough Public Schools has been using GoGuardian Beacon services as part of our school's broader suicide prevention program. GoGuardian Beacon is monitoring software used on school issued devices. One of its features includes parent/guardian notifications, which provide instant alerts if a student's online activity after school hours raises concerns while using these devices.

Although we had hoped to enable the parent notification feature this week, we are currently addressing some issues with its implementation. We will notify you as soon as the feature is fully operational.

In the interim, the system will continue to work as it has this year and past school years. If an alert is generated by the GOGuardian Beacon software it will be sent to administrators to follow up on and communication with parents will occur as needed.

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## Check Out the New Building Project Webpage!



## Scarborough School Building Project

Why Now?

Meetings

FAQs

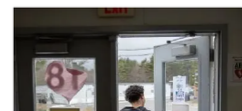
Presentations & Documents

The School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC) was formed in February 2024, following the defeat of the Unified School Proposal at the polls in November 2023. This citizen-led group has brought their expertise and interests to the process, alongside elected officials. During the Spring of 2024, members studied school needs and analyzed previous work. In June 2024, the SBAC presented four exploratory concepts they developed to the Town Council and School Board. The work continues with the support of a professional architectural and engineering firm, as well as a robust community feedback process, to assist the group in narrowing down to one proposal by May 2025.

"Scarborough school building committee seeking feedback in new year." - Scarborough Leader

Jan 9 2025

The Scarborough School Building Advisory Committee will rely on community feedback in early 2025 to help them narrow four potential solutions to the district's overcrowded schools to two. Harriman Architects has been collecting data,



English

The SBAC Communications Committee has been busy working on a number of projects, including a re-design of the Building Project Page. We hope that you will find [this page](#) easy to navigate and obtain information about the work of the School Building Advisory Committee.

## School Building Advisory Committee - Phase II



### 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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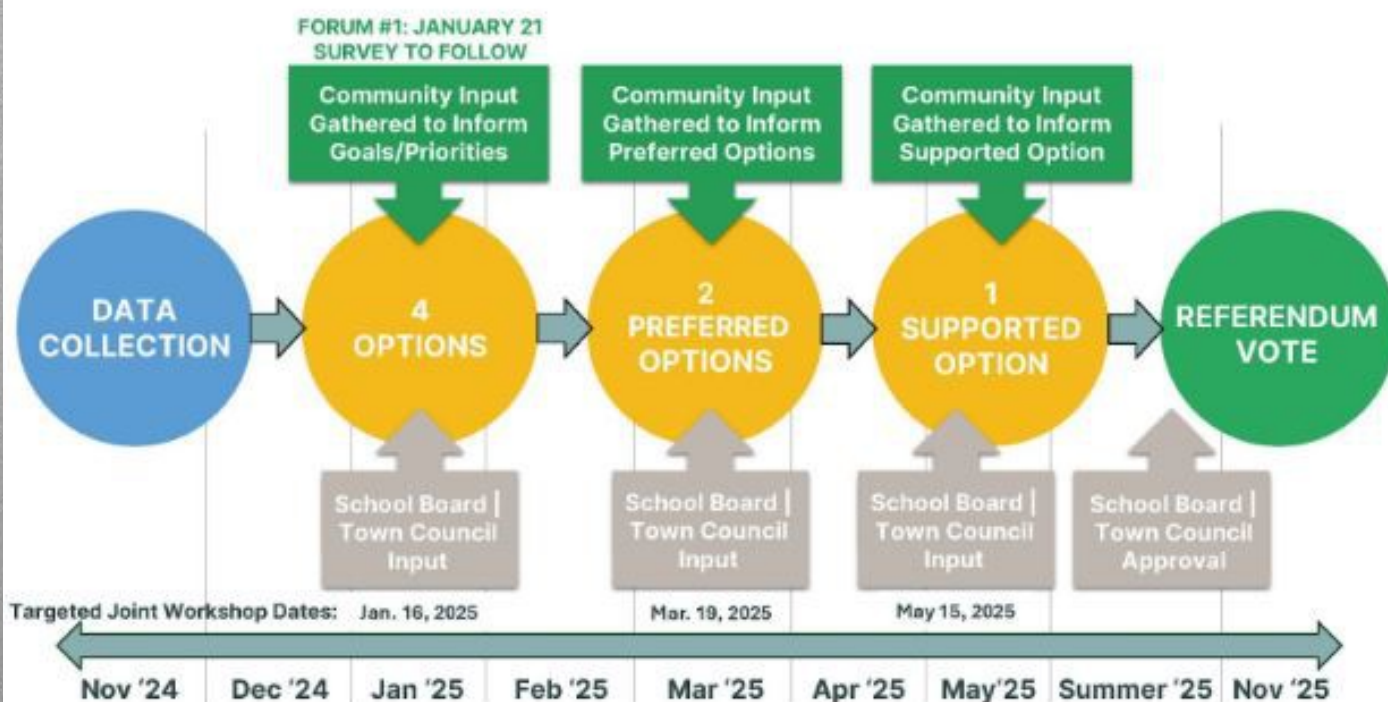
*Want to follow the process even more closely?*

- 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:**



# 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

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

# THE GYM DANDIES



## PRESENT



**SATURDAY, FEB 3RD  
1:00PM**

**The Point Community Center  
345 Clarks Pond Parkway  
South Portland**

**<https://gymdandies2024.eventbrite.com>**

**\$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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## 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!

A hiring advertisement graphic with a red and black background. At the top, it says "Scarborough Public Schools" in white. Below that, "WE ARE HIRING" is written in large white letters, followed by "JOIN OUR TEAM" in smaller white letters. A list of "CURRENT OPENINGS:" includes SPED Ed Techs, Custodians, Bus Drivers, Kitchen Staff, Middle School Coaches, and High School Coaches. There is a QR code and a button that says "SCAN TO APPLY". A 3D stick figure is holding a sign that says "YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!". At the bottom, there is a red button with the website "scarboroughschools.org".

**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

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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:

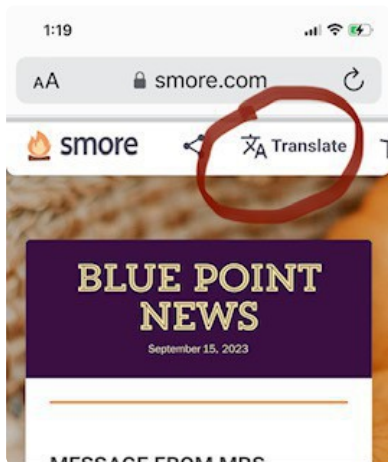
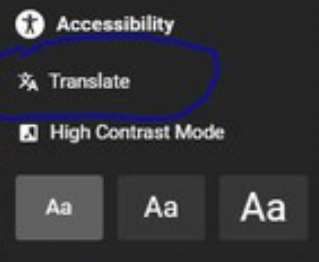
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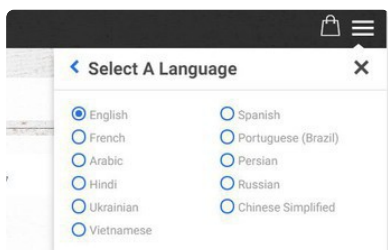


If you look at the embedded photo above which shows you what our newsletters look like when you open them on a computer, you will see that **every newsletter we send has the ability to translate to 90 languages!!!** Harnessing the power of translation tools in Smore is an essential step in making sure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

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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)

**Location:** [259 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough, ME 04074, USA](#)

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

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/scarbmeschools/>

**Twitter:** [@scarbmeschools](https://twitter.com/scarbmeschools)



**Cheryl Callahan**

Cheryl is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters