



Scarborough Public Schools

March 21, 2025

High School and Middle School All Band Night



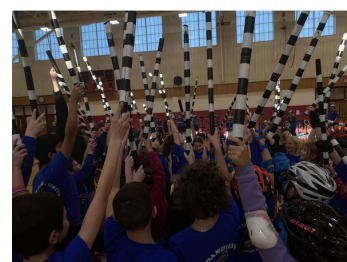
Scarborough Middle School and High School Bands performed in Alumni Gym at Scarborough High School on March 11 for their annual All Band Concert. Over 300 instrumentalists took the "stage" and played a variety of tunes including a unified performance of *Report Card Blues*!

Many thanks to Rachel Williams and Tim Ebersold for their outstanding leadership with our students!

The Annual Unified Staff Basketball Game

March 12, 2025

The Annual Unified Staff Basketball Game was another success here at Scarborough High School! The staff team put up another good effort, but yet again, struggled to keep up with the relentless scoring capabilities of a well oiled SHS Unified Team that was nearing the end of its season. This year's unified team was the biggest team yet and though there were many moving parts, the team adapted well and every player found their niche. It was an incredible season and the team was happy to share their final game with amazing and supportive staff members, classmates, parents, and community members on the court and in the stands. We are already looking forward to next year! Go Storm!"



Gym Dandies Weekend Performance

What a fantastic weekend for three Community Performances of the Gym Dandies at Wentworth on March 14th and 15! All three directors, spanning 44 years of Gym Dandies history, were in attendance. The beginners and intermediates juggled scarves, spun plates, and showed off their hard-earned early unicycle skills. Fifteen alumni were featured in the juggling showcase. The

Performance Level group amazed the audience with unique routines and novel tricks. Our five graduating seniors: Caroline Benson, Zoe Cogan, Jane Curtis, Rowan Driscoll, and Constantine Leonard gave speeches about how meaningful the Gym Dandies have been in their lives with participation since third grade. It was a very memorable showcase! Our season will end in a few weeks, but the Gym Dandies will travel to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida, on June 16 to perform in the park.



March Staff Spotlight Award Recipient

Matt Townsend nominated Jon Shardlow for the March 2025 Staff Spotlight Award. Jon is a teacher in the Special Education department. Staff working with him state that he is an invaluable asset to the team who is always willing to lend a helping hand, show new people the ropes, and is clearly a dedicated teacher and staff member. Jon has been with the district 5 years. Thank you to the SLS team at SHS for this wonderful nomination!

Photo by F. Tarpinian

The Social-Life Skills High School Team!



March Student Spotlight Award Recipient

Kalei Kieu - Nominated by Michelle Shupp, teacher at the High School

Kalei Kieu is a senior at Scarborough High School. Kalei is a co-president of the Civil Rights Club, member of the Reducing Sexism and Violence Program, and has participated in ECOS. Kalei was also instrumental in the community-wide DEI committee. As the student chair for the last two years of the committee's engagement, Kalei represented the student voice and took on many initiatives that benefitted her community.



Photo by F. Tarpinian

From left to right, Magdalena Goebel-Shupp, Yashu Derisala, Michelle Shupp, Kalei Kieu, Abigail Rasquinha

Matthew Fagerlund - Nominated by Helene Van Neste, teacher at the High School

Matthew Fagerlund is a senior at Scarborough High School. Matthew has worked many hours over the summer to build a new platform to replace Quizlet for the world language department. Matthew has also become the go to guy for a lot of classroom technology issues around our building. Most of all, Matthew is a great academic and behavioral model for classroom peers.



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From left to right: Abigail Rasquinha, Matthew Fagerlund

Building Committee

The School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC) is voting to reduce to 2 PREFERRED BUILDING OPTIONS at their Monday, March 24th committee meeting. SBAC meetings are open to the public, in person or on Zoom (6pm, Town Hall Council Chambers).

This next step in the process is informed by 4 factors:

1. **BENCHMARKING METRICS:** Identified by the SABC. These include security priorities, programming priorities, and facility priorities.
2. **COMMUNITY SURVEY FEEDBACK**
3. **SCHOOL BOARD PRIORITIES:** Board of Education guidance on the benchmarking metrics.
4. **\$70-130M PROJECT BUDGET:** Supported by the community in the June 2024 survey. The majority of respondents said they would support an annual tax impact of \$200-400.

WHAT INFORMS THE PREFERRED OPTIONS?



THE SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
**VOTES TO REDUCE TO
2 PREFERRED BUILDING OPTIONS**

MARCH 24, 2025

(PUBLIC MEETING: TOWN HALL 6PM & ZOOM)

2025-2026 School Calendar Approved!



At last evening's board meeting, the board approved the 2025-2026 calendar. It is very similar to this year's calendar, and will allow for up to three "traditional snow days" (or any type of unplanned "no school" days). If more than the allotted three 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.

The 2025-2026 school calendar can be found [here](#).

2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration NOW OPEN!

**kindergarten
REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!**

We are eager to begin planning to welcome our newest students to Scarborough Public Schools for Kindergarten in 2025- 2026! As of this week, we now have 143 students, pre-registered, with 5 months to go.

- Kindergarten is open to any student who **turns 5 on or before Oct. 15, 2025.**
- **If your child meets this criteria, and you are sending them to school in the fall, please complete the form linked here NOW: [New Student Enrollment Form](#)**
- If your child meets the age requirement, but you are undecided about sending them due to their age or developmental level, please complete the REGISTRATION FORM anyway. This will help us plan for all potential students.
- Appointments will be scheduled later this spring in each of our schools to review paperwork, including notarization of residency.
- If your child has specific health concerns, you can call or set up an appointment with one of our school nurses at any time.
- More information will be provided throughout the spring!

If you would like help completing these forms, we are happy to meet with you and provide an interpreter. Please call any of the school offices listed below.

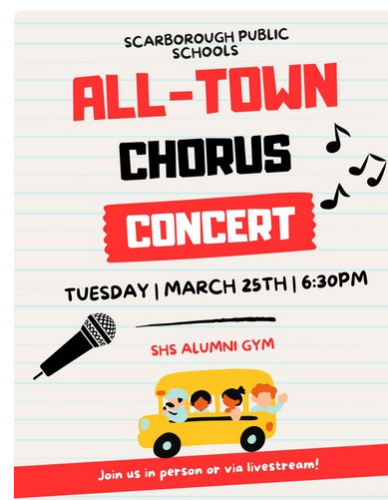
Blue Point- 207-730-5300
Eight Corners- 207-730-5200
Pleasant Hill- 207-730-5250

[Click here to access the registration page.](#)

3rd Annual All-Town Chorus Concert

We are excited to announce the 3rd Annual All-Town Chorus Concert! This concert features student musicians from all six schools in grades 2-12. Due to popular demand, this year's event will be held in SHS's Alumni Gym. As such, families will not need to reserve tickets ahead of time. The concert is free and open to the public. Please join us in person or via livestream on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:30pm for this wonderful community celebration!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzUFTVb9nUs>



Race 2 the Point



Join the Scarborough Primary PTA on **Sunday, April 13, 2025** for 14th annual **[2025 Race 2 the Point](#)** -- a day of fun and fitness featuring a 5K run/walk, a ½ Mile Dash for children ages 12 and under, and a free Kids' Fun Run for our youngest athletes. Visit our sponsors at the Race Expo and bring your kiddos over to check out the activities in the Kids' Fun Zone and play on the Blue Point School playground.

All **Race 2 the Point** proceeds directly benefit Scarborough's primary schools, funding initiatives like new technology, classroom materials, field trips, and resources to support our dedicated teachers and staff. Last year we raised more than \$8000k to support our schools!

Register today to guarantee a race shirt for the 5k run/walk and Kids' ½ Mile Dash (no advance registration necessary for the kids' fun run): <https://runinarace.com/Race2thePoint/index.html>

Check out www.race2thepoint.org for more details!



Sunday, April 13, 2025
9:00 AM | Blue Point School

14TH ANNUAL RACE 2 THE POINT

5K RUN/WALK | KIDS' ½ MILE DASH | FREE KIDS' FUN RUN | KIDS' ZONE

Hosted by the Scarborough Primary PTA, **Race 2 the Point** brings together students, families, local businesses, and community members for a day of fun, fitness, and fundraising in support of Scarborough Primary Schools

Sponsored by:



Above Builder Grade | Atlantic Sportswear | College Solutions | Donna Saxby, Tru Brit
Real Estate Group, Keller Williams Realty | Edward Jones - Scarborough | Finish
Strong PT | Goldfish Swim School | Logan's Landscaping | Marshview Direct Primary
Care | Martin's Point Health Care | Mathnasium | Nathan E Goff DMD | NXGen Fitness |
The Scoville Foley Team at Signature Homes Real Estate Group | Southern Maine
Orthodontics | Thornton Homes | Town & Country Federal Credit Union



Register today!

www.race2thepoint.org | race2thepoint@gmail.com

Updates from the Scarborough Board of Education

[School Board Meeting Link](#)



MARCH 2025 MEETING DATES

03
MARCH

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
5:00 - 6:00PM
CENTRAL OFFICE (HYBRID)
SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
6:00 - 8:30PM
TOWN HALL (HYBRID)

06
MARCH

SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATIONS MEETING
68:00AM
ZOOM WEBINAR
POLICY COMMITTEE
5:00-6:30 PM
CENTRAL OFFICE
SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS MEETING
7:00 PM- 9:00PM
TOWN HALL (HYBRID)

10
MARCH

SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
6:00-8:30 PM
TOWN HALL (HYBRID)

17
MARCH

SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
6:00-8:30 PM
TOWN HALL (HYBRID)

18
MARCH

SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP
4:30-7PM PM
WENTWORTH LEARNING COMMONS

19
MARCH

SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP
8:30 - 11AM
TOWN HALL
TOWN COUNCIL/ BOE WORKSHOP - SBAC2 UPDATE
6:00 - 7PM
TOWN HALL (HYBRID)

20
MARCH

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
8-9AM
VIRTUAL

24
MARCH

SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
6:00-8:30 PM
TOWN HALL (HYBRID)

www.scarboroughschools.org

Future Storm Days for 2024-25 will be Asynchronous Learning Days

We have now used both traditional snow days that were in the approved calendar. **Any additional storm days will be asynchronous remote learning days.** For details about learning plans for this day, please visit our [Weather Closures webpage](#), where all details are listed for our schools.



Meals will be provided upon request. [Please fill out this form](#) to have your child's name added to the list and our food service staff will send home non-perishable meals for your child. If you have multiple children, please fill out the form for each child individually. After each remote learning snow day, we will send home additional non-perishable meals for possible future remote learning days. You do not need to resubmit on the form again for each remote learning snow day. Once you are on the list you are on it for the winter. We hope that families find this helpful.

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.

- Scarborough Primary PTS Race to the Point - april 13, 2025
- SHS Model UN's Antique Show fundraiser - April 5, 2025
- July 2025 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp
- UNE's Brain, Body, Wellness Fair - April 4, 2025
- Scarborough Public Library - 14th Annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program April 2025
- Summer Art Camp in June 2025
- April Dates at SPL - Anxious Generation Book Discussion
- 2025 Registration is open for Scarborough Youth Lacrosse
- 2025 Registration is open for Scarborough Little League
- 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](#)

- March 24, 2025 - School Building Advisory Committee Meeting
- April 3, 2025 - School Board Business Meeting
- April 7, 2025 - School Building Advisory Committee Meeting
- April 9, 2025 - Early Release Day**
- April 17, 2025 - School Board Workshop and Business Meetings
- April 18 - April 25, 2025 - Spring Break
- April 28, 2025 - School Building Advisory Committee Meeting
- April 30, 2025 Kindergarten Information Day



**Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

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.

**WE ARE
OPEN ON
FRIDAYS**

Save the Date | Kindergarten Information Night on April 30th

SAVE THE DATE KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT



Please join our K2 principals to hear about our Kindergarten program at Scarborough Public Schools.

APRIL 30, 2025

5:30–6:30 PM

Join our K2 principals on April 30th to hear about our Kindergarten Program at Scarborough Public Schools.

When: April 30, 2025 at 5:30 - 6:30PM

Where: Webinar Event. [Register Now](#)

Scarborough Public Schools is HIRING!

SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS



We're
HIRING



CUSTODIANS

FULL & PART TIME POSITIONS

- Pay Range: \$21.50-\$25.50
- Hours: 2:00 pm - 10:30 pm
- Benefits available:
 - Health, Life, Dental and Vision Insurance
 - Retirement Plan
 - Paid Holidays
 - Earned Sick time (benefits prorated for part time)

BUS DRIVERS

CDL TRAINING PROVIDED

- Pay Range: \$24.00-\$29.28
- 35/hrs per week, school year only
- Benefits available:
 - Health, Life, Dental and Vision Insurance
 - Retirement Plan
 - Paid Holidays
 - Earned Sick time



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>

Scarborough Public Schools

September 15, 2023

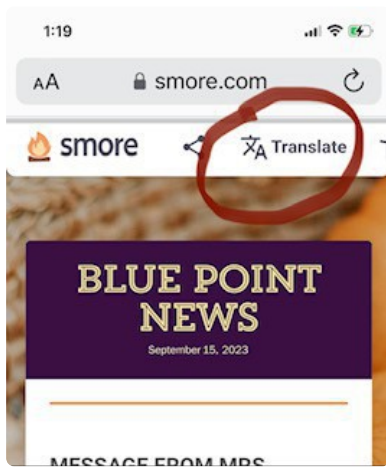
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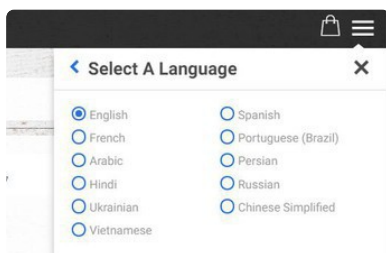
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If you look at the embedded photo above which shows you what our newsletters look like when you open them on a computer, you will see that **every newsletter we send has the ability to translate to 90 languages!!!** Harnessing the power of translation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

Spring 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, redmond@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.

Scarborough Schools



Website: 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](#)



Cheryl Callahan

Cheryl is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters