



# Scarborough Public Schools

April 11, 2025

## Scarborough School Board Hosts Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner



On the evening of April 8, 2024, the Wentworth Cafeteria was transformed into a hub of joy, laughter, and community connection for nearly 80 Scarborough Senior Citizens as the Scarborough School Board proudly hosted the **Second Annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner**. The event was a colorful celebration of gratitude, togetherness, and intergenerational appreciation — and truly, there was no shortage of people to thank for making this magical night possible.

From the moment our honored guests arrived, they were met with smiles and open arms. Volunteers from **Scarborough High School**, including members of the **Interact Club** and other



student helpers, warmly greeted seniors, checked them in, served meals, handed out goodie bags, and sparked delightful conversations about their invaluable contributions to the community.

The culinary experience for the evening was nothing short of spectacular, thanks to the incredible efforts of Nutrition Director Peter Esposito and his talented team, including dedicated interns. Guests enjoyed homemade dinner rolls along with two delicious entrée options:

- Baked chicken with rice and vegetables, or
- A hearty giant meatball and baked ziti dish.

To top it all off, a stunning strawberry shortcake dessert delighted everyone's sweet tooth and made the evening feel truly special.

Entertainment was lively and engaging throughout the evening. The Middle School Theater team gave guests a sneak peek of their upcoming musical Matilda Jr., performing three delightful teaser songs. The crowd was also wowed by the Wentworth Dance Club, whose students choreographed and performed two show-stopping routines — one group number and a stunning solo.

The **Scarborough High School Robotics Team** brought an extra spark of excitement, setting up an interactive display featuring **five student-built robots** that attendees could test-drive themselves! This hands-on exhibit brought smiles and curiosity to everyone in the room.

All around the space, **artwork and hand-written cards from primary school students** adorned the room, adding a heartfelt, personal touch to the atmosphere. Seniors were encouraged to take these thoughtful pieces home as keepsakes.

The event was made possible through the hard work of many behind the scenes:

- **Board members' children** helped check in seniors, set up and serve.
- The **district technology team** ensured the sound system and microphones ran smoothly, as well as provided all of the tech support the team needed!
- Our dedicated **janitorial staff** handled setup and breakdown with grace.
- **Community Services** helped with advertising, registration, and reworking aftercare services to support the event.
- **District administrators and SPS staff** were present to engage in conversations, assist throughout the evening, and make sure every detail was thoughtfully executed.

A special shoutout goes to our generous **community partners** for donating a total of 6 **raffle prizes**:

- Ace Hardware
- Troop 1448 Girl Scouts
- Aroma Joe's
- Evergreen Credit Union



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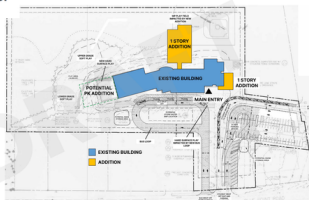
## THE SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC) is currently refining two potential plans in preparation for the next round of public input, one of which is a Three-Primary “Neighborhood” School option and the other a K-2 Consolidated School option.

The **“Neighborhood” School option** is designed to maintain Scarborough’s three-primary-school model. On Monday, April 7, the committee voted in support of a plan to renovate and expand Pleasant Hill and Blue Point Primary Schools. Eight Corners Primary School would be replaced by a new school built to meet the needs of the growing West Scarborough area. Multiple sites are currently under consideration, all within 2.5 to 3.5 miles of the current Eight Corners School. Eight Corners, originally built in 1959, serves the area of Scarborough experiencing the most growth. There is a pressing need for increased capacity at the school to serve the community in this geographic area. This fact, in combination with favorable site options and a significant need for facilities upgrades, drove the committee’s selection of Eight Corners as the school to be replaced.

Under this option, targeting a new build to replace Eight Corners Primary School would allow the design of a new future-ready school with expansion possibilities in Scarborough’s fastest growing area. The plan would also preserve the neighborhood character of Scarborough’s two most walkable, community-centered primary schools, Blue Point and Pleasant Hill.

**Blue Point School**  
(232 Students)  
DRAFT SITE DIAGRAM



**Pleasant Hill School**  
(224 Students)  
DRAFT SITE DIAGRAM



**New 380-Student K-2 School**  
(Replaces Eight Corners)  
DRAFT CONCEPT DIAGRAM (SITE TBD)



The **K-2 Consolidated Community School option** is also under development. Multiple sites are under consideration, centrally located in the town, each about one mile from the municipal campus.

Both plans also include updates and renovation to Scarborough Middle School and Wentworth School, in anticipation of the already identified growing population of students and providing for replacement of the middle school portables.

Of note, Scarborough Downs is not under consideration as a location for either school option.

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# DID YOU KNOW...?

**OUR PRIMARY  
SCHOOL NURSE  
CLINICS ARE  
UNDERSIZED.**

**THEY LACK  
ADEQUATE SPACE  
FOR SICK KIDS  
TO LIE DOWN.**

**KIDS WHO ARE ILL  
CANNOT ISOLATE  
FROM OTHERS.**

**THE SPACES LACK  
PRIVACY FOR  
CONFIDENTIAL  
MATTERS.**



## THE MORE YOU KNOW...

**SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES TO STAY INFORMED  
ABOUT THE BUILDING PROJECT!**

Pictured: Our K-2 primary school clinics are undersized to serve our students.

Please visit the project website to learn more about the Barriers to Education posed by our existing facilities, and what building options we are exploring to best meet the needs of Scarborough's students.

<https://www.scarboroughschools.org/building-project>

Sign up for project email updates by scrolling down to "Featured News" and clicking the orange BELL icon on the right.

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**Incoming 3rd Grade Parent Information Night - April 29,  
2025 at 6:00pm**



Wentworth School

## Incoming 3rd Grade Parent Information Night

### Welcome to Wentworth School An Important Notice to Families of 2nd Graders

A Parent Information Night will be held for parents and guardians of all current 2nd Grade students who will be entering Wentworth School in the fall of 2025. There will be an opportunity to tour the building, meet the school Leadership Team, and see an informative multimedia presentation for parents.

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 6:00**

6:00 - 6:35 School Tour

6:35 - 7:15 Multimedia Presentation in the Cafe



This informational evening is designed for parents and guardians. We look forward to meeting our incoming 3rd grade students when we invite them to visit Wentworth in June.

Kelli Crosby  
Principal

Gabrielle LaPerriere  
Assistant Principal



## High School Civil Rights Club



On April 5, the Scarborough High School Civil Rights Club attended the Ninth Annual 2025 New England Youth Identity Summit hosted at Waynflete. "The New England Youth Identity Summit brings together high school students and educators from public and private schools across New England to connect and learn from each other, to challenge their own ideas and perspectives, and to discover how the world values and needs their participation."

Senior, Yashu Derisala, and Sophomore, Magdalena Goebel-Shupp, facilitated a session entitled, "Student Leaders: We are Not Tokens." The Keynote Speaker for the event was Khalil Kilani, Waynflete '21, Bowdoin, '25. "Khalil is a three-time published author and has mentored youth through writing and storytelling while working at the Telling Room. Khalil is a Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellow and a Pamela Harriman Foreign Service Fellow. He aspires to pursue a career in diplomacy and continue learning languages, traveling the world, and serving his community."

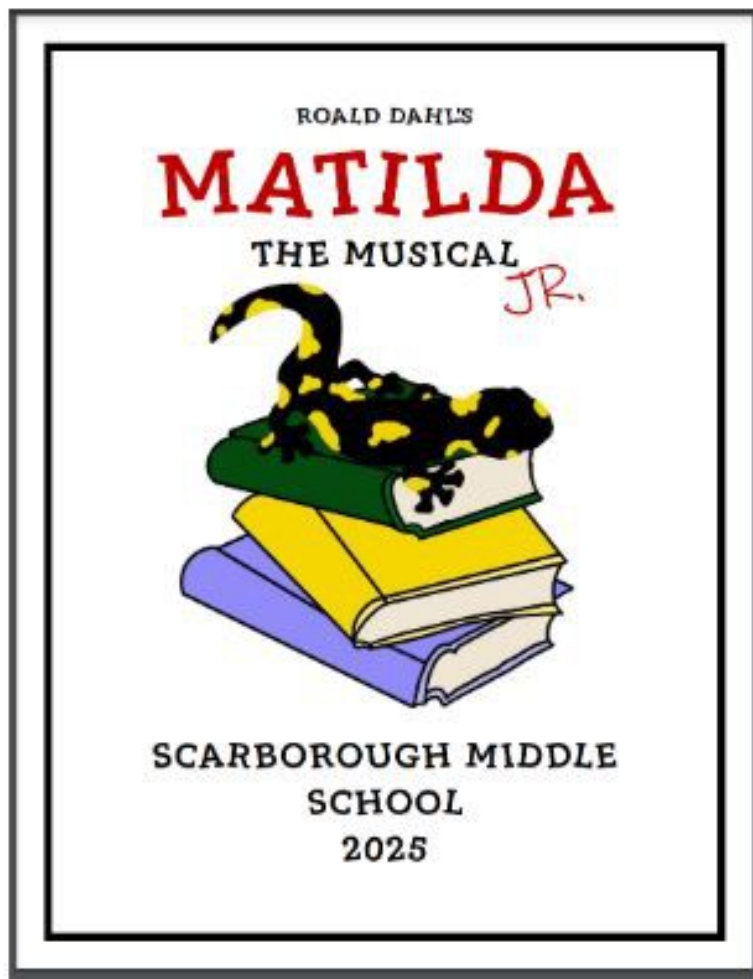
Below is the Civil Rights Club  
Photo courtesy of M. Shupp





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## Matilda - The Musical, Jr. - THIS WEEKEND!!



Artwork by: Lucy Diminick ('31)

Save the Date!  
Scarborough Middle School Theater Team

Performances will be on April 11, 12 and 13  
at the Winslow Homer Center for the Arts  
Scarborough High School Auditorium

Tickets on sale: <https://www.scarboroughredstorm.org/ms-theater-tickets/>

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# Race 2 the Point - THIS SUNDAY!!



**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](http://www.race2thepoint.org) | [race2thepoint@gmail.com](mailto:race2thepoint@gmail.com)



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](http://www.race2thepoint.org) for more details!



# Work Permits

## Work Permit Information for Minors Under 16 Years Old

Once a minor under 16 years old has the promise of a job, they must obtain a work permit before beginning that job. This includes students who are homeschooled. They must get a new permit every time they begin a new job until they reach 16 years old, even if they work for their parents.



In order to apply for a work permit, the minor must be:

- enrolled in school
- not habitually truant or under suspension; and
- passing a majority of courses during the current grading period.

A copy of the [Maine Work Permit Form can be downloaded here](#). Once this form is completed and signed, the work permit application should be delivered to the superintendent's office (Scarborough Town Hall, 259 US Route 1) with a **copy of the minor's birth certificate, passport or permanent resident card**. You may also email this information to Melissa Booth ([mbooth@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:mbooth@scarboroughschools.org)) If you have general questions please call Melissa at 207-730-4100.

The superintendent's office will forward the information to the Maine Department of Labor. This process could take up to one week. If the permit is in order, the MDOL will validate/approve the form. A staff member at the superintendent's office will email a copy of the approved work permit to the student and the parent/guardian who gave permission for the permit.

1. Minors should bring the approved work permit to their new employer.
2. A minor can have one active permit during the school year and two during the summer.

For more information about child labor laws, wages, hiring and firing:

**Maine Department of Labor** (enforces Maine child labor laws)

*Bureau of Labor Standards*

*Wage and Hour Division*

207-623-7900

(TTY: Maine relay 711)

E-mail: [mdol@maine.gov](mailto:mdol@maine.gov)

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## 2025-2026 School Calendar Approved!



At the March 6th 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](#).

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## 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 **159 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.](#)

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SMCC Workforce Training  
**EDUCATOR  
APPRENTICE  
PROGRAM**  
**EARN WHILE  
YOU LEARN**  
*as a school employee!*



NO COST TO  
TRAINEES!


**SOUTHERN  
MAINE  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE**

**PROGRAM STARTS AUGUST 18, 2025**  
**INTRO TO TEACHING (EDUC 100) - One-Week Bootcamp**  
*Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.*  
**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

**About this program:**  
This 18-month program is designed for those who want to become Education Technicians II at a partner school district. This program is the first of its kind to provide this opportunity. After completing the Intro to Teaching Bootcamp, you will spend one day per week (3:30 - 6:30 p.m.) doing coursework while also receiving experiential credit working in the classroom the rest of the week!

**Courses include:**

- Intro to Psychology (PSYC 100)
- Oral Communication (ENGL 110)
- Foundations of Math for Teachers (MATH 115)
- Intro to Teaching (EDUC 100)
- Intro to American Education (EDUC 105)
- Culturally Responsive Teaching (EDUC 115)
- Foundations of Literacy (EDUC 220)
- Teaching Exceptional Learners (EDUC 230)
- Student Success (FIGS 100)
- Hands-on classroom experience that counts as credit

**Where:**  
Classes will be on-site at a Gorham/Cumberland County school or municipal building.

**Prerequisites:**

- 18 years or older
- Resident of State of Maine
- Proof of Authorization to work in U.S.
- High School diploma, GED, or HiSet
- Desire to work in education field
- Testing may be required

*Participating educational facilities and school districts:*  
Brunswick, Falmouth, Gorham, MaineHealth, MSAD 6, MSAD 15, MSAD 51, MSAD 55, 61, RSU 14, Scarborough, & South Portland

**THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS:**





**FOR MORE INFO & TO APPLY NOW**  
email [smccworkforcereg@maineccc.edu](mailto:smccworkforcereg@maineccc.edu) or call **207-741-5595**  
Southern Maine Community College does not discriminate and is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.  
For more information, please call 207-741-5568 or visit [www.smccme.edu](http://www.smccme.edu).

## Community Events & Bulletin Board Information

### UPCOMING Events

Below are some great community events and fundraisers going on in Scarborough. Click on this link [Community Bulletin Board](#) for more information.

- Wentworth Incoming 3rd Grade In-Person Parent Information Night - April 29, 2025
- Kindergarten Virtual Information Night - April 30, 2025
- Middle School's Matilda, The Musical - April 11, 12, and 13TH
- Scarborough Primary PTS Race to the Point - April 13, 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
- 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](#) [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

- 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 29, 2025 Incoming Third Grade Parent Information Night @ 6:00 pm @ Wentworth School
- April 30, 2025 Incoming Kindergarten Information Night @ 5:30 pm via Zoom (see below)



\*\*Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

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## Reminder: WE ARE OPEN ON FRIDAYS

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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## 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](#)

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**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>

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**Scarborough Community Services' Spring Catalog is now available**

**Spring 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](#)



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