



# Scarborough Public Schools

May 16, 2025

## SHS Track Renovation Project Begins!

We are excited to announce that work is about to begin on the long-awaited project to renovate the running track around the turf field on the High School's Kippy Mitchell Sports Complex. This project has been years in the making, since the first failed Town referendum in 2019. The second referendum passed in November of 2021, and while the turf replacement was completed in the summer of 2022, the track portion of the project has faced delays due to multiple factors, including previous consideration of the sports complex as a potential site for the 2023 school referendum project, as well as overbooking of qualified contractors post-COVID, who were unable to meet the tight schedule required to accomplish the work between the spring thaw and the start of fall sports.



### The renovation project will include:

- Detaching and rolling back the turf (to be reinstalled on completion)
- Demolition & excavation of existing track
- Grinding and leveling of sub-base, adding new material if needed
- Installation of new curbing and drainage
- Installation of electrical conduit
- Grading & paving (asphalt)
- Installation of updated track & field equipment (discus, shot put, high/long/triple jump areas)
- New football goal posts, safety netting and perimeter fencing
- Track surfacing with urethane structural spray (Level 5 Track Certification)
- Line and event markings/stripping

### What To Expect:

- The track & turf field area will be closed as of May 28

- There will be **NO PUBLIC ACCESS** to the turf and track area during construction
- The turf & track area will be fenced off as a construction site
- There will be a staging area on Wentworth Drive (between baseball field and skate pond)
- **Please avoid Wentworth Drive** as a route through the Oak Hill campus during this time

#### Project schedule:


- Last week of May - installation of construction fencing & erosion control
- Beginning of June - demolition of the existing track
- Mid-June through mid-July - installation of curbing, drainage, conduit
- End of July - begin paving, installation of track & field equipment
- Mid-August - final paving & fencing finished; turf field re-installed
- Track surfacing will be the final step, requires stretch of dry weather

Please bear in mind: this is a big project and weather-dependent; all scheduled milestones are estimates. We greatly appreciate the patience and understanding of the Scarborough community as we work to accomplish this long-awaited goal!



### Learn How SUN Bucks Can Help Feed Kids Over the Summer!

**SUN Bucks** is a grocery benefit program to help families buy food during the summer when schools are closed. Each eligible school-age child receives a one-time payment of **\$120**. Children who get these benefits can also participate in other summer meal programs.



#### How does SUN Bucks work?

SUN Bucks benefits are loaded onto an **EBT card** and can be used to buy food like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains, and dairy at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other places that accept EBT benefits.

#### How do I get SUN Bucks?

##### Automatic Enrollment

Your child will be **automatically enrolled** for SUN Bucks and does not need to apply if:

- They completed an application for school meal benefit and were found eligible or
- Age 6-16 and part of a household that already participates in SNAP, FDPIR, TANF, MaineCare at 185% FPL or identified as foster, homeless, or migrant by OFI or OCFS.

**Keep an eye out!** Automatically enrolled households will receive benefits starting in June on an existing Pine Tree card or on a new EBT card in the mail.

##### Manual Application

**Most families will be automatically enrolled. If you haven't received a letter in the mail by June, consider applying for SUN Bucks before August 15 if:**

- Your child attends a school that offers the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program, *and*
- Your household meets the requirements for free or reduced-price school meal benefit.

#### Do you have a new address?

Make sure your address is up to date with your school and with the Office for Family Independence so your **SUN Bucks** benefits are sent to the right place!

Update your information by calling OFI at (855) 797-4357




#### Don't wait to use your benefits!

SUN Bucks expire after 122 days.


**For more information:** [Maine.gov/dhhs/ofi](https://maine.gov/dhhs/ofi)

**To apply:** Go to [MyMaineConnection.gov](https://MyMaineConnection.gov) or fill out a paper application at [Maine.gov](https://Maine.gov)

**Questions?** Call OFI at (855) 797-4357 option 5



Maine.gov/dhhs/ofi



## Staff Spotlight Award Recipient



The May Spotlight Award was presented to [Courtney Tomazin](#) at the May 15th school board meeting! Courtney is a teacher for the deaf & hard of hearing in the district, supporting students in all 6 schools! Courtney joined SPS in the 2010-2011 school year. Courtney was recognized by [Tracey Frederick](#) and multiple other colleagues for excellence, superior leadership, and random acts of kindness! Congratulations Courtney!



## Student Spotlight Award Recipients



### Maria Bennett

The first was Maria Bennett from the 7th grade at SMS. Maria was nominated by Mr. Cabana for her energetic spirit and consistent readiness to work on projects no matter how big or small, particularly with her work on the News Club and Yearbook Club. Maria always steps up to help out and is known to be exceptionally welcoming and inclusive. Congratulations, Maria!

### Easton Briere

The second spotlight award was presented to Easton Briere from Wentworth School! Easton was nominated by Mr. Reagan. Easton was awarded for his ability to take initiative and his supportiveness toward his peers and teachers. Easton is an energetic, honest and helpful student whose name comes up often, because he is someone who really cares about people and helping others. He is involved in so many wonderful things around school. Congratulations, Easton!



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## Project Grace's Backpack Program



Developed many years ago in collaboration with Project GRACE, the [Backpack Program](#) began with a commitment to provide backpacks filled with nutritious, non-perishable foods for students in need over long weekends and school vacation weeks. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Backpack Program was a critical

resource fighting food insecurity in our community.

In its current form, the Backpack Program continues to provide non-perishable foods as well as fresh produce and meats to families so that our students do not go hungry over school breaks. During the school year, we prepare breakfast & lunch for weekends, holidays and school vacations, in packages that can be picked up once a week at the Wentworth kitchen.

Our community members are essential partners in supporting the ongoing success of the Backpack Program - the program is fully funded by donations and grants. Monetary donations are always appreciated and can be sent via check to the district Business Office at P. O. Box 370, Scarborough ME 04070-0370, or made online through our [RevTrak web store](#).

## Last day of the 2024-2025 School Year - June 13th

The last day of school is Friday, June 13th. This will be a **half day** for students and a full day for staff. **Dismissal time on Friday, June 13th for students in grades K through 5 will be 11:45am and students in grades 6 - 12 will be 10:45am.**



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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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## 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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## 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.

- Maine's Wild Blueberry Weekend T-Shirt Design Contest
- Summer Art Camp in June 2025
- Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) information
- Scarborough Public Library
- Scarborough Education Foundation

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## Important Dates

[2024- 2025 School Calendar](#) [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

- May 22, 2025 SEA and SPS Retirement Celebration at the Throttle Car Club
- May 26, 2025 Memorial Day - No school

\*\*Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm





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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!

- 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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## 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.



SMCC Workforce Training

## EDUCATOR APPRENTICE PROGRAM

**EARN WHILE YOU LEARN**  
as a school employee!



SOUTHERN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



**NO COST TO TRAINEES!**

**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).

Scarborough Public Schools is **HIRING!**

Scarborough Public Schools

# We Are Hiring

*Join our amazing team now!*

## Open Positions :

- Gifted & Talented Teacher (Gr. 3-5)
- K-2 PE Teacher
- ESOL Teacher
- Admin. Asst. to Special Services
- MS ELA/Social Studies Teacher
- Bus Drivers
- Multiple Coaching Positions

## Apply at:

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

## More Information :

Contact Lisa Berry at 207-730-4126



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 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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