



Scarborough Public Schools

August 29, 2025

Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year!

On Wednesday, August 27th, we were delighted to welcome our 6th and 9th graders back to school! They were able to enjoy their day getting acclimated to their new learning environments and meeting their new teachers and classmates. Thursday, August 28th, students in grades 6 - 12 began their 2025-2026 school year.



When we return from the Labor Day weekend, all students K-12 will be back in class and ready to embark on a new school year. We are very excited for our seniors, Class of 2026, to begin their final journey at Scarborough High School. We hope that all of our students have a fabulous school year!

2025-2026 Bus Routes



Our bus routes are currently all loaded in [MY Ride K-12 software](#). You can access the bus routes via the My Rides K-12 app on your cell phone or by the My Rides k-12 website on your computer. This is a super helpful app as it relates to knowing where your child's bus is in real time on any given day.

[Here are the directions](#) to access via the phone app or the website. If you don't know your child's ID number, please call the school your child attends and they can share the child's ID number (it is the same number as your child's lunch number).

All of the bus routes are also [linked here](#) with the start and end times of each run and their streets/roads they service.

If you have any questions regarding your child's bus stop, accessing the My Bus k-12 software, or other route information, please call the Transportation Department at (207) 730-4145, or email the Transportation Supervisor, Sarah Redmond, at sredmond@scarboroughschools.org.

As a reminder, bus times during the first week or two may be a little longer, as our students and drivers acclimate to the new year. Your patience is very much appreciated.

Parent Forms in PowerSchool

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PowerSchool is our student information system (an application used for managing and disseminating student data). In an effort to go paperless and streamline data collection, forms are now being submitted and processed electronically. This includes forms for updating student information, such as demographics, parent and emergency contacts, medical information, and more. Additional forms give parents the ability to provide their annual consent for things like use of school technology, administration of over-the-counter medication, field trip participation, photo use, school handbooks, and more. In order to access these forms, as well as other educational information, families will need to have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account.

If you already have an account set up and linked to your students, we are asking you to please log into the Parent Portal at <http://scarborough.powerschool.com/public>, click on the Forms button in the navigation bar, and fill out any incomplete 2025-26 forms.

If you do not have an account, or your account is not linked to one of your students, please consult the step by step instructions linked below.

- [Creating a New PowerSchool Parent Portal Account](#)
- [Adding Students to Your Existing PowerSchool Parent Portal Account](#)

You will need access keys, unique identifying codes used to validate each parent/student relationship, in order to set up your account. If you do not have these keys, please contact your child's school (access keys were sent to parents of new students via email at time of initial enrollment).

What To Expect When Visiting Our Schools



For the past couple of years, Scarborough Public Schools has been using the Raptor Visitor Management System in all of our schools to strengthen our program of campus safety for students and staff. Part of keeping students and staff safe is knowing who is in our buildings at all times, and the Raptor system allows us to do that. The Raptor system assists in screening visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools and provides a safer environment for our students and staff.

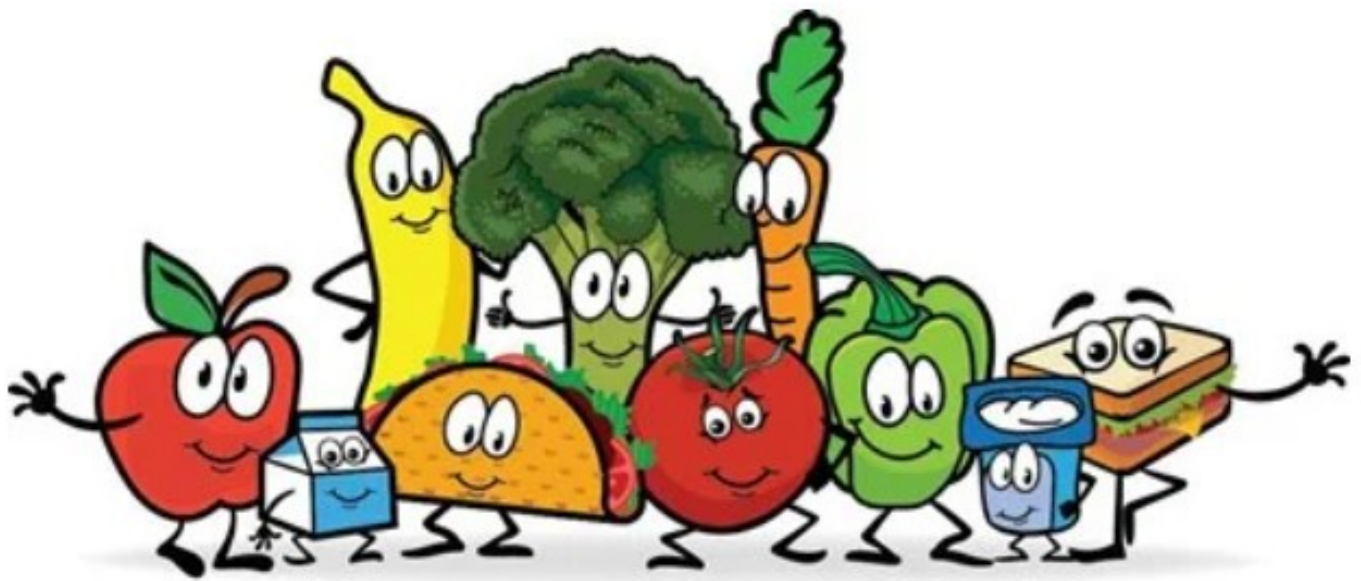
What to Expect:

- Upon being allowed through the exterior door of a district building and navigating to the main office as you have always done, all visitors and outside contractors are asked to present a photo ID such as a driver's license.
- Your ID will either be scanned or manually entered into the system by office personnel at the transaction window.
- Once cleared, you will receive a pre-printed badge with your photo on it and where you are going in the building.
- You will then be directed to the appropriate location that you are going to.
- This badge must be worn at all times when in the building. When in the building, you are only approved to go to the specific location requested. You should not go to any other area of the building without returning to the main office for approval first.
- When leaving the building, please be sure to return to the main office and sign out with office personnel.

What does the Raptor System do?

- The Raptor system checks to ensure that registered sex offenders are not entering our school campuses without our knowledge. It checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. **The registered sex offender database is the only official database. No other data from the ID is gathered or recorded, and the information is not shared with any outside agency.**
- The Raptor system will also check for any court issued custodial orders, restraining orders and other custom alerts as established by the School District. The safety of our students is our highest priority, and the Raptor visitor management system allows us to quickly identify those that may present a danger to our students. Thank you in advance for your understanding and your support in enhancing the school safety protocols in our district

School Breakfast and Lunch Information



As a general reminder, all breakfast and lunch meals for all students in Scarborough Schools are **FREE**. All existing students whose parents have an account will be able to order breakfast and lunch using the same procedure as last year, from the Nutrislice app on a device or at the [Nutrition Program Menus](#) page (at the top of the page click "Quick links", then go to School Lunch Info for all meal menus).

Parents of 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.

For **breakfast meals** in all of our schools, you can order online on the same day before 6:30 AM, while for **lunch meals**, you can order online on the same day before 7:30 AM. You can order meals for the day, or set up a weekly or monthly plan for meals to be provided to your children. The menus for all meals for a new month will be posted on the school's website and on the Nutrislice app the last Monday at the end of the previous month.

Middle and High school students do not use a pre-order system; students can select their desired meals at the time of their meal period, with additional a la carte options available for purchase at an extra cost.

Transportation Challenges

Please be aware that there are currently challenges associated with our bussing system that may impact your family's daily routine. Not unlike surrounding school districts, we are struggling to find enough school bus drivers to meet our needs. Please know that we are actively working to address these issues and ensure a smooth and efficient transportation experience for all our students. Our transportation team is dedicated to minimizing delays and any increases in bus routes, but these may occur from time to time, especially as we adjust bus routes in the first few weeks of school (based on what actual ridership



looks like). We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these challenges. For real-time access to your child's route and the specific time to expect the bus on a day to day basis, we encourage you to download the MY Ride app.

September Open Houses



Here are the dates for each school's planned Open Houses.

- Scarborough High School - Wednesday, August 27, 2025 (6-7:30pm)
 - Scarborough Middle School - Wednesday, September 10, 2025 for 6th and 8th Grades (6-7:00pm) and Thursday, September 11, 2025 for 7th Grade (6-7:00pm)
 - Wentworth School - Tuesday, September 16, 2025 (5-6:60pm)
 - Blue Point School - Wednesday, September 17, 2025 (5-6:00pm)
 - Eight Corners School - Wednesday, September 17, 2025 (5-6:00pm)
 - Pleasant Hill School - Wednesday, September 17, 2025 (5-6:00pm)
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Tips for a Successful 2025-2026 School Year

Here are a few tips to assist you as you set forth for the coming school year:

- **Discuss Goals and Expectations:** Have an age-appropriate conversation with your child about what they're looking forward to and what might be challenging this year.
- **Update Contact Info and Emergency Forms:** Ensure your school has your current contact information, emergency contacts, and any medical or allergy info.
- **Establish a Smooth Morning Routine:** Help your child start the day calmly and on time—this sets the tone for learning and confidence.
- **Practice After-School Routines:** Set expectations for screen time, homework, downtime, and bedtime.
- **Talk About the Day:** Ask open-ended questions like "What was the best part of your day?" to encourage conversation without pressure.
- **Read Communications from the School:** Stay on top of newsletters, teacher emails, and school calendars to avoid surprises.
- **Label Belongings:** Label lunchboxes, backpacks, water bottles, and jackets to reduce the chance of lost items.
- **Foster a Growth Mindset:** Encourage effort over perfection, and help your child see mistakes as part of learning.
- **Communicate Proactively with Teachers:** Establish a positive relationship early with your child's teacher(s) and keep lines of communication open.



- **Encourage Independence:** Support your child in taking ownership of their responsibilities (e.g., packing their bag, checking homework).
- **Get Involved (Whenever Possible):** Volunteer, attend events, or join the PTA, Boosters, or other school supporting organizations—your presence shows your child that school is a priority.
- **Monitor Emotional and Social Well-Being:** Check in regularly to ensure your child feels safe, supported, and connected.

High School's Calendar of Events for September



Hey, Scarborough High School fans—get ready for a school year full of energy, talent and school spirit! Our high school athletes and club members are bringing their A-game, and they want YOU there to cheer them on! From thrilling matchups on the field to inspiring performances from our incredible student clubs, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're a fan of football or theater, your support helps build pride, connection and community.

Visit our new [events page](#) to explore all the exciting ways to support Scarborough. Rally your friends, wear your school colors with pride and join the celebration. Let's go Storm—Scarborough

strong!

2025-2026 School Calendar

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This year's calendar will allow for up to three "traditional snow days" (or any type of emergent no school days). If more than the allotted three days are needed, those days will be asynchronous remote learning days.



Central Office Hours



Scarborough Public Schools' Central Office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm. On Fridays, because Municipal Offices are closed, please use the video intercom system located to the right of the main doors (Route 1 front doors only) to contact the School Department and be allowed entry into the building. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Central Office at 730-

4100.

Communicating With School Personnel

We all share a common interest to ensure that students have a positive school experience, and the partnership between families and staff cannot be overstated. We hope that you find this document, created in partnership with the Scarborough Education Association, helpful in your interactions this coming school year!

Community Events & Bulletin Board Information



Please access this link to the [Community Bulletin Board](#) for information about great community events and fundraisers going on in Scarborough. In this week's posting, you will find information relating to the:

- 2025-2026 Scarborough Public Library Parent Letter
 - Landline Kids Information
 - Scarborough Education Foundation
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Important Dates

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

- August 29, 2025 - No School
- September 1, 2025 - Labor Day: No School
- September 2 - September 5, 2025 - Grades K - 12
- September 4, 2025 - School Board Business Meeting
- September 10, 2025 - Early Release Day **
- September 18, 2025 - School Board Workshop & Business Meetings



**Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

Scarborough Public Schools is HIRING!

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:

Scarborough Public Library: Important Parent Information

From the Scarborough Public Library: Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding After School Use

Please take a moment to read this [letter](#) from the Scarborough Public Library, located on our [Community Bulletin Board](#).



Scarborough Community Services' Fall Catalog is available

Click [here](#) to view 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

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[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.



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