



Scarborough Public Schools

September 5, 2025

K-12 Starting the 2025-2026 School Year Together!

This week we welcomed our K-5 students to our schools! It has certainly been exciting to feel the enthusiasm and energy of all of our students back in our buildings. I'm sure that students and staff alike have been a bit more tired than usual as they re-adjust to the change of school being back in session. We are looking forward to all of the exciting things that this school year will bring.



Scarborough High School Track Renovation Update



We are delighted to report that the track renovation project at the High School Sports Complex is almost finished, just in time for the official start of the Fall athletic season. All of the major components of the project are complete, except for the final track surfacing which is currently planned for Spring of 2026 before Spring sports begin. Work will continue for approximately two

more weeks on the electrical conduit and wiring to the track buildings and scoreboard, as well as restoration of the disturbed areas outside the perimeter fence, including the irrigation system.

Since the start of construction in June, the project has included these stages:

- Detaching and rolling back the turf
- Demolition & excavation of the existing track (the contractors found another entire track buried under the top layer!)

- Grinding, compacting and leveling of the track sub-base
- Installation of new curbing, drainage stone and a slot drain which circles the entire field
- Grading & paving the track and D-zones with two layers of asphalt
- Repaving areas adjacent to bleachers and pathways for ADA accessibility
- Installation of new track & field equipment - discus, shot put, high jump, long jump and triple jump areas
- Installation of new football goal posts
- Installation of new safety netting and perimeter fencing with access gates
- Installation of a new electrical conduit to serve the Municipal Drive side of the field
- Reinstalling the shock pads, re-sizing and reattaching the turf to the new curb
- Painting, top-dressing and grooming of the turf field

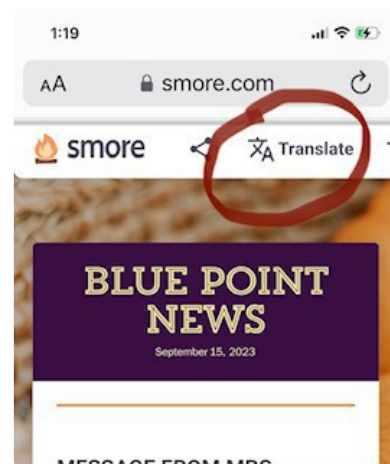
This has been a huge undertaking, requiring coordination of multiple parties: special thanks are due to Kate Bolton, Todd Jepson, Mike LeGage and Jordan Ferreira from the School Department, Casey Cunningham and Scott Turcotte from Community Services, Donnie Mitchell of Mitchell's Electric and Andrew Godfrey of Woodard & Curran.

We appreciate the patience of the Scarborough community while the construction area has been off-limits this summer, but know that the newly renovated facility will be a great resource for years to come.



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.



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 assists in screening visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools, providing 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, 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 also checks 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 support in following the school safety protocols in our district

School Breakfast and Lunch Information and Ordering

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, 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.

September Open Houses



Here are the dates for our remaining Open Houses.

- **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 (5-6:00pm)
- **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)

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.

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 Red 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



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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-

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:

- Girls Scouts of Maine Flyer
- 2025-2026 Scarborough Public Library Parent Letter
- USM Hockey - Maine Evolution
- Landline Kids Information
- Scarborough Education Foundation

Important Dates

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

- September 10, 2025 - Early Release Day **
- September 18, 2025 - School Board Workshop & Business Meetings
- October 2, 2025 - School Board Business Meeting
- October 10, 2025 - Students No School - Staff Day
- October 13, 2025 - No School; Indigenous People Day
- October 15, 2025 - Early Release Day**
- October 16, 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:

<https://www.applitrack.com/scarborough/OnlineApp/default.aspx>

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

[Transportation](#) | Sarah Redmond, sredmond@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.



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Cheryl is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters