



Scarborough Public Schools

December 5, 2025

Congratulation to SHS's Katarina Ousback

On Monday, December 1, Scarborough High School hosted an extremely special award ceremony. Dan Chuta, Deputy Commissioner of Education was onsite to announce the award, along with representatives from both Senator Collins and Senator King's office.



Katarina Ousback, a SHS senior, was selected as one of Maine's two delegates for the U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP)! This prestigious honor includes a \$10,000 scholarship and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in March, where delegates will attend major policy addresses by senators, cabinet members, Supreme Court justices, and national leaders, as well as participate in in-depth discussions about government and public service. This is a huge honor and accomplishment for Katarina, whereas only 2 students are selected from each state annually.



Time to Consider Winter Weather!!!



With the 1st "traditional" snow day on December 2, 2025, we are now at 2 "traditional" weather-related closures.

If more than those 2 days are needed, any subsequent days will be remote learning days. On remote learning days, students will stay home and will be expected to complete academic assignments asynchronously. Remote learning days will not need to be made up at the end of the year. Our schools are in the process of finalizing those plans for this year, in the case they are needed. There is a [dedicated page](#) on our school website that more fully describes weather-related closures.

Food Service Plans for Remote Learning Days -

Meals will be provided during remote learning snow days. Non-perishable meals will be sent home in advance with all students for whom a meal has been requested. [Please fill out this form](#) to have your child's name added to the list of kids receiving a meal. If you have multiple children, please fill out the form for each child individually. After each remote learning snow day, we will send home another non-perishable meal 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, if you would like to be removed from the list, please contact your school.

Post-Referendum Building Committee

Are you interested in contributing your skills to this committee?

The Scarborough Board of Education is seeking Scarborough residents to serve on the Post Referendum Building Committee, which will convene beginning in January 2026 and is estimated to continue through the end of 2029.



The purpose of the Building Committee is to advise and support the Board of Education on matters related to the building project. This includes design and construction, oversight on the project budget and schedule related to the construction of a new Eight Corners School, addition/renovations at Blue Point, Pleasant Hill, and Scarborough Middle School, and a minor addition to Wentworth School.

For more specific details, please refer to the linked [Governance Document](#).

All Scarborough residents interested in serving on this committee should formally state their interest by submitting the [form here](#) no later than December 15, 2025.

KIWANIS HAT, GLOVE & SOCK DRIVE

The Scarborough Kiwanis Club and Scarborough Schools have, once again, partnered to collect new or gently used hats, socks and gloves to be donated to Preble Street for distribution to those experiencing homelessness. There are collection bins at each of the schools until December 19th. Thank you for your support!



Pertussis Cases

As you are aware, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) has confirmed cases of pertussis (whooping cough) at Scarborough High School. Students and staff at Scarborough High School may have been exposed. We are sending this out districtwide, as we know that many families have siblings at other schools within the district.



Pertussis is an infection caused by bacteria. It affects the airways and spreads easily from person to person by coughing or sneezing. Pertussis usually begins with symptoms of a common cold (sore throat, runny nose, mild cough), and often develops into a severe cough. The severe cough leads to coughing fits and/or vomiting. The cough is often worse at night. Early symptoms can last 1-2 weeks. Symptoms usually begin 5-10 days after exposure but can take up to 3 weeks. People infected with pertussis are most contagious for 2 weeks after the cough begins.

What you should do (CDC recommendations):

1. If your child has a severe cough (including uncontrollable coughing fits, coughing to the point of gagging, vomiting after coughing, or difficulty breathing):

- Make an appointment with a health care provider. Tell them about the possible exposure so they can test for pertussis.
- Keep your child home from school and activities, such as sports or play groups, until you receive test results.

2. If a health care provider diagnosed your child with pertussis:

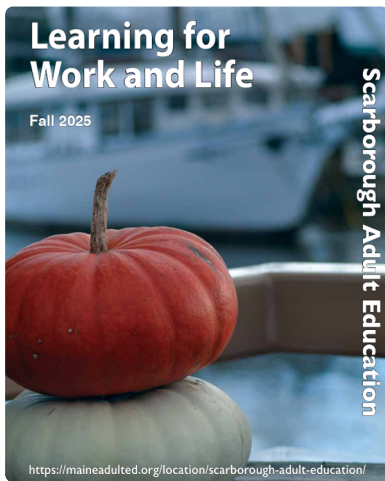
- Keep your child home from school and activities, such as sports or play groups, until your child has completed 5 days of antibiotic treatment.
- All household and high-risk close contacts (including infants younger than 12 months, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems) should be treated with antibiotics to prevent pertussis infection.
 - Anyone with symptoms of pertussis infection should stay home until they complete antibiotic treatment. Those without symptoms do not need to stay home while completing treatment.

If your child does not have symptoms, they do not need to be tested or excluded from activities. However, you should monitor your child for symptoms and seek care if they become sick with the symptoms described above.

You can find more information about pertussis at <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/diseases-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-virus/pertussis>. If you have any questions or concerns, please call your school and ask to speak with the nurse, or call Maine CDC at 1-800-821-5821.

Scarborough Adult Education

FALL 2025 Registration is now available! Our general office hours are Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday afternoons. Students may [register 24/7 online](#) or email



adulted@scarboroughschools.org for assistance!

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.



High School Calendar of Events for December



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!

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:

- Scarborough Primary School Night with the Maine Mariners - January 2, 2026
- Cub Scout Flyer
- Girl Scouts of Maine Flyer
- 2025-2026 Scarborough Public Library Parent Letter
- Scarborough Education Foundation



Important Dates



[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

- December 10, 2025 - K-12 Early Release Day
- December 18, 2025 - School Board Workshop & Business Meeting
- K-12 Holiday Break: NO SCHOOL - December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026

**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>

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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Phone: (207) 730-4100

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