



Scarborough Public Schools

March 6, 2026

Daylight Savings Time!!

Heads up, families! Daylight Savings Time is almost here. This Sunday, March 8, 2026, we spring forward! Please remember to set all your clocks ahead by one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 7th. Get ready for brighter evenings!



2026-2027 Budget Priorities and Proposed Pre-K Expansion



Aligning Fiscal Decisions with Educational Goals

The district is pleased to share an update on the development of our Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget, a process meticulously designed to align our financial decisions with the overarching goals of the Board of Education and the Leadership Council. This strategic alignment ensures that every investment promotes a culture of inclusion and success for all learners.

Board of Education Goal 3 emphasizes the promotion of a district-wide culture of inclusion and success through sustained investment in instructional development across all content areas, comprehensive student support systems, social-emotional learning, and district-wide diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. Similarly, Leadership Council District Goal 2 focuses on expanding a culture of inclusion for all learners by allocating resources to advance instructional practices, strengthen student support services, and integrate social-emotional learning and DEI strategies to improve student outcomes.

The FY27 budget proposal is crafted to operationalize these critical goals through targeted investments and resource alignment. The following priorities will guide our financial decisions:

- Refinement and clarification of Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) structures: Enhancing frameworks to provide comprehensive support for all students.
- Enhancement of student data review protocols: Improving how we analyze student data to inform instructional and support decisions effectively.
- Continued implementation of developmentally appropriate social-emotional learning programming: Ensuring our students receive the necessary social-emotional development.
- Provision of effective and equitable instructional and support programming for all students: Committing to high-quality and fair educational opportunities for every student.

Exciting Expansion of Pre-Kindergarten Program Proposed

We are thrilled to announce that the district is taking active steps to expand our public Pre-Kindergarten efforts. ***This expansion comes at no new cost to taxpayers, thanks to additional subsidy that will be distributed to us through General Purpose Aid if we increase the number of Pre-K students served.*** This initiative underscores our commitment to early childhood education and providing foundational learning experiences for our youngest learners.

To assist us in better understanding the potential interest and demand for free, half-day Pre-K programming for the coming year, we have included a survey for parents of current or soon to be 4-year-olds in this newsletter. We strongly encourage all eligible families to complete this survey and share it with others in the community. Your participation is crucial in helping us accurately plan and allocate resources early enough to ensure the success of this vital program.

Community Engagement and Budget Process

We highly encourage all members of our community to closely follow our budget process and participate in upcoming discussions. Your feedback is invaluable as we shape the future of our district.

Key upcoming dates for community engagement include:

- March 11 and 12: Budget workshops (agendas, times, locations posted on our website)
- March 19: First reading of the budget proposal at our Board meeting
- April 1: Town Council presentation
- June 9: Budget vote

There will be additional opportunities to participate and provide feedback leading up to the final budget vote. We look forward to your engagement and partnership in this important process.

Pre-K Interest Survey

Scarborough Public Schools is thrilled to share that we have the unique opportunity to expand our Pre-K programming and pilot classrooms for the Fall of 2026 at no new additional costs to the budget! As many of you may know to date we currently have 1 pilot classroom for 16 students at the Shooting Stars Program in Scarborough, and we are looking to grow more opportunities for early learning within our schools, with an addition of up to 64 more Pre-K slots in the fall.



Please complete [this form](#) if you would like your child to be considered for enrollment in Pre-K programming for Scarborough Public Schools for the fall of 2026. Please note that your interest here is **NOT yet** a confirmation of placement, but is an interest gathering tool to assist us in finalizing our planning. Please be sure to fill out all fields so we can follow up with you in a timely way. The requirements are as follows:

1. You are a resident of Scarborough.
2. Your child is eligible for public Pre-K (turning age 4 on or before October 15, 2026).
3. You would like your child to be considered for the pilot programs, which will include a screening process.

Additional Program Details:

- Scarborough Pre-K is tuition free.
- All Pre-K class sizes are capped at 16 students, with a certified teacher and ed tech in each room, per state requirements.
- The program follows the Scarborough Public Schools' calendar.
- Enrollment is determined by Pre-K and Public School administrators.
- Enrollment is dependent on meeting State requirements including registration paperwork and immunizations.
- The current Pre-K pilots do not support enrollment of students with significantly specialized educational needs at this time. This is something we are looking to add in the future as we take on special education programming from CDS for 3 to 5 year olds, currently anticipated for Fall, 2027.
- NOTE: it has not yet been determined if the district has the resources to provide transportation at this time. This information will be clarified and communicated at a later date.

Possible Program Choices will include:

- a 9:00 am to 2 pm program at Shooting Stars on Route 1 in Scarborough, OR
- a half day session model at Blue Point or Pleasant Hill Schools, dependent on space availability, of which the morning program would run from 8:30 to 11:30 and the afternoon program would run from 12:30 to 3:30 pm (approximate times while we are in the planning stages)

The district, the board, and multiple families in our community have spoken repeatedly in the past about our ability to offer Pre-K classes in our buildings, and we are thrilled to be taking action on this now, with no new costs to the community!

Kindergarten Information Night



Blue Point School



Eight Corners School



Pleasant Hill School

We are very excited to meet all the new kindergarten kids and families scheduled to join us next school year.. Please mark your calendars for our **Kindergarten Information Night** for parents and caregivers! The information night will help you learn more about what kindergarten will look and feel like for your child.

We will have in-person presentations at all three schools. Come and meet some of our amazing staff members and learn more about kindergarten! We look forward to hosting you all.

Pleasant Hill School – Monday, March 16, 6:00–7:00 PM

Eight Corners School – Wednesday, March 18, 6:00–7:00 PM

Blue Point School – Wednesday, March 18, 6:00–7:00 PM

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to your neighborhood school!

Scarborough's Student Spotlight Award Recipient

Congratulations Natalie Morgenbesser of Scarborough High School!!

Meet Natalie—our quiet hero who's been juggling (literally!) responsibilities since 3rd grade as "Gym Dandy." She mentors younger students with endless patience, making sure they believe in themselves while having a blast learning to juggle and unicycle. As a driving force behind the Civil Rights Club's "Red Storm Reads" video series, Natalie brings books to life for K-5 students in fun and inclusive ways. This year, as president of the Reducing Sexism and Violence Program, she's made Title IX reporting procedures clear and accessible to everyone, plus created an impactful video on healthy boundaries for staff. Natalie doesn't seek the spotlight, but she absolutely deserves it. Her genuine care and tireless work have made our school a kinder, more inclusive place.



*Picture taken by C. Jacobs, School Board Member
Abigail Rasquinha, 2026 Student Rep*

Get Ready for the Scarborough All-Town Band Concert!

Mark your calendars for an evening of incredible music! The annual Scarborough All-Town Band Concert will take place on **Tuesday, March 10th, at 7:00 PM.**

Join us at the Scarborough High School Alumni Gym to enjoy performances from our talented local musicians. It's a wonderful community event that showcases the hard work and passion of our student bands. Don't miss out on this memorable night of music!

For those who cannot attend in person, the concert will be available to [watch live online.](#)



3rd Annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner

The Scarborough School Board is delighted to invite you to our **3rd Annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner!** This special event is dedicated to celebrating you and your invaluable contributions to our community.

Join us for an evening of delicious food, wonderful company, and great fun. The event will feature:

- **A full dinner, including dessert and beverages.**
- **Exciting raffles with fantastic prizes.**
- **Displays of student work and live entertainment.**

Our students will also be on hand to help with service throughout the evening.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Tuesday, April 7th

- **Time:** 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- **Location:** Wentworth School Cafeteria

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends, enjoy a lovely meal, and see the wonderful work our students are doing.

Please RSVP to secure your spot! You can sign up in one of two ways:

1. **Online:** Visit the registration page at <https://tinyurl.com/SrCitizenFun>
2. **By Phone:** Call us at **207-730-4150**

We look forward to celebrating with you!
Sincerely, The Scarborough School Board



**SCARBOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD
INVITES YOU TO THE 3RD ANNUAL
THE SENIOR CITIZEN
APPRECIATION DINNER**

A dinner party to celebrate
senior citizens in Scarborough!

Tuesday, April 7th | 4:00-6:30 P.M.
Wentworth School Cafeteria

Dinner - Dessert - Beverages - Raffles
Student work displays, entertainment,
and help with service!

To sign up, Visit:
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OR CALL: 207-730-4150



Scarborough Public Schools: Kindergarten Registration (2026-2027 School Year)

Kindergarten Registration Now Open for 2026-2027

We are excited to welcome the newest members of our school community! So far, **143 children have been registered** for the upcoming school year, and there is still plenty of time to register your child.

Eligibility

Kindergarten is open to any child who will be five (5) years old on or before **October 15, 2026**.



How to Register

All families must complete the [New Student Enrollment Form](#) to begin the process.

Undecided about Enrollment? If your child meets the age requirement but you have concerns about their developmental readiness, we still encourage you to complete the registration form. This provides us with the most accurate information for staffing and resource planning.

Next Steps & Additional Support

- **Paperwork and Screening:** Later this spring, we will schedule appointments to review required documents (including residency notarization) and conduct student screenings. More information will be provided soon.
- **Health Concerns:** If you have questions about your child's health needs, please feel free to contact one of our school nurses at any time.
- **Language Support:** We are happy to provide an interpreter to assist with enrollment forms. Please call your school office to arrange support.

For any other questions, please contact your school directly using the phone numbers listed above. We look forward to meeting you

Remote Learning Snow Days



Update on Weather-Related School Closures

Our district has transitioned to remote learning days for all weather-related school closures for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. On these days, students will complete assignments asynchronously from home. These remote learning days will not be added to the end of the school year calendar.

School-Specific Details: Each school has provided detailed procedures for remote learning days. Please visit our school website for more information on [weather-related closures](#).

Food Service During Remote Learning Days

We will continue to provide meals for students during remote learning days.

- **Meal Distribution:** Students who have signed up for the meal service have already received non-perishable meals to have on hand. Another meal will be sent home after each remote learning day to replenish their supply.
- **Sign-Up:** If you have not yet signed up and would like your child to receive meals, [please complete this form for each child](#). Once you are on the list, you do not need to sign up again for this school year.

March 2026					April 2026					May 2026					June 2026				
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3/11, 4:30-7:00 pm: School Board Budget Workshop Part 1 (Leadership Council)					4/1, 7:00 pm: Town Council Meeting Town Manager & Superintendent present FY27 Town/School Budget - TC First Reading					5/5, 5:30 pm: SB Finance Committee FY27 School Budget review					6/9, 7 am - 8 pm: School Budget Validation Referendum				
3/12, 8:30-11:00 am: School Board Budget Workshop Part 2 (Leadership Council)					4/13, TBD am: TC Finance Committee Department Budget Review					5/7, 5:00 pm: TC Finance Committee FY27 Budget Deliberations (if needed)									
3/17, 5:30 pm: SB Finance Committee FY27 School Budget review					4/14, TBD am: TC Finance Committee Department Budget Review					5/7, 7:00 pm: School Board Meeting 2nd Reading and Budget Vote									
3/19, 7:00 pm: School Board Meeting First Reading of FY27 School Budget					4/15, 7:00 pm: Town Council Meeting Public Hearing on FY27 Budget					5/14, 5:00 pm: TC Finance Committee Regular meeting									
					4/16, 7:00 pm: School Board Meeting Public Hearing on FY27 School Budget					5/20, 7:00 pm: Town Council Meeting 2nd Reading and Budget Vote									
					4/28, 5:30 pm: SB Finance Committee FY27 School Budget review					5/21, 7:00 pm: School Board Meeting School Budget adjustments (if needed)									
					4/30, 5:00 pm: TC Finance Committee FY27 Budget Deliberations														

- = Town Council meetings
- = School Board meetings
- = Town Council Finance Committee budget review
- = School Board Finance Committee budget review
- = School vacations & holidays

FY27 BUDGET CALENDAR
REVISED AS OF 2/3/2026

Future Events Happening at Scarborough Public Schools

UPCOMING Events

Scarborough High School:

- **All-Town Chorus Concert** - Alumni Gym: March 24, 2026 at 7:00pm

Scarborough Middle School:

- **Middle School Theater Team** - Annie Jr. Shows. Winslow Homer

Auditorium: Friday April 10, 2026 at 7:00pm, Saturday April 11, 2026 at 1:00pm and 7:00pm, and Sunday April 12, 2026 at 1:00pm.

SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ALL-TOWN CHORUS CONCERT

TUESDAY, MARCH
24TH | 7 PM

SHS ALUMNI GYM

JOIN US IN PERSON OR
VIA LIVESTREAM!

Scarborough Education Foundation

Fueling Innovation in Scarborough Schools!

The Scarborough Education Foundation (SEF) is dedicated to bringing the best and brightest ideas to life in our classrooms. We partner with our community to raise funds, turning your generous donations into amazing learning opportunities for students.

How It Works

Twice a year, our passionate educators can apply for grants to fund innovative projects and programs. Each application is carefully reviewed by a committee of board members, education professionals, and community residents to ensure we're supporting initiatives that will truly inspire our students.

Our Vision for Scarborough

- Develop motivated students ready for the 21st century.
- Promote teacher innovation and excellence.
- Enhance educational opportunities across all our schools.
- Inspire community-wide support for high-quality public education.

Get Involved!

Want to be a part of this exciting mission? For more information or to volunteer, please email us at scarborougheducationfoundation@gmail.com. Together, we can make a difference



March Dates: Tooth Protectors are Coming to the District

DENTAL CARE AT SCHOOL



Tooth Protectors Inc. is coming back to Scarborough this year on **March 17th, 2026** at the High School and **March 31st, 2026** for all **K-8** students, which will take place at Wentworth School. Transportation to and from Wentworth will be provided for all K-2 schools (Blue Point, Pleasant Hill, Eight Corners) and Middle School students will be accompanied by staff to Wentworth.

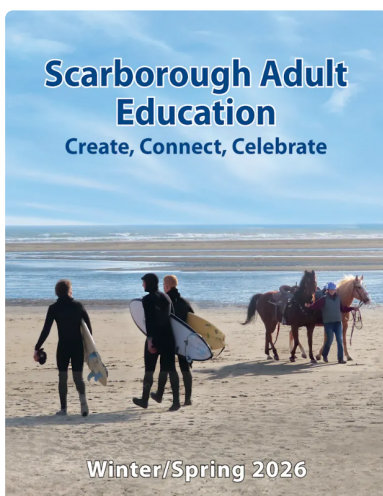
They will provide Fluoride and Screenings at no cost for all School Age Children on behalf of the State Oral Health Program. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to complete the State Oral Health

Permission form.

Please return this [PERMISSION FORM](#) to your school nurse by **March 10th** for the **High School clinic** and by **March 17th** for the **Wentworth clinic**. Or, if you prefer, there is an option to register online to make things simpler, using this [LINK](#).

If you have questions or need assistance with completing the forms please contact the Tooth Protectors at 207-513-1111 or email at, info@toothprotectors.org

Scarborough Adult Education



WINTER & SPRING 2026 Registration is now available! Their 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 Sporting Events for the month of March



To all Scarborough Public Schools' sports fans, prepare for a school year brimming with energy, achievement, and unparalleled school spirit! Our dedicated student/athletes are poised to deliver exceptional performances, and they eagerly await your enthusiastic cheers! Your support is vital in cultivating a sense of pride, belonging, and collective community. Explore the myriad ways to engage and support Scarborough by visiting our [new events page](#). Rally your peers, wear your Red Storm colors with pride, and become part of the excitement. Scarborough strong—let's make this year unforgettable!

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.

- Scarborough Primary PTA's 15th Annual Race to the Point
- Scarborough Public Library May 14th Author Event
- Art Attack: June Clay Camp
- Gym Dandies April Vacation Camp
- Cub Scout Flyer
- Girl Scouts of Maine Flyer
- 2025-2026 Scarborough Public Library Parent Letter
- Scarborough Education Foundation



Important Dates

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

- March 11, 2026 - Early Release **
- March 11, 2026 - School Board/Leadership FY27 Budget Workshop at 4:30pm
- March 12, 2026 - School Board/Leadership FY27 Budget Workshop at 8:30am



- March 19, 2026 - School Board Workshop & Business Meeting
- March 20, 2026 - Staff Development Day - No School for Students K-12

**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 SCHOOLS

NOW HIRING

Join Our Team

Open positions:

- HS Assist. Principal
- Student Activities Bookkeeper
- Ed. Tech. I, II, III
- Multiple Coaching Positions

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Apply today:

www.applitrack.com/scarborough/onlineapp

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.



Scarborough Schools

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- Location:** [259 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough, ME 04074, USA](#)
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