



# Scarborough Public Schools

March 13, 2026

## **Congratulations Wentworth School's Mrs. Durgin!!**

The Wentworth school wide assembly this month was "interrupted" for a special announcement from MASL - the Maine Association of School Libraries. We are very proud to announce that our very own Mrs. Durgin was nominated and selected as The MASL Support Staff Member of the Year! Mrs. Durgin was recognized for her creativity, being friendly and welcoming to students, and as a role model and reader leader.

Students and staff participated in surprising her with this special recognition, presented by MASL. Congratulations, Mrs. Durgin!

In addition to a plaque, MASL donated \$500 to the Wentworth School Learning Commons in her honor. This money will be used to enhance our collection and continue to make the space an engaging and active hub for learning. We are asking that the school board accept this generous donation with appreciation and with congratulations to Mrs. Durgin.

# MRS. DURGIN

## MASL SUPPORT EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR!



Creative



Reader-Leader




Friendly & Welcoming!



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## Gym Dandies Performance - March 14, 2026

Get ready for a spectacular show! The Gym Dandies are proud to present their 45th Annual Community Performance on Saturday, March 14th. Come and be amazed by their incredible talents. There will be two shows only, at 2:30 PM and 6:30 PM, held at Wentworth Gym, 20 Quentin Drive. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Doors open 30 minutes before each show, so be sure to arrive early to get a good seat. For more information, visit [www.gymdandies.org](http://www.gymdandies.org).




**THE GYM  
DANDIES**  
45th ANNUAL  
COMMUNITY  
PERFORMANCE

TWO SHOWS ONLY!  
SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH  
2:30PM & 6:30PM

WENTWORTH GYM  
20 QUENTIN DRIVE

Adults \$10  
Students & Seniors \$5



Doors open 30 minutes  
before show time

WWW.GYMDANDIES.ORG

## Scarborough Education Foundation: Spring & Graduation Season!!

Spring is one of our favorite times of year at the Scarborough Education Foundation (SEF). It's when we get to see the creativity and innovation of our educators come to life through our annual spring grant cycle. Our current grant cycle closes on **April 14, 2026**, and we are already looking forward to reading the ideas submitted by teachers and staff across the district.



### Interested in getting involved with SEF?

We are always happy to welcome new community members to our board. The commitment is intentionally manageable - we meet once a month on the second Tuesday, and members help support grants, fundraising, and community engagement that benefit Scarborough students and educators. If you've ever been curious about how you might get involved, we'd love to connect and chat more. Email us today if you'd like to attend our next meeting, [info@sefmaine.org](mailto:info@sefmaine.org).

### Graduation Season is Almost Here!

With graduation for the **Scarborough Class of 2026** just around the corner, graduation activities are ramping up. Keep an eye out for yard signs, balloons, celebration messages, and other fun

community activities happening throughout the spring as well as the volunteer sign-ups to help with these activities!

If you are a parent or guardian of a graduating senior, please be sure to submit your student's information when you see the requests come through. Due to FERPA regulations, the school cannot share student names or home addresses with SEF. That means if families do not submit the information themselves, we have no way of knowing a student is missing from our lists.

Please submit your senior's details here: <https://bit.ly/ScarboroughClassof2026>.

Every grant funded, every project supported, and every celebration made possible is the result of community members who choose to get involved. If you're interested in learning more about SEF, applying for a grant, or exploring ways to help, we'd be happy to connect.

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## 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!

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## Next Week!! -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!

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## 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 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.

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## From Scarborough's Board of Education

### Run for School Board!

Two 3-year seats are available for the June 2026 election. Nomination papers are available now and can be picked up Monday through Thursday, from 7 AM to 5 PM, at Town Hall. All nomination papers must be returned by Wednesday, April 1st.



# RUN FOR SCHOOL BOARD!

TWO 3-YEAR SEATS AVAILABLE

● JUNE 2026 ELECTION

**NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE NOW!**  
PICK UP M-TH 7AM-5PM – TOWN HALL

▶▶▶ RETURN PAPERS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

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## April 7th - 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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/SrCitizenFun>  
**OR CALL: 207-730-4150**

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**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

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## **Spring Conferences at Wentworth School**



Registration for Wentworth's spring conferences started Monday, March 9th at 6:00 AM and will go through Sunday, March 22nd at 6:00 PM. See their [newsletter](#) for more information on how to register with your child's homeroom teacher.

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## **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.
- **Questions:** If you believe you signed up but did not receive a meal, or if you wish to be removed from the list, please contact your school directly.

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

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## FY27 Budget Calendar



### Mark Your Calendars: Key Dates for the FY27 Budget

The FY27 budget season is here. Below are the essential dates for community members to stay informed and participate in the process.

- **March:** First Reading of the school budget on **March 19th** at the School Board Meeting at 7:00pm.
- **April:** April is your chance to be heard. The Town Manager and Superintendent will present the budget on **April 1st**. Public hearings are scheduled for the Town Council meeting on **April 15th** and the School Board meeting on **April 16th**.
- **May:** Final decisions will be made this month. The School Board and Town Council will hold their second readings and budget votes on **May 7th** and **May 20th**, respectively.
- **June:** The process concludes with the School Budget Validation Referendum on **Tuesday, June 9th**, where the community will cast the final vote.

Your participation is vital. Please join us for these important discussions.

For more information about the FY27 Budget, click on this [link](#)

March 2026					April 2026					May 2026					June 2026				
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16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19
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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
- **STEM Night** for Pre-K - 5 families SHS Cafeteria: Scarborough PreK-5 Families, we invite you to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Night, happening Thursday, April 2 from

5:00-7:00 pm at the high school! Please see the flyer for full information. While RSVPs are optional, [we would appreciate you taking a moment to fill one out at this link](#) to help us ensure adequate materials for our interactive stations! We look forward to seeing you there!

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  
24<sup>TH</sup> | 7 PM

SHS ALUMNI GYM



JOIN US IN PERSON OR  
VIA LIVESTREAM!

**Scarborough Middle School Theater Team  
Presents**

# Annie JR.

Friday April 10th at 7:00pm  
Saturday April 11th at 1:00pm (ASL Interpreted Show) & 7:00pm  
Sunday April 12th at 1:00pm

**Winslow Homer Center for the Arts at Scarborough High School**

**Directed By: Jessica Dumais  
Musical Direction by: Matt LaBerge**

Book by  
**Thomas Meehan**

Music by  
**Charles Strause**

Lyrics by  
**Martin Charnin**

Original Broadway Production Directed by **Martin Charnin**

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## Tooth Protectors

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.



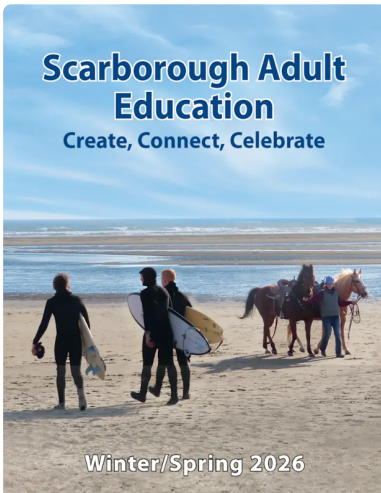
They will provide Fluoride and Screenings at no cost for all School Age Children on behalf of the State Oral Health Program. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to complete the State Oral Health Permission form.

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](mailto:info@toothprotectors.org)

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## 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](mailto:adulted@scarboroughschools.org) for assistance!

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## 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





- 2025-2026 Scarborough Public Library Parent Letter
  - Scarborough Education Foundation
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## Important Dates



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

- March 19, 2026 - School Board Workshop & Business Meeting
- March 20, 2026 - Staff Development Day - No School for Students K-12
- April 2, 2026 - School Board Business Meeting
- April 8, 2026 - Early Release Day\*\*
- April 17 - April 26, 2026 - Spring Break - No School
- April 30, 2026 - School Board Workshop & Business Meeting (New date)

\*\*Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

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## 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>

# NOW HIRING

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## 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](http://www.applitrack.com/scarborough/onlineapp)

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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.



## 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/scarbmescchools/>

**Twitter:** [@scarbmescchools](https://twitter.com/@scarbmescchools)



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