



Scarborough Public Schools

August 28, 2026

Welcome to the New School Year!

On **Monday, August 31st**, we will be welcoming our **6th and 9th graders back to school** for their first official day! This time for each of them to be introduced to their new school provides a deliberate opportunity for them to get acclimated to their new learning environments, learn their way around a larger school setting and go through their daily schedule with their new teachers and classmates.



All students in grades 6 through 12 will attend on **Tuesday, September 1st**.

The PreK - 5 students and their families will meet with their classroom teachers by appointment on Monday, August 31 and Tuesday, Sept 1. This provides a great opportunity for families to meet their teacher, for teachers to begin to forge a relationship with their new students and families, and for our educators to learn more about each of the students in their elementary classroom.

September 2nd and 3rd will be regular school days for all **PreK - 12 students**. Friday, September 4th the schools will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday.

We are very excited for our seniors, Class of 2027, to begin their final journey at Scarborough High School. We hope that all of our students have a fabulous school year!

September Open Houses by School

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

- **Scarborough High School** - Monday, August 31, 2026 (6:30 -7:30 pm)
- **Scarborough Middle School** - Wednesday, September 9, 2026 for 6th and 8th Grades (6:00-7:00 pm) and Thursday, September 10, 2026 for 7th Grade (6:00 -7:00 pm)



- **Wentworth School** - Thursday, September 17, 2026 (5:30 -6:30 pm)
- **Blue Point School** - Wednesday, September 16, 2026 (5:00 -6:00 pm)
- **Eight Corners School** - Wednesday, September 16, 2026 (5:00 -6:00 pm)
- **Pleasant Hill School** - Wednesday, September 16, 2026 (5:00 -6:00 pm)

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PowerSchool eCollect Forms

Scarborough Public Schools will again use [eCollect for all beginning-of-year forms](#). Parents and guardians should complete forms online now, including the student profile sheet that lists all contact information, technology use agreement, medical and health information, and other required documents. We thank you in advance for completing these in a timely way, especially as it relates to updated contact information.



2026-2027 Bus Routes



Our bus routes are currently all loaded in [MY Ride K-12 software](#). Parents can set up an account to provide access the bus routes via the My Ride K-12 app on cell phones or by the My Ride k-12 website on a computer. This is a super helpful app as it relates to

knowing exactly where your child's bus is in real time on any given day, as well as the confidence that your child is on the bus.

Each student is provided with a physical student ID card that they are expected to use when boarding and disembarking from the bus each day. These cards work on all of our busses, and work year after year. This provides both parents and the bus department with real time ridership data.

Drivers spend a lot of time at the start of the year assisting students in learning and using this process, and have the ability to log a student in from their prepopulated bus list on their tablets, in the case a student has forgotten their swipe card. If your child is a returning student, please have them with their card in hand when they board. Any returning student needing a new badge can email Transportation Supervisor, Sarah Redmond, at sredmond@scarboroughschools.org or let the driver know directly. New badges will be printed after the second week of school once ridership is established.

[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 Ride 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.



Personal Electronic Devices Statute and Policy



**SCARBOROUGH
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
Empowering learners. Building community.

**FOCUSED LEARNING.
STRONGER TOGETHER.**





BELL-TO-BELL

NO PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Policy Based on Maine Law
Scarborough Public Schools

Maine law requires school administrative units to adopt a policy that prohibits student use of personal electronic devices during the school day. Scarborough Public Schools' policy supports student learning, well-being, and safe, respectful school environments.



Maine Law
20-A MRSA § 1001(23)



THE RULE: BELL-TO-BELL

From the first bell to the final bell of the school day, students may not use personal electronic DEVICES.

This includes, but is not limited to:


Cell Phones


Earbuds/
Headphones


Smart
Watches


PERSONAL
Tablets


PERSONAL
Laptops

Devices must be powered off or silenced and stored away in backpacks, lockers, or other locations as directed by staff.

EXCEPTIONS

Use of personal electronic devices is permitted only when:

-  Required for a student's health or medical needs
-  Included in a student's IEP, 504 plan, or health plan
-  Access to other translation mechanisms aren't available for emergent language learners, with administrative approval. This will be used with administrative approval.

WHY IT MATTERS

Research shows that limiting device use:

-  Improves focus and academic achievement
-  Reduces distractions and classroom interruptions
-  Supports student mental health and well-being
-  Strengthens in-person connections and school community

CONSEQUENCES

Consequences for policy violations will be age-appropriate and implemented consistently. They may include:

- Verbal reminder
- Device confiscation and return to student at end of day
- Parent/guardian contact

Additional disciplinary steps are outlined at each phase level in school handbooks online.

 **The Scarborough Public School System has NO RESPONSIBILITY for loss, theft or damage for any PED brought to school.**

A PARTNERSHIP

We appreciate your partnership in helping students stay present, engaged, and ready to learn—bell to bell.

QUESTIONS?

Contact your school or visit our website: scarboroughschools.org



KNOW THE POLICY

Scarborough Public Schools Personal Electronic Devices Policy is policy JICJ. Read the full policy on our website.

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As we had communicated this spring prior to the close of school and again on August 12, as of August 1, 2026, a new Maine law, 20-A MRSA § 1001(23), requires all public schools to limit student access to personal electronic devices during the school day. This “bell-to-bell” requirement applies from the start of the school day until dismissal. Under the new law, all students must keep personal electronic devices—including cell phones, smartwatches, and other devices with internet or cellular capabilities—stored away and inaccessible from the first bell until dismissal. The law also applies to other personal electronic devices, including personal computers and other bring-your-own devices.

In accordance with the state statute, the School Board has adopted [Policy JICJ](#), replacing former policy JFCK, to clarify that Scarborough Public Schools’ students will not carry, wear, or access cell phones, smartwatches, or other personal electronic devices like Air Pods during the school day. Each school has established clear expectations, consistent procedures, and appropriate consequences to support successful implementation while honoring the limited exceptions permitted under state law.

We recognize that families may have questions, particularly about communication during the school day. Student safety will continue to be our highest priority. Students will have access to school staff and school-based phones if they need to contact home, and families can always reach their children through the school office when necessary. Coaches, advisors, and school staff will also continue to communicate important schedule changes and updates through established channels.

We are committed to implementing these changes thoughtfully and consistently while supporting our students and staff through this transition. We appreciate your continued partnership and support. Please reach out to your building leaders with any questions.

2026 -2027 School Calendar

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.



[2026-2027 School Calendar](#)

High School's Calendar of Events for September



Visit our [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!

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.



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 Library After School Information Guide

- Japan in 2028



Important Dates

2026-2027 School Calendar

- August 31, 2026 - Grades 6 and Grade 9 Student Days /PreK - 5 Appointment Only
- September 1, 2026 - Grades 6-12 Student Days/ PreK - 5 Appointment Only
- September 2 & September 3, 2026 - PreK - 12 Student Days
- September 3, 2026 - School Board Business Meeting
- September 4, 2026 - **No School** for PreK - 12 Students
- September 7, 2026 - Labor Day, **No School**
- September 16, 2026 - Early Release Day**
- September 17, 2026 - School Board Workshop and Business Meeting



**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>

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WE ARE HIRING

OPEN POSITIONS

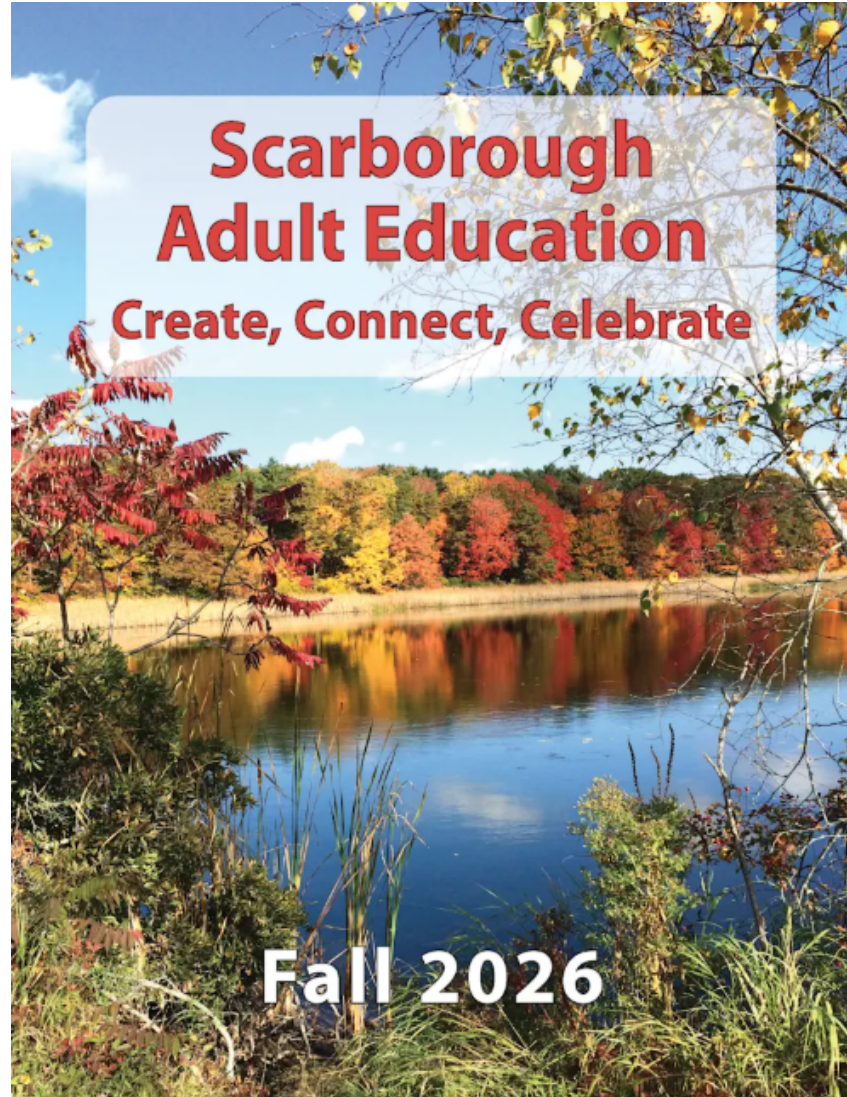
- ✓ Middle School Receptionist
- ✓ District Wide Ed. Tech. I, II, III
- ✓ Full & Part-Time Custodians
- ✓ District Wide Substitutes
- ✓ School Bus Drivers

To Apply Visit

www.scarboroughschools.org

Scarborough Adult Education

Register now for current classes. Visit our [online course catalog](#) or click the image to download our print catalog. If you have any questions about classes or programs please call Director Marianne Doyle at 730-5040 or email her at mdoyle@scarboroughschools.org. **Walk-in hours for registration are between 3PM - 6PM, Mondays through Wednesdays.** Students may also register online at any time.



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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Website: www.scarboroughschools.org

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

Phone: (207) 730-4100

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