



Scarborough Public Schools

September 4, 2026

School is in Session!

We were thrilled to welcome all of our PreK–12 students back this week! Our buildings have been filled with the enthusiasm and energy of our students, making it wonderful to see our school community come alive once again. As everyone adjusts to the rhythm of a new school year, students and staff alike may be feeling a bit more tired than usual. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to all the learning, growth, and memorable experiences it will bring.



Labor Day Holiday



No School Friday, 9/4/2026

There will be no school Friday, September 4, 2026 to start the Labor Day Holiday weekend. We hope our students, families, and staff enjoy the long weekend by relaxing, spending time with loved ones, and celebrating the many contributions of workers in our communities. Whether you enjoy a family gathering, outdoor activities, or simply some well-deserved rest, we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday weekend!

September Open Houses by School

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

- **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)



Transportation Challenges



Please be aware that our transportation team is currently fine-tuning bus schedules and route timing as the school year gets underway. Adjustments may be necessary during the first few weeks of school as we review actual ridership and work to ensure safe, smooth, and efficient transportation for all students. For real-time information about your child's bus route and expected pickup time each day, please download the **MY Ride app**.

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.





All SPS Newsletters are Translatable

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.



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.



School Breakfast and Lunch Information

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 in all of our schools, 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.

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.

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 allows us to do that. The Raptor system assists in screening visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools and provides 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 as you have always done, 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 will also check 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 understanding and your support in enhancing the school safety protocols in our district

The Scarborough High School Track



On September 1st the Scarborough Community Services posted an amazing video of the newly renovated track on Facebook. If you have access to Facebook and interested in seeing the footage, click on the link below.

[Facebook Link](#)

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
- Information on the Cub Scouts



Important Dates

[2026-2027 School Calendar](#)

- 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 Pre-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

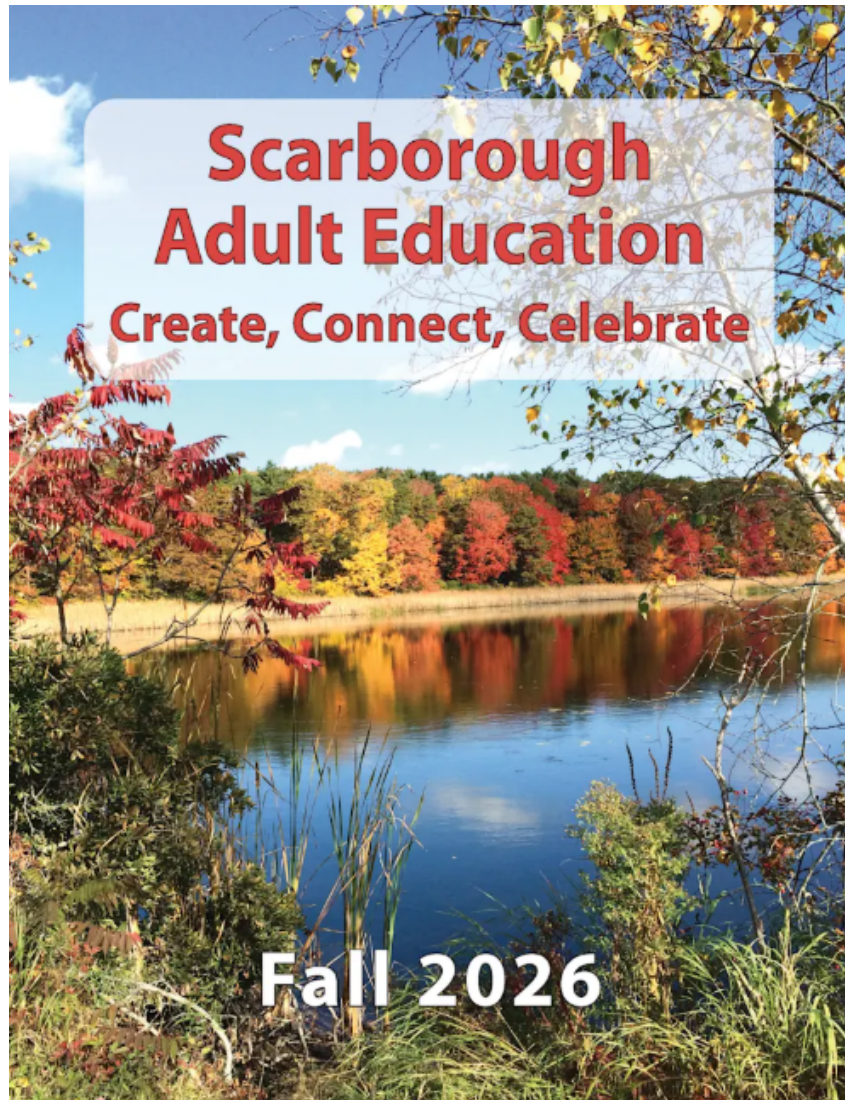
- ✓ Middle School Receptionist
- ✓ District Wide Ed. Tech. I, II, III
- ✓ Full & Part-Time Custodians
- ✓ District Wide Substitutes
- ✓ School Bus Drivers

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
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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](#)

Phone: (207) 730-4100

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/scarbmeschools/>

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Cheryl is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters