



Scarborough Public Schools

October 2, 2026

New from the School Board: Board Beat!

Hello! Welcome to **Board Beat**, a new feature designed to shed light on the School Board's ongoing efforts. Most of the Board's work happens behind the scenes within seven standing committees. These deliberative bodies are where board members and district leaders collaborate to shape communication, revise policies, refine curriculum, prepare budgets, plan facilities, and guide construction projects. Through this feature, we hope to generate greater awareness of the vital work happening across our standing committees.



This Board Beat features the **Community Outreach Committee**. Crescencia Maurer is the current chair, Jillian-Trapini Huff, Shannon Lindstrom and Kim O'Donnell are members. This committee goes beyond publishing newsletters and sharing updates on social media—though these remain key parts of our work! We are genuinely working to engage Scarborough residents and families in the major decisions that come before the board and to build ties between our district and the wider community.

This year, we've decided to support public engagement on the school budget process. This is a response to public frustration with the school budget that was ultimately approved by the Town Council and passed by voters in June 2026. With this in mind, we plan to **hold a community forum on the school budget process on Tuesday, February 23, 2027**. We will use the forum to walk through the budget process and how the public can weigh in. We will also put out a feature article on this topic around the same time. We hope to increase the number of people that know where and when they can voice their interests and concerns before budget decisions are final.

To strengthen community support for our public schools and build cross-generational ties, we are continuing our annual Senior Citizen Dinner. The **Spring 2027 Senior Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2027**. Our school food service provides a delicious meal, district staff and board members run the event, school clubs showcase their activities, and our performing arts

students provide amazing entertainment. Seniors, mark your calendars. It's going to be a fun evening!

This committee meets regularly on the third Thursday of the month (September - June) from 4:30-5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. For meeting info visit: [Community Outreach Committee - Scarborough Public Schools](#).

That's it for tooting our horn! Next up on Board Beat: Long-Term Facilities Planning Committee.

School Nutrition Backpack Program -Feeding Our Community



We are so grateful to our wonderful community for the outpouring of support the Scarborough School Nutrition Backpack Program that we have already received since first posting this last week, helping us to address increased concerns around food insecurity. Since just last week, donations made total more than \$4,000. The high cost of essentials (food, clothing, fuel, shelter) continues to put a strain on many household budgets, while government actions have affected many of the benefits that support our most

vulnerable families.

The [Backpack Program](#) provides non-perishable foods as well as fresh produce and meats to district families in need so that our students do not go hungry over school breaks and weekends. During the school year, we prepare breakfast & lunch for weekends, holidays and school vacations, in packages that can be picked up once a week at the Wentworth kitchen or delivered for those without transportation.

The **entire** Backpack Program happens thanks to the ongoing generosity of local community donations and small grants. We continue to work hard to ensure that district families in need do not go hungry, and appreciate that our neighbors are so willing to pitch in to help one another.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP NOW?

Ongoing monetary donations are needed to sustain the level of support we provide. Donations can be made online through our [RevTrak web store](#) or sent via check to the district Business Office at P. O. Box 370, Scarborough ME 04070-0370.

HOW TO REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

If your family is personally needing support at this time from our Backpack Program, we are here to help. No one should ever have to worry about putting food on the table for their children. Please reach out to your child's school principal, or call Tai Shao in the Wentworth School kitchen at 730-4703.

Community Partner Making an Impact!

On Wednesday, we received a generous donation of 100 cases of non perishable food from **Hannaford** to support the Backpack Program. This is a great example of "neighbors helping

neighbors" and also serves as a great example to our students of what it means to be a part of a larger community that cares for one another.

Many thanks to everyone doing their part, regardless of size, to help others where you can.



High School's Calendar of Events for October



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!

Celebrating OUR Students!!

Scarborough High School Chamber Singers and Middle School's Chorus

The SHS Chamber Singers were honored to open the Portland Symphony Orchestra's 102nd season alongside ChoralArt and Greely HS this past weekend! As an added bonus, they also got to spend some time with the SMS singers who sing with the PSO Children's Chorus!



District-wide Flu Clinics

Below are the dates for each school's fall flu clinic. See each of your child's school newsletter for the appropriate forms to complete if you are interested. For your information, we always include a link to all schools newsletters at the bottom of this district newsletter.



October 13, 2026 - Pleasant Hill School at 9:00am

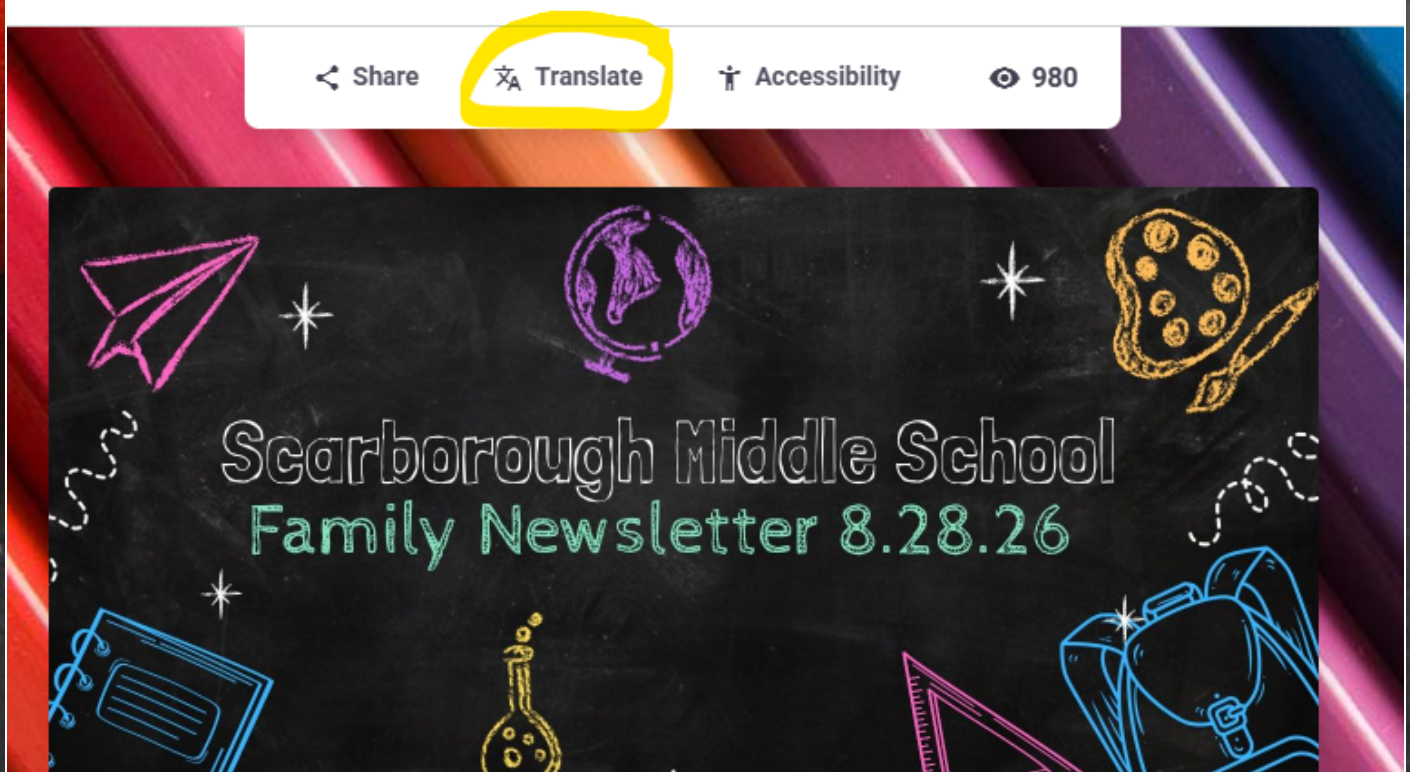
October 13, 2026 - Blue Point School at 12:30pm

October 21, 2026 - Middle School at 7:30am

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.



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.



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](#)



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:



- Mr. Reagan's Workshop Theater
- Rippleffect
- Information on the Cub Scouts
- Scarborough Library After School Information Guide



Cub Scouts Information



Mr. Reagan's Theater Workshop

Important Dates



[2026-2027 School Calendar](#)

- October 9, 2026 - Staff In-Service Day - No School for Students
- October 12, 2026 - Indigenous Peoples' Day
- October 14, 2026 - Early Release Day**
- October 15, 2026 - School Board Workshop and Business Day

**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>



The poster features the Scarborough Public Schools logo at the top left, which includes a shield with a red 'S' and the text 'Scarborough Public Schools' to its right. Below the logo, the text 'We Are' is in a black script font, and 'HIRING' is in large, bold, red capital letters. Underneath, 'Open Positions:' is written in bold red. A bulleted list of job openings follows. To the right of the list is a circular inset image showing a person's hands pointing at an open book on a desk. At the bottom left, there is a red button with 'APPLY NOW!' in white, followed by a phone icon and the number '207-730-4126', and a globe icon with the website 'www.scarboroughschools.org'. Decorative red and white curved shapes are on the right side, and a grid of red dots is on the left.

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We Are
HIRING

Open Positions:

- Two (2) Artist in Residence Positions
 - Brass Sectional Instructor
 - Woodwind Sectional Instructor
- Full & Part-Time Custodial Positions
- District-Wide Substitutes Needed
 - 1st Grade Teacher - Long-term
 - HS Math Teacher - Long-term
- Ed Tech I, II, III
- School Bus Drivers
- Academic Support Ed Tech III
- Multiple Coaching Positions

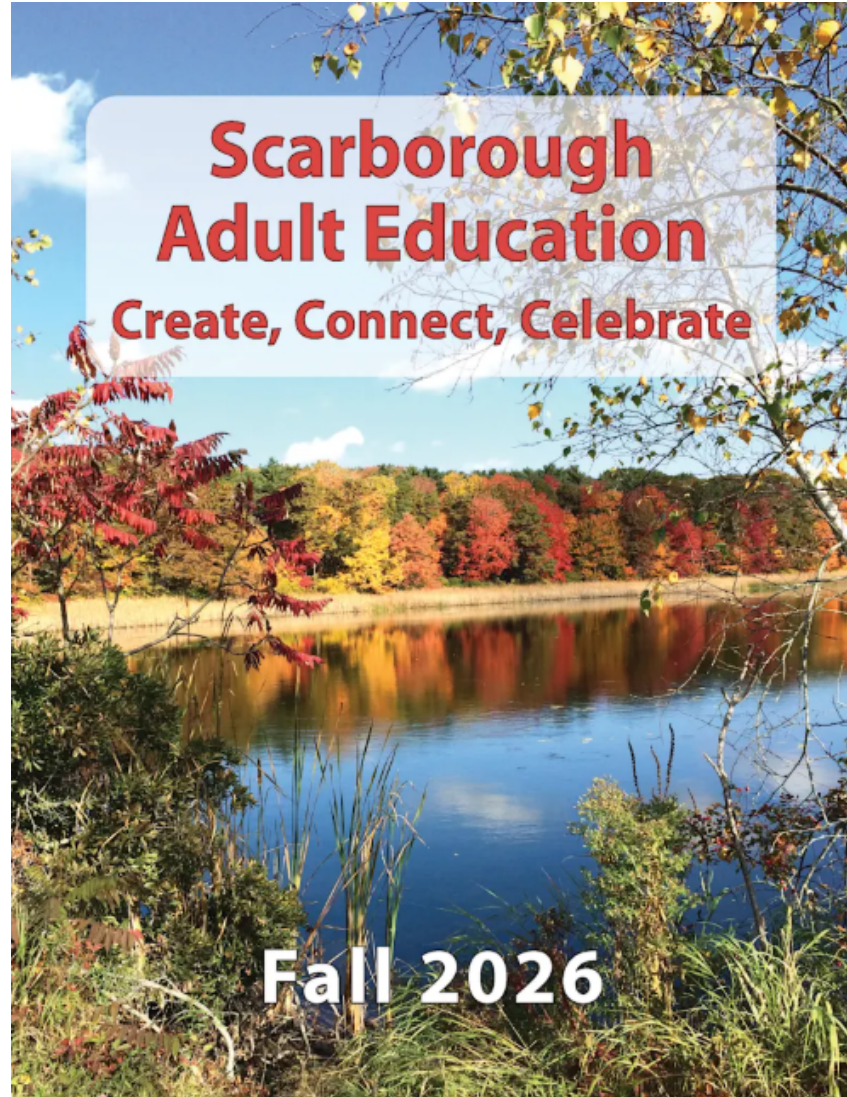
APPLY NOW!

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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 Yvonne Wentz at 730-5040 or email her at ywentz@scarboroughschools.org. **Walk-in hours for registration are between 3PM - 6PM, Tuesdays through Thursdays.** 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

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

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



Cheryl Callahan

Cheryl is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters