Scarborough Public Schools

October 30, 2026

Happy Halloween!

Boo! Happy Halloween, students and families! We hope your day is filled with giggles, costumes, pumpkin magic, and just the right amount of spooky fun. Have a fang-tastic time celebrating, and remember to stay safe while you're out trick-or-treating. Have a spooktacular Halloween!



November 3, 2026 Election Day and the High School Students' Schedule



Election Day will be a remote-learning day for all **high school students only**. Student and families should check school communications for the day's schedule, links, assignments, and any additional expectations. K-8 students will attend school in person as usual.

For the remote day the nutrition program will be providing non perishable breakfast and lunch . Meals will be available at dismissal on Monday for anyone interested. Nutrition staff will be at the main entrance as the students are dismissed to distribute these meals.

Important School Transportation Updates



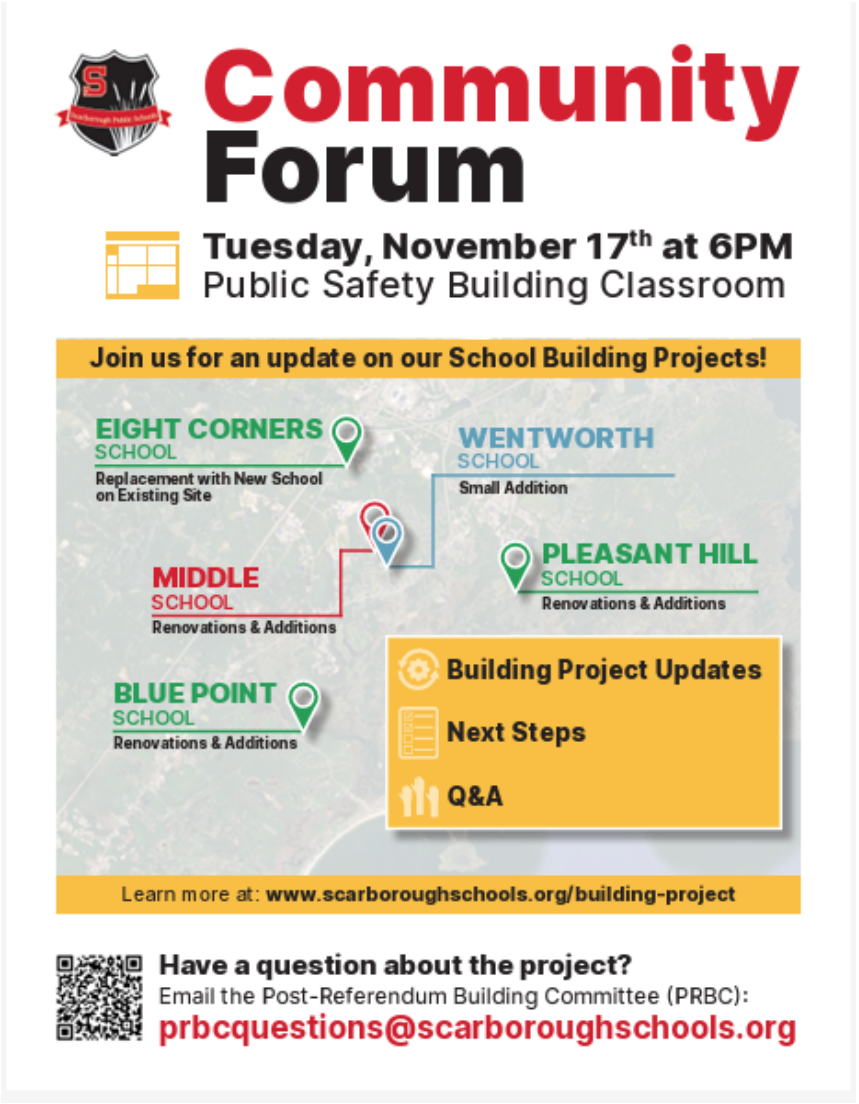
First, It has come to our attention that some users have been experiencing connectivity issues with the use of our Transportation Software and the MY RIde App. Please be aware that we are working with our IT department and our vendor to correct these issues now, but in the interim you may not have real time access to track your child on their bus. It is not expected that families will contact the bus garage to verify their child is on the bus, unless there is a concern that they are not dropped off as expected.

Secondly, we need to make you aware that we are reaching a critical juncture with the number of drivers that we currently have on staff. Although it takes 24 full time drivers to run our program as designed, we currently have 15 drivers, despite our best efforts to hire. This is a universal issue across school districts in our state, and one that is only compounded by the reality that it takes 4 -6 months for an employee to obtain their CDL license from the state. If you know folks interested in this work, please let us know!

We are incredibly appreciative of the unwavering commitment of the amazing staff and director we have. Day in and day out, as absences occur, bus routes are modified and drivers are pivoting in an effort to ensure all of our students have transportation. At times, this may include a later pick up or dropoff time, for which we will keep you informed. If you see a Scarborough bus driver, please thank them for their efforts. We appreciate your understanding and grace as we try to navigate our current reality.

SAVE the DATE! - November 17, 2026

Join us Tuesday, November 17 at 6 p.m. at the Public Safety Building Classroom for a community forum on progress being made for each of the school building projects. Get updates on plans for Blue Point, Eight Corners, Pleasant Hill, Wentworth, and the Middle School, hear about next steps and bring your questions for a Q&A. Learn more at scarboroughschools.org/building-project. To submit project questions in advance, please email prbcquestions@scarboroughschools.org.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

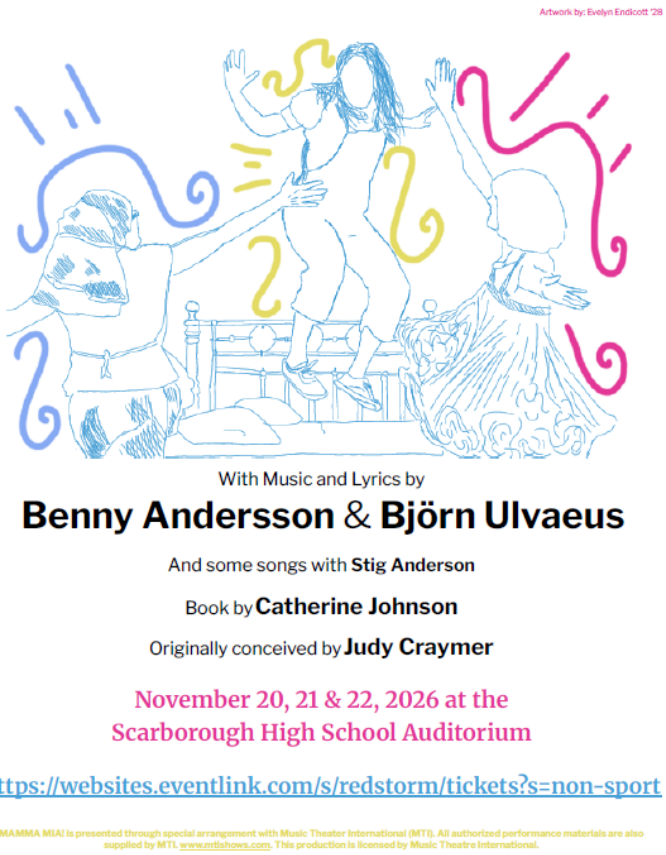
Fall parent/teacher conferences are coming up soon for grades PK-8! Please check your child's school newsletter for dates, scheduling details, and more information.



Scarborough Schools Expectations for Adult Collaboration and Communication

Elements of Engagement	School Community Expectations	Examples of Expectations
Communication 	• Encourage students to advocate for themselves • Assume positive intent • Be polite and respectful in interactions with all members of the school community • Communicate directly with appropriate staff first to resolve issues before going to administration	• Help students draft written communication to staff (emails to teacher, note to bus driver, etc.) • Brainstorm communication strategies that your child can use at school when they are having difficulties • Seek to clarify your student's version of events with staff directly involved to bring about peaceful resolution • Voice concerns about school issues to staff, instead of using social media • Discuss issues with appropriate staff (teacher, bus driver, coach, etc.) when they happen
Collaboration 	• Prepare for the school day • Encourage students' academic, social, and emotional growth • Support students in following school and classroom rules • Reinforce school policies and expectations	• Know students' schedules and help them be prepared with necessary materials (ex. bus scan cards, laptops, library books, snacks, weather-appropriate clothes, etc.) • Create and maintain a consistent dismissal schedule • Support healthy habits (sleep, eating, managing emotions, limited screen time, time management, etc.) • Read district, building, and classroom newsletters and communications • Check take-home folders and online programs regularly (ex. PowerSchool and SeeSaw) • Emphasize appropriate and safe use of technology (laptops, cell phones, smart watches, etc.)
Community Culture	• Treat staff as trained educational professionals • Respect staff time • Prioritize safety and educational time for all students	• Acknowledge the hard work, expertise, experience, and education of staff • Recognize that educators make decisions with the safety and benefit of the group as a whole in mind (ex. being mindful of allergies, cultural differences, etc.) • Be positive when posting about Scarborough Schools on social media • Understand that staff will attempt to respond to communications in a timely manner but that staff will prioritize instructional time • Appreciate that safe driving is a bus driver's top priority • Limit interruptions during the school day (ex. avoid texting and calling students during school hours)

Oak Hill Players Performance of Mamma Mia!



Get ready to sing, dance, and say "Thank You for the Music!" Scarborough High School's Oak Hill Players present Mamma Mia! November 20, 21, and 22, 2026, at the Scarborough High School Auditorium.

Featuring the music and lyrics of Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus, with some songs by Stig Anderson, and a book by Catherine Johnson, this is a show you won't want to miss!

🎟 Tickets: Purchase tickets here
Artwork by Evelyn Endicott '28.

Districtwide YouTube Update

YouTube Update

October 23, 2026

We wanted to make all families aware that, as of Monday, October 19, **YouTube is now blocked for all students at Scarborough Public Schools** as an accessible platform. Previous to this week, it was blocked for K-5. Google has defaulted to K-12 restricted access for YouTube for students as a result of a recent change in their Terms of Service.

Scarborough Public Schools continuously seeks relevant and high-quality instructional materials to support our curriculum while also working to ensure digital safety for both students and staff. We are constantly reviewing terms of service with all of our vendors and ensuring that approved apps and platforms meet requirements. This week's blocking of YouTube was timely and necessary due to the changes in Google's Terms of Service.

Please note that teachers will maintain access to YouTube in order to share specific instructionally relevant content. Moving forward, only YouTube content deemed in support of specific curriculum objectives will be shared by providing an embedded video link through Google Classroom or Google Slides. This will allow students to view selected material without the social media-like interface YouTube provides in direct access to the platform.

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!

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

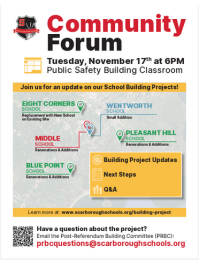


Please access this link to the Community Bulletin Board for information about great community events and fundraisers going on in Scarborough. In this week's posting, you will find information relating to the:

- Post-Referendum Building Committee Community Forum
- Oak Hill Players' Performance of Mamma Mia
- Scarborough Primary PTA Mariner's Game
- Scarborough Primary PTA Photo Mini's
- Adult Education is hiring a CNA
- Information on the Cub Scouts
- Scarborough Library After School Information Guide



Primary PTA Mini Phots



November 17, 2026 Community Forum



Mamma Mia!!

Important Dates

2026-2027 School Calendar

- November 5, 2026 - School Board Business Meeting
- November 11, 2026 - Veterans Day - No School K-12
- November 17, 2026 - Post-Referendum Building Committee Community Forum
- November 18, 2026 - Early Release Day**
- November 19, 2026 - School Board Workshop and Business Meeting
- November 25 - 29, 2026 - Thanksgiving Break - No School K-12



**Early release times:
Grades 6-12: 12:55pm
Grades Pre-K-5: 1:45pm

Scarborough Public Schools is HIRING!

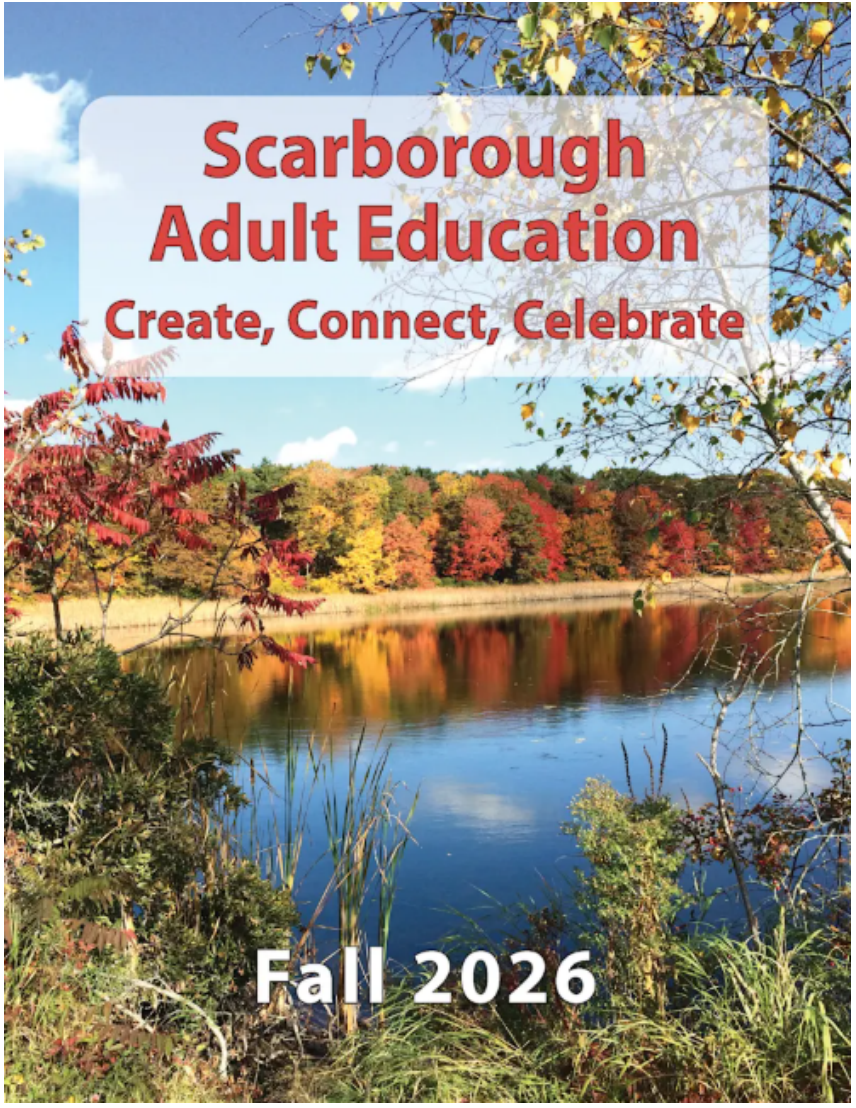
Scarborough Public Schools is currently hiring. Interested candidates may visit the School District's Employment site for details and application instructions by using this link here:

https://www.applitrack.com/scarborough/OnlineApp/default.aspx



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 I 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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