

Charter Ink

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Shocking Goodbyes by Melanie Sullivan

As the year comes to an end at the South Shore Charter Public School, talk of next year soon begins. We begin to learn of the changes we are about to face. Unfortunately we have learned that 50 % of high school teachers are leaving, and there are new openings, so if you know anyone who is looking for a job then tell them to apply. The reasons for the shocking number of teachers leaving so abruptly is different for all. Jenny Kotska, our physics genius is leaving to continue her education, while Donika Hajrizaj tells us, "I have decided not to return because students are continually disrespectful and nothing has been done to fix the problem." Maria Sullivan tells us, "I am not returning because I have received better opportunities elsewhere, not to offend anyone." Katie Cianelli also shares with us that she is leaving because she is not receiving enough pay. Lastly Joe Kay admits, "This school does not provide enough athletic students," and is leaving to coach at a school with a more successful sports program. The rest of the 50 % have decided not to share their reasons for leaving. There are questions on whether or not the high school will open if there are not enough teachers to fill the open positions. Another possible solution for the lack of teachers is to cut the amount of students in the high school to 100, only 25 kids per class, which would cause many students to lose their spot at the school. Unfortunately there is nothing that can be done as many parents and other faculty have already tried to persuade these teachers to stay.

Bye- Bye Veggie Van

by Maryellen Vanderveen

Just last week, our school received a letter from Scholastic Inc, the corporation which ran the America's Greenest School contest in 2010. Four years ago, after producing a video that explained how South Shore Charter works to be a green school, we were narrowed

down to a group of finalists and won through an online vote. Not only did we win a private concert by The Maine but also a hybrid bus, \$3,000 scholarship, and \$20,000 for a green makeover of the school. The SSCPS community was thrilled about the prizes. However, now the Scholastic company is retracting its decision.

When the school earned the title of America's Greenest School for 2010 there was an obligation to uphold the standards of such a position. The letter that was sent to the administration detailed several ways in which the school had failed to meet these requirements. The main reason for the retraction of the title was a report that found that the \$20,000 allocated for eco-friendly renovations was misused. After a formal investigation, the money was traced and was discovered to have instead been used for more art supplies, particularly large paper for bulletin boards and charcoal pencils.



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As a result, the school will be required to return the hybrid bus to Scholastic Inc by the end of April. The hybrid bus that has come in handy for many Charter field trips is now being taken back and most likely will be sold for scrap metal. However, the company has decided the school will be allowed to keep the \$3,000 scholarship because it was earned by the students who worked to win the contest, but the \$20,000 is another story. Because the money was not used as intended, the school will be required to pay back the amount in full. The company has agreed to accept a payment plan, understanding the school does not have that money on hand. The negotiation of the exact details of that plan will be overseen by a third party but the School Council's financial subcommittee has already begun looking for places to cut back. So far, it seems they are looking to save money by ceasing their rental of the gym and cutting funding from the sports program, but these budget cuts would only last for a few years until the \$20,000 is paid back. Be sure to check out next month's issue as Charter Ink will be keeping you informed on how this gross mismanagement may affect you.



The New Lottery Rules by Zain Akhtar

Students of the South Shore Charter Public School, may the odds be ever in your favor! Starting for the 2014-2015 school year, everyone not excelling in school below 7th grade will have their spot up for grabs. The school has decided that because they want students to excel at a young age, anyone with a GPA below 2.5 will have their spots available to be taken. This may not be the most popular idea, but it is part of the new vision the board of trustees has for the school. The board wants our school to have the best MCAS scores possible. Can they really expect elementary and middle schoolers to really start caring about their work? Kids will be kids. Tell your little brothers and sisters to keep their grades up, because you won't be able to volunteer as tribute.

Junior Trampled by Small Children! by Morgan Murray

More details have emerged about the little-known tragedy which struck outside Katie's classroom last month. Edina Lemkin, a junior here at SSCPS, was trampled by a gaggle of kindergarten students whilst attempting to leave Katie's classroom at dismissal. In recollection of her immense trauma, Edina told us, "Ow."

This out-of-control stampede plunged the front lobby into chaos, knocking several high school students to the ground and sending others scurrying out the door to avoid the horde. When the madness finally ended, 16-year-old Edina was in tears on the floor with her fellow injured peers. Devin Bailey, a terrorized witness of the scene, stated that, "They took me down, too. I didn't know if I was going to live through it. I literally had to fight people off my back."

This dismissal discrepancy has gotten out of hand. What's next, a broken nail? A fractured femur? When will the insanity end?

Victims are, as of now, in good physical condition. However, the emotional strain which these tiny savages have left behind will certainly take much more time to heal.



Charter's Newest Spring Sport by Danny Freitas

What's better than seeing guys hit home runs, make amazing catches, and getting runners out just in time? Ping pong, duh! That's right, the school has chosen to forget about the idea for a baseball team completely, and to replace it with ping pong. It is pretty clear which sport is more entertaining to watch. Imagine it: watching a tiny plastic ball go back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, and then someone scores a point. And then again, back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, and another point is scored! It's so much fun!!

We interviewed Cynthia Chapman and Maria Sullivan, the brave women who thought of the ping pong team and are going to take on the challenging role as the team's coaches. When we asked them why they replaced baseball, Cynthia said, "It's just not that entertaining to watch anymore. We've seen all that could happen in a baseball game. Ping Pong is simply more exhilarating to watch. To make it even better, having being on the ping pong team looks so much better on a college resume." We also asked about their background in the sport. Maria said, "I played a lot of Ping Pong in high school and college. It is extremely thrilling! There is a lot of hard work that goes into practice, but it's simply a great sport." I hope everyone is as excited as they are, because with ping pong season coming up, you better get your paddles polished and swinging arms loose and ready for a long and fun season.



Jokes? Really? by Doctor Barber Me M.D

1) What's similar about a lion and a tiger?

They are both Lions except for the Tiger.

2) Two elephants are in the shower. One turns to the other and says, "no soap radio."

3) Two chemists walk into a restaurant. When the waiter served them, one asks "I'd like H2O." The other chemist then asks "I'd like H2O too." The waiter serves them their drinks, but tragically the 2nd chemist dies foaming at the mouth after taking a mouthful of his beverage.

The waiter then considers for a moment why, for any reason, the restaurant should have a supply of Hydrogen Peroxide. It had no purpose being in this establishment, let alone being in the kitchen where it could be confused easily as regular water. He confronts the owner of the restaurant on this issue, wherein the proprietor of the business apologizes profusely to both the waiter and the deceased's colleague. The owner attempted to bribe the waiter and pleaded for them to not bring the police into this issue. The waiter, however, saw no other way to resolve this situation.

The restaurant was closed down as a result, the owner was then sentenced to a lengthy prison sentence and the waiter heralded as a "hero". However, the confusion that led to the death of the chemist haunted him. It plagued his every waking moment. He saw no way to relieve the mental burden that his completely accidental action had caused other than to seek medical attention. As a result, he attended psychiatric therapy for the best part of two years, which helped ease the stress, and now lives happily in a small studio apartment in Chicago.

He has vowed never to return to the town in which this tragic accident had occurred.

SPORTS

Jaguars Update by Ethan Seal

The Jaguars were spotted dashing towards Randy the Zebra through a light forest on Thursday. Gliding smoothly, gracefully, over the twigs and brush that could make sound if navigated incorrectly, the Jaguars reportedly reached a top speed of 50 miles per hour as they closed in on Randy the Zebra. Randy was getting a drink from the river near the zebra village, a seemingly unassailable spot before Thursday. Randy, being one of the slowest of his herd, tried running away, but could only reach 25 miles per hour and stood no chance against the team. There was no contest and a gruesome frenzy of flying flesh and growls erupted from the horde of Jaguars as they took down Randy as he whinnied for help, but no one dared to come to his aid. Each zebra was silently hoping that the Jaguars we all know and love as our mascot would not come into their village and brutally devour each zebra until nothing but a mangled carcass remains.

The Jaguars stood still and silent for several minutes as the seconds ticked by. Everything seemed tranquil despite the morbid bloodshed that had occurred only moments ago. One by one, each Jaguar padded away, leaving bloody footprints in the tall grass. As the last team member left, a wave of relief swept over the zebra village, but the trial with nature remains. They are never safe, they must always stay vigilant of any jeopardizing situation.



Лигата на големи спортски

Дени Freitas

MLB

На MLB preseason веќе започна. Првиот натпревар од сезоната на Бостон Ред Сокс е 31 март во Балтимор да се соочи со исклучување против Orioles.

НБА

Повеќе од половина пат низ оваа НБА сезона, а сепак толку многу ја нагласува.

Играчите на месец

јануари-

Исток-Кармело Ентони (СФ, Њујорк Никс)

Западно-Кевин Дурант (СФ, Оклахома Сити громот)

февруари-

Исток-Леброн Џејмс (СФ, Мајами Хит)

Западно-Блејк Грифин (PF, Лос Анџелес Клиперс)

Расел Westbrook (ПГ, ОКС) снимен најбрзо тројно двојно (10 + во 3 главни статистика) од 1995 година. Тој го сними 13pts, 10rebs и 14asts во под 21 минути на играње време.

Леброн Џејмс (СФ, МИА) евиденција кариера висока 61pts во победа Мајами над Шарлот Бобкетс.

"На раб изгледаше како океан за него" Ерик Spoelstra, Мајами Хит тренер, откако 61pt игра ЛеБрон Џејмс.

Јоаким Ноа (В, СНИ) евиденција своите 2 трокреветни двојно во 3 игри во текот на победа во Чикаго во текот на Детроит Пистонс.

College Acceptances by Kayleigh Wright

The senior class is in a state of panic. It seems to them that all college acceptance letters have stopped coming. It has been weeks since the school has been notified of any acceptances, causing many of the seniors to feel distressed! All colleges are supposed to notify students of their acceptances/ denial by April 1, so it is absolutely something to be concerned about. One unsettled senior says, "I haven't heard back from any of my schools! It seems like once I sent in my applications, they completely vanished. It really worries me to think I might not be going to college in the fall, I've done everything right to get there!"

Some students have mentioned that seniors from outside SSCPS have been having the same issues. So the question is, what is happening in the application process? Will we all be informed on April 1? Or are the dreams of going to college in the fall going to be crushed for millions of seniors across the country?



Charter's Newest Workshop

by Samantha Circelli

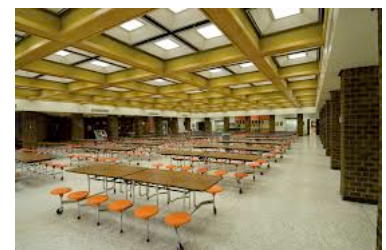
Basket weaving is back, baby! Starting next year, Charter will be adding Basket Weaving as a new workshop! Students were asked to take a poll on what workshop they would love to see make an appearance this upcoming year. The obvious answer was basket weaving. This workshop will be completely student run. There will be no teacher assigned to this workshop because sadly, no one was interested. However, that's okay because workshops are all student based anyway!

For the exceedingly small amount of students who have no idea what the art of basket weaving is, it is a difficult art to master. Basket weaving materials can range from things like animal hairs, grasses, or my favorite, pine stems. It takes an exceedingly long amount of time to weave a basket, but the outcome is beautiful. The students who are part of this workshop will be selling their baskets at the end of every school year. Be sure to buy these wonderfully, hand-made baskets, as soon as they make their debut and take home these masterpieces before you *weave* for the summer!

\$15,000 Cafeteria Grant

by James Duchaney

There has been speculation of a grant for the much wanted cafeteria. We have been asking every year, and each year we've been enrolling for a chance to win and the time has finally come! We are finally putting a half-cafeteria half-auditorium in the small field between where each of the playgrounds are. The grant is called the GBE grant, which stands for Great and Beautiful Eatery. It is specifically made for smaller schools and offices if they wanted it. The cafeteria will be 275 feet by 350 feet in size, and will be able to hold the whole school at one time and that will be the new setup. The whole school, kindergarten through twelfth grade at the same time. The school believes that this will be the best way to prepare the smaller children in lower levels for what they are going to be coming up to. Lunch detention will be given out to all deserving students and will still be in Mr. Smalls' room. The school has said that the cafeteria will be up and good to go by 2031 as the grant only gives us about a thousand a year until the whole sum is given to us.



SS2014 Runway Favorites by Morgan Murray

1. Snooki-chic



3. Trucker Hats



4. Tiny, tinted sunglasses



6. One-Size-Fits-All tops



8. Socks with sport sandals



9. Croc-Uggs



10. Popped collar(s)



2. Anything & everything by Ed Hardy



5. Gold Lurex



7. Head-to-toe denim



Северной Каролине by Молли Шауер

В минувшие выходные в Северной Каролине, человек собирается на охоту увидел, что он видел, что медведь, но оказалось 500 фунт 8 футов доска. Человек, стоящий более 500 метров застрелил кабана с одним выстрелом из своего ружья 0,308 калибра. Человек, стоящий рядом с его охоты партнера сказал "человек, мы должны получить какую-то 4 колеса автомобиля, потому что в противном случае, мы не получаем эту кабана отсюда." После часа ожидания, кто-то обнаружился с транспортным средством и транспортировать этот огромный животное на склад, где они взяли фотографии и пускал слюни над этим животным.

World you rather
 by danny Fretas
 would you rather...
 only drink
 rotten milk for the rest
 of your life?
 or
 only eat
 moldy cheese for the rest
 of your life?
 go to hogwarts
 school of witchcraft
 and wizardry?
 or
 travel the world for free?
 live in
 a world with no problems?
 or
 live in a world you rule?
 be famous?
 or
 be bestfriends
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 cockroaches?
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 that fast like a cheese-
 burger?

Prom Venue Change: New Location for 2014 Prom

by Kayleigh Wright

This year's prom is going to be slightly different than it has been in years past, but you can be sure that it will not be any less fun! After a slight miscommunication in the Prom Committee, which is a new implementation this year, it was discovered that the venue for prom was never booked. Due to the high demand of the hotel the school typically uses, when the committee reached out to them after discovering the mistake, they learned the space was already booked. Quickly, they had to figure out an alternative plan, so as not to let the student body down.

After a lot of consideration, the prom committee decided to host 2014 Prom in the gym space. While some of you might see this as a real loss and disappointment, the committee reassures us that we have nothing to worry about. "Because we no longer have to budget for a really expensive venue," says a representative of the committee, "we will be able to invest more of the money we have for prom into transforming the gym to be a prom-worthy venue!" Some students are upset, saying, "prom isn't something that should be in a gym! It's a night that deserves a nice venue!" Others believe that despite the change in venue, prom this year still has the potential to be amazing.

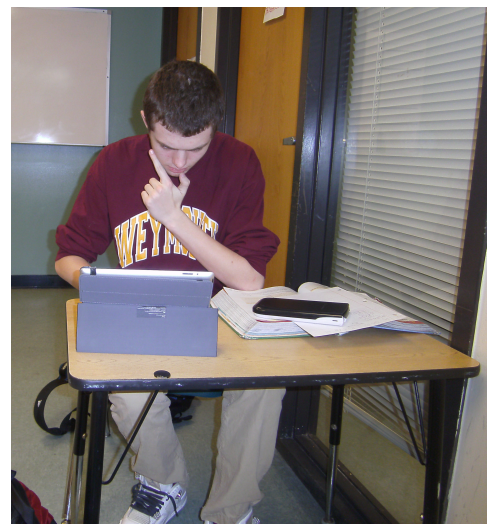
Now it is in the hands of the prom committee to pull off a truly sensational evening that makes everyone forget about their potentially fatal mistake!

Student Uses Laptop When He Needs it, Tablet When He Wants it

by Ethan Seal

Student Daniel Freitas of the South Shore Charter Public School was spotted Tuesday using a laptop when he needs it, tablet when he wants it. Freitas said that he got the device from, "the great world of Christmas." The device, an iPad with a laptop synchronized to it via Bluetooth, could be set up so that Freitas could set it up to type with the screen facing him and the keyboard in a comfortable position so that he could type when he needed to do so. However, by simply removing the keyboard, this fascinating device could turn into a tablet whenever he wants. The case of the iPad lets the keyboard be *connected* to the iPad. You may be asking yourself, "How can I possibly get such a device and how much would it cost?" You probably aren't asking yourself that, though. If you

are, go on the internet, it's not very difficult. Really, just Google "bluetooth keyboard" and "iPad," it should be really easy to find a good price. Good luck with that.



Lunchtime is No Longer Fun Time by Samantha Circelli

Enjoy the next few weeks of eating wherever you please, because lunchrooms will no longer be optional. That's right, starting April 23rd the school will be assigning lunch rooms to the high school. You will be placed into teachers' rooms by alphabetical order of last name. There have been numerous complaints about students walking around the halls and switching lunch rooms during lunch. The new lunches will now be monitored by whichever teachers are in that room. For example, if John Doe is assigned to Maria's room, Maria will be monitoring that room. Lunches will be silent due to excessive noise that multiple teachers have complained about.

Eating outdoors is also no longer a privilege we have. Students who eat outside will have to adjust to only eating inside. These new rules will be in the place the rest of the school year. If you complain, talk, or leave your room during this time, consequences will be severe. Punishments will range from write ups to FIT detention or even suspension in serious cases. If you try and switch rooms or hide in the bathroom, please know that they will find you, and it won't be pretty.

Upcoming Events - April 2014 by Zain Akhtar

April is a busy month, as the quarter ends soon, so keep track of all the dates with this month's upcoming school events!

April 11th-Barbershop Quartet Day- This one's for all the barbershop quartet members in our school. April 11th is that close! On April 11, 1938 the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America was founded in Tulsa, Oklahoma, marking the official celebration of barbershop quartet day. Barbershop quartet day started in England, but it's making it's way across the world. Wait until Kim Jong Un is in a red striped sweater and bowtie. Just wait.

April 13th- Khmer New Year in Cambodia-Literally translating to "Enter New Year", is the end of the harvesting season in Cambodia. I mean, Khmer New Year, and then tax day! Get excited! Khmers living abroad may choose to celebrate during a weekend rather than just specifically April 13th through 15th. The Khmer New Year coincides with the traditional solar new year in several parts of India, Myanmar, Thailand and Sri Lanka.

April 18th-Zimbabwean Independence Day- April is a loaded month! Khmer New Year, and Zimbabwean Independence day! Happy day! Are you ready? Zimbabwe independence day is less than 3 weeks away! Get your cakes and invites ready. We've all been waiting for this all year. Christmas? Hanukkah? No, Zimbabwean Independence day!

There are only 67 days until the big day.

