



# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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Half way around the world families are dealing with a natural disaster that is unmatched in recent history. The school encourages all its families to support families and individual in these devastated communities with contributions of aid to an organization of their choice. Attached to the *UpDate* today is a list of a dozen or so aid organizations that are accepting contributions to funnel support to the victims of the tsunamis in the Indian Ocean. You may have a church or other organization to which you can contribute also. As a school that celebrates community service, this is an opportunity for us to see ourselves as a part of a world community and reach out. Thanks for your help.

Mike Munhall  
Head of School/Executive Director

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>01/05</b>	<b>Education Committee</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>01/05</b>	<b>Boys Basketball Game at St. Coleman Church, 27 Erie Street, Brockton</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>01/10</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Meeting - Cohasset</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/11</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>01/12</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Coffee with Mike</b>	<b>8:15am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>01/12</b>	<b>Open House</b>	<b>5:00-7:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/13</b>	<b>Level 2 Field Trip to MFA</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/13</b>	<b>Parents Association Meeting</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL HAS A NEW WEB ADDRESS.** Due to the recent addition of the word "public" to our school's name, our domain name has now changed to **[www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org)**. To email a member of the faculty or staff use "[first initial last name](mailto:first initial last name@sscps.org)"@sscps.org. For example, to send a message to an SSCPS employee named John Doe, please email [jdoe@sscps.org](mailto:jdoe@sscps.org).

Additionally, we have set up two parent email lists. Both lists include all email addresses that the school has on file for families in our community.

[parentnews@lists.sscps.org](mailto:parentnews@lists.sscps.org) - will be used by SSCPS for official school news only. Please note- any changes or additions to email addresses should be directed to [palgera@sscps.org](mailto:palgera@sscps.org).

[parents@lists.sscps.org](mailto:parents@lists.sscps.org) - is a discussion/communication list for parents use. Any parent may unsubscribe from this list by e-mailing [parents-optout@lists.sscps.org](mailto:parents-optout@lists.sscps.org).

### LUNCH ORDERS

Happy New Year. Attached please find a lunch order form for the month of January. Weekly orders are due no later than Thursday, January 6 at 3:00.

## **COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES**

**CONTRATULATIONS TO SENIORS AMANDA SELIG & RJ HARRIS** - Amanda has been accepted to Johnson State College and Green Mountain College both in Vermont. RJ has been accepted to Temple University in Pennsylvania.

## **ON THE LEVELS...**

### **SAYING OF THE WEEK:**

**LEVEL 1:** "The more the merrier"

**LEVEL 2:** "One rotten apple spoils the whole bunch."

### **NEWS FROM LEVEL 2**

?? Level 2 students have received their Exhibition of Mastery packets before vacation. Proposals are due this week.

**REMINDER STUDENTS SHOULD BRING TO SCHOOL THE APPROPRIATE CLOTHING (HATS, GLOVES, BOOTS, ETC.) FOR RECESS.**

**FINANCIAL AID NIGHT TUESDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> 7:00-9:00PM WITH MEFA.** Mary Carter, Guidance will also be available for questions regarding Exit Standards and Graduation requirements.

### **MIDYEAR EXAM SCHEDULE**

High School students in grades 9 –12 will be taking midyear exams for their five core subjects on January 19-21, 2005. These exams will be 90 minutes in length and cover the first semester material. A separate grade for these exams will appear on the report card.

On Wednesday and Thursday, January 19 – 20, exams will be at 8:30 and 10:30. On Friday, January 21, there will be one exam at 8:30.

Missed exams will be made up during the exam period.

Students need to report at 8:15 for morning meeting and may leave after the second exam is completed (12:00PM). If a student does not have a first exam, they may report at 10:00 AM for the second exam. They must sign in at that time. Students who do not have a second exam may leave at 10:00AM after signing out.

Students who cannot arrange for a ride home after exams will have an opportunity for study halls and community service and will be dismissed at the normal dismissal time.

## **PROJECT NEWS**

**PLAYWRITING & PERFORMANCE PROJECT WILL HOLD AN A.M. COFFEE** during the week of January 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:45-8:10am in the Lobby.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

?? Level 1 part time teacher aide (20 hours week) beginning 1/3/05

?? On-call substitute teacher

?? Full Time Substitute teacher

Send cover letter, resume and list of references to Kristine Shipps, Business Manager, Office #3.

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

**NEXT PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm - Agenda attached.**

## **BOX TOP CLASSROOM CONTEST**

During the month of January we will be having a Box Top Classroom contest for Levels 1, 2, 3. Each classroom will receive a designated Box Top bag with the classroom teacher and room number on it. At the end of January the classroom that collects the most box tops will win a Pizza Party or an Ice Cream Party.

Please save your box tops for this contest. Ask your family, friends, and co-workers to also save them for you and send them into your child's classroom during the month of January. This contest will officially start on January 3, 2005. Attached is a product list for your information. If you have any questions you can email Beth Toma at [JToma85103@aol.com](mailto:JToma85103@aol.com) or 781-340-5742.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEE NEWS**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS MEMBERS** -The Nominating Committee (a subcommittee of Governance) is looking for interested Community Members (Faculty, Staff, Parents & Friends) to serve on this committee. Members of the Nominating Committee participate by actively seeking and evaluating potential Board candidates. If interested please contact any of the following members: Shelley Toleno @ [stoleno@adelphia.net](mailto:stoleno@adelphia.net)., Steve Locke @ [lockesc@comcast.net](mailto:lockesc@comcast.net), or Bill Smyth at [wmsmyth@comcast.net](mailto:wmsmyth@comcast.net).

100 Longwater Circle ~ Norwell, MA 02061 ~ 781/982-4202

Website ~ [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org)

**School Closings will be announced on:**

**WCVB-TV Channel 5, WFXT Fox 25, WHDH-TV Channel 7, WRKO AM 680**

***Once opened for the day, school will remain open until the last student is picked up.***

**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION  
AGENDA**

January 13, 2005  
7:00—9:00 PM  
100 Longwater Circle  
Norwell, MA

Review and Approve Minutes from November and December

Announcements

Board of Trustees' Report

Executive Director's Report  
Mike Munhall

Treasures Report  
Patty Mullen

School Council Report

Education Committee Report

Learning Services Fund Request

The Learning Services department is requesting \$2,000 to fund a reading improvement program that would benefit and improve reading of all students.

Motion to approve the funds requested.

Open Circle Curriculum

Clarify what levels are having Open Circle, and see if there are any ways to expand this curriculum or adapt it for older grades. *Submitted by Fab Keller*

Old Business

French for a Fee Program—Update on the funds earmarked for curriculum purchase.

Committee Reports

Arts/Music ~ Community Service ~ Fundraising ~ Events ~ Parent Partners ~ Diversity ~  
Grounds & Beautification ~ Health/Safety ~ PAC~ Staff Appreciation ~ Transportation ~ Volunteer

Grade Representative Reports

New Business