



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Somewhere around 475 BC the Greek philosopher Sophocles said: "Success is dependent on effort." As a school, effort is something we prize. This past week we had some wonderful news that recognized effort on the part of our 10th grade class of last year (our current 11th grade). MCAS scores came out last week and *The Boston Globe* reported that South Shore Charter Public School was the **most improved school in Massachusetts** regarding 10th graders passing the MCAS on the first try. Along with nine other schools, 100% of our sophomores passed the MCAS. We were named the top school in improvement because our scores and the percentage of students passing rose more than any other school.

At an assembly with the high school students last Friday, level coordinator, Mark Veader said that while the success for the school was great, it "was the choice of each of those students last year to do their best, that helped them to pass." Our juniors have now set a standard for our sophomores when it comes to achieving the state's mandate for high school success. It is up to all of us to help each succeeding sophomore class to reach the same level of accomplishment.

It is not often that small schools get to say they are number one, so we will accept that honor today with humility, knowing that those students made an excellent effort and we have much still to do to raise the level of achievement for all our students.

Well done, Class of 2006!

Wednesday	9/29	Governance Committee	6:45 pm
Thursday	9/30	Lunch Orders due by 3:00 pm	
Thursday	9/30	PSAT Review for Parents & Students	6:00 pm
Monday	10/04	Education Committee Meeting	3:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW PSAT WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT SSCS –A free seminar for students and their parents will be held on Thursday, September 30th at 6:30pm. For more information contact Mary Carter ext. 306.

AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC LESSONS –South Shore Conservatory Music Lessons are being scheduled. We are hoping to find 4 more students for voice lessons in order to fill a class. Contact the Conservatory at 781/749-7565 ext. 12 for more information.

THE WAVE – SCHOOL STORE PROJECT BEGINS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – Sally Foster catalogs have been distributed. Sale dates are September 24th through October 25th. For more information, contact The Wave's Sally Foster Chairperson, Allie Sherman, at 781/982-4202 ext. 321

2004 ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE – If you are interested in receiving a hard copy of the report, please contact Ellen Lothrop or Maria Sullivan at the front desk.

LUNCH ORDERS

OCTOBER MENU AND ORDER FORM FOR NEXT WEEK IS ATTACHED. Reminder all lunch orders for the next week must be returned with payment by 3pm Thursday. If a weekly order form is not received, lunch will not be ordered for your child.

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

SCHOOL POLICY FOR MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION AT SCHOOL

- Your child's licensed prescriber must prescribe all medication (including over the counter).
- A parental consent form must be signed before any medication is given.
- Students are not allowed to self-medicate nor are they permitted to carry any medication in pockets, handbags, backpacks, etc.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

VICE CHAIR NEEDED – The Parents Association is looking for a parent who is not holding another elected position to fulfill the remainder of this vacated position. All interested parents should contact, Maria Sullivan. The next Parents Association Meeting is on October 14, 2004, 7-9pm. Please contact Maria Sullivan, SullivanSeven@aol.com with any agenda items no later than Tuesday, October 5, 2004. The agenda will be included in the October 6th Update.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are looking to begin school council with a meeting on Monday, October 18 at 3:30PM. The council will then meet on the third Monday of every month (unless there is a holiday) at 3:30. The council serves an important advisory role to the Principal of the school. This year the council will be composed of 6 parents, one from each level, three faculty, and three students, one each from levels IV, V, and VI. If any parent who is not currently serving in another elected capacity is interested in serving on the council, they should contact Maria Sullivan at x100 by Friday, October 1st. Because this is an elected position, we will post a ballot for the positions in next week's update. We want to conclude the election process quickly and announce the representatives in the update on Wednesday, October 6. Thank you for your help and support in this matter.

EXTENDED DAY NEWS:

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IS AT FULL CAPACITY. If you have an emergency, please call our office at 781/982-4202 ext. 107 or during program hours at 617/750-1435 and we will try to accommodate emergency situations.

WANTED DRESS UP CLOTHES – Do you have any fun dress-up clothing for our trunk? If so please bring them to the office and our After School children will have great fun.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM DURING SCHOOL VACATIONS – Any families in need of a program for the February and/or April school vacations should contact Maura Ballou as soon as possible.

ON THE LEVELS...

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1 "Like a fish out of water"

Level 2 "Beauty is only skin deep"

IT IS TIME TO SET UP YOUR GOAL SETTING MEETINGS – Contact your child's pod teacher to schedule a meeting time.

PROJECT NEWS

EXPERTISE NEEDED – The Level 5 & 6 Digital Media Service Project is looking for help with web development and video production. Call Kevin Slesinsky at ext. 324 or email kslesinsky@sscs-ma.org.

SEWING SUCCESS TO HOLD BAKE SALE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH. This new project is also in need of donations of sewing items and sewing machines. Contact Kitty Hillson at ext. 314.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR to direct and coordinate the entire Technology Program for the School and to teach Microsoft Users Certification course.

PART TIME JANITOR/MAINTENANCE needed for school year. Hours are from 11:30am- 1:30pm Monday through Thursday and on Fridays from 7:00am to 2:30pm. Great opportunity for a parent to help maintain our new building. Hourly rate is \$9.00/hr. Responsibilities include cleanup from lunch and assisting with building maintenance.

PART TIME ACCOUNTING CLERK needed for Business Office. This is a twelve-month position that requires Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Public Procurement, and prior Quickbooks Financial Software experience a PLUS. This position is for 24 hours per week at \$15.00/hr.

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

BOYS BASKETBALL COACH NEEDED - For more information, contact Dr. Gorsuch at ext. 102.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

DO YOU NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS??? Due to the immense destruction of Hurricane Ivan, Haiti has lost 800 lives and counting. There is enormous need for any supplies you think appropriate and any funds you feel generous enough to give. Look for a receptacle in our Lobby by next week, for clothes, food, medical supplies, toothbrushes, what ever occurs to you as useful. An envelope for monitory donations will be at the front desk marked "Haiti Hurricane fund". One of our Haitian American parents will make sure the gifts reach Haiti. If you would like to help organize, or have questions contact Claudia (781-925-9060), or call Tania - at ext.204. Thank you.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NEEDED – Tania Philips, Learning Services Teacher is looking for a student to read books and/or assignments and record them to tape. If interested, contact Tania at ext. 204.

STATE FARM INSURANCE is offering 100 grants of \$1000 each to students ages 5 - 25 to support community service learning projects planned for April, 2005, in honor of National Youth Service Day. Applications are due October 18, 2004. Details can be found on the website www.ysa.org/nysd.

CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS – EARN MONEY FOR SSCS Convert your spent printer, fax, and copier cartridges and unused cell phones into cash for SSCPS! Cartridges for Kids recycles these unwanted items and reimburses the donating school. We have raised \$75 in less than two months. All proceeds will benefit environmental-themed projects. Drop boxes are located in the Recycle Center in the main hallway. Contact Monni Ryan at 781/925-9541 for more information.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ... MONEY FOR SSCPS! Before your child runs out of supplies - and you run out of the house - purchase everything online at [http://www.1stoschoolshop.com/!](http://www.1stoschoolshop.com/) 10% of all purchases will benefit SSCPS!

COMING SOON ...Look for the Community Service Bulletin Board, which will be located in the school lobby. If you know of any opportunities for students and families please e-mail Pam Algera at palgera@sscs-ma.org to be included in the "Weekly Update".

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Lunch Menu October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 BLT Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato With Mayonnaise	5 Cheese Pizza	6 Chicken Salad	7 Cheese Pizza	8 Cold Veggie Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Mayonnaise
11 Italian With Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise	12 Cheese Pizza	13 Ham & Cheese With Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise	14 Cheese Pizza	15 Tuna Salad With Lettuce, Tomato
18 Turkey With Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise	19 Cheese Pizza	20 Roast Beef With Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise	21 Cheese Pizza	22 Cold Veggie Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Mayonnaise
25 Ham & Cheese With Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise	26 Cheese Pizza	27 BLT Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato With Mayonnaise	28 Cheese Pizza	29 Tuna Salad With Lettuce, Tomato