



# **SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE**

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## **SPECIAL HOLIDAY AUCTION THIS SATURDAY!!!**



**GIFTS...TRIPS...GAMES...STUDENT-MADE  
ITEMS...TICKETS...ADVENTURES!**

**\*\*\* RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTION, AND LIVE AUCTION! \*\*\***

**We are still accepting reservations for the 6:00pm  
Pre-Auction Preview for \$25!  
General admission at 7:00pm for \$5!  
Live Auction begins at 8:00pm!**



### Directions to Broad Cove Auction Hall

Take Route 3 to Exit 14 and follow Route 228N to Route 3A. Take a left onto 3A and follow it to and around the Hingham Center rotary keeping the Harbor on your right hand side. Route 3A will bend sharply to the left approximately 1/2 mile from the rotary. The Auction Hall is immediately on the left hand side next to the Hingham Lobster Pound. A police officer will be directing traffic.

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/01</b>	<b>Education Committee</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/01</b>	<b>Personnel Committee</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/02</b>	<b>Theatre Arts Performance – Auditorium</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/03</b>	<b>Open Mic</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>12/04</b>	<b>SPECIAL HOLIDAY AUCTION Broad Cove Auction Hall, Hingham</b>	<b>6:00 Pre-Auction 7:00 General Admission</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/08</b>	<b>Level 3 Frog Pond Field Trip</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/08</b>	<b>Academic Warnings Issued Grades 9-12</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/08</b>	<b>Governance Committee</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CLASSICAL BENEFIT** - The Hingham Symphony Orchestra has released 100 tickets to the SSCPS community for its upcoming December 5 performance at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. The program includes both ethereal and electrifying music from Bach, Beethoven, Bizet, and Massenet. Tickets sell for \$25/adult, \$20/senior, and \$10/children...BUT...the HSO will keep only \$5 for every ticket with the remainder going to SSCPS! For more information, contact Nancy Smalzel at 781/740-8106.

**DON'T MISS THE THEATRE ARTS PROJECT PERFORMANCE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
Join the members of this project in the Auditorium at 6:00pm as they perform three plays. Hope to see you there!!

**ALL LOST AND FOUND ITEMS WILL BE DONATED DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>!** If your child is missing items, look through the Lost & Found located near Level 2.

**HOME LANGUAGE SURVEY IS DUE TO THE FRONT DESK.**

## LUNCH ORDERS

Attached is a Lunch Order Form for the remainder of December. If you haven't already completed a lunch order for the whole month, you may do so now or continue to order one week at a time. This lunch order form is due to the office no later than Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 3:00pm. Thank you.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

**NEXT PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>** Agenda attached.

## STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

The next Staff Appreciation will be in the form of a cookie swap, on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Cookie goodie bags will be assembled and distributed for the staff of SSCPS. We do, however, need lots of elves! Please e-mail Ann Selig [seligfam@aol.com](mailto:seligfam@aol.com) or call 781-925-4491 if you can bake two dozen of your favorites to be brought in on Dec 14 in the morning for assembly. Donations of ribbons, colored plastic wrap, food gift bags/boxes would be accepted also. Come along if you would like to help with assembly.

This is a great low-key way to get involved in your child's school! Thanks again to all, who make this little appreciation for the staff successful!

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION UPDATE** – Thank you to everyone for getting your Boxtops in. Box Top for Bingo will end on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and a drawing for prizes will take place. Bingo sheets are available at the front desk. So far Box Tops has raised \$105.00 for the library.

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

**PROGRESS REPORTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED** – Progress Reports will be distributed on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> for students in grades K-6. Due to technical difficulties, Level 4 (Grades 7 & 8) reports will be distributed on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**ANY CHANGES IN DISMISSAL INSTRUCTIONS** must be submitted in writing to the classroom teacher. If the teacher does not have the written note they will follow the dismissal instructions submitted in September.

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

**LEVEL 1:**“Great Oaks from little acorns grow.”

**LEVEL 2:**“Laugh and the whole world laughs with you”

**LEVEL 3 ANNUAL ICE SKATING FIELD TRIP TO FROG POND** is next Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and chaperones are needed. Contact Claire at ext. 321 if you are able to attend.

## **PROJECT NEWS**

### **NEWS FROM THE ART PROJECT –**

The Art Project has, in weeks past, completed the installment of their “totem polls” upon the columns leading from the lobby through the high school’s main corridor. A level, from one to six, created each totem. The children had sufficient input in making a totem they felt represented them and their environment. The totems, consisting of paper covered in designs ranging from animals to vegetables, are organized in numeric order starting with level one’s column near the high school’s great meeting room and ending with level six’s by the front entrance. The high school student’s will organize their rotation 4 times a year, once per quarter.

During the past quarter, Level 1 has created three-dimensional birds from Model Magic modeling clay. The students of the level studied aviary creatures and colors before beginning their sculptures. They were given only primary colored clay, with the exception of black and white. The students blended any secondary colors seen. Each bird is labeled with the name of its sculptor and on display in the school lobby. They hang from miniature “trees” (branches found bordering the near-by wood) in displays made by high school students in the art project.

**THE MARKETING PROJECT FUNDRAISER BEGINS** – each day throughout the month of December a different item, donated by a local business, will be raffled. A calendar that lists each day’s raffle is provided with this newsletter and will also be provided with each raffle ticket purchased. Tickets are \$2.00 for the first three entries and \$1.00 for each additional entry. Buy as many entries as you want! Raffle ticket sales will be held in the lobby during drop off from 7:45 to 8:15 and across from the School Store between 12:30 – 1:00pm. You may also submit the attached form along with payment to Jenn’s Room #203. Checks should be made payable to South Shore Charter Public School.

**HELP FEED THE HOMELESS!** The cooking project and the Art force are selling decorative wooden spoons for \$5.00. All of the profits will go to Project Bread, which is a non-profit organization that feeds the homeless in Massachusetts. If you want to buy a spoon, please come to Krista’s Pod or call ext. 320 by December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**YEARBOOK PROJECT IS LOOKING FOR PHOTOS!** Contact Kendra ext. 329 or Seth ext. 316.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS**

**BOTTLE/CAN DRIVE FOR THE ANIMALS** – Level 3 students Sarah Walzer and Madison Dell are collecting bottles and cans to raise money to help care for the animals in the Science Room. Please bring rinsed donations to the blue bin outside Room 308. Thank you.

**NEED TO DO SOME HOLIDAY SHOPPING!** Level 3 student Jackie Perry will hold a craft & gift sale on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in Dan's Room from 12-1pm. All money raised will be donated to help needy families and a local animal shelter.

## **FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS CHARTER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

**SEEKING A BOSTON CHARTER ALLIANCE DIRECTOR** – The Boston Charter Alliance is formed under the Massachusetts Charter School Association with the purpose of increasing parent organizing in order to promote quality educational choice for Boston families. The Director reports to the Board's subcommittee for Boston organizing and works with Dr. Marc Kenen, Director of the Massachusetts Charter School Association.

### Qualifications:

- ?? Experience in grass roots organizing and advocacy
- ?? Entrepreneurial spirit and willingness to create an organization and network
- ?? Exceptional communication skills – both written and verbal
- ?? Proven capacity to work with a diverse group of constituents
- ?? Knowledge/understanding of Massachusetts education reform and charter school movement

Email or mail resume and cover letter to:

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For more information contact the Massachusetts Charter School Association at  
[www.masscharterschools.org](http://www.masscharterschools.org)