



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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As we approach the holiday vacation next week and the joy that the season can bring, I want to express the school's wishes to you all our families. We have had a wonderful first four months in our new home learning to get to know our new community with all the great families and students who have joined us this year.

Two of our seniors received word this week from Governor Romney that they are able to go to college tuition-free. Carolyn Coyne and Matt Gambardello are among the first recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. This scholarship allows them to attend the University of Massachusetts or any state college for four years, tuition-free. They qualified for the scholarship from the exceptional scores they earned on the MCAS in 10th grade. Congratulations to both Carolyn and Matt on a great achievement.

The Winter Solstice Concert last night was an outstanding success. The work Wardie Mannix, Andre Kim and Mary Roman did with their students in all six levels was a great gift to their student's parents. Holding it at Hingham High School's auditorium and packing the house with so many of our families and topping it off with a great concert, brought cheer to all who were there. Thank you to all the students and staff involved.

This past weekend our basketball teams had their season opener against Mystic Valley Charter. While we didn't win either game, there is a new enthusiasm in the program that made the evening exciting. Both the girls and boys have large teams of dedicated athletes who are learning to work together under the masterful guidance of coaches Katie Manchini and Kevin Cooper. Home games are at Hingham Middle School on Route 228 just north of Queen Anne's Corner (Route 53). I encourage all our families to bring the kids and have a fun night watching some of our older students take on the other charter school teams.

We have had two fundraisers in the last several days. Parent Teri Brenner, who works with Waldenbooks, brought together a team of parents to hold a wonderfully successful Book Fair that raised money for the development of our library. Thank you to Teri and all who helped make that a fruitful event. The school also raised several thousand dollars for the new library at its Special Holiday Auction on December 4 in conjunction with SpringBrook Toys, Inc. Everyone who attended had a great time and took away bargains ranging from balloon rides to wooden blocks and pirate ships. Again, a team of parents helped with the setup and arrangements for the auction, thanks to all those who pitched in.

Lastly we would like to thank those parents, led by Anne Selig, who have been the Staff Appreciation elves. Every staff member got a bag of holiday cookies this week and the various things this committee does all year gives the staff a huge boost. Thanks.

I wish everyone a joyous holiday and restful vacation. Lots of work has gone into this year so far and we can rest in the knowledge that all this good work is making our school better day by day.

Mike Munhall
Head of School/Executive Director

Thursday	12/16	Level 2 Roman Play	2:15pm
Thursday	12/16	Level 3 Field Trip to Strand Theatre	
Thursday	12/16	Parent Conferences (Grades 9-12)	By appointment
Thursday	12/16	Finance Committee	5:30pm
Thursday	12/16	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	12/17	LUNCH ORDERS DUE BY NOON	
Friday	12/17	Jaguars (Away) vs. Codman Academy 155 Talbot Avenue - Dorchester	Girls @ 6:00pm Boys @ 7:00pm
Sunday	12/19	Academy of the Pacific Rim vs. Jaguars (Home) Hingham Middle School	Girls @ 6:00pm Boys @ 7:00pm
Monday	12/20	School Council	3:30pm
Tuesday	12/21	JANUARY LUNCH ORDERS DUE BY 3:00pm	
Tuesday	12/21	Craft Day Level 1	1:15pm
Wednesday	12/22	Craft Day Level 2	1:15pm
Thursday	12/23	HOLIDAY BREAK BEGINS	NO SCHOOL
Monday	1/03	CLASSES RESUME	8:15am
		Exhibition of Mastery Week Levels 5 & 6	
Wednesday	1/05	8th Grade Parents Coffee with Mike	8:15am
Wednesday	1/05	Education Committee	3:30pm

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**. 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.

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 - 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.

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.

ALL LOST AND FOUND ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TODAY - DECEMBER 15TH!

RED VELVET SCARF found at Winter Solstice Concert. Contact Claudia Darrow in the Title 1 office.

LUNCH ORDERS

Weekly Lunch order form is attached. This order is due to the office no later than Friday, December 17 at 12:00noon. If you have already completed a Monthly Lunch Order Form for the entire month of December, please do not complete this form.

Also attached are the January Monthly Order Form and the January Menu. It is due no later than Tuesday, December 21 at 3:00 pm. You may complete this form for the entire month or on a weekly basis.

Attention to Level 2, 3, and 4: if you have been previously notified that your child has a credit due to a December field trip, please note so on the order form and deduct this amount from your total.

LONGWATER TRANSPORTATION

Longwater Transportation has one seat available on the bus from Hull to South Shore Charter Public School in Norwell. The bus accepts students from Hull, Hingham, and Cohasset and is open to students from all levels. Please contact KT Leary (781-925-1257) or Greer Tocci (781-925-8682) as soon as possible if you would like to reserve this seat and/or for more information. Happy Holidays!

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

CONTRATULATIONS TO SENIOR ADAM GROSS who has been accepted to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida.

ON THE LEVELS...

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

LEVEL 1:“Don’t judge a book by its cover.”

LEVEL 2:“Once in a blue moon.”

NEWS FROM LEVEL 2

- ?? Thursday, December 16th the 3rd grade Roman play will be performed at 11:00am for students and parents are invited to attend the 2:15pm performance.
- ?? Wednesday, December 22nd is Level 2 Craft Day at 1:00pm. Pod parents will be calling for volunteers or you may call Colin for more information.
- ?? Level 2 is looking for a Parent to volunteer on a weekly basis to help with lunch on Thursdays from 12:00 – 12:30pm. If interested please contact Colin at ext. 313.

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.

PSAT SCORES FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 10 & 11 will be distributed Thursday, December 16th.

PROJECT NEWS

THE MARKETING PROJECT FUNDRAISER – It’s not too late to purchase raffle tickets. There’s a winner each day. Tickets are \$2.00 for the first three entries and \$1.00 for each additional entry. Ticket sales are being held from 7:45 to 8:15 and 12:30 – 1:00pm.

SUPPORT THE ROCK MONKEY PROJECT and purchase a raffle ticket for the Prize Basket displayed in the lobby valued at \$133.00. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for 3 tickets. See the project members in room 101.

CHILDREN’S BOOK PROJECT PROVIDE SERVICES TO RAISE MONEY FOR THEIR UPCOMING TRIP TO HONDURAS!

?? There is still time to support the Children’s Book Project as they “**Rake to Honduras**”. Contact Project Leader Howard Bean at ext. 301 if you are interested in having members of the project rake your yard.

?? The project is selling Calzone Slices on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes to students in Levels 4, 5 & 6 for \$2.00 per slice. No pre-orders are necessary!

Playwriting Project sponsors morning Coffee and Breakfast Treat Week of January 3rd from 7:45 – 8:10am \$2.50.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ?? Level 4 part time teacher aide (20 hours week)
- ?? 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

BOX TOP CLASSROOM CONTEST

During the month of January, 2005 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, room number on it. At the end of January, 2005 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 or 781-340-5742.

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.

TOY DRIVE – The Carolina Hill Homeless Shelter in Marshfield is in need of new, unwrapped toys for ages Birth – 14years. Students and their families can leave donations for pickup by December 22nd. Thank you, Shelly Dell 781/545-1326.

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

Website ~ 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.

Lunch Order Form

Complete one form for each child

Lunch for the Month of December, 2004

Due to the Office by NOON, FRIDAY, December 17, 2004

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

Please **Check** off the day lunch will be ordered and **Circle** your selection.

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday
(12/20-12/22)		Sub		Pizza		Sub
		1/2 sub		# _____		1/2 sub
		Sandwich				Sandwich

Number of Subs/Sandwiches ordered	_____	X \$5
Number of 1/2 Subs ordered	_____	X \$3
Number of Pizza Slices ordered	_____	X \$1.50

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS
Milk is not included with the meal and can be purchased each day for 25 cents.

Reduced Lunch* Free Lunch*
40 Cents a Day

Use the Monthly Lunch Menu when ordering

Lunch is ordered through Yanni's of Rockland.

Please Note: If your Child has forgotten lunch, a Lunch (Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich and Milk) will be provided at the cost of \$2. A note from the Office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.

*Complete and return the Income Eligibility Form to use the lunch guidelines.

Lunch Order Form

Complete one form for each child

Lunch for the Month of **January, 2005**

Due to the Office by 3pm TUESDAY, December 21, 2004

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

Please **Check off the day** lunch will be ordered and **Circle your selection.**

Week of (1/3-1/7) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 Sub Pizza Sub Pizza Sub
 1/2 sub # _____ 1/2 sub # _____ 1/2 sub
 Sandwich Sandwich Sandwich

Week of (1/10-1/14) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 Sub Pizza Sub Pizza Sub
 1/2 sub # _____ 1/2 sub # _____ 1/2 sub
 Sandwich Sandwich Sandwich

Week of (1/17-1/21) Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 Pizza Sub Pizza Sub
 # _____ 1/2 sub # _____ 1/2 sub
 Sandwich Sandwich

Week of (1/24-1/28) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 Sub Pizza Sub Pizza Sub
 1/2 sub # _____ 1/2 sub # _____ 1/2 sub
 Sandwich Sandwich Sandwich

Number of Subs/Sandwiches ordered _____ X \$5
Number of 1/2 Subs ordered _____ X \$3
Number of Pizza Slices ordered _____ X \$1.50

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.
Milk is not included with the meal and can be purchased each day for 25 cents.

Use the Monthly Lunch Menu for specific Lunch selections.

Lunch is ordered through Yanni's of Rockland

Please Note: If your Child has forgotten lunch, a Lunch (Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich and Milk) will be provided at the cost of \$2. A note from the Office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.

Reduced Lunch of 40 cents a day* Free Lunch*

* Complete and return the Income Eligibility Form to use the lunch guidelines.

Lunch Menu

January

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<p><i>3</i> Ham/ Cheese With Lettuce, Tomato, and Mayonnaise</p>	<p><i>4</i> Cheese Pizza</p>	<p><i>5</i> Bologna/Cheese With Mustard</p>	<p><i>6</i> Cheese Pizza</p>	<p><i>7</i> Tuna Salad With Lettuce and Tomato</p>
<p><i>10</i> Italian Cold Cut With Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles and Oil</p>	<p><i>11</i> Cheese Pizza</p>	<p><i>12</i> Chicken Salad With Lettuce</p>	<p><i>13</i> Cheese Pizza</p>	<p><i>14</i> Cold Veggie With Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Cheese, Mayonnaise</p>
<p><i>17</i> NO SCHOOL</p>	<p><i>18</i> Cheese Pizza</p>	<p><i>19</i> Turkey With Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato and Mayonnaise</p>	<p><i>20</i> Cheese Pizza</p>	<p><i>21</i> Tuna Salad With Lettuce and Tomato</p>
<p><i>24</i> BLT Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato and Mayonnaise</p>	<p><i>25</i> Cheese Pizza</p>	<p><i>26</i> Salami/Cheese With Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles and Oil</p>	<p><i>27</i> Cheese Pizza</p>	<p><i>28</i> Cold Veggie With Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Cheese, Mayonnaise</p>

January 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 Classes Resume	4	5 8 th Grade Parents Coffee 8:15am	6	7	8
Exhibition of Mastery – Level 5 & 6						
			Education Committee 3:30pm			
9	10 Strategic Plan Meeting Cohasset 6:30pm	11	12 12 th Grade Parents Coffee 8:15am OPEN HOUSE 5:00-7:00pm	13 Level 2 to MFA Parent Association 7-9pm	14 Intent to Return Mailed	15
16	17 No School <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22
Mid Term Exams – Level 5 & 6						
		Financial Aid Night 7:00pm	9 th Grade Parents Coffee 8:15am		High School Outing	
23	24 School Council 3:30	25 Full Faculty 3:30	26 K's Parent Coffee 8:15am	27	28 Ski Trip Level 3 and 4	29
30	31					