

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Skiing, skating, close of school announcements, exhibitions of mastery, the Lottery, vacation week...all are features of winter at the charter school. With one eye toward spring and the other enjoying the fun of winter we manage to stay focused on the work at hand. Last weekend the school held its annual Lottery. This year we had 283 applications across the grades. We took 41 students in Kindergarten, 1 in fourth grade, 3 in eighth grade and 10 in ninth grade. With this we will be at an enrollment of 488 in August 2006. This will be the largest enrollment for the school.

There are many rumors flying around about the growth of the enrollment at school. Let me try to clear some of them up. In January the State Board of Education granted SSCPS an increased enrollment cap of 540, 72 students more than our old cap. The school will reach this new level of enrollment gradually over several years...possibly as many as five years. For 2006, we will be twenty students larger than we are this year. This growth will be primarily in the high school grades. More and more students are opting to continue their high school education here at SSCPS rather than their district or other school, thus the increased retention from eighth to ninth grade is growing the high school numbers. Along with that we will have more seniors next year. The class of 2006 is sixteen students; the class of 2007 will be 31. The success of the high school is drawing students. The enrollment increase is needed to fund the operations of the school. In order to pay our teachers respectable salaries and deal with the rising costs of utilities and other operations, the school must increase its enrollment.

This increased enrollment is requiring minimal construction this summer. We will be renovating the biology/chemistry science lab and expanding Room 100. As we add more students to reach the 540 number we will have to add classrooms. This will be done as we raise the monies to fund that construction. We are currently waiting on our architect's development of a master plan to complete the renovation of the school. Included in the renovation will be the library, "cafegymtorium," lower grades' science room and other tutoring space. We will only be able to add more students to the school as we can complete the renovation of the building. Thus, it will probably take several years to accomplish. However, that being said, there were a few people three years ago that felt we wouldn't be able to purchase our school facility, but we did it. It is that same optimism that will allow us to finish the school and to grow the enrollment and keep our school strong and dynamic.

At the Parent Association meeting last week, Mike Nuesse, treasurer of the Board, gave the parents and overview of the financial situation of the school. One of his points showed that the money raised by the parents comprises just over 1% of the total revenue of the school. However, that \$50,000 is critical to the welfare of the program. Thus, it is so important that every family contribute to the Annual Fund each year. In addition, the school and charter foundation is constantly exploring other options for added revenue: foundations, companies, individuals, who can support the work the teachers are doing with our children.

Enjoy your week off and we will see everyone back at school on February 27th.

Mike Munhall

Thursday	2/16	Shelley's Sport Project Used Book Fair	
Thursday	2/16	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	2/17	K-12 History Day	
Sunday	2/19	Jaguars @ home vs. Academy of Pacific Rim	6:00pm
Monday - Friday	2/20-2/24	<i>Winter Break – No School</i>	
Monday	2/27	Classes Resume	8:15am
Monday	2/27	Jaguars vs. Media & Technology at Orchard Park CC	6:30pm
Tuesday	2/28	Full Faculty Meeting	3:30pm
Wednesday	3/01	SEPAC meeting	8:30am
Wednesday	3/01	Technology Meeting	3:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ART AND MUSIC SOCIAL WAS POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER AND HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH. . Anyone who has already made a reservation will

automatically be placed on the new list. If you find that you cannot make the new date, please let me know.

Anyone who would now like to attend due to the change, tickets are still available. Please contact Nanci Jaye @ jayekay@comcast.net or 781-925-2929.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball: The SSCPS High School Girls team has won two games in a row and will go for a third against The Academy of the Pacific Rim tonight at 7:00 pm in Hyde Park. The season is winding down and the teams only have three scheduled games left. The last home game will be Sunday vs. Pacific Rim and the regular season closer will be Monday February 27th vs. MATCH.

Middle School Basketball: The middle school season is also coming to a close. Tonight the team will play Smith Leadership at the Mattahunt Community Center and on Thursday will play the Benjamin Franklin Charter School again at the South Shore Sports Complex.

Ski/Snowboard Club: We will be skiing this Friday night at Wachusett Mountain and then we will have the week off returning to Ski again on Friday March 3rd.

SPRING SPORTS

Information will be posted for Spring Sports this Friday. The seasons will not officially begin until March 20th. Right now it appears that we will be able to have Track, Tennis, Softball and Baseball. But these are still not definite. I am sorry to report that this season we will not be offering golf. Hopefully next year!

ROAD RACE

We are going to have a road race March 18th. More information will be provided once we return from winter break. *Enjoy the vacation!*

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the lunch order form for the last week of February due to the office no later than 3:00 on Thursday, February 16, 2006. Also please find the March lunch order form and menu due to the office no later than Thursday, March 2, 2006. If you have any questions, please call me at X109. JoAnn Callahan

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION HEALTH COMMITTEE AND JUNE'S POD ARE SPONSORING A FOOD DRIVE for the Brockton Food Pantry, which services as many as 50 families in a day. We'd like to sponsor "An Item of the Month" over the next 3 months. February's item is jelly, March's item is peanut butter, and April will feature rice. We would love to have 400 items each month to donate to the pantry, so please throw an extra one of these staples in your shopping cart next time you go to the store. Donation boxes will be in the front of the lobby. Help our thermometer go up!

LEVEL 1 AND LEVEL 2 WILL BE COLLECTING COINS FOR LYMPHOMA starting Monday, February 27th and ending Friday, March 10th. More details to follow!

LEVEL 3 IS PARTICIPATING IN THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S "DAFFODIL DAYS"! CHECK THE BACKPACKS FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN ORDER FORM. QUESTIONS? CONTACT JOHN EXT.

THE STUDENT BOARD WILL BE SELLING "PAWS FOR A CAUSE". Each paw will be \$2.00 - \$1.00 will go to the Student Activities Fund and \$1.00 will go to Tufts NE Medical Center, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department on behalf of Alison Hayes. There will be a contest between Level 4 and the High School to see who can sell the most Paws. Look for the display of Paws around the Levels. This contest will run through the month of March and the winning Level will receive an ice cream party.

ON THE LEVELS

SHELLEY'S POD USED BOOK SALE IS FEBRUARY 16TH AND 17TH the money raised will go towards SSCPS sports teams and the Level 1 Sports Project.

COMPLEMENTARY WORKSHOP AT LINDAMOOD BELL LEARNING CENTER! Making The Grade: "How to Write A Book Report" Workshop Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm Lindamood-Bell® South Shore Learning Center 515 Washington Street in Norwell. From finding the right book and getting started, to writing tips and final presentation, this helpful workshop will give students a crash course on how to write a successful book report. Learn how to research, organize, outline, and create book reports that will dazzle! Bring a friend. Call (781) 659-7722 for more information and to RSVP.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION - The Bucks for Boxtops contest ended yesterday (Tues 14th). There was a good response and the totals will be added up shortly. Prizes will be handed out Thursday, February 16th. Thank you to everyone for participating!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- On-Call Substitute Teachers-All grades
- On-Call Substitute Nurse
- Extended Day Afternoon Aide-PT

Please send cover letter, resume and three references to Kristine Shipps, SSCPS, 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 0206 or email kshipps@sscps.org

WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SSCPS.ORG

South Shore Charter Public School

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

Dear South Shore Parents,

We are currently in the process of putting together the 2005-2006 yearbook for our school. Of course, it takes a great deal of time and money to complete this project. We are looking for help from our parents and area businesses. By purchasing an advertisement in our yearbook, our chances of funding it become much better. Not to mention that your company or business' advertisement will be located inside each yearbook that is sold, promoting your service or business to each family that purchases the book.

A full-page ad costs \$150, a half page ad costs \$85, a quarter page ad costs \$45 and a business card size ad costs \$25. If you are interested in purchasing an advertisement please complete the enclosed form and make a check payable to South Shore Charter Public School. We would like to have all advertisement orders in by Friday, March 3rd.

Creating the best yearbook possible is very important to us. We would greatly appreciate your help. Thank you in advance for all of your support, please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Students of the Yearbook Workshop

South Shore Charter Public School 2005-2006 Yearbook

Advertising

Name/Company _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Contact person _____

Please Check Ad Size:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page | \$150.00 | 8 ½" X 10" vertical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page | \$85.00 | 5" X 8 ½" horizontal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page | \$45.00 | 4 ¼" X 5" vertical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Page (business card) | \$25.00 | 4" X 3 ½" horizontal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$20.00 | Your name listed |

Please check artwork arrangements:

- The Yearbook staff will design our ad, we will send the copy
- Our advertisement is enclosed
- We will send our advertisement artwork by Friday, March 3rd

Please enclose a check made out to "South Shore Charter Public School" and mail it to:

Yearbook
South Shore Charter Public School
100 Longwater Circle
Norwell, MA 02061

781/982-4202
Fax 781/982-4201
Kendra Whiting, Jared Rose, Advisors

Thank you for your support!

Lunch Order Form
Lunch for the Month of FEBRUARY
Due to the office by 3pm, Thursday, February 16, 2006

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

*Please **CHECK** off the day lunch will be ordered and **CIRCLE** your selection.*

Week of _____ **H A P P Y V A C A T I O N** _____
2/20 – 2/24

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
2/27 – 3/3	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Sub
	½ sub	# _____	½ sub	# _____	½ sub
	Wheat		Wheat		Wheat

Number of Subs/Wheat ordered	_____	X	\$5.00
Number of ½ subs ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
Number of Pizza Slices ordered	_____	X	\$1.50
Number of Salads/PB&J Lunches ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
Total Amount Enclosed			\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Milk IS included with the purchase of a meal or can be purchased separately for 25 cents.

Reduced Lunch of 40 cents a day* Free Lunch*

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

Please note: If your child has forgotten lunch, a lunch of Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$2.00. A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.

Lunch Menu – March 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ham and American Cheese</i></p> <p>With lettuce, tomato, Pickle and oil</p>	<p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>EARLY RELEASE</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO LUNCH</p>	<p>9</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tuna Salad</i></p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>13</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Turkey</i></p> <p>With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</p>	<p>14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Italian Cold Cuts</i></p> <p>With Provolone Cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle & oil</p>	<p>16</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PB&J Lunch -or- Tossed Salad</i></p> <p>With Italian Dressing and pita bread</p>
<p>20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Roast Beef w/ American Cheese</i></p> <p>With mustard</p>	<p>21</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>B L T</i></p> <p>Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<p>23</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day</i></p>
<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Italian Cold Cuts</i></p> <p>With Provolone Cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>28</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chicken Salad</i></p> <p>With lettuce</p>	<p>30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PB&J Lunch -or- Greek Salad</i></p> <p>With Greek Dressing and pita bread</p>

Milk is included with the purchase of lunch or may be purchased for 25 cents.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of MARCH
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 2, 2006

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

Please **CHECK** off the day lunch will be ordered and **CIRCLE** your selection.

Week of 3/6 – 3/10	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Pizza #_____	Wednesday EARLY RELEASE	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Sub ½ sub Wheat
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Week of 3/13 – 3/17	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Sub ½ sub Wheat
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Week of 3/20 – 3/24	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pizza #_____	NO SCHOOL
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Week of 3/27 – 3/31	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Sub ½ sub Wheat
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