

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

This fall our school has benefited incredibly from the commitment of our parent volunteers. We all are aware of the plans that are quickly coming to fruition around the Shining Stars Auction on November 5. With only the dedicated work of a legion of parent decorators, parent chair-painting coordinators, and parent food preparers is this auction coming together. But at the same time these preparations are moving along, other parents are filling in here and there all around the school. Prior to Mariclare Cheney being hired as the new Assistant to the Principal at the front desk, many parents volunteered hours of coverage to assist Ellen Lothrop with the many functions that go through the front desk each day...thank you all for that support! We would like to welcome Mariclare to the staff and look forward to her skills getting us up to speed again on office support. As a charter school mom, she has had two children in the school and knows what is involved in making SSCPS work.

Yesterday, I drove a van-full of eager parent advocates to Beacon Hill to lobby the legislature on bills regarding charter school funding. We joined over 400 other charter school parents, students and staff from all over the state at a joint hearing of the senate and house on charter school legislation. While our numbers were far stronger than our opponents, the anti-charter school people are well organized and forceful. We cannot underestimate their power in the halls of DOE and the legislature. I thank those parents who went in the van and those who took time from work in the city and joined us at the state house. I wish I could say this would be the last time we will have to go to the state house to ensure our school's survival, but it is only the latest visit. However, if anything will keep charter schools alive in Massachusetts it is this parental show of support...thank you all. If you were unable to attend yesterday, you may also go to the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association website and email your representative <http://advocacy.masscharterschools.org/>

Just a quick reminder that next week is Terra Nova testing for grades 1-12. These test results help the school more than the MCAS to know how students are doing collectively and individually in their learning. Please be sure your child gets a good breakfast each morning and plenty of sleep each evening so they are at their best for these important tests.

Mike Munhall

Thursday	10/20	Cooking Project Bake Sale	12:00pm
Thursday	10/20	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	10/21	Soccer vs. Boston Collegiate – Moakley Stadium	8:00pm
All Week	10/24 10/28	TERRA NOVA TESTING - Grades 1-12	
Tuesday	10/25	Full Faculty Meeting	3:30pm
Wednesday	10/26	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday	10/27	8th Grade Parent High School Information Night	7:00pm
Friday	10/28	Level 4 Harvest Dance	7:00 – 10:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8TH GRADE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT ABOUT THE HIGH SCHOOL - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 7:00PM - Hear from Dr. G and the teachers about what the High School holds in store for your student. The information session is focused primarily on 8th grade students and their families but all are invited to attend.

NOVEMBER 5th AUCTION TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

As many of you are now aware, the invitations to our Annual Auction have been sent out and received by the parents and guardians of our student population. We are extremely excited for the upcoming event and the wonderful donations we've received thus far. This year's event shall prove to yield not only a fabulous evening, but also afford our students many opportunities. We graciously thank everyone in advance for attending our "Shining Stars" event and look forward to welcoming each of you to a wonderful evening. Please remember to purchase your tickets in advance!

The Fundraising Committee

LUNCH ORDERS

For your convenience, the November Menu and Lunch Order Form have been included in this week's newsletter. This order form is due to the office by 3:00 pm on Thursday, October 27, 2005. Any lunch order forms received after Thursday will be returned and you may order the following week for the remainder of the month.

If you wish to order lunch for the last week of October (10/24 - 10/28), the attached October lunch order form is due by 3:00 pm on Thursday, October 20, 2005.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

- Cross-country meet October 29th at Wompatuck State Park at 10:00 am
- Soccer: 10/21 SSCPS vs. Boston Collegiate @ Moakley Stadium - Columbus Park 8:00 pm,
10/27 SSCPS vs. Academy of the Pacific Rim - Kelley Field at 4:00pm
- Ski Club: Meeting October 31st
- Middle School Basketball boys/girls meeting Monday October 24th during lunch see Will Glennon for more details.
- Fencing Club: If anyone missed the meeting please see Will for more information.
- Thank you for all volunteers during P.E. classes on Wednesdays and Fridays!

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

FACTS ABOUT BACKPACK INJURY

Carrying an overloaded backpack can cause painful back and neck problem and injuries, possibly leading to long-term medical problems. Medical professionals advise that individuals carry no more than 10-15% of their body weight on their backs.

Examples: A student weighing:

- 50 lbs should carry no more than 7.5 lbs.
- 80 lbs. should carry no more that 12 lbs.
- 100 lbs should carry no more than 15 lbs.
- 130 lbs. should carry no more than 19.5 lbs.

Please weigh your student and his/her fully loaded backpack. If you find it weighs more that 15% of his/ her body weight, help your student lighten the load.

Tips on Wearing a Backpack Properly

- Distribute weight evenly. Put heavier items on bottom to keep weight off the shoulders.
- Choose a backpack that has heavily padded shoulder straps and lumbar support. Padded shoulder straps offer cushioning for the trapezoids muscles and the clavicle bones. The lumbar support cushions the lumbar spine and redistributes the weight to the legs.
- Bend you knees when lifting a backpack.
- Carry only the necessities. (Clean out the backpack at least once a week.)

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Cold feet."

Level 2: "Haste makes waste."

FROM LEVEL 2

Thank you to Nicole's Art Force Project for putting on an exciting Harvest Festival last Friday, October 14th. The artwork, decorations and food made for a successful celebration to welcome in autumn. The Art Force Project would like to thank parents and students for their generous donations of decorations and baked goods for The Harvest Fair. You helped to make the Harvest Fair a great success!

WORKSHOP AND PROJECT NEWS

THEATRE WORKSHOP – The Theatre Workshop will be producing their first fundraising event of the year entitled *FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!* Students will be presenting original skits and improvisational scenes. This one night only event will be on **Friday, November 18 (7:30PM)** at SSCPS. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance for students and \$7.00 in advance for adults. At the door, all tickets will be \$10.00. For more information, please contact Kathy Seavey at 1-781-982-4202 extension 302. *Come and join the fun!*

JESSICA'S PROJECT – CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE – Needs parent volunteers to help out on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00. Please talk with Jessica if you can help. Room 201, email: jengebretson@sscps.org, 781-982-4202 x 310. Thank you!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! Volunteers are needed to help on a monthly/bimonthly basis at the front desk. Duties may include photocopying, answering phones, and the like. Times for volunteering are 8 - 11:30am and 12 - 2:30pm. If you are interested or would like further information, please email josandland@yahoo.com or sign up at the front desk.

BOXTOPS4EDUCATION - There will be a contest starting next Thursday, October 27th for box tops. It will end on Monday October 31st. Name the amount of candy in the Halloween jar. For every guess that you make you need to put 2 box tops in the jar. The Halloween jar will be in Kendra's pod. Guesses will only be taken at recess. The winner will be announced on Monday October 31st.

AUCTION COMMITTEE UPDATE:

We are fortunate to be comprised of such a talented group of parents and guardians. In addition to the overwhelming community response to donate and/or volunteer items and time to our November 5th auction, we are asking you to donate your special skills to share with the parents of your children's peers. Please contact the Fundraising Committee and contribute your unique talents. Thank you in advance!

Thank you from the Auction Committee!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PART TIME TEACHER AIDE – LEVEL 2
PART TIME BOYS BASKETBALL COACH
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/AIDES – ALL GRADES
SUBSTITUTE REGISTERED NURSE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS – EARN MONEY FOR SSCPS 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. A drop box is located in the Recycle Center in the main hallway. Contact the Ryan's at 781/925-9541 or Luke (9th grade), John (Level 4) or Grace (Level 2) for more information. We would be happy to pick up donations at local businesses!

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

Lunch Menu – November, 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 Ham & American Cheese With mustard	1 Cheese Pizza	2 Turkey With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise	3 Cheese Pizza	4 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
7 Italian Cold Cuts With provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	8 Cheese Pizza	9 Roast Beef With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise	10 EARLY RELEASE NO LUNCH	11 HOLIDAY NO LUNCH
14 Chicken Salad With lettuce and tomato	15 Cheese Pizza	16 Salami With provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	17 Cheese Pizza	18 PB&J Lunch -or- Greek Salad With Greek dressing and pita bread
21 BLT Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	22 Cheese Pizza	23 Ham and American Cheese With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise	24 HOLIDAY NO LUNCH	25 VACATION DAY NO LUNCH
28 Roast Beef With American cheese and mustard	29 Cheese Pizza	30 Italian Cold Cuts With lettuce, tomato, pickles and oil	1 Cheese Pizza	2 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato

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

**FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
NOON TO 3:00 PM
EXTENDED DAY APPLICATION
COST PER DAY \$15.00 MUST BE PAID AT TIME OF REGISTRATION**

STUDENTS MUST BRING OWN LUNCH

Please fill out one form for each student whom you are registering.

Student's name _____ Date of birth _____
Grade _____ Teacher's name _____ Home tel _____
Home address _____ Town _____ Zip _____
Father's name _____ cell _____ work _____
Mother's name _____ cell _____ work _____
Emergency contact person's name _____ tel _____
Relationship to student _____ Allergies or health concerns please specify: _____

Should there be a reason to obtain treatment for your child by a Physician in a medical emergency do you hereby grant legal permission? Yes No

Please understand that no medical facility will treat a child under 18 without consent from a legal guardian and the Medical facility would call you before any aide was administered. Please name your child's Physician _____ tel _____
Your health ins. Provider _____ Policy carriers name _____
Group # _____ Your policy# _____
Hospital your insurance approves _____

PLEASE CIRCLE DAYS YOU ARE ELECTING EARLY RELEASE EXTENDED DAY:

OCTOBER 26 JANUARY 11 APRIL 5
NOVEMBER 10 FEBRUARY 1 MAY 10
DECEMBER 7 MARCH 8

Persons authorized to pick up your child _____

Any one NOT authorized to pick up your child _____

This form should be returned before **OCTOBER 24th** to: Business Office attn: Kristine Shipp

ALL PRIOR ACCOUNT BALANCES MUST BE PAID IN FULL IN ORDER TO REGISTER FOR EARLY RELEASE EXTENDED DAY. COST PER DAY \$15.00 MUST BE PAID AT REGISTRATION. IF YOU ARE ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THESE DATES IN THE EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM, THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE.

Credit Cards are now accepted. Please fill out the credit card information on the reverse side

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT OF PAYMET: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD

MASTERCARD

VISA

DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD# _____

EXPIRATION DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

APPROVAL CODE _____

TRANSACTION DATE _____

Honduras Book CD's Available for Sale Now!

- Stories created by the students of the International Cultural Exchange Workshop who traveled to Honduras last spring. The stories document their trip and were created for the students in Honduras.
 - Appropriate and appealing to all ages.
 - 9 stories per CD.
 - Stories are all written in both English and Spanish.
 - \$10 from each purchase will support the International Cultural Exchange Workshop's trip to Honduras this year. \$2 from each purchase will go to the Red Cross to support Hurricane Katrina victims.
 - Sound accompanies each story so students can learn correct pronunciation whether learning to read in English or learning Spanish.
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Yes! I would like to buy a piece of SSCPS history with many educational benefits! Please send me:

___ copies x \$12 per copy for a total of \$_____

Name: _____

Delivery Instruction (e.g. send home with_____); will pick up in Jenn's room)

Note: Orders should be sent to Marketing Project c/o Jenn in Room 203.

Checks should be made out to *South Shore Charter Public School*.



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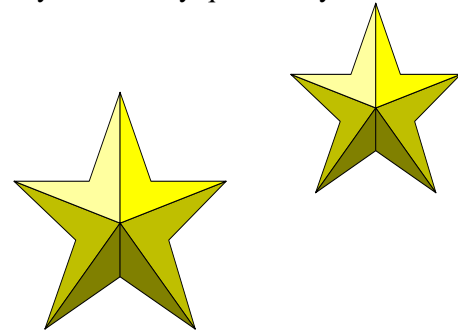
AUCTION ITEM/SERVICE DONATION FORM

On behalf of our shining stars we invite you to contribute to our 10th annual SSCPS fundraising auction. The proceeds from the goods and services that are donated are used to enrich the learning experience of South Shore children. We greatly appreciate any contributions big or small. Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000.

SSCPS was established in 1995. We are a regional Kindergarten-to-grade 12 school that teaches 468 South Shore children in a nurturing and challenging environment.

Thank you for considering us in your yearly charitable donations. If you have any questions you can call Debbie Shepherd at 781-585-6023.

Sincerely,
SSCPS Parent Association



Please complete this form and send to:

Mail: South Shore Charter Public School
100 Longwater Circle Norwell MA 02061
Attention: Debbie Shepherd, Fundraising Committee Chair
Fax: 781-982-4201

This year's auction, **ON BEHALF OF OUR SHINING STARS**, will be held on Saturday November 5th at South Shore Charter Public School.

DONORS INFORMATION

Name of Business _____
Contact Person _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Telephone _____ **Fax** _____ **Email** _____

DONATION ITEM

Donation title _____
Description _____
_____ **Value of donation** \$ _____

DELIVERY OF DONATION

- Item will be delivered to SSCPS
- Item is enclosed
- Item needs to be picked up



Hanover Mall Charity Night

Sunday, November 13 from 6:30-9:30 Hanover Mall will be holding its 7th Annual Charity Night. Many parents go to this event for other charities. This year we will be selling tickets to raise money S.S.C.P.S. Tickets are \$5.00 and all of the proceeds go to the school. There will be special sales, entertainment and door prizes. If you would like to purchase a ticket for yourself, a friend, family member or co-worker, fill out the form below and return to the front desk. There will be added incentives for the organization that sells the most tickets. Ticket sales end November 10th. For further information email sscpsfundraising@aol.com.

Thank you,
Fund-raising committee

I wish to purchase_____ tickets to the Hanover Mall Charity Night

Address_____

Enclosed is a check for \$_____

Please make your check out to S.S.C.P.S.

Lunch Order Form
Lunch for the Month of NOVEMBER
Due to the office by 3pm, Thursday, October 27, 2005

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/31 – 11/4	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Sub
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	½ sub
	Wheat		Wheat		Wheat

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11/7 – 11/11	Sub	Pizza	Sub	NO	NO
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	LUNCH	SCHOOL
	Wheat		Wheat		

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/14 – 11/18	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	-or-
	Wheat		Wheat		PB&J

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11/21 – 11/25	Sub	Pizza	Sub	NO	NO
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	SCHOOL	SCHOOL
	Wheat		Wheat		

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/28 – 12/2	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 Order Form

Lunch for the Month of OCTOBER

Due to the office by 3pm, Thursday, October 20, 2005

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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	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/24 – 10/28	Sub	Pizza	EARLY	Pizza	Sub
	½ sub	#_____	DISMISSAL	#_____	½ sub
	Wheat		NO LUNCH		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>			_____
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