

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

January 17, 2007 Vol. 1, Issue 3

Wednesday	01/17	SEPAC	8:30am
Wednesday	01/17	Enrollment Open House	5-7pm
Thursday	01/18	Department of Education Site Visit	
Thursday	01/18	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	01/18	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Thursday	01/18	SEPAC Workshop	7:00pm
Thursday	01/18	Girls Middle School Basketball vs. Ben Franklin	4:00pm
Friday	01/18	High School 1 st Semester Ends	
Friday	01/18	Middle School Basketball home vs. Prospect Hill ProShots Pembroke	6:00pm
Friday	01/18	High School Basketball home vs. Prospect Hill @ Hingham Middle	6:00pm
Saturday	01/19	Level 1 & 2 Social – Music & Stories w/ Susan Reed – Free Admission	1-3pm
		High School Mid-Term Exams – Early Release High School Students Only – Wednesday, January 24 – Friday, January 26	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE – ANNUAL ARTS & MUSIC AUCTION! - Please save February 10th for the SSCPS Annual Arts and Music fundraiser. The time will be 7pm to 10pm. Tickets will be available at the door at \$10 per person. If you have an item or service you are willing to donate to the silent auction, please contact Nanci Jaye at jayekay@comcast.net or 781 925 2929.

MBTA Student Discount Pass Program:

Are you interested in receiving discounted MBTA passes for your student in Grades K-12? If you would like to purchase a monthly pass for your child or children, please contact Kristine Shipps at x106 by January 15th. Passes are \$20 per month and will be available starting in February 2007. In order for SSCPS to be a part of the MBTA student discount program, the minimum amount of passes that the school can order is 5 per month. If less than 5 students are interested in the program, SSCPS will not be able to offer this program to our families.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

There are still a few cases of Head Lice (3 cases on Level 1 and 1 on Level 3). Please continue to remind your children to be cautious at school. Also, parents should continue to check your child's head at home and be aware of contact outside of school.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the lunch menu and order form for the month of February and order form for the remainder of January. Orders are due Thursday, January 18th, by 3pm. Thank you.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID FOURNIER ON HIS ACCEPTANCE TO UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Tonight is the January Open House from 5:00 to 7:00pm. The Parent's Association has arranged to have parent representatives on hand, and Megan is arranging for some National Honor Society students to be here as well. Please pass the word to friends and families who are interested in having their children attend SSCPS.

Thursday, January 18 the Mass Department of Education will be visiting as part of their mid-cycle review of our charter. Every charter school goes through a renewal process every five years and as part of that process the DOE makes a site visit at the midpoint of that cycle. Members of the visiting committee will be meeting with members of the Board of Trustees, parents, students, faculty, and the administration as well as visiting classes and reviewing documents.

School Council met last week to discuss the school improvement plan. The focus at this past meeting was project/workshops. Of particular interest to the council were time allotted, scheduling, and rubrics for assessing student performance in projects. Discussion will continue at the next meeting on Monday, February 11 at 3:30.

Another plug for judges for the level IV Science Fair... if you or anyone you know who would be interested in judging, it would be greatly appreciated. The dates are February 12, 13 & 14 from 1:00 – 3:00. Please contact Jessica or Amy.

Auditions for the talent show are this week in room 107. The Biology Workshop students are in the process of contacting all registered students (and their families via email &/or phone) with their scheduled audition times. Any questions should be directed to the Biology Workshop students in room 107.

Middle School Basketball news; although Friday night's games against Lynn's KIPP Academy left us defeated for both teams, we really have some potential to do well this season. It really is amazing to see the team spirit these kids have. Hopefully you get a chance to see them play.

The 2nd semester ends for the High School on January 19th, *this Friday* and High School Midterms are January 24, 25, and 26th. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, 8:30–10:00, Period A	10:30-12:00 Period B
Thursday, 8:30–10:00, Period C	10:30-12:00 Period D
Friday, 8:30–10:00, Period E	10:30-12:00 tentative make-up

These are early dismissal days for **high school students only** with the day ending at 12 PM. High school students not having a first exam may come to school at 10 AM in time for the second exam and those not having a second exam may leave at 10 AM following the first exam. If school is canceled due to inclement weather, midyear exams will move to the following week. Please do everything possible to insure student attendance during the exam period. Report cards and progress reports for the high school will be distributed on Thursday, February 1.

Remember the Level 3 & 4 Ski Trip is coming up next week on Friday, January 26.

The Spain Trip is conducting a drawing in the lobby next week. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

The Arts & Music Silent Auction/Social is set for February 10th. Previews of auction items can be seen on the walls behind the front desk. This is a fundraiser run by Nanci Jaye to benefit for our arts program. Donations of art and jewelry are needed. This is a fun social evening, mark your calendar. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10.00.

The Art Force Project on Level II is having a paper towel and trash bag drive for the Quincy Animal Shelter. Donations are being collected in the Level II great room.

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Easier said than done".

Level 2: "A picture is worth a thousand words".

From June's Level 1 Project:

Dear Parents, Thank you for bringing canned food for the food drive. We had a lot of food for Wellspring. The food will go to hungry families.

Sincerely, Brooke and Cassie - Project Journalist

Homework Club for the 2nd Trimester for Level's II & III Students

January 9th- March 7

Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays 3:00-4:00

Must pre-register with Tania or Claudia ext. 204 and ext. 212

Art Force is having a paper towel/trash bag drive for the Quincy Animal Shelter. Donation boxes are located in the Level 2 Great Room. Drive ends January 30th.

Trip to Spain Drawing/Fundraiser

Members of Levels III and IV will be taking part in a trip to Spain on February 16th. As part of their fundraising efforts, they will be holding a drawing the week of January 22nd. Students may purchase tickets at \$2 each or 3 for \$5 at the front of the school when available. Claire Overlee will also have tickets available to purchase. A list of all the prizes and the days they are being awarded are attached to this week's newsletter!! Lots of great prizes to win.....Celtics Tickets!! EB Games Gift Certificates!! Red Sox Tickets!! Best of luck to everyone that enters!

Level 4 News-

Attention Level 4 Parents: The science fair is less than a month away. Please remind your child to continuously work on his/her project. Every week there is something due. For Monday January 22nd students are to submit a rough draft of their introduction and materials. They are to show in their journal that they have started their experiment. Also, as a continuation of this week's assignment, they are to work on their research. Thank you!

Level 3 and 4 Ski Trip on January 26th.

SEPAC WORKSHOP

Goals of Misbehavior - Managing the Behavior of Children – Thursday, January 18, 2007 - 7-8pm

This workshop will focus on some of the important principles of Individual Psychology and how they apply to dealing with misbehavior and encouraging appropriate behavior at home and in other places. Come with your sense of humor, questions, etc. We'll learn from each other! Dr. Ron Larrivee, Presenter

PARENTAL INFORMATION FROM ALICIA RADL – ADJUSTMENT COUNSELOR

What is Cyber-Bullying?

"Using the internet or other mobile devices to send or post harmful or cruel text or images to bully others."
(Nancy Willard, Director, Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use)

Examples of Cyber-Bullying

- Sending cruel or threatening messages
- Creating websites that have stories, cartoons, pictures and jokes ridiculing others
- Posting pictures of classmates online and asking students to rate them
- Breaking into an email account and sending vicious or embarrassing material to others
- Engaging someone in IM and tricking that person into revealing sensitive info, and forwarding it to others
- Taking a picture of a person in the locker room using a camera phone then sending that picture to others.

Cyber-Bullying Tips for Parents

- ❖ Become computer savvy. Kids are more technologically advanced than most adults. Take a computer class to educate yourself on terminology and how to navigate a computer.
 - ❖ DO NOT ALLOW your child to have a computer in their room or other isolated areas. If they utilize laptop computers set guidelines for where they can use it and length of time they may be on the computer. Always keep home computers in family rooms, kitchens or other rooms that everyone spends time.
 - ❖ Be aware of online activities that your child participates in. The Internet has many positive purposes; however it also makes access to inappropriate sites very easily.
 - Hang out with your child while on the computer and talk specifically about cyber-bullying. Ask your child if they have ever been cyber-bullied or would they tell you if they had cyber-bullied someone else. Remember your response to their answers will either buy you more time with them or cut them off completely.
 - Educate yourself and your child on cyber-stalking, or other illegal or troublesome on-line behavior. Ask your child if they know of anyone who has been the victims of such behavior.
 - Define for your child the effects of cyber-bullying and that it is unacceptable. Talk with your child to come up with a family plan for responsible choices and consequences for irresponsible internet use.
 - ❖ Inform your child that you will respect their privacy while on the computer, however that their safety is most important and that you will intervene if you feel necessary.
 - ❖ Inquire about filtering and parental control programs to install on your computer. There are great programs but do not rely on them to be your only protection against cyber-bullying or other predators.
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If you would like more information about cyber-bullying and parental control programs, please contact Alicia Radl, Adjustment Counselor at 781-982-4202 ext 206 or aradl@sscps.org.

ECO-TIPS FROM THE SSCPS GREEN TEAM

So is it just hoopla, or are there true energy savings using Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs)? Research shows the savings are there. The most popular light bulb in the U.S. is the 60 watt incandescent bulb; they last approximately 1,000 hours. A CFL that puts out the same amount of light uses only 18 watts, and will last about 8,000 hours. The CFL will not only save more than half the energy usage over the incandescent, but you will replace the incandescent 8 times during the life of one CFL. That equals real money savings! That equals real time savings!

Bonus ECO-Event:

This week starts a ***Free*** Environmental Film Festival at MIT

Join us for free screenings of films focusing on the environment, technology, and humanity over MIT's Independent Activities Period (IAP). Every Tuesday and Thursday evening from January 16 through February 3, we'll show a film and give space for discussion. Dinner will be provided, and the screenings are open to the general public. All films will be screened at the Stata Center, in room 32-124. For a description and schedule of these films, click here:

http://openwetware.org/wiki/Environmental_Film_Festival_over_IAP_2007

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Nurse

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

“**CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS**” – Used cartridges are being collected again this year to earn money for our School. There is a box in the main hallway next to the computer room. They accept ink cartridges and cell phones. We are happy to pick up if you have a large amount. Please call Luke, John or Grace Ryan with any questions at 781/925-9541.

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

Community Service Opportunity!!!

LEARN TO KNIT

The premature babies at South Shore Hospital need YOU!

The lady who used to knit their blankets moved away and they are cold this winter.

If you ever wanted to learn to knit, this is your chance.

Come to the

SSCPS KNITTING CLINIC

We'll meet Tuesday afternoons from 3-4 starting 1/30.

Yarn and needles supplied.

Parents/Grandparents/Knitters Welcome.

Attention knitters: this is your chance to get rid of all the leftover yarn in your attic-DONATE IT TO THE KNITTING PROJECT!! Yarn can be left at front desk.

Any questions? Call Brigid Nonnamaker: 781-982-8930

The little babies thank you!

Level IV Composting Project

Our project is going to continue our light bulb fundraiser for the next two weeks. From January 16 to February 1, we will be selling CLFs which are energy saving light bulbs. These light bulbs use only fourteen watts of energy and put out eight hundred lumens of light, the same amount as a sixty watt bulb. Also, if these bulbs are used for about three hours a day they can save you twenty five to sixty dollars over the lifespan of the bulb. This fundraiser allows you to be energy conscious and help us raise money for our project. All the earnings of this fundraiser will go towards gardening supplies for our project. We plan to grow plants with the fertile soil that our worms have produced.

For the next two weeks we will be selling these light bulbs through the order forms only. If you would like us to reserve a light bulb, please fill out the form below and give it to Jessica in room 201. We will be on the levels three and four ski trip January 26 so please leave any order forms on Jessica's desk on this day. You do not have to include payment for the light bulbs with the order form. You may pay for the light bulbs when you come to pick them up. The bulbs are \$2.00 each.

Thank you,
Jonathan Jackson from the Compost Project.

I _____ would like to reserve _____ light bulbs and:
(Your name) (Number)

I give my child permission to purchase a light bulb for me.

I will come to pick up the light bulb before or after school between _____ January 16 and February 1 in Jessica's room 201.

Lunch Menu – February, 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>5</p> <p>Turkey</p> <p>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ham</p> <p>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Tuna Salad</p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Roast Beef</p> <p>With American cheese and mustard</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>14</p> <p>BLT</p> <p>Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>16</p> <p>PB&J Lunch</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Tossed Salad</p> <p>With Italian dressing and pita bread</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>V A</p>	<p>21</p> <p>C A T</p>	<p>22</p> <p>I O N</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Italian Cold Cuts</p> <p>With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ham, Salami & Provolone Cheese</p> <p>With lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>3/1</p> <p>Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>3/2</p> <p>Tuna Salad</p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>

2 % milk, chocolate milk, strawberry milk or orange juice is included with the purchase of lunch or may be purchased for 25 cents. If your child has forgotten a lunch, a Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$2.00. A note from the office will go home that week for reimbursement.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of February, 2007
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, February 1, 2007

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 2/5 – 2/9	<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 2/12 – 2/16	<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 PB&J Lunch - or - Salad
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Week of 2/19 – 2/23	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
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Week of 2/26 – 3/2	<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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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

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed

_____ \$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Choice of 2% milk, chocolate milk, strawberry milk or orange juice is included with the purchase of a meal or can be purchased separately for 25 cents.

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 January, 2007

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, January 18, 2007

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
1/22 – 1/26	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	PB &J Lunch
	½ sub	# _____	½ sub	# _____	- or -
	Wheat		Wheat		Salad

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
1/29 – 2/2	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	No School
	½ sub	# _____	½ sub	# _____	
	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

Less credit due _____

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Choice of whole milk, chocolate milk, strawberry milk or orange juice is included with the purchase of a meal or can be purchased separately for 25 cents.

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.



JANUARY WINTER DRAWING AT SSCPS

<p>22nd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Movie Basket *\$25 Blockbuster Gift Card *Four Movie tickets *\$20 Papa Gino's/D'angelo's Gift Card *SPAULDING BASKETBALL W/TWO CELTICS TICKETS!! 	<p>23rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Barnes and Noble Gift Card & McDonalds Gift Certificate *\$20 Gamestop/EB Games Gift Certificate *Clue Board Game and lunch w/Ted for you and a friend *RADIO w/SPORTS TIMER AND TWO BRUINS TICKETS!! 	<p>24th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Dine N'Save Book w/\$25 Target Gift Card *Harry Potter "Order of the Phoenix" book w/\$25 GameStop Gift Card *Jelly Belly Basket & Cranium Zooreka Game *USA Puzzle and Patriots Basket 	<p>25th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Hacky Sack lessons w/Ben & MasterpieceClassic Art Auction Game *Ice Cream Party for you and your entire pod *Art Basket & Spaulding Basketball *\$25 Borders Gift Basket *TWO RED SOX TICKETS!! 	<p>FRIDAY- SKI TRIP -NO DRAWING</p>
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Students from Levels III and IV will be traveling to Spain on February 16th and as part of their fundraising efforts, will be holding a weeklong PRIZE SPECTACULAR the week of January 22nd-January 26th. Prizes will be drawn as shown above and TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL WHEN AVAILABLE OR SEE CLAIRE OVERLEE. The cost of the tickets is \$2 EACH or 3 for \$5. If your name is picked, you will win the prize that is offered for that time and day. There are no exchanges allowed and you cannot pick the prize that you are entering for.

Torri T Order Form

All profits go directly to The Torri Wightman Arts Scholarship

James Beggan

Torri T's were inspired by Torri. The design is everything Torri loves, made into something she would wear. There are three different types of shirts women's tees, men's tees and polos. All shirts fit well and shrink about a size in the dryer. Polos are ONLY available in men's sizes.

Item #
Use the type of shirt (W, M or P) and the size. So, Women's Small is WSM

Any Questions?

My E-Mail Address is: i.promised.myself@gmail.com
Checks can be addressed to the South Shore Charter Public School. All payments will be required upon return of the order for. All order forms can be sent to:

Pricing

Men's - \$25
Women's - \$25
Polo's - \$40

An example of the original design is on the back of the form, it is in full color and will run along the left side of a white shirt or polo.

James Beggan
48 Clifton Ave
Hull MA, 02045

All orders due by January 26th

Name	Address	Phone Number

Qty	Item #	Description	Balance	Payment Type	Sub-Total
EXAMPLE	PMED	Medium Polo	\$40 x 1 polo	Check	XXXXX
Subtotal					
Added Donation					
Total					



LEVEL I AND LEVEL II SOCIAL

**YOU'RE INVITED
BRING YOUR FAMILY**

Saturday, January 20, 2007

1:00 – 3:00

HIGH SCHOOL VILLAGE GREEN

MUSIC AND STORIES

with

SUSAN REED

ADMISSION FREE

**SNACKS AND DRINKS BROUGHT TO SHARE
ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

KERRY @ 781 878 3762 or rockgriff@earthlink.net