

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## UPDATE

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Wednesday	3/14	Junior Parent Night	6:30-8:30
Wednesday	3/14	Strategic Plan Parent Forum	7:00pm
Friday	3/16	Fundraising Committee	8:30am
Friday	3/16	K-8 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Progress Reports Distributed	
Friday	3/16	Level 4 Social	6:00-9:00pm
	3/19-29	MCAS Testing Grades 3-10	
Tuesday	3/20	Strategic Plan Parent Forum	8:30am
Wednesday	3/21	SEPAC	8:30am
Thursday	3/22	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Thursday	3/22	SEPAC Workshop	6:30pm
Saturday	3/24	Karaoke Night	7:30-10pm

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION** - The SSCPS-maintained Online Parent Discussion Forum has been permanently shut down due to the transmission of computer viruses. It was a helpful tool in distributing school announcements, event information, and Parents Association news. A new SSCPS Internet discussion group has been created using GoogleGroups. It is a free service, it is a parent-run group, and it has been set up so that only members can post and view messages. If you would like to join this forum, please send an email to [sscpsparents@googlegroups.com](mailto:sscpsparents@googlegroups.com) with the subject line: Sign me up! If you have any questions, please write to [dwhitemyer@rcn.com](mailto:dwhitemyer@rcn.com)

**KARAOKE NIGHT** – an adult social - Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 -10:00

Dr. Ron Larrivee will be the master of ceremony once again for a night of fun and excitement! Those of you who attended last year remember the great night we all had! Some of you came with incredible talent; some came with a sense of humor that kept us in stitches all night. **Whether you want to entertain or be entertained come; you can expect a lot of fun!**

We are looking for volunteers:

Servers

People to help sign in at the door

Clean-up

Food and beverage donations

Please contact Denise Demaggio (781) 826-5632 or [ykeec1pr@verizon.net](mailto:ykeec1pr@verizon.net) to volunteer or Cassie Proude (781) 767-5336 or [proudes@msn.com](mailto:proudes@msn.com) for food donations

**THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE'S** next meeting will be on Friday, March 16 at 8:30am. Anyone interested in planning events for the remainder of this year and planning for next year are welcome to attend. For more information contact Denise Demaggio [ykeec1pr@verizon.net](mailto:ykeec1pr@verizon.net) or Debbie Cerilli. [debcerilli@beld.net](mailto:debcerilli@beld.net)

## LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the lunch order for the remainder of March and the lunch menu and order form for the month of April. Orders are due Thursday, March 15th, by 3pm for March and the April orders are due Thursday, March 29th. Thank you.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SENIORS:**

**HANNAH CONNOLLY – UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON (VIRGINIA)**

**ZAK MERTZ – UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Council met Monday March 12, at 3:30. We had an excellent discussion about the vision of projects and workshop. As a result, we will be working to codify what the vision is for projects and what the expected outcomes are for projects.

Education Committee has set a schedule for completion of the Science curriculum. It is expected that faculty will have completed the analysis (called "unwrapping") of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks by the end of the year. The curriculum itself will be written over the summer by a faculty committee.

A reminder to parents that progress reports will be distributed to students in grade K - 8 on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please take the opportunity to review with your child his/her academic progress.

Junior Parent night is this Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30pm. Parents and juniors should attend this informational meeting. Mary Carter will be going over senior exit standards, graduation requirements, and college information.

MCAS English Language Arts (ELA) Exams are coming up during the weeks of March 19 –April 4. Students in grade 4, 7, and 10 will be taking the long composition exam on Tuesday, March 20 with a make up date of Monday, April 2. The 10<sup>th</sup> grade ELA exams will be on Wednesday and Thursday, March 21 and 22. The 3rd grade reading exam and the grades 4-8 ELA exams will be spaced out from between Wednesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 29. The level coordinators will let students know the exact dates of the exams for their level. Please make every effort to have your child in school for the exams and that they get plenty of rest.

Thanks to Steve Gilman, Bob Jesus, our IT Director, and his wife Lauren for their work in adjusting our computers to the change in Daylight Savings time. They spent time over the previous weekend and some evenings making the adjustments so that our system would not experience any interruptions.

Also, congratulations to Amy Ruder and Jessica Engebretson, Level IV Science teachers, on their presentation of a paper entitled *Project Based Learning in the Geologic Sciences at South Shore Charter Public School* at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Section of the Geological Society of America. Please see Amy or Jessica for further details about their presentation.

*Dr. Tom Gorsuch*

## ON THE LEVELS

### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Get a taste of your own medicine."

Level 2: "Carpe Diem!"

**Last session of HOME WORK CLUB:** We are again offering Levels II and III students the opportunity to participate in **The After-School Homework Club** for the last weeks of school! It will be offered on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00** from **March 19<sup>th</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup>** in the "Study Corners" by Level II. Limited spaces are available so if interested, pick up a Home Work Club form at the front desk and return it there no later than Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Each session costs \$3.00. Full scholarships are available. For more information please contact **Claudia** at 781-982-4202, **ext 212**. Thank you!

## **LEVEL 2 NEWS**

Level 2 will be holding MCAS testing in the mornings of Tuesday, March 20th, Thursday, March 22nd, Tuesday, March 27th and Thursday, March 29th. Make-up tests will be announced if necessary. Please make sure that your child gets to be early and has a good breakfast before coming to school.

Level 2 is looking for parent volunteers to help make paper mache volcanoes for our science unit. We will start constructing the volcanoes on Tuesday, March 20th from 1:30-3:00pm and hope to complete them on Thursday, March 22nd from 1:30-3:00pm. If you are interested in helping out in your child's pod, please contact their pod teacher to sign up...we need all the help we can get for this fun and exciting, but messy project!

Congratulations to the Cooking Project for their spotlight article in the Patriot Ledger. On Tuesday, March 6th, Krista's Cooking Project traveled to the Venetian in Weymouth. The trip was a big success!

**JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT** - March 14 - 6:30-8:30 Graduation & College Information Session with Mary Carter

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES** – Herff Jones will be at SSCPS on March 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 2pm (during lunch and advisory). Seniors will be measured for Cap & Gowns, Grades 9-11 will have an opportunity to order class rings.

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **PARENTS ASSOCIATION 2007/2008 ELECTION**

Looking ahead, parents are invited to volunteers for the next school year. The annual spring Parents Association election will be held in late April and early May. The Parents Association serves the school and participates in the governance and growth of SSCPS. Its goals are to promote a sense of community; to provide strong communications between the parent body and students, faculty, administration, and trustees; and to aid the school through support in the classroom, administrative tasks and school activities. All parents and guardians of SSCPS are members of the PA. If you are interested in being elected to one of the officer, committee chair, or grade representative positions (listed below), please contact David Whitemyer (781.681.3586 / [dwhitemyer@rcn.com](mailto:dwhitemyer@rcn.com)) or your Grade Representative.

Parents Association Core Group: PA Chair, PA Vice-Chair, PA Secretary, PA Treasurer, Grade Representatives K-through-12, Arts & Music Committee Chair, Fundraising & Events Committee Chair, Health & Safety Committee Chair, Community Service Committee Chair, Library Committee Chair, Diversity Committee Chair, and Welcoming Committee Chair.

### **Join the Charter School Parent Advocacy Network:**

Join over 2500 Charter school parents and board members in advocating for Massachusetts Charter Schools! Sign up on the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association's website to receive news, legislative updates and ALERTS about political issues impacting your charter school. Easily send emails to legislators and the Governor weighing in on important political matters impacting your child's education!

You can join by going to [www.masscharterschools.org](http://www.masscharterschools.org) and clicking on "Parents Join Here". It is critically important that parents and board members be involved in these advocacy efforts. For the past six years the Network has been a powerful voice for charter school parents and board members with the Massachusetts State Legislature and Governor. Without the Parent Advocacy Network's efforts during the past six years, Massachusetts Charter Schools would likely have seen their funding reduced, number of schools frozen and paralyzing restrictions placed upon them.

It's easy to join. [www.masscharterschools.org](http://www.masscharterschools.org). Do so today and protect your child's education.

## **SEPAC WORKSHOP**

Topic: **An IEP for My Child**

When: Thursday March 22, 2007 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Where: SSCPS – Music Room

Presenter: The Federation for Children with Special Needs

What will be covered: The Individualized Education Program is a written plan for an eligible child with a disability that is developed, reviewed, and revised in an IEP Team meeting following the federal special education law. It is the legally binding contract which explains how the student will receive access to the general curriculum as well as which supports and services will be provided for success in all areas of the school. Every child with a disability who receives special education services must have an Individual Education Program. This workshop takes parents step-by-step through the development of the IEP including how to articulate a vision, using evaluation to write annual measurable goals and how to measure their child's progress.

Prior reservation is required to determine the amount of materials needed. Please contact us no later than March 16<sup>th</sup> via email [cjambrie@gis.net](mailto:cjambrie@gis.net) and reference "IEP workshop" in the subject or call 781-982-8964 and ask to speak to Mickey.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Part time 35 hours per week Learning Services Teacher's Aide

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Nurse

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

## **ECO-TIPS FROM THE SSCPS GREEN TEAM**

### Aluminum – The Silent Toxin

It's the most abundant metal on earth, but scientists are just starting to understand the toxic role aluminum can play in our lives. Aluminum is a persistent neuro-toxin, and apparently plays a strong role in the development of Alzheimer's disease. Higher than normal levels of aluminum can also act as a contributing factor to behavioral/learning disorders including ADD and ADHD. Low-level aluminum poisoning has been implicated in other maladies, including: chronic fatigue, headaches, osteoporosis, fibromyalgia, vertigo, and memory loss. As parents, what can we do? To minimize absorption of aluminum, avoid anti-perspirants and switch to deodorants or solid natural salts; avoid aluminum containing antacids (avoid Mylanta and Maalox – Tums and Roloids are fine); don't use food from aluminum cans; avoid tooth-whitening toothpastes; minimize or eliminate use of aluminum foil; stop using aluminum cookware and use stainless steel, ceramic or porcelain. Foods rich in sulfur can help eliminate aluminum, so add cabbage, beans, lentils, onions and garlic to your diet. These simple steps can help you and your family minimize the build-up of aluminum in your body.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH:**

**Sunday, March 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. we can help maintain Wompatuck's bike trails.**

Volunteers will be meeting at the visitor center at 8:30 a.m. Helpful tools to bring include riding clothing, helmets, eye protection, trail saws or hand loppers. There is no pre-registration required for this volunteer opportunity but if you'd like more information, you can email [cobblestv@gmail.com](mailto:cobblestv@gmail.com). For more information on both of these volunteer opportunities you can check the REI website at [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com) or call Katherine Kardok at 891-659-7540.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> annual BIG HAIR CUT coming to you June 1st. Come join the brave cut ten or more inches in front of the whole school to the sound of cheers and the big count down!** Your hair will be given to LOCKS of LOVE, an organization that makes wigs for children surviving cancer. Parental permission required. Get ½ your community service requirement fulfilled.

**ALSO**-Middle to High School students are needed who are looking for community service and would be interested in *organizing* the Big Hair Cut this year-putting up signs, getting permission slips out-adding **spectacle** to the event...community service hours given commiserate with how much is done for the event. CONTACT - Claudia ex 212, room 24 on level II.

**"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](http://WWW.SSCPS.ORG)**

**2007 South Shore Charter Public School Yearbook is on  
sale NOW!**

For the First Time the yearbook will be in

**FULL COLOR**

Reserve your book with a \$10 deposit.

Order envelopes were sent home or get one at the front desk

**ORDER TODAY!**

**It is a life-long memory of this year.**

## Lunch Menu – April, 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Turkey</b></p> <p>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo</p>	<p>3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cheese Pizza</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BLT</b></p> <p>Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<p>5</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cheese Pizza</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuna Salad</b></p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>9</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ham</b></p> <p>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cheese Pizza</b></p>	<p>11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Italian Cold Cuts</b></p> <p>With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>12</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cheese Pizza</b></p>	<p>13</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PB&amp;J Lunch</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-or-</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tossed Salad</b></p> <p>With Italian dressing and pita bread</p>
<p>16</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">V     A</p>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C     A     T</p>	<p>19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I     O     N</p>	<p>20</p> <p>-----</p>
<p>23</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ham &amp; Salami</b></p> <p>With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cheese Pizza</b></p>	<p>25</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BLT</b></p> <p>Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<p>26</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cheese Pizza</b></p>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuna Salad</b></p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Turkey</b></p> <p>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo</p>	<p>5/1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cheese Pizza</b></p>	<p>5/2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Roast Beef</b></p> <p>With American cheese and mustard</p>	<p>5/3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cheese Pizza</b></p>	<p>5/4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PB&amp;J Lunch</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-or-</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greek Salad</b></p> <p>With Greek dressing and pita bread</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 April, 2007  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 29, 2007**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pod Teacher/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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

Week of 4/2 – 4/6	<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 4/9 – 4/13	<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 4/16 – 4/20	<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 4/23 – 4/27	<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 4/30 – 5/4	<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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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>			_____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			\$ _____

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.**

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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
3/19 – 3/23	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
3/26 – 3/30	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	NO
	½ sub	# _____	½ sub	# _____	SCHOOL
	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 ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
Number of PB&J Lunches ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			\$ _____

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# **First Annual Charter Cup**

On Wednesday April 11, 2007 the student board will be hosting a Soccer championship between the high school classes.

We Need Your Support!

Tickets will be sold starting Friday, March 2, 2007 until  
The day of the match.

Parents: \$5

Students and Teachers: \$2

All proceeds will benefit the high school student board.

We hope all levels will be there showing support for  
their school.

Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Time: 5:00 – 7:00pm

Location: South Shore Sports Center  
Hingham, MA

