

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## UPDATE

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		MCAS Testing continues ...	
Thursday	3/22	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	3/22	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Thursday	3/22	Health & Safety Committee	7:00pm
Thursday	3/22	SEPAC Workshop	7:00-9:00pm
Saturday	3/24	Karaoke Adult Social	7:30-10:00pm
		MCAS Testing continues ...	
Tuesday	3/27	Enrollment Lottery for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ranking	10:00am
Wednesday	3/28	Development Committee	7:30pm
Thursday	3/29	Level 4 Social / Dance	6:00-9:00pm
Friday	3/30	Professional Development Day – No School for Students	No School

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **KARAOKE NIGHT-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 still looking for volunteers and donations if you are able to assist please contact:

Denise Demaggio (781) 826-5632 or [ykeeclpr@verizon.net](mailto:ykeeclpr@verizon.net) to volunteer

Cassie Proude (781) 767-5336 or [proudes@msn.com](mailto:proudes@msn.com) for food donations

#### **MEMORIAL MASS**

The Wightman Family is holding a Memorial Mass in Honor of Torri's 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm at St. Mary's in Hanover on Route 139. For directions visit: (<http://www.stmaryshanover.com/>)

### 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 22nd, by 3pm for March and the April orders are due Thursday, March 29th. Thank you.

### COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SENIORS:**

Kate Gill - Framingham State College

Kyle Forrester - Anna Maria College

Murielle Termitus - Pine Manor College

Chelsea Talcott - Chester College of Art

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On Monday, March 19, we had two Principal's for the Day, Sean and Conor Kelleher from Level 1. They were declaring extra recess, receiving certificates of appreciation, and celebrating their birthdays with their pod. All in all, they did a nice job as Principal. Thanks to Mariclare, Mike and everyone for your help with this.

Junior parent night last Wednesday had a significant turn out. One of the parents commented on how important the information was, and that it was a wake up call to make sure their junior was meeting the requirements to graduate, as well as getting the college acceptance process started. If any junior parent could not make the meeting, please contact Mary Carter in the Guidance Office to discuss the college planning process. Thanks to Mary Carter for putting that together.

Last week's fire drill was the best yet. We made it out in 1:40. Nice job! However, it brought up a few concerns especially related to our documentation of visitors to the building. It is most important that all visitors and volunteers sign in and out of the building. If there were an actual emergency, we need to know exactly who is in the building so that we may account for everyone. Please help us comply with this request from the Norwell Fire Department.

Letters went home last week to students with excessive unexcused absences or tardies. We do this a number of times during the year to alert parents of absences and tardies. Each student is allotted 10 undocumented absences to allow for illness when they do not see a doctor, anything beyond that requires a doctor's note or other documentation as listed in the Student Handbook. Please remember that parent notes do not excuse a sick absence. If you have any questions about your child's attendance, please contact Mariclare at x159.

**MCAS exams began this week and will continue into next week for grades 3-8 and 10.** Students in grade 4, 7, and 10 took 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 have 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.

Herff Jones was at the school on Tuesday to measure seniors for caps and gowns. Students 9-11 were able to order class rings at that time as well. It won't be long until graduation on June 3.

Karaoke night is this Saturday, March 24, from 7:30 to 10:00 here at the school. It really is a fun night out, a lot of laughs and a lot of talent. 'Hope to see everyone there!

The faculty will be taking a professional development day on Friday, March 30. The faculty will be traveling to Holy Cross College for the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association's Best Practices Showcase. At this event, charter schools from around the commonwealth share their best educational practices with teachers from both charter and other schools. Joan Manchester, Dorothy Scholz, and Mary Carter will be making a presentation on the use of Electronic Portfolios with seniors.

*Dr. Tom Gorsuch*

## ART NEWS

Art News- High School Visual Arts students have been intensely working on their linoleum blocks to enter into a printing contest that runs nation wide. What are these blocks? They consist of actual pieces linoleum that the students draw onto then proceed to cut away some surface area, leaving a relief surface. The students then roll out a variety of inks and apply to the surface that remains. They then may hand press or pull a print from our brand new printing press. The press is a great addition to our entire program (look forward to level II students coming home with printed work). Below is a list of students that have participated in this contest. Their work will be available on line after the 15<sup>th</sup> of April.

### Art Workshop 2006-2007

Butler, Andres, Weymouth	LaFauci, Caroline, Hanover
Debas, Lila, Scituate	Leary, Shannon, Hull
Doolittle, Emily, Duxbury	Lunny, Eliza, Plympton
Hatch, Bridget, Halifax	MacLean, Ahdemn, Halifax
Hayes, Alison, Hull	Maskell, Marie, Scituate
Hill, Anna, Weymouth	Talcott, Chelsea, Scituate
Kent, Rachel, Hanover	Wholley, Samantha, Hull

Also, in case you are wondering about Level I and II art coverage as of late (Emily is on maternity leave) Katherine Hahn, a teacher and graphic artist has join our ranks and is teaching those classes and a Design Class for high school students. Katherine joins us with lots of experience in teaching and art and lots of energy. She is a great resource to our community and we are fortunate to have her.

## **ON THE LEVELS**

### **SAYING OF THE WEEK:**

Level 1: "Practice makes perfect."

Level 2: "Actions speak louder than words."

**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 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.

**THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BOARD** is looking for donations of prom dresses, evening dresses, and accessories for a fundraiser. If you would like to donate a dress, please bring it in by April 3, 2007 to Mary Carter, Guidance Counselor. Thank You!

## **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

## 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

Energy Savings can really add up! These quick changes can save \$1000 a year!

<u>Instead of this . . .</u>	<u>Try this . . .</u>	<u>And save . . .!</u>
Thermostat set to 70 degrees in the winter	Set it to 65	\$80 to \$100 a year
Water heater set to 130 degrees	Set it to 120	\$15 a year
A 75-watt incandescent light bulb	An 18-watt CFL or LED light bulb	4 cents/hour, or \$88 a year for a bulb lit 6 hours/day
A traditional computer monitor	An LCD monitor	\$20 a year
Washing and drying clothes on a hot or warm cycle	Wash & dry your loads back-to-back to capture residual heat in the appliances	\$1 a load, or about \$250 a year
Using a top-loading clothes washer	Use a front load washer	As much as 40 cents a load or \$200/year
Using a pre-1993 refrigerator	A new Energy Star-rated fridge	\$120 a year
Rinsing dishes before loading them in the dishwasher	Load dishes into the dishwasher as they are (yup, 'dirty')	6,500 gallons of water a year
Leaving gaps in your heating and a/c ductwork	Seal your loose house "shell"	\$300 a year

## 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 781-659-7540.

**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
2 <b>Turkey</b> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	3 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	4 <b>BLT</b> Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	5 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	6 <b>Tuna Salad</b> With lettuce and tomato
9 <b>Ham</b> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	10 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	11 <b>Italian Cold Cuts</b> With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	12 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	13 <b>PB&amp;J Lunch -or- Tossed Salad</b> With Italian dressing and pita bread
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23 <b>Ham &amp; Salami</b> With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	24 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	25 <b>BLT</b> Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	26 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	27 <b>Tuna Salad</b> With lettuce and tomato
30 <b>Turkey</b> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	5/1 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	5/2 <b>Roast Beef</b> With American cheese and mustard	5/3 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	5/4 <b>PB&amp;J Lunch -or- Greek Salad</b> With Greek dressing and pita bread

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.**

*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 March, 2007  
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 22, 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
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

*Less credit due* \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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



# Prom Expo '07



**Student Board is sponsoring an Expo to get ready for prom! We will have dresses, tux fittings with Mr. Tux, raffles, food, music and more!**

**Date:** April 4, 2007

**Time:** 6:00-9:00pm

**Where:** High School Green

**Get ready for Prom!**