

# **SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## ***UPDATE***

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### **FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL**

Torri Wightman's parents have created a scholarship award for this school year. Last May, Torri, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at SSCPS at the time, lost her life in an automobile accident. In memoriam to Torri there was an outpouring of contributions to The Torri Wightman Memorial Fund for use at the school. Earlier this year the Fund paid for SSCPS high school students with driver's licenses to take a driver safety course. The Fund is now establishing a scholarship award to be given at commencement this June 2. The description of the scholarship is below. Torri was a creative student and this scholarship is reflective of that.

### **THE TORRI WIGHTMAN SCHOLARSHIP**

The Torri Wightman Scholarship will be awarded at the June 2, 2007 graduation to a current 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade South Shore Charter Public School student who has demonstrated a high level of creativity in expressing the impact of a life-changing event. This may be demonstrated through poetry, written and performed music, a written play, a drawing, painting, sculpture, photography or similar work. Upon graduation from South Shore Charter Public School the recipient will receive the award.

Students submitting work should prepare it in the following manner:

- The piece submitted should be totally student generated and completed.
- The entries will be judged anonymously, the name of the creator should not appear on the work itself.
- On the back of the work or on an envelop containing the work the name of the student and grade should be clearly printed.
- Photographs, drawings, paintings or similar work should be mounted on matte board with the artist's name on the back.
- A piece of music should be recorded on a tape or CD and submitted along with the written score.
- The student may also submit a written explanation of how their creation demonstrates the impact of the event.

All submissions should be given to the Assistant to the Executive Director prior May 15, 2007. The Assistant to the Executive Director will code the entries, so that only she will know the identity of the entrants.

The award in 2007 will be a \$5,000 check made out to the student and his/her college.

		<b>MCAS Testing concludes this week ...</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3/28</b>	<b>Development Committee</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3/31</b>	<b>“Class of 08” Europe Trip Deposit Due</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3/30</b>	<b>Professional Development Day – No School for Students</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3/30</b>	<b>High School 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Grades Close</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/03</b>	<b>Parents Association Meeting</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/04</b>	<b>Education Committee</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/04</b>	<b>High School Prom Expo – see attached flyer for details</b>	<b>6:00-9:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/05</b>	<b>High School 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Distributed</b>	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ATTENTION CLASS OF '08** – Deadline to sign up for the EF Education Trip to Europe is due no later than Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. You must register online by the deadline date in order to lock in the current price. Go to [www.eftours.com](http://www.eftours.com) and enter tour number 941508.

## LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the lunch order and menu the month of April. Orders are due Thursday, March 29th. Thank you.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SENIORS:

Kate Gill – Bridgewater State College  
 Sean Kayiales – Curry College  
 Jane Sullivan – Providence College and Wheaton College  
 Murielle Termitus – Wheelock College

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to Emily Lincoln, Art teacher, who has a new baby girl, Marlo Spike Tanner, as of March 21<sup>st</sup>! Marlo weighed in at 8 pounds, 10 ounces!

Karaoke Night turned out to be another entertaining evening at SSCPS. Thanks to Ron for donating his talents, and to Denise Demaggio, Cassie Proude, and everyone involved in making this a fun-filled evening.

This is the final week for MCAS English Language Arts exams. Levels 2, 3, & 4 will be finishing up next week. Any student who was absent for the exams will be asked to make them up next week. Thanks to all the teachers and parents for their help in preparing students for these very important exams.

A reminder that Friday, March 30 is a professional development day for faculty. No school for students. The faculty will be traveling to Holy Cross College in Worcester for the Massachusetts Charter School Best Practices Conference.

High School grades close this Thursday, March 29. Third Quarter report cards will be distributed to students on Thursday, April 5.

The Education Committee will meet next Wednesday, April 4, at 3:30 in room #100. We will continue discussion on Science and Technology/Engineering curriculum.

Thanks to Cindy Ferguson and the Health and Safety Committee for their assistance in putting together Bike Safety Day on Thursday, April 5. Also, the committee is currently securing a presentation on Railroad safety that we will schedule either in late April or early May. This is a most important topic with the expected opening of the Greenbush line later this spring.

*Dr. Tom Gorsuch*

## **ATHLETICS**

**BASKETBALL:** I would like to congratulate senior Zak Mertz and sophomore Katie Sullivan for being elected 2nd Team All-Stars for boys and girls basketball by the coaches of the MCSAO.

**RUNNING:** The second annual SSCPS 5k and fun run will be held on APRIL 28th. Registration forms will be found on the website and at the front office beginning Monday April 2nd.

**TRACK:** For students interested in running track this spring and cross-country next fall there will be a brief meeting on Tuesday April 3rd at 12:30. This year the team will be split into a middle school team and a high school team for meets.

**GOLF:** This past fall we had a very successful program for golf at the Ridder Country Club. We are now in the process of setting up the spring program. All interested parties should email Will Glennon at [wglennon@sscps.org](mailto:wglennon@sscps.org).

## **ON THE LEVELS**

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

Level 1: "Practice makes perfect."

Level 2: "Actions speak louder than words."

**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**

The next **Parents Association** meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the school. The meeting agenda is attached to this week's Update. Also, the agenda and the minutes from the last meeting are both available for downloading from the PA website: <http://www.sscpspa.org>

The **Health & Safety Committee** has invited Officer Bob Meagher from the Norwell Police Department Bike Unit to visit our school on April 5th. Officer Meagher will be speaking with our students in Levels 1-3 about Bike Safety. Please ask your children what they learned about this important topic!

## **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**

### **PRUNING AND YOUR LANDSCAPE**

Fruiting Trees – Mid- to late-March is the ideal time to prune fruiting trees. First prune out dead wood, obvious from the brittle tips and lack of any buds. Then look for crossing branches that are rubbing against each other, and remove the least desirable of these two branches. Cut off any shoots or small branches that are going straight up (called water sprouts), trying to cut just outside of the swelling (called the branch collar) where the to-be-pruned branch meets the trunk or larger branch. Lastly, thin out selected smaller shoots to promote sunlight and air to circulate in the crown of the tree. Never cut any tree in to a 'ball' shape . . . natural reach on the branches is nearly always optimal for best aesthetics and for the continued health of the tree.

Maples – Now is NOT the time to prune Maples, since they will run sap for months if you wound them. If you need to prune one of your Maples, wait until August but no later than early September. Rhododendrons and Azaleas – prune immediately after they have finished blooming and no later than July 1 or you'll risk cutting

off the buds the plant is forming for blossoms next spring. Other flowering Shrubs – If a shrub blooms in the summer, it can be pruned in the early spring. If a shrub is a spring bloomer, then prune right after it blossoms. To learn how to use the right tools to make the best cut, check out this website: <http://www.tree-pruning.com/> Please remember that many trees and shrubs need no pruning at all. For the easiest landscape to maintain, put the right plant in the right place and the plant will almost always take care of itself.

Since Earth Day has nearly arrived, take a look at some events that are being held around the Boston area: <http://events.stepitup2007.org/events/show/573>

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

**ON THURSDAY APRIL 12TH FROM 3-4 PM, THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE** is hosting a work day for any students who would like to help sort, re-shelve, and catalog our library collection. Please come to the temporary library (the entrance is directly across from the Music Room), where we will be busy shuffling books and making room for new titles. Questions? Email Bev Bruce ([bbruce@sscps.org](mailto:bbruce@sscps.org)) or Pam Hatch ([pamela.hatch2@verizon.net](mailto:pamela.hatch2@verizon.net)) Parents are welcome along as well!

**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.

## COMMUNITY INTEREST

Hull Girls Lacrosse signups are in process and if interested to please contact the following:

3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> graders: Michael S. Nuesse, [msn.law@verizon.net](mailto:msn.law@verizon.net)

5<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> graders: Kim McGrath, [kimbamegrath@comcaset.net](mailto:kimbamegrath@comcaset.net)

7<sup>th</sup> + 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Jess White, [jlw13@yahoo.com](mailto:jlw13@yahoo.com)

**THE SURFRIDER FOUNDATION**, a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans and coastlines through conservation, activism, research, and education, is seeking student submissions of PAINTING, DRAWING, WRITING, and PHOTOGRAPHY that depict what the oceans, waves and beaches mean to you. If selected, your art/writing/photo/poem will appear in an upcoming issue of Surfrider's bi-monthly newsletter 'Making Waves'. The top 3 entries will be also awarded prizes of something cool from Billabong, Electric, Dakin, Reef and Nixon. To enter, place your work in the large envelope outside of the Title I office on Level 3. You must also fill out and attach a 'Consent for Permission' form (also found outside the office), making sure that a parent or guardian has signed it. Items submitted will NOT be returned, so make yourself a copy. The DEADLINE for submission is April 11th. Questions? Email Bev Bruce at ([bbruce@sscps.org](mailto:bbruce@sscps.org)).

**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.**

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

AGENDA 3 April 2007 / 7:00 – 9:00 PM

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| 7:00        | <b>Call Meeting to Order</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 7:00 – 7:05 | <b>Review and Approve Minutes</b><br><i>March 6, 2007 PA Meeting Minutes</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 7:05 – 7:10 | <b>Announcements</b><br><i>2007-2008 PA Election</i><br><i>Parents Association Trustee Position</i><br><i>Next PA Meeting, May 1</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 7:10 – 7:30 | <b>Committee Reports</b> (as needed)<br><i>Arts &amp; Music Committee</i><br><i>Fundraising &amp; Events Committee</i><br><i>Health &amp; Safety Committee</i><br><i>Library Committee</i><br><i>Diversity Committee</i><br><i>Orientation/Welcoming Committee</i><br><i>Community Service Committee</i><br><i>PAC Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:30 – 7:35 | <b>Student Representative Report</b><br><i>Ryan Brenner</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 7:35 – 7:50 | <b>Grade Representative Reports</b> (as needed)  | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 7:50 – 8:00 | <b>Other Reports</b> (as needed)<br><i>Education Committee</i><br><i>School Council</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 8:00 – 8:20 | <b>School Report</b><br><i>Mike Munhall &amp; Tom Gorsuch</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 8:20 – 8:30 | <b>Board of Trustees Report</b><br><i>Dorothy Galo</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 8:30 – 8:45 | <b>Old Business</b><br><b>VOTE:</b> <i>Karaoke Night. Diversity Committee proposal for money re-appropriation</i><br><i>Cassie Proud</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 8:45 – 9:00 | <b>New Business</b>  |  |
| 9:00        | <b>Adjourn</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |

## 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> <b>-or-</b> <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> <b>-or-</b> <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

*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.*



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Charter Cup Order Form

The High School will be hosting a championship soccer game on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at the South Shore Sports Center in Hingham, MA from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

We are hoping that all levels will come and support our school. Admission is \$2.00 for students and teachers of SSCPS and \$5.00 for all others.

If you are interested in attending please fill out this order form and send it in with your child to school. A Charter Cup representative will be in each level at 8:15am to collect order forms. You will then receive your ticket(s) in one-week time.

Every ticket automatically enters you in the half time raffle. We will be raffling off an authentic soccer jersey.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pod/Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of student/teacher tickets ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$2.00

Number of other tickets ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00

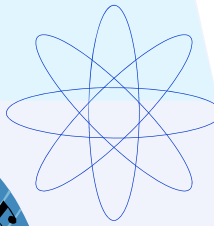
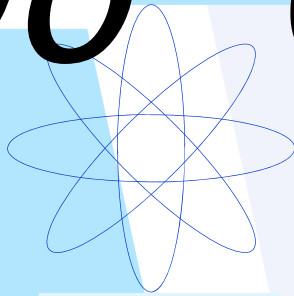
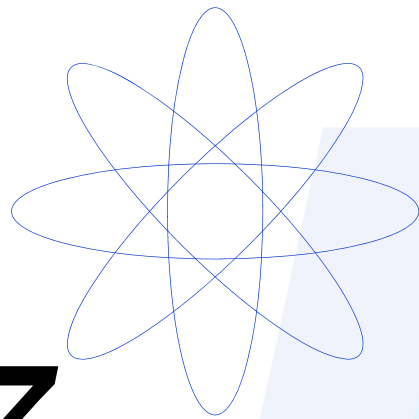
Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to SSCPS.)

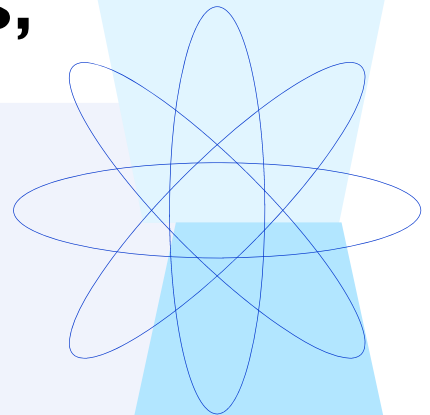


Thank you for your support!  
High School Fundraising Team

# *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!**

