

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## UPDATE

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Wednesday	4/11	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Charter Soccer Cup – So Shore Sports Center -Hingham	5:00-7:00pm
Thursday	4/12	Spanish Department sponsoring “Chili-Fest”	12:00-2:00pm
Thursday	4/12	Personnel Committee	6:30pm
Friday	4/13	Nominating Sub-Committee – Board Interviews	9:00am
Mon-Fri	4/16-4/20	Spring Break	No School
Monday	4/23	Classes Resume	8:15am
Thursday	4/26	Girl Scout Registration	6:00pm
Thursday	4/26	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	4/26	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Thursday	4/26	SEPAC Workshop	6:30pm
Saturday	4/28	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Road Race	

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Spanish Department is sponsoring a Chili Fest on Thursday, April 12 from 12:00 – 2:00pm. All are welcome! For more details, contact Pedro, Linda or Juvy.

### LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the lunch order form for the remainder of April. Also enclosed is the menu and order form for the month of May. April orders are due Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> by 3pm. May orders are due Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm. Thank you.

### COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Congratulations to the following Seniors: Kyle Forrester - Franklin Pierce, NH and Sean Kayiales - Bridgewater State College

### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

MCAS are over for April. The MCAS testing for Math, Science, and Social Studies will take place the last two weeks of May and the first week of June.

School Council met on Monday, April 9 to discuss project curriculum and assessment. Discussion centered on the fact that projects/workshops need to focus on three curricula elements relating to the extension of core academic subjects into projects, the particular knowledge and skills that are unique to each project, and the life skills, such as leadership and initiative, entrepreneurship, teamwork, communication, planning, organization, creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking, the resolution of ethical dilemmas, and the ability to reflect.

Many thanks to Scott Freitas (father of Daniel and Matthew from Level I) who is generously donating his time to teach a CPR class to staff members on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30.

This Thursday grades K, 3 & 6 will be participating in the Massachusetts Survey of Children's oral health. The team from BU School of Dental Medicine will be here at 8:45 to get started. Thanks to everyone for being receptive to this study and agreeing to participate.

The Biology Workshop in the high school leaves for Costa Rica on Thursday. The kids are really excited, and have worked hard to raise funds for this trip. They will be studying and observing the many examples of biodiversity. Thanks to Julia, Tara and Mike who have graciously donated their vacations to this trip. We look forward to hearing about their many experiences when they return.

The year is coming to a close all too quickly and there will be many events happening in May, such as Spring Concert, high school play, and the Prom. I hope everyone has an opportunity to rest and relax over vacation and get ready for all the end of year events.

*Dr. Tom Gorsuch*

## **ATHLETICS**

**PE CLASSES ARE BEING HELD OUTSIDE AT THE YMCA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. STUDENTS SHOULD BE DRESSED APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND BRING A WATER BOTTLE.**

**TO SUPPORT THE PE/ATHLETIC PROGRAM:** The 2nd annual 5k and fun run road race will be held April 28th. T-shirts will be given out to the first 100 to register! Applications will be available this Friday.

**TRACK:** Once again the athletic department is putting together a track team to get in shape and compete against other charter schools. It will be open to students in grades 6-12 and will consist of a middle school team and a high school team. Everyone interested in running or helping out should contact Will Glennon or stop by his office between 12-1 on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

**GOLF:** Will begin the May 7th. Classes will run through June 8th. The 5 week course will cost \$85.00 and it will run on either Monday's or Friday's. Brochures will be available at Will Glennon's office beginning on Thursday April 12th.

## **ON THE LEVELS**

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

Level 1: "Wolf in sheep's clothing".

Level 2: "His bark is worse than his bite".

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **PA MEETING MINUTES**

Draft meeting minutes from last Tuesday's Parents Association meeting are available for downloading from the PA website: <http://www.sscpspa.org>

### **2007-2008 PA ELECTION BALLOT**

Please complete the online Parents Association 2007-2008 election ballot and questionnaire. It can be accessed from the PA website: <http://www.sscpspa.org>. Click on the yellow VOTE NOW box for an automatic link to the ballot. Please complete the form by 3:00 PM Friday, May 11, 2006. If you prefer to fill out a paper ballot, hard copies are available at the school's front desk.

## **SEPAC WORKSHOP**

### **Strategies for Maintaining Parental Sanity when Dealing with Maladaptive Behavior**

Thursday, April 26 6:30pm

This workshop is a follow-up on the initial presentation by Dr. Ron Larrivee, Director of Learning Services at South Shore Charter Public School.

Reasons, Rules, Reminders and Relationships is part 2 of a series of presentations that support parents in developing effective approaches that will teach appropriate behavior, and discourage inappropriate behavior on the part of children.

**May SEPAC Workshop**, plan on attending the workshop being put on by Ms. Cheryl Larson, MSW. Ms. Larson's presentation to parents will reflect her work with our staff in helping them meet the needs of children who are on the Autism Spectrum. Thus, this information will also provide parents with additional insights about children on the Autism spectrum. Set aside the date of Thursday, May 17th 6:30pm

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Immediate Openings:**

Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher  
On-Call Substitute Teachers  
On-Call Substitute Nurse

### **Anticipated Openings for the 2007-2008 School Year**

Level 1 Teacher (Grades K-2)  
Level 2 Teacher (Grades 3&4)  
Level 4 History and English (Grades 7&8)  
High School History  
Elementary Special Education Teacher  
Part Time Teacher Aides  
Part Time Math Tutor

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

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

### **Insects and Your Lawn – Say “NO!” to Chemicals!**

Please remember, *pesticides are intentionally toxic substances*. Most lawn pesticides are broad-spectrum, neuro-toxic, organo-phosphates. Exposure to these products has been linked to many illnesses, including cancers, infertility, birth defects, and neurological diseases. We do not need chemicals this dangerous in order to keep our lawns looking green.

Many pests love turf grasses, but nearly all of them can co-exist with a healthy lawn. The key is balance. A critical piece of information is this: **most of the insects in our yards are beneficial**. In a healthy ecosystem, the beneficial insects often keep the bad bugs to a minimum.

Due to years of very effective pesticide advertising, homeowners are obsessed with grubs. “Grubs” are the larval stage of nearly 100 types of insects, and most of these insects do no damage to the lawn. But two types of grubs that can be damaging are the larvae of the Japanese Beetle and larvae of Masked Chafer Beetles. Two biological controls that are tremendously effective for grub control are Milky Spore and Beneficial Nematodes.

Milky spore is a naturally-occurring host-specific bacterium (*Bacillus popilliae*-Dutky) that derails the white grubs of Japanese Beetles; it is harmless to other life forms. Turf inoculation of Milky Spore protects your lawn for as long as twenty years. Milky Spore is available from some lawn and garden centers, and also from click-retailers like [www.homeharvest.com](http://www.homeharvest.com).

Beneficial nematodes, tiny (virtually microscopic) roundworms, are extraordinarily lethal to many lawn insect pests, yet are safe for plants and animals. Most biological, even Milky Spore, require time to be effective, but nematodes kill root-eating insects in 24-48 hours. Application is as simple as adding a spray bottle to your garden hose and spraying down your lawn and your gardens. [www.gardensalive.com](http://www.gardensalive.com) offers a beneficial nematode product called ‘Grub Away’ that is so effective at controlling grubs the company has actually stopped offering Milky Spore.

This Spring, say ‘No’ to the chemicals and still enjoy a beautiful lawn! For more information, contact [jengebretson@sscps.org](mailto:jengebretson@sscps.org).

## 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) or Pam Hatch (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

**ATTENTION ARTISTS AGES 6-11!** Join us for art adventure this summer at North River Arts Society in Marshfield. Summer Art Studio for Children 9:00am – 12:00pm Monday-Friday. For more information see Nicole. Themes: Beach Party! July 9-13; Fairies and Fantasy! July 16-20; Animal Adventures! July 23-27; Theatre Arts! July 30-August 3

**WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.SSCPS.ORG](http://WWW.SSCPS.ORG)**



## Lunch Menu – May, 2007

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
7 <b><i>Turkey</i></b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	8 <b><i>No Lunch Early Release</i></b>	9 <b><i>BLT</i></b>  Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	10 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	11 <b><i>Tuna Salad</i></b>  With lettuce and tomato
14 <b><i>Chicken Salad</i></b>  With lettuce and tomato	15 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	16 <b><i>Italian Cold Cuts</i></b>  With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	17 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	18 <b><i>PB&amp;J Lunch -or- Tossed Salad</i></b> With Italian dressing and pita bread
21 <b><i>Ham</i></b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	22 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	23 <b><i>Roast Beef</i></b>  With American cheese and mustard	24 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	25 <b><i>Tuna Salad</i></b>  With lettuce and tomato
28 <b><i>NO SCHOOL</i></b>  Memorial Day	29 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	30 <b><i>BLT</i></b>  Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	31 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	6/1 <b><i>PB&amp;J Lunch -or- Greek Salad</i></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 May, 2007  
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, May 3, 2007

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

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

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

Week of 5/7 – 5/11	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <b>Early Release</b>	<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 5/14 – 5/18	<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 5/21 – 5/25	<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 5/28 – 6/1	<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 ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
Number of 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.*