

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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Thursday	5/03	Alice's Level 2 Project Bake Sale	
Friday	5/04	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	5/04	Level 1 Literacy Night	6:00-8:00pm
Tuesday	5/08	K-11 Warnings Mailed	
Tuesday	5/08	Professional Development Early Release Day	12:00 noon
Tuesday	5/08	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	
Tuesday	5/08	Board of Trustees Special Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday	5/10	Annual Fund Phone a thon	6:30-8:30pm
Friday	5/11	Fundraising Committee meeting	8:30am
Friday	5/11	Kendra's Level 2 Project Bake Sale	
Saturday	5/12	High School Theatre Workshop presents "Fuddy Meers"	7:30pm
Sunday	5/13	High School Theatre Workshop presents "Fuddy Meers"	3:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ON ALL COOKS, BAKERS and anyone else that would like to donate to the Teacher Luncheon during **Teacher Appreciation Week!!**

The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 8. There are about 70 staff members that will be at the luncheon. We will need entrees, like ziti bake, pastas, casseroles, etc. Anything that you like to make. Also, salads and desserts. We also need donations of paper products, if you don't want to make something.

The items would be dropped off that day before 11:30 or we can make plans to drop it off. Please email me at klb.rjc@verizon.net or call 781-792-1872 if you can donate an item.

Please help me show the teachers how much we appreciate them. They really love these luncheons.

STUDENTS!! CELEBRATE TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!!!

Bring in a flower for your special teacher or teachers on Wednesday, May 9th

You can pick one from your garden, or you can make one!! **USE YOUR IMAGINATION!!!**

Send a special note along with your flower to show your teacher (show much you appreciate them).

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS! – In order to access your School files from home please use the schools FTP service. Use Internet Explorer and type in ftp://your_user_name@jaguarstyle.com. If you do not remember your user name and password, please see Bob Jesus in person or email Bob at rjesus@sscps.org

SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, June 7th – 53 South presents a Gourmet Celebration to help support SSCPS. Look for details to come.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the lunch order form for the month of May. Orders are due Thursday, May 3rd at 3pm.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With May comes MCAS exams. This month students in grade 3-10 will be taking Math, Science, and Social Studies. The exam schedule is as follows

- **Level II** – Grades 3 and 4 will be taking their Math exam on May 15 and 17 in the morning.
- **Level III** – Grades 5 and 6 will be taking their Math exam on May 15 and 16, Grade 5 will be taking a Social Studies exam on May 17 and their Science exam on May 22 and 23.
- **Level IV** – Grades 7 and 8 will take their Math exam on May 14 and 16, and Grade 7 will have their Social Studies exam on May 21 and 23 and Grade 8 will have their Science exam on May 21 and 23.
- **High School** – Grade 10 will have their competency determination Math exam on May 22 and 23, Grade 11 will take a Social Studies exam on May 24 and 25, Grade 9 will be taking a Biology exam on June 5 and 6. This grade 9 exam in Biology is one that they will have to pass in order to graduate from a public high school in Massachusetts. Students have been taking a prep class to help prepare them for this exam. If they do not pass the exam this year, they will have an opportunity to retake the exam next year.

Please make every effort to have your child present for those exams. If for some reason your child will be absent for any part of the exams, please let us know as soon as possible in order to plan a make up day. Make sure your child has plenty of rest the night before.

This time of the year also brings with it teachers leaving. As such, we have begun the process of hiring new teachers for next year. Our thanks to the parents and students who will be assisting in this most important task. We hope to have our new staff members by the end of the month. We will keep you posted on our progress.

K-11 academic warnings will be mailed on May 9. Please take the opportunity to review these with your child. If you have concerns about your child's academic progress please contact your child's teacher(s) and Level Coordinator.

Tuesday, May 8th, is an early release day for Professional Development. Students will be dismissed at 12:00. Faculty will be working on finalizing the curriculum for the Senior Project exit standard for the high school, establishing the curriculum frameworks for the projects/workshops, and continuing to work of the Science Curriculum.

Thanks to the faculty on Level III for putting together the trip to see *Beauty and the Beast* at the Roberts Theater in Providence. Everyone had a great time.

High School Physics class will be traveling to Six Flags New England in Agawam Friday May 4 to conduct a series of laboratory experiments on the rides. Sometimes referred to as "Rollercoaster Labs," students will be studying concepts on rotational motion/dynamics, acceleration, force, and energy. They will be taking measurements, doing calculations, and writing up their experiments. It should be an exciting time!

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

ATHLETICS

Golf: Golf will begin next week. For all of those interested brochures can be picked up in Will Glennon's office or at the front desk. I need these returned on Friday if you are planning on attending the Monday session or next Tuesday if you are planning on attending the Friday session.

Track: All students interested in running track this spring practices will be on Tuesday's and Thursday's after school beginning at 3:00 pm and ending at 4:00 pm.

ART NEWS

SSCPS STUDENTS DISPLAY ART WORK AT THE 2ND PARISH ART SHOW IN HINGHAM This year our school is represented by 31 of our students at the 51st Annual Second Parish Art Show in Hingham (685 Main Street Rt. 228). The show's hours are May 2nd -9th, 9 am -9pm, Sunday, May 6th, 12noon-4pm. All are welcome!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Spring '07 After School (3:00-3:50) Music Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HS/AP		Level III	Level IV	OPEN

Mon: HS students will be rehearsing for their senior recitals and spring concert program.

Tue: Level and Faculty meetings (no events unless arranged in advance.)

Wed: Level 3 students are welcome to "jam," rehearse, and/or PRACTICE!

Thu: Level 4 students and the *PLAYERS* ensemble are invited.

Fri: Open jams for everyone including FACULTY, staff, parents, and family.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "In hot water".

Level 2: "Cold shoulder".

LEVEL 2 is looking for parents to help with Scholastic Book orders. Please contact Kendra at x329 if you are able to help. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE! LEVEL 3 THEATER ARTS PROJECT will present "Pirates of Penzance" May 15, 2007 6:30pm at Hingham Middle School.

JOHN'S LEVEL 3 PROJECT held the raffle for the three wheeled scooter. The first place winner is Derek Wholley!! The second place winner was Grace Moore and third place winner was Jacob Bloom-Houk. Congratulations!

Attention Parents grades 9-11 **MEFA EARLY AWARENESS FINANCIAL AID** .May 22, 2007 at 7:00pm the website is www.mefa.org

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

THE 2007-2008 PA ELECTION is ongoing. You can access the online ballot by going to the PA website (www.sscpspa.org) and clicking on the yellow "VOTE NOW" box. Please complete the ballot and survey questions by Friday, May 11.

YOU CAN STILL JOIN the SSCPS Parents Discussion Forum at GoogleGroups.

There are currently 101 SSCPS families signed up. It's a great way to keep up with what the PA is up to, and a forum for sharing thoughts and ideas related to the school and our community. If you'd like to sign up, simply send an email to sscpsparents@googlegroups.com and write "Sign Me Up."

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE will be having a meeting Friday, May 11th at 8:30 AM at the school. We will be discussing next year's fundraisers.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Immediate Openings:

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Nurse

Openings for the 2007-2008 School Year

Level I Elementary Teacher Full Time

Level II Elementary Teacher Full Time

Level III Elementary Teacher Full Time

Level IV Middle School History and English Teacher Full Time

High School History Teacher Full Time

Learning Support (Sped) Elementary K-6 Teacher Full Time

Part Time Speech Therapy Assistant (FTE 38%)

4 Part Time Level I Teacher Aides (50% FTE)
Part Time Level III Teacher Aide (50% FTE)
Part Time Level IV Teacher Aide (50% FTE)
Part Time Learning Services (Sped) Teacher Assistant (88% FTE)
Part Time Title I Tutor/Aide (FTE TBD)
On-Call Substitute Teachers
On-Call Substitute Nurse
On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

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

SEPAC WORKSHOP

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

ECO-TIPS FROM THE SSCPS GREEN TEAM

Save Your Septic System!

If you have a chat with a septic engineer, most will tell you that nothing belongs in your septic system except for what has gone through our digestive tract, plus wastewater, and TP. Nearly all will agree that garbage disposals are a key ingredient to failing septic systems. But there's an easy solution. Compost your kitchen scraps! It's easy. And it's free.

Find a spot in your yard . . . you'll need a foot print of about 4' x 4'. Start with a small pile of leaves, then start adding on the kitchen scraps. Anything can go in the pile except for meat and cheese. Cooked or raw, breads or carrots, left over apple pie, and the spaghetti squash no one would eat – just toss them on! Egg shells are a benefit to the pile, adding calcium to your finished compost. Then, throw on the weeds you pull, your excess grass trimmings, houseplants that croak. You don't have to turn it. You don't have to water it. You don't have to put walls around it. You'll have the occasional mouse or raccoon snitching a corn cob or some lettuce, but compost piles do not smell or attract rodents in to your yard.

The bonus is if you keep piling the stuff on to your pile, at the end of 6 months to a year at the bottom of your pile you'll have gorgeous, dark brown compost . . . perfect for any of your gardens. You can use it to amend garden soil, rake it in as a light Spring or Fall top-dressing for your lawn, or use it in place of mulch – it is nutrient dense, full of beneficial microorganisms, and will act to improve your soil. Compost is black gold for your yard.

If you live in a condo or apartment, follow the lead of Jess Engebretson's Level IV pod, and learn to vermi-compost indoors! Jengebretson@sscps.org

Remember, the average American family of four throws away 7 pounds of kitchen scraps per week. That's over 350 pounds of compostable stuff per year! Make those scraps work FOR you . . . and for the planet!

Don't throw all of that fabulous bio-matter in to your trash or your septic system. Make your own black gold!

For more info: <http://www.howtocompost.org/>

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

On Friday, May 18th, there will be a Community Service opportunity for students to help decorate a cemetery in Norwell for Memorial Day. We will be replacing all the old flags which decorate the veterans' graves with brand new flags. The cemetery is located on River Street by the Church Hill church. It will be incredibly interesting because not all of the flags will be the same - some of the flags will be the Betsy Ross flags (the ones with the round circle of stars) because that is the era in which some of the veterans served our country! Directions to the cemetery from school: take Route 123 east to the center of Norwell. Right onto River Street. Church Hill is about 3 miles down River Street.. I will be at school for pick up that day and anyone participating can follow me if they like. Stay tuned for updates on this activity. Katherine Kardok 781-659-7540.

PAJAMA DONATIONS! Casey O'Brien, a level two student in Kendra's pod is having a pajama drive for a charity called the *Pajama Program*. "The Pajama Program, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, provides

new, warm pajamas and books to needy children in the United States, and around the world, many who are waiting and hoping to be adopted. These are youngsters who may not know the comforts of a mother or father to tuck them into a cozy bed and read them a bedtime story. Too many have been abandoned, most deprived of any love at all.” If you would like to donate NEW pajamas or books to the Pajama Program you’ll find a drop box outside Kendra’s class in level two. If you have any questions or need further information please contact Casey O’Brien at caseyroseobrien@hotmail.com or 781-753-6738.

The 5th 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

The submission date for the '**Surfrider Foundation Art and Writing Contest**' has been extended to May 30th! The Surfrider Foundation is an international coastal environmental group, and they are seeking drawing, poetry, painting, or photographs from youth that capture what the oceans, waves, and beaches mean to them. All entries will be considered for inclusion of an upcoming issue of their newsletter 'Making Waves', and prizes will be awarded to the best three submissions. Entrants should place your submission in the envelope outside of the Title I office on Level 3. You must attach a parent/guardian permission form to your work (also in the envelope). Questions? Email Bev Bruce at bbruce@sscps.org.

CALL FOR ART! The South Shore Art Center (Cohasset MA) is sponsoring a Young Artist Exhibition during their Arts Festival June 15-17th. Young Artists (18 or younger) may submit entries in any medium no larger than 18x24 & must be matted and/or framed. Entries will be accepted May 12 (10-4), May 13 (12-4) and May 14 (9-9). For more information contact South Shore Art Center at 781-383-2787.

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

Lunch Menu – May, 2007

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

LAST CHANCE!!

To Buy This Year's Yearbook

The South Shore Charter Public School 2006-2007 Yearbook is still on sale until May 25th.
The cost of the Yearbook is \$30.00.

Exciting new features include:

- Vibrant, Full-Color Pages that bring memories to life.
- Durable, high-quality hard cover to stand the test of time.
- Custom cover design created especially for our school.

We only have a limited supply left, which are certain to be gone quickly. Be sure to get a copy for your child before these precious memories are
SOLD OUT!

Please return this slip filled out AND payment in an envelope with "ATTENTION YEARBOOK STAFF" to your
child's
Pod Teacher/Advisor

2007-2008 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor: _____

Yearbook Order Quantity: _____

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

- Check
 Cash
 Money Order

*Make checks payable to South Shore Charter Public School