

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Did you know that over 600 stores are accessible from the school's website? If you go to our homepage and click "Shop and Support Our School" you will be taken to a list of online stores, many at which you probably already shop. Gap, Best Buy, Wal-Mart, Old Navy, Ebay, Kohl's, Target, Eddie Bauer, The Walking Company, Barnes & Noble, National Geographic, Kitchen Etc., and a host of other companies are available here. What is different is that every time you buy off our website you will be donating to SSCPS. Donations to the school run from 1% to 16% of the purchase made online. This is an easy way to support the school while fulfilling your needs. It is a win-win situation for us all.

Go to www.sscps.org and SHOP!

Friday	5/11	Fundraising Meeting	8:30am
Friday	5/11	Kendra's Level 2 Project Bake Sale	
Saturday	5/12	High School Theatre Workshop performance at Hingham Town Hall	7:30pm
Sunday	5/13	High School Theatre Workshop performance at Hingham Town Hall	3:00pm
Monday	5/14	School Council	3:30pm
Tuesday	5/15	Dan's Level 3 Theatre Project performance at Hingham Middle School	6:30pm
Wednesday	5/16	SEPAC	8:30am
Wednesday	5/16	High School Memorial Walk for Torri Wightman Pond Meadow	1:00pm
Thursday	5/17	SEPAC Workshop	6:30-8:30pm
Friday	5/18	High School Prom – Clarion - Hull	7:00-11:00pm
Friday	5/18	Level 4 Lock Down Fundraiser	8:00pm-8:00am
Wednesday	5/30	SAVE THE DATE SSCPS ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL	6:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE WORKSHOP PRESENTS “FUDDY MEERS” Saturday, May 12th at 7:30pm and Sunday, May 13th at 3:00pm at the Sanborn Auditorium in the Hingham Town Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 for students and \$7.00 for Adults. Contents are not suitable for children.

LEVEL 3 THEATER ARTS PROJECT will present “Pirates of Penzance” May 15, 2007 6:30pm at Hingham Middle School. Tickets are \$6.00 per person.

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.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

K-11 academic warnings will be mailed on May 9. Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child his or her academic progress. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child’s teacher(s).

On Tuesday, May 8 the faculty had its last professional development day of the year. The high school worked on the finalization of the curriculum for the senior projects and advisory program, a group of twelve teachers worked on the Life Skills curriculum for the projects/workshops, and the remainder of the faculty worked on unwrapping standards for the Science and where possible began the Social Studies curriculum.

A big thank you to all the parents who prepared and served a delicious lunch for the faculty on Tuesday. It was much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone!!

Please make a note that the spring concert date has been changed to Wednesday, May 30 at 6PM at Hingham High School.

A reminder that next week begins about three weeks of 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 22 and 24 in the morning. **This is a change from what was published last week.**

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.

To keep everyone updated- we began interviews for new teachers on Level 1 and 4 last week and will be interviewing for Level 2 and the high school this week. Our thanks to the parents and students who will be assisting in this most important task. We should know in a week or so the results of our search.

School Council meets next week on Monday May 14 at 3:30 PM in Room 100.

High school prom is Friday, May 18 at the Clarion Hotel in Hull. It starts at 7PM. Everyone is welcome to drop by and say hello.

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the lunch order form for the month of May. Orders are due Thursday, May 10th at 3pm.

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: "You can't teach an old dog new tricks".

Level 2: "Cold shoulder".

LEVEL 1 LITERACY NIGHT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. Thank you to the student and families that participated. A special thank you to the High School and other students who volunteered their time to help that evening, as well as to Kate Stone who leads the Early Childhood Workshop.

EUROPE APRIL 2008! The proposed trip to Europe for April 2008 has been approved. If you are interested or would like informational materials, please contact Claire Overlee at coverlee@sscps.org or 781/982-4202 ext. 321 ASAP. We will be visiting Amsterdam, Heidelberg, Lucerne and Paris.

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

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Full Time Elementary/Middle School Spanish Teacher

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

A Mother's Day Wish for a Healthy Tomorrow

Mounting scientific evidence shows that the developing minds and bodies of children are being permanently damaged by unnecessary dangerous toxic chemicals that they are exposed to on a daily basis. In honor of Mother's Day, the Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow has proposed the Safer Alternatives Bill, which will set up an ongoing program to replace toxic chemicals with safer alternatives. Our lobby day is THIS THURSDAY, and we need your support. We need to let our legislators and Governor Patrick know that it is time to take swift action on toxic chemicals.

Please invest sixty seconds *right now* to help Massachusetts phase out these 'Top 10' carcinogens, teratogens, endocrine disruptors and neuro-toxins. All you have to do is click here:

http://healthytomorrow.org/MDLD_Card.htm

Chemicals included in the Safer Alternatives Bill: Formaldehyde, Lead, Trichloroethylene, Perchloroethylene, Dioxins and Furans, Hexavalent chromium, Organophosphate pesticides, Pentabromodiphenyl ether (Penta BDE), di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP), and 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)

Happy Mother's Day! Thank you!

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 TORRI WIGHTMAN SCHOLARSHIP - Submissions must be received by May 15, 2007. For more information contact Pam Algera at palgera@sscps.org.

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 10, 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