

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## *UPDATE*

May 23, 2007 Vol. 5, Issue 4

### SOUTH SHORE CHARTER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Invites you to

## **A Spring Wine Dinner**

Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

At

### **Fifty-Three South**

42 Washington Street - Norwell, MA 02061

*Queen Anne's Corner*

6:30 Reception 7:00 Dinner

\$75.00 /per person

Reservations required

781.792.0001

Seating is limited to 70 guests.

Weds-Fri	5/23-25	Senior Finals	
Thursday	5/24	Level 2 Cookie Social	2:30pm
Friday	5/25	Level 2 Art Force Bake Sale	
Monday	5/28	Memorial Day	No School
Tuesday	5/29	Full Faculty Meeting	3:30pm
Tuesday	5/29	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Tuesday	5/29	Annual Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday	5/29	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:30pm
Wednesday	5/30	Level 3 Georges Island	
Wednesday	5/30	Annual Spring Concert – Hingham High School	6:00pm
Thursday	5/31	Senior Dinner	6:30pm
Friday	6/01	Grades 9-11 Portfolios Due	
Friday	6/01	The Big Hair Cut – High School Village Green	2:15PM
Saturday	6/02	Graduation	3:00pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2007-08 STUDENT BOARD OFFICERS!

Aaron Roundtree, President  
 Carly Hayes, Vice-President  
 Emily Doolittle, Secretary  
 Nick Sisson, Treasurer  
 Ryan Brenner, Board of Trustees Student Representative

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Congratulations to Jonathan Drain on acceptance to Eastern Nazarene College.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The year is all too quickly coming to an end. Over the next few weeks there will be many activities that will celebrate the conclusion of another school year. Please be alert to the calendar for events that will be happening on your child's level and plan to join in where possible.

Thanks to Andre and the seniors from the Music Workshop, along with other high school accompaniments, for their performances at last Thursday's concert. These students have so much talent! It was really an enjoyable presentation.

The prom was a huge success. Hannah Connolly and Jonathan Alexandre were voted prom Queen and King. It really is nice to see the kids having a good time. Thanks to Mary Carter for the endless dedication to this event,

and to Rick Small, Kathy Seavey, Ed Dormady, Dorothy Scholz, Rachel Meisels & Catherine Haberkorn for donating their personal time.

Thanks to the teachers of Level IV for donating their time and energy to the “lock in” Friday night. The students entertained themselves with games, movies, munchies, and mini talent shows. The kids really enjoyed themselves! And the funds raised will go towards the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to New York City next month.

Senior final exams will be the remainder of the week. The seniors will be dismissed at 12:00PM on Wednesday and Thursday, and 10:00AM on Friday.

MCAS are taking place in Levels II, III, IV and the High School this week. The MCAS schedule is as follows:

- **Level II** – Grades 3 and 4 will be taking their Math exam on May 22 and 24 in the morning.
- **Level III** – Grade 5 will be taking their Science exam on May 22 and 23.
- **Level IV** – 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, and 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.

Cindy Ferguson, Health & Safety Committee, has arranged an informational session for the students on “rail safety” because of the trains expanded to the South Shore. It will take place next Thursday, May 31.

The Spring Concert will be next Wednesday, May 30, at 6:00PM at Hingham High School.

Graduation will be Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00PM.

*Dr. Tom Gorsuch*

## LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the lunch order form for the remainder of May. Orders are due Thursday, May 16th at 3pm. Also enclosed is the Menu and Order Form for the month of June. Orders for June are due Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> by 3pm.

## ART NEWS

The high school workshop celebrated the opening of **Duxbury’s Art Complex** Student Outdoor Sculpture Display on **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**, through a light drizzle. Over 100 guests attended the celebration with an organized walk and talk as students had the opportunity to describe their pieces to the attentive audience. The five invited schools were Norwell, Marshfield, Silver Lake, Sacred Heart and South Shore Charter. All students work must be juried in by means of a written proposal, description and visual drawing. Work will be on display until the week of the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. The Art Complex Museum is at 189 Alden Street, Duxbury, 781-934-6634. Congratulations to the Art Workshop Students!

The art students have an extremely busy year and follow a rigorous schedule.

This has been their 5<sup>th</sup> contest this year and their **forth public opening!** (Boston Globe Scholastic Art Show, Dick Blick Linoleum Block Contest, Hingham Harbor Gallery Mardi Gras Masks, Second Parish Art Show, Hingham, Duxbury Art Complex Outdoor Sculpture Contest) Their next opening is the Congressional Art Show, held at the **South Shore Art Center, Cohasset**, on **Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm**. Their last event is the South Shore Art Center Summer Festival, which is on the Cohasset Common, June 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

**The Art Workshop is opening up applications for next year’s workshop. To get specific requirements for portfolio submissions and essay please see Marianne or call x304.**

The following elementary students were selected to represent the school in the 2007 Amusement Safety Contest sponsored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Robert Proude, Tanner DeMaggio, Katharine Tuttle, Bridget Smyth and Arianna Hartz. Students created a poster which competes to be included on an annual calendar.

## ON THE LEVELS

### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Where there is a will there is a way".

Level 2: "As the crow flies".

**JUNES' POD IS RAFFLING BIRD HOUSES AT THE SPRING CONCERT.** It is on May 30<sup>th</sup>. There are big and small bird houses. We will sell the raffle tickets before the concert. We are raising money for Habitat for Humanity. We hope you can come. By Cassandra Amicangelo and Brooke Albert Project Journalists

**LEVEL 2 COOKIE SOCIAL** May 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm-4:30pm.

**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](mailto:coverlee@sscps.org) or 781/982-4202 ext. 321 ASAP. We will be visiting Amsterdam, Heidelberg, Lucerne and Paris.

**THE SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PROM WEBSITE IS UP!** Please visit the web gallery of these pictures, where you can view and order prints that will be delivered directly to the school if ordered before May 25, or directly to you after the May 25<sup>th</sup> date. For log in information, please see Mary Carter or email [mcarter@sscps.org](mailto:mcarter@sscps.org).

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The next Parents Association meeting will be on Tuesday, June 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM (regular monthly meeting, 7:00 - 7:30; annual PA reorganization meeting, 7:30 - 9:00). If there are any items you'd like added to the agenda, please send them to David Whitemyer ([dwhitemyer@rcn.com](mailto:dwhitemyer@rcn.com)) by next Sunday, May 27. Please come and welcome your next year's PA grade representatives and committee chairs.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Immediate Openings:

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Nurse

### Openings for the 2007-2008 School Year

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

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.*

## ECO-TIPS FROM THE SSCPS GREEN TEAM

### "Bag it!"

A great way to have a beautiful lawn, and save both time and money, is to use a mulching lawn mower. Rather than ejecting the cut grass pieces out a side chute, mulching mowers cut and re-cut each grass clipping in to tiny pieces. These small pieces stay on the lawn, break down quickly, and give your lawn a lovely, organic, free, nitrogen-rich feed. Exactly what your lawn is craving.

And, no . . . this will \*not\* contribute to the dreaded thatch. "Thatch" is not what most people think it is . . . true thatch is a relatively impermeable layer of compacted grass roots in the top inch or two of soil. Thatch is caused by improper watering and fertilizing, coupled with poor maintenance practices.

Your current non-mulching lawn mower or lawn tractor can be converted in to a pretty good mulching mower with various attachments sold by lawn equipment companies. With any mowing, still keep in mind the cardinal rules: make sure your blade is very sharp, raise your blade height to 3 1/2 to 4 inches, cut more frequently when the grass is growing rapidly (Spring and Fall), remove only up to 1/3 of the grass blade, and mow only when the lawn is absolutely dry.

So! Bag the bagging . . . and enjoy more time for playing on the lawn, not maintaining it!

Speaking of **BAGGING IT** . . . Did you know it takes 1,000 years for plastic bags to decompose in landfills!!! Plastic bags choke sea turtles, whales and porpoises. And because they are made from polyethylene they increase our dependence on foreign oil and contribute to global warming. The state senator Brian Joyce from Milton is about to file legislation that would levy a fee on non-compost able plastic bags at big retailers. The fee, paid by customers, would start at 2 cents per bag in 2008 and rise to 15 cents by 2014. SO . . . buy low cost reusable shopping bags offered at Whole Foods & Stop Shop or check out these websites that stock many types of reusable bags: <http://www.1bagatatime.com/> <http://www.reusablebags.com/>

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

**THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE** is hosting another Work Day on Thursday May 31st from 3-4:00 pm. to continue sorting, stamping and labeling books. Students assisting can earn an hour of community service. Please sign up on the door of the library or by emailing Bev Bruce at [bbruce@sscps.org](mailto:bbruce@sscps.org).

**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 1/2 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.

**OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE** will be working with the North and South Rivers Watershed Association (NSRWA) to remove trash and debris from these watersheds that touch nearly all of our communities.

Date: Saturday, June 2, 2007

Time: Between 9:00 a.m. and Noon

Place: Just show up at one of the following clean up stations. Garbage bags will be available at all stations. Volunteers may work by foot, auto, or boat. All trash should be brought to clean up stations by noon. At noon there will be a free celebratory cookout at the Driftway Conservation Area in Scituate. All participants are invited. Winning kayak raffle ticket will be drawn.

Clean Up Stations for the North River Watershed:

1. Driftway Conservation Area, Scituate.
2. Union Street Canoe Launch, Marshfield
3. Hanover Canoe Launch
4. Old Oaken Bucket Pond, Scituate

Clean Up Stations for the South River Watershed:

1. Willow Street Bridge, Marshfield
2. Marshfield Town Landing

For more information, please email Katherine Kardok [swimschool@juno.com](mailto:swimschool@juno.com) or call me at 781-659-7540, or you can call the NSRWA directly: Paula Christie, 781-659-8168, or email Paula at [paula@nsrwa.org](mailto:paula@nsrwa.org).

**YMCA LOOKING FOR TEEN VOLUNTEERS!** On June 2 the South Shore YMCA has a bike race called TREK for TOMORROW and they are looking for a Teen Team to ride and also teens to volunteer their time to help at water stops, set up, tear down and the like. It's an all day event for kids 14 and older to volunteer. For more information, contact Kim Engle 781-829-8585 ext. 321

## HELP SUPPORT ALISON'S TEAM AS WE PARTICIPATE IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HARBOR WALK

Dear Friends,

*My name is Alison Hayes and I am a senior here at the South Shore Charter Public School. For the past three years I have been treated for Leukemia at Tuft-New England Medical Center Floating Hospital for Children, and the care I have received there has been phenomenal. The Floating Hospital has done so much for my family and I that we like to give back in any way we can.*

*Each year the Floating Hospital for Children organizes a fund raising walk. The six mile Harbor Walk raises funds to support vital programs throughout the Medical Center. The Harbor Walk takes place around South Boston Harbor and is on June 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be the fourth year that family and friends will walk together in my honor. As a team our goal is to raise \$5,000. In past years the school community has been a great supporter of Alison's Team. Please help us again this year as we try to reach our goal.*

*You can make a general team donation or sponsor a specific walker by going to [www.harborwalk.kintera.org](http://www.harborwalk.kintera.org) and clicking on Alison's Team. You can also contact my family directly at 781/925-3507 if you have any questions or would like to sponsor us. Thank you for your continued support.*

*Sincerely, Alison Hayes*

**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](mailto:caseyroseobrien@hotmail.com) or 781-753-6738.

**"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](mailto:bbruce@sscps.org).

**North River Arts Festival** this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 26, 27 10-5. Visit Marshfield Hills village for two days of art and photography shows, artisans, live music and entertainment, food, book sale, student art, and over 40 hand-painted floor cloths donated by local artists to be auctioned off during the two day festival, all to benefit the North River Arts Society. For more information ask Nicole Keiley, Jody Regan, or Katherine Hahn: <http://www.northriverarts.org>

**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)**

# Car Wash

**On Sunday May 27 the National Honor Society will hold a car wash at Firestone (Rt. 53) in Hingham from 11-2. All proceeds will benefit Alison's Team in The Floating Hospital Walk.**



Lunch Order Form  
 Lunch for the Month of May, 2007  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, May 24, 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
5/28 – 6/1	<b>No School</b>	Pizza #_____	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza #_____	PB&J Lunch - or - Salad

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
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			<b>\$_____</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 Menu – June, 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 <b>Turkey</b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	5 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	6 <b>Chicken Salad</b> With lettuce and tomato	7 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	8 <b>Tuna Salad</b>  With lettuce and tomato
11 <b>Ham and Salami</b>  With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	12 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	13 <b>BLT</b>  Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	14 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	15 <b>Early Release</b>  <u>No Lunch</u> <u>Last Day of</u> <u>School</u>

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*Have a Great Summer!*

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

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

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

Week of 6/4 – 6/8	<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 6/11 – 6/15	<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 <b>Early Release</b>
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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
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			<b>\$_____</b>

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# LAST CHANCE!!

## To Buy This Year's Yearbook

The South Shore Charter Public School 2006-2007 Yearbook is still on sale until May 25<sup>th</sup>.  
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

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### 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