

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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Annual Satisfaction Survey
on the SSCPS website at:
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Wednesday	5/30	Annual Spring Concert – Hingham High School	6:00pm
Thursday	5/31	Senior Dinner	6:30pm
Friday	6/01	The Big Haircut for Locks of Love	2:15pm
Saturday	6/02	Graduation	3:00pm
Sun-Tues	6/03-05	8 th Grade Trip to New York City	
Tuesday	6/05	Parents Association meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	6/06	Education Committee	3:30pm
Wednesday	6/06	Level 1 New Student Open House	5:00pm
Thursday	6/07	South Shore Educational Foundation Fundraising Dinner at 53 South	6:30pm
Friday	6/08	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	6/08	Level 3 Social	7:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE SPRING WINE DINNER! Support SSCPS and enjoy a 5 course dinner at Fifty-Three South in Norwell on Thursday, June 7th Reception at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7:00pm. \$75/person. Reservations required. Call 781.792.0001 for reservations.

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

SSCPS has posted the 2006 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) School Report Card on our website. Visit www.sscps.org to view.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on May 29th and the results of the Nominating Ballot and By Law Amendment were announced. The Board welcomes the new and returning members to the Board. At the Regular Board Meeting held immediately following the Annual Meeting, the Board voted the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and the Executive Committee to appoint Kristine Shipps as the Acting Executive Director upon the departure of Mike Munhall. The Board also approved the process for the permanent replacement of the Executive Director. The Board will interview and hire an Interim Executive Director for a one year appointment which will start on or before August 10, 2007. During the 2007-08 school year the Board will actively proceed with the search, interview and hire of a permanent Executive Director. Bob Gass, Board of Trustee Chair will be attending the Parents' Association meeting on Tuesday, June 5th to clarify the process and answer questions from the community.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I have been asked to remind everyone about the dress code now that the warm weather is finally with us. Please take the time to review the dress code with your child. Thanks for your help.

DRESS CODE— The South Shore Charter Public School is a learning environment and students are expected to take pride in their appearance and to come dressed in an appropriate manner prepared to learn. As such, parents are expected to monitor the attire of their children. All students, faculty, staff and visitors must abide by the following dress code. Violators may be asked to leave the school premises and/or be subject to the school's disciplinary code. The Administration reserves the right to determine what may be considered appropriate clothing.

All students, faculty, staff and visitors must abide by the following dress code or you may be asked to leave the school premises or be subject to the school's disciplinary code.

- No profanity, offensive language or symbols, offensive or insinuating imagery, drug, alcohol, or tobacco language or symbols may be displayed on clothing, backpacks, etc.
- Shorts or skirts must be as long as the tips of one's fingers with arms held to their sides.
- The straps of tank tops, shirts (etc) must be at least one inch in width.
- Midriff and stomach area must remain covered at all times.
- Clothing must be clean and in good repair.
- All clothing must be worn in an appropriate manner as judged by faculty.
- Dress code for field trips, after school and extracurricular activities is the school dress code or can be modified at the discretion of the Administration in consultation with the activity advisor.

Approved by Board of Trustees June 16, 2005

MCAS exams are for the most part over. The 9th grade students have their Science exam on June 5 and 6. Thanks to all the teachers and proctors for assisting with the exams and especially the students for putting forth their best efforts on these exams.

The high school was treated to an "after MCAS" concert on Friday by "*The Lids*", featuring Noah Small (Rick Small's son), Andre Kim, and their two accompaniments. The kids (and Faculty) really enjoyed it. This was very generous, and greatly appreciated!

There was a full Faculty meeting Tuesday, May 29th. The discussion centered on end of year items and schedule.

The Spring Concert will be tonight, Wednesday, May 30, at 6:00PM at Hingham High School. Please come and enjoy the wonderful music created by our students. Thanks to Wardie, Lucille and Andre for their efforts in preparing the students for this performance.

Ed O'Connor will be here Thursday, May 31 to discuss railroad safety with the students. These meetings will take place in the village green of each level. The schedule is as follows:

10:00 to 10:45 Level IV

11:15 to 12:00 Level III

12:30 to 1:00 Level I

1:30 to 2:00 Level II

2:00 to 3:00 High School

Congratulations to the seniors!! We have 27 graduates this year. It is the largest graduating class to date. They have finished all their requirements and are enjoying the final festivities of their career at SSCPS. The Senior Dinner is this Thursday, May 31st, at the New England Wildlife Center at 6:30PM and graduation will be this Saturday, June 2nd, at 3:00PM.

Level III traveled to George's Island on Wednesday, May 30. They had great weather for an exciting trip. Thanks to Claire, Angie, John, Dan, Mona, Liz, and Ben for helping to put this trip together and chaperone the trip.

The 8th grade trip to New York leaves this Sunday, June 3 and will return Tuesday, June 5. Here's hoping for great weather. Thanks to Julia for leading and organizing the trip. *Dr. Tom Gorsuch*

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the Menu and Order Form for the month of June. Orders for June are due Thursday, May 31st by 3pm.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Practice what you preach".

Level 2: "Put a feather in your cap".

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need help organizing/packing up the Level I & II Science area for our summer construction project. If you are interested in helping Cyndie Connolly down in Level I & II pack up, organize and purge her storage closets, please email her directly at both of the following email addresses cyndiegreenhill@comcast.net and cconnolly@sscps.org. We have only three weeks left before the renovation begins and we would love the help! This will need to be an activity for adults only, since there are glass items that could possibly break.

JUNES' POD IS RAFFLING BIRD HOUSES AT THE SPRING CONCERT. It is on May 30th. 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

NICOLE'S LEVEL 2 ART FORCE PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP! The project is collecting paper towels, trash bags, and cat food (wet or dry) for the Quincy Animal Shelter. The donations are being collected in Nicole's pod or in the bin in the Level 2 Great Room. Thank you!

LEVEL 3 CROSS GENERATIONAL PROJECT, lead by John Costanzo, has been very busy this school year. This SSCPS project has visited nursing homes, bringing handmade gifts, collected gifts for "Toys for Tots", and adopted the non-profit organization of Lakota Kidz as their most passionate charitable undertaking. In order to raise funds to provide heat for homes in poverty-stricken Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, which is home to the Lakota Sioux nation, students sold 'Johnny Cupcakes' pins, and designed and had printed posters and bumper stickers. This established a working relationship between John's students and the S.S. VoTech School printing department, in the process. The students then sold their bumper stickers, raffled off a scooter, 2 computer 'voice' soft-ware programs, and hand-made jewelry to raise funds to heat children's homes this winter.

Besides raising funds, the Cross Generational project posted information at SSCPS to help spread awareness of the level of poverty in Wanblee, the poorest town in Pine Ridge Reservation. A direct result of

this publicity enabled the students to have approx. 200 children's coats donated by the company Rugged Bear- for shipment to Wanblee this fall. With the money the students raised, shipping costs for the coats will be covered, and 3 homes will receive heat vouchers.

The Cross Generational project's publicity for Lakota Kidz inspired 2 local churches to join in the fundraising and awareness efforts, with a bake sale, an arts and craft sale and handmade quilt raffle. One church also collected funds to purchase and donate bikes to the younger kids in the Head Start program in Wanblee. John, and his project students, have shown intergenerational and intercultural compassion, creativity, salesmanship, partnership, and demonstrated the power of kindness, even when it is performed anonymously as it will be in Pine Ridge.

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 25th date. For log in information, please see Mary Carter or email mcarter@sscps.org.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The next Parents Association meeting, and the last of this school year, will be held on Tuesday, June 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM (regular monthly meeting, 7:00 - 8:00; annual PA reorganization meeting, 8:00 - 9:00).

Please come and welcome your next year's PA grade representatives and committee chairs. Also, stay a bit late and join us after the PA meeting for some refreshments, some socializing, and for the opportunity to say goodbye to Mike Munhall.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE We all are aware of how important it is to keep our students involved with their reading over the summer months. Here are suggestions on how to do this:

Barnes and Noble Bookstore Summer Reading Program

Barnes and Noble is sponsoring a Summer Reading Program which starts on May 29 through September 2, 2007. (All Barnes and Noble Bookstores are participating in this program).

Students read eight books of their choosing. These books can be from the library, home, borrowed from a friend etc. They complete a reading journal form supplied by Barnes and Noble. A parent/or guardian must sign off on this form and return the form to Barnes and Noble where they are given a coupon to receive a free book. All free books are pre-selected by Barnes and Noble. This is for grades 1-6. Each student is limited to two free books.

The Library Committee was able to obtain the reading journal forms from Barnes and Noble and these forms will be distributed to Levels 1 - 3 before school ends in June to help students who would like to participate in this program

Local Libraries

Contact your local library in the town that you are from. Most Libraries have a reading program during the summer months to help encourage students to keep up with their reading.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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 5TH 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 10th. This will be the forth 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 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 caseyrosebrien@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

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.

FINAL PAYMENTS DUE!

All remaining payments are due for the 2006-2007 Yearbook by **Friday June 1st**. All deposits will be refunded after this date and your yearbook will go back on sale. If you are interested in being placed on a waitlist for these books please contact Adriana Perry.

WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SSCPS.ORG

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

AGENDA 5 June 2007 / 7:00 – 9:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING

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| 7:00 | Call Meeting to Order | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:00 – 7:05 | Review and Approve Minutes
<i>April 3, 2007 PA Meeting Minutes</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:05 – 7:10 | Announcements
<i>June 18 Level 1 social at Scaliwags</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>September 9 Back-to-School picnic</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>2007-2008 PA Meeting Calendar</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>PA End-of-the-Year Report</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:10 – 7:30 | Committee Reports (as needed)
<i>Arts & Music Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Fundraising & Events Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Health & Safety Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Library Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Diversity Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Orientation/Welcoming Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Community Service Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>PAC Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:30 – 7:35 | Student Representative Report | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:35 – 7:50 | Grade Representative Reports (as needed) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:50 – 8:00 | Other Reports (as needed)
<i>Education Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>School Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

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| 8:00 – 8:10 | Reorganization
<i>Announcement of new Parents Association officers, chairs, & grade reps</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:10 – 8:30 | School Report
<i>Mike Munhall & Tom Gorsuch</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:30 – 8:40 | Board of Trustees Report | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:40 – 8:45 | Old Business | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:45 – 9:00 | New Business
<i>RE: Level IV autumn bonding fieldtrip to Camp Wing – input from parents.</i>
<i>Julia Silzer</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9:00 | Adjourn | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Lunch Menu – June, 2007

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

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.

Have a Great Summer!

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of June, 2007
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, May 31, 2007

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 Early Release
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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>			_____
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.