

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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Wednesday	9/06	Education Committee	3:30pm
Thursday	9/07	6 th & 7 th Grade Spain Informational Meeting	6:30pm
Friday	9/08	Fundraising Committee	8:30pm
Friday	9/08	All School Picture	
Friday	9/08	All School Bus Safety	
Friday	9/08	Marine Biology Workshop Information Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday	9/12	Parent Night Level 2, 3 and 4	6:00 – 7:30pm
Thursday	9/14	Parent Night Level 1 and High School	6:00 – 7:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: Parents and students must sign and return the Student Handbook Agreement no later than Friday, September 8, 2006.

WALK-A-THON! The Parents Association is hosting a school wide community based walk-a-thon with proceeds going to the further development of the School. Look for information and sponsor forms in backpacks this week. Any questions, call Denise Demaggio at 781-826-5632.

2007 TRIP TO SPAIN! All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to participate!

An informational meeting is scheduled for September 7th. Claire Overlee is planning another trip to Europe for February vacation, 2007 through the CHA Tour Group. This trip will be 10 days in duration, and will begin in Madrid, Spain! Come and learn the details about this exciting tour. Registration and deposit paid by 9/30/06, locks you into 2006 prices! Hope to see you! Room 207, at 6:30 pm.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the Menu and Lunch Order Form for the month of September. This is due to the office by 3:00pm on Thursday, September 7, 2006. Thank you.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our year began with a faculty retreat and days of meetings and professional development. This year we have begun our efforts into differentiated instruction. While some have probably heard the term, for many it is unknown jargon. To be brief, differentiated instruction focuses on whom we teach, where we teach, and how we teach. Its primary goal is ensuring that teachers focus on processes and procedures that ensure effective learning for all students. Thus we want to ensure that the wide range of students at our school is being effectively and appropriately challenged in the classroom and are learning that the optimal rate.

This year we will be spending three of our professional development days with a team from the University of Connecticut's National Center for Gifted and Talented Education on how to differentiate instruction for our students. This professional development will continue in the coming years.

During the summer, we continued the training in Singapore Math that began last year. This program has been a refreshing and effective change and the students are much more engaged in Math. This training will continue during the year and our teachers will be making visits to other schools that are using the Singapore Math curriculum.

We will also begin work on developing a “data culture.” A small team of teachers and administrators participated in a data driven decision making workshop and training. This will continue throughout the next two years. The purpose of this is to learn how to more effectively use the large amount of information we have from various types of testing and other sources to make decisions to improve student learning. This will be an evolutionary process with more to come in the second half of the year. A professional development day has been scheduled for this in February.

Last year, we began our review of the English Language Arts curriculum for grades K -12. We are in the final stages of the review that will be completed shortly. Thus far it has resulted in refinements in the high school curriculum and precision in our alignment with the Mass Curriculum Frameworks. With the impending implementation of the 9/10th grade MCAS test for Science for this year, we will begin a review of the Science curriculum for K-12. This will be taken up in this year’s Education Committed and during professional development time on early release days.

A number of our teachers in grades K -6 went to Open Circle training this summer and are looking forward to fully implementing the curriculum this year.

Another group of Level 1 and 2 teachers received training on the DIBELS reading inventory. This will be used with our students on those levels to more closely monitor their reading progress and be able to intervene more quickly with those students that may be experiencing difficulty.

It has been a busy and productive summer. The year has started off very well and we are all excited about the new initiatives and curriculum and instruction we are implementing this year.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: “A place for everything and everything in its place.”

Level 2: “Let’s break the ice.”

ATTENTION KINDERGARTEN PARENTS – complete and return the Kindergarten questionnaire as soon as possible. Thank you!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PART TIME TEACHER AIDE FOR 2005/06 SCHOOL YEAR – LEVEL 1

PART TIME SPEECH/DEBATE COACH

BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL COACHES

ON CALL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/AIDES – ALL GRADES

SUBSTITUTE REGISTERED NURSE

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

COMMUNITY INTEREST

AFTER SCHOOL LATIN CLASSES – John McVarish is offering a fee based after school Latin class. For more information please contact John at 339-788-0156.

GIRL SCOUTS In case we missed anyone, we are starting Girl Scout troops here at SSCPS this fall. We will have a Daisy troop which is kindergarten, a Brownie troop which is 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade, and a Junior Girl Scout which is 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. We are looking for some Parent Volunteers to help out with these troops. We are also looking for 7th - 12th grade students to help out in exchange for community service. If anyone is interested in signing your child up or volunteering to help, please contact Stacey Kirves at (781) 878-1995 Or

Michelle Amicangelo at (781)878-7710 at home or (781) 799-8098 on cell or by e-mail at michelleamicangelo@verizon.net.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

COAST SWEEP - There will be a community service opportunity on September 23rd at 9:00 a.m. We will be meeting at Nantasket Beach in Hull and participating in Coast Sweep. Coast Sweep is a state wide beach cleanup sponsored by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management. We will be cleaning the beach and cataloging our trash finds for this organization. They supply the trash bags, gloves, pencils and forms, we supply the volunteers. They will notify us of the exact location on Nantasket Beach after their first clean up on the 16th, so stay tuned for information on exactly where we will all be meeting.

NORWELL COUNCIL ON AGING - Willing students, ages middle school and up, who would like to add their names to a job listing for the Norwell Council on Aging should contact me to put their names on this list. This list will be used by elderly citizens of Norwell who need someone to help them with jobs that they can no longer do themselves, such as garden clean-ups or snow shoveling. This is a very meaningful way to perform your community service hours. To add your name to this list, call Katherine Kardok at 781-659-7540 or email me at kardoks@juno.com.

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

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of September, 2006
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, September 7, 2006

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
9/11 – 9/15	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	PB&J Lunch
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	- or -
	Wheat		Wheat		Salad

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	Early Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
9/18 – 9/22	Sub	No	Sub	Pizza	Sub
	½ sub	Lunch	½ sub	#_____	½ sub
	Wheat		Wheat		Wheat

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
9/25 – 9/29	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	PB&J Lunch
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	- or -
	Wheat		Wheat		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/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 whole 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 – September, 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	5 Cheese Pizza	6 Roast Beef With American cheese and mustard	7 Cheese Pizza	8 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
11 Turkey With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise	12 Cheese Pizza	13 Italian Cold Cuts With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	14 Cheese Pizza	15 PB&J Lunch -or- Tossed Salad With Italian dressing and pita bread
18 Ham, Salami & Provolone Cheese With lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	19 Early Release NO LUNCH	20 B L T Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	21 Cheese Pizza	22 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
25 Ham With American cheese and mustard	26 Cheese Pizza	27 Turkey and American Cheese With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise	28 Cheese Pizza	29 PB&J Lunch -or- Greek Salad With Greek dressing and pita bread

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