

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

German philosopher/mathematician/scientist/poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe once said: “The little that is completed vanishes from the sight of one who looks forward to what is still to do.” As we move through life on quest of self discovery we take on challenges that are before us. For those in schools like SSCPS there are many challenges that help each person to grow intellectually, socially, artistically and in many other ways. As we complete or master challenges, we build on the experience of that growth and move on to greater opportunities. Looking forward to those new challenges is never more obvious than in the senior year of high school. For seventeen or eighteen years our seniors have been working first with their parents and then with peers and teachers to grow and develop themselves into young adults anticipating the independence of college and life beyond high school.

Each year the Commonwealth of Massachusetts honors students who excel at intellectual challenges as measured by their scores on the MCAS in 10th grade. This week the school was notified that four of our current seniors have been granted the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for this year. Hannah Connolly, Laura Goodale, Keily Monteiro and Megan Weinstein are all Adams Scholars for 2006. The Adams Scholarship is a tuition-free acceptance to any Massachusetts state college or university of their choice. If this scholarship was an endpoint for them, this in itself is a great reward for their hard work. But in a larger sense it is an invitation to be more than they are today: grow more, take on more challenges, perform better, find deeper solutions, and look forward to a world of opportunity that is before you.

To these four young women I extend the congratulations of our school community for a job well done. We anxiously anticipate hearing about your great adventures as you look “forward to what is still to do.”

Mike Munhall

Thursday	9/21	Walk-A-Thon Sponsor Sheets Due	
Thursday	9/21	Soccer Jaguars at Codman Academy – Roxbury YMCA	5:00pm
Thursday	9/21	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	9/21	Governance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	9/21	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	9/22	Fundraising Meeting	2:00pm
Sunday	9/24	Biology Workshop hosts car wash at Firestone Rt. 53 Hingham	11:00am-3:00pm
Tuesday	9/26	Picture Day – Individual student pictures will be taken.	
Tuesday	9/26	PSAT Practice Test Grades 10 & 11	
Wednesday	9/27	Math Counts Information Meeting	3:15pm
Wednesday	9/27	Auction Decoration Committee	3:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH IS PICTURE DAY! Individual student pictures will be taken. Order forms are being distributed today and must be completed and returned on Tuesday. Class and Workshop group pictures will be taken on October 10th and 12th.

WALK-A-THON! The Walk-A-Thon fundraiser is well under way. **Reminder: Sponsor mailers are due to the front desk Thursday, September 21st.** Any questions, call Denise Demaggio at 781-826-5632.

“LOST AND FOUND” – The School’s Lost & Found is located near Level 2. Items will be cleaned out on the last Friday of each month and any unclaimed items will be donated to charity. The first donation will be on Friday, September 29th.

AFTERNOON CHILDCARE-The South Shore YMCA is providing afternoon daycare in our facility for students in grades K through 6. Currently, there are spots available. The after school program features homework time, gross motor activities, arts & crafts activities, developmentally appropriate educational activities, healthy snacks, and team building activities. If you are interested in the program, please call Steve Litcoff at 781-829-8585 x262 or via email steven@ssymca.org.

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 21, 2006. Thank you.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

- **SOCCER** – The 1st game of the season will be on Thursday, September 21st with Codman Academy at the Roxbury YMCA beginning at 5pm.).
- **ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL** is scheduled for September 30th rain or shine from 11-2 at the school. Proceeds from this event will benefit the School’s sports teams. Donations are need for raffle items (these may include inexpensive gift certificates, books, games, household items, etc.). Items may be left (with a note) in Will’s office. Baked items will also be needed and can be dropped off at Will’s office on Friday, September 29th
- **GOLF** Open to all ages! The days will be Monday or Friday. I am trying to fill Friday first. Transportation will be provided to Ridder CC on Friday’s. The lessons are from 4-5. The brochure can be found at Will Glennon’s office.

PRINCIPAL’S UPDATE

Last week we had a Back to School night for all levels. It was a wonderful turnout and great to see both old and new friends. Thank you for taking the time to come and meet the teachers and to hear about the exciting things your child will be experiencing this year.

A reminder to parents of Levels 1-4 students, please make an appointment as soon as possible with your child’s pod teacher to discuss your child’s goals for the year. It is an important aspect of your child’s education at the charter school. It will go along way to helping your child have a successful and rewarding educational experience.

The high school is introducing an honors seminar for eligible students. The seminar each year will focus on a particular historical period and region and cover the history, literature, math and science, and art and music of the period. It will be conducted in a true seminar style with students contributing to the presentations on a weekly basis. This year the seminar will focus on Elizabethan England.

On the professional development day, September 19, the faculty spent time reviewing material as part of a coordinated program review by the Mass. Department of Education. This included reviewing policies on Special Education, Civil Rights issues, and English Language Learners.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Back to the drawing board."

Level 2: "Birds of a feather flock together."

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

AUCTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Fundraising Meeting –Friday September 22nd at 2:00pm the fundraising committee will be meeting to discuss the auction. There are only 4 weeks left and a lot needs to get done.

Auction Donations Needed!

If you are planning to make a donation to the annual auction or know of a business that is willing to help out please let me know. The sooner we know what is being donated we can start the program. There are extra donation forms at the front desk or I can email you a copy. Please email me at sscpsfundraising@aol.com or jdazdj@aol.com.

Decorations for the Auction! SSCPS parent, Renee Hearn is organizing a students' get together after school on September 27th from 3:15-4:00 pm to help with the decorations for the Auction. Our Auction theme is "Under the Sea", so students will be asked to decorate precut sea life creatures. Students K-12 are welcome and siblings too. If your child is able to come but you are unable to stay please make arrangements with another parent. We will need adults to help supervise. Remember: this counts as community service.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Full Time Development Director

Part Time Level I Teachers Aide

Part Time Learning Services Teachers Aide

Part Time Speech/Debate Coach

High School & Middle School Boys & Girls Basketball Coaches

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

On-Call Substitute 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 There will be a Parent Information Meeting on girl scouts at the school on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A few of the leaders will be at a table set up in the Level 1 hallway area. This will be an information meeting for any parents who have already signed up their children or new parents wanting some more information and availability of space still left in the troops. If you need more information and are not able to come talk with us at this time, please contact either Michelle Amicangelo at (781) 878-7710 at home or cell (781) 799-8098 or by e-mail at michelleamicangelo@verizon.net or Stacy Rousseau at home at (781) 961-4071 at home or cell (781) 727-9784 or by e-mail at SLARLOCK@hotmail.com.

TEEN ART CLASSES - SSCPS Art Teacher Marianne Buckley Curran is instructing 2 teen visual art classes to be held at the Hanover YMCA beginning Friday, September 29th. For more information contact Marianne or the Y at www.ssymca.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

COAST SWEEP - Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00-10:00 a.m. We will be meeting at the pavilion across from the carousel, on the beach side of Nantasket Ave. to clean the beach and document our debris for Coast Sweep. We will provide plastic gloves, trash bags, and checklists. Everyone is welcome; this is a community service act that all ages can easily complete. Please bring a pencil and make sure that you sign in with Peter or Katherine Kardok. Questions call the Kardoks at 659-7540 or email us at kardoks@juno.com

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.

EYEGLOSS COLLECTION – Level 2 student, Maris, is collecting eyeglasses to donate to the Hull Lions Club's Recycle for Sight Program. Bring used eyeglasses. There will be a box for the glasses in the lobby for the next 4 weeks. Thank you!

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

Lunch Menu – September, 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25 <i>Ham</i> With American cheese and mustard	26 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	27 Turkey and American Cheese With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise	28 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	29 <i>PB&J Lunch</i> -or- <i>Greek Salad</i> With Greek dressing and pita bread

Whole 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 September, 2006 **Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, September 21, 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
9/25 – 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.

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