

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## *UPDATE*

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### FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

There are a couple of Charter moms who are spearheading this year's Community Week. Cassie Proude, Natalie Hill and Stacy Rousseau, our Parent Association Diversity Committee, have been working for the last month to design a week that will bring the school together and accentuate the strengths of our school community. The week of October 16-20 will be Community Week this year. Among the activities of the week will be things that show what a wonderfully diverse community we are and also how we can as a whole work together for better understanding among those diverse groups and how the understanding we have as a school can help the larger need for understanding in our world.

As of now each of the five days of the week will have particular theme: Monday will focus on the entire student body creating 1000 origami cranes. Japanese legend says that creating 1000 cranes allows the creator to be granted a wish. All our students will be folding the paper cranes or making feathers to go with them. On whichever item they make the students will be asked to write their goal (wish) they have for the year. Tuesday students will discuss ways to make the school bully-proof. Wednesday will be communication day. How do we improve our interpersonal communication so that messages we give are better understood by the recipient. Thursday will focus on personal heritage. We will ask students to create a flag or flags of nations from which then can trace their heritage. These will then be put up around the school on a continuing band of showing from where we have all come to where we are today. Whether a student traces their heritage from the United States or from the far reaches of Asia or anywhere else they will be able to proudly show this to their schoolmates. In addition we will be installing a massive world map in the main hall on which we will be able to pinpoint the parts of the world from which our students trace their heritage. The week will end on Friday with foods of nations on the table in each level. Cassie, Natalie and Stacy have been doing a lot of organizing to pull this week of community building together early in the year so that its effect can be felt all year. I thank them for their planning. Anyone who wishes to support the community effort can get in touch with Cassie at [proudes@msn.com](mailto:proudes@msn.com)

A big part of our community is how we as a group improve our academic performance. I got a call this morning from *The Boston Globe* asking what was it that gave SSCPS the most improved MCAS scores on the South Shore. In an article that is scheduled to be run in Sunday's edition, I spoke to the reporter about our improved math curriculum: Singapore Math and what that has meant. And also I talked about how after a huge influx of new students the year we moved to Norwell, our teachers had been able to assess the needs of the students and focused on the skills necessary for all our students to improve in math and language arts. There is no question that the time, skill and effort of our teachers to help our students learn the basics and deeper understanding of our curriculum has an impact on every one of our students. We are grateful for this MCAS evidence of our work but we also look forward to continued improvement in coming years.

As a community, there is no question we are strong and getting stronger and our work with your children supports their growth.

*Mike Munhall*

Wednesday	9/27	Math Counts Information Meeting	3:15pm
Wednesday	9/27	Auction Decoration Workshop	3:15pm
Wednesday	9/27	Girl Scout Information Session	3:15-4:00pm
Thursday	9/28	Soccer Game @ Foxboro	
Saturday	9/30	Fall Festival	11:00am-2:00pm
Saturday	9/30	Board of Trustees Annual Retreat	8:00am
Tuesday	10/03	Parents Association Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	10/04	Education Committee	3:30pm
Wednesday	10/04	PSAT Parent / Student Information Night	7:00 – 8:30pm
Thursday	10/05	High School Warnings Issued	
Friday	10/06	Professional Development Day – No School for Students	
Monday	10/07	Columbus Day – No School	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WALK-A-THON!** The Walk-A-Thon is off to a great start! Sponsorships are now coming in and we have collected over \$2,700.00 in just one week! Thank you to the Rose family. They were the first to send in all 10 sponsorship forms. Would you believe it took them less than a day to respond?! Also a great job to Jessica Jaena for collecting the most donations so far, \$370.00 and she called looking for more sponsorship letters! Go Jessica!

We will be looking for more sponsorship forms daily so please keep them coming in! The more donations we get the better our school can be! Let's all work together to reach our goal of 100% participation!

For all who are looking for more sponsorship forms, they can be found at the front desk or you may contact Denise Demaggio (781) 826-5632 [ykeelpr@verizon.net](mailto:ykeelpr@verizon.net) or Debbie Cerilli (781)843-0173 [debcerilli@beld.net](mailto:debcerilli@beld.net).

**“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 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:steven@ssymca.org).

## LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the Menu and Lunch Order Form for the month of October. This is due to the office by 3:00pm on Thursday, September 28, 2006. Thank you.

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

- **SOCCER** – The next game is Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Foxboro.
- **ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL** is scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>

- **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.

## **NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT**

In case you were wondering, the Art Department will be offering the ability for you to purchase your child's art on various items (like last year) in time for Christmas and Hanukah gifts. Look for the flyers in November.

The Art Department is off to a running start. Please take a moment to view the **Level 3** work in the front lobby and on the wall across from the Art Room. The students worked with their classmates to construct a trust collage. The students first assigned a value to the objects that they were viewing, and cut out shapes that represented those values selecting from grey, white, dark blue and black. They were partnered with a friend that was blindfolded and with directions from the seeing partner assembled the collage. The results were sometimes perfect, sometimes hilarious and all the time very artistic.

**The high school art workshop** has been to view a 3D container exhibit at the Fuller **Museum** in Brockton. They are presently working on their own containers from a pattern that they create. As additional practice in 3D the students took advantage of the warm day and low tide and assembled sculptures out of sand last week at **Nantasket**. Please look for sample work in the lobby display case.

**Be prepared** ...for along with the annual auction the art students are creating a mural... **actually installing a silhouette mural using the under the sea theme.**

## **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**

We received our MCAS and AYP report for 2005-2006 school year. Our results for this year were positive. We saw that our English Language Arts scores are still strong and that our Math scores have improved. It appears that our Singapore program is beginning to have a small, but noticeable effect. We knew when we began the new Math program that it would be a few years before we saw significant improvement. It was gratifying to see that improvement has begun. As always, there is room for improvement and the faculty will begin the process of combing through the information to find ways to help our students to achieve even more success.

If you have been following the school's soccer team, you already know that the team is undefeated (3 – 0) this young season. Congratulations to the players and Will Glennon, their coach, on a great start to the season. Thanks also to the parents who have come out to support the team. The schedule is on the website and EdLine.

Next week the faculty will be continuing their professional development on differentiated instruction on Friday, October 6. This will be the second of three days that the faculty will be spending on this topic during the year. This is an effort to continue to provide the best possible instruction to our diverse community of learners.

## **ON THE LEVELS**

### **SAYING OF THE WEEK:**

Level 1: "Better safe than sorry."

Level 2: "Live and let live."

## **PARENT'S ASSOCIATION**

The next Parents Association meeting is Tuesday, October 3 from 7:00 to 9:00. An agenda is available for downloading from the PA website ([www.sscpspa.org](http://www.sscpspa.org)) and is included in this Update. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **AUCTION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**Auction Tickets Are Now On Sale!** If you are ordering tickets for the auction please make all checks out to SSCEF (South Shore Educational Foundation). Tickets are \$20.00 a person and can be left at the front desk.

When we receive your reservation you will receive an email or call to confirm we got it and your name will be put on the check in list.

### **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](mailto:sscpsfundraising@aol.com) or [jdazdj@aol.com](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Marianne or the Y at [www.ssymca.org](http://www.ssymca.org).

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

**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](mailto: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](http://WWW.SSCPS.ORG)**



**Join in the fun...**

# **SSCPS's Annual Fall Festival**

Proceeds to benefit the Athletic Department

**Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**~11 am to 2 pm~**



**Come join us for a day of fun!**

**Jump in the bouncy house, enter the donut race, enter the pumpkin painting contest, eat homemade sundaes, arts & crafts and much more...**

***Your Support is Needed!  
Please help support this year's Fall Fest by contributing food items, small, inexpensive items for the raffle or baking something for the bake sale!***

***All items need to be brought to school by Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and left in Will Glennon's office.  
Thank you!***

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

AGENDA – 3 October 2006 / 7:00 – 9:00 PM

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| 7:00        | <b>Call Meeting to Order</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 7:00 – 7:05 | <b>Review and Approve Minutes</b><br><i>September 5, 2006 PA Meeting Minutes</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 7:05 – 7:10 | <b>Announcements</b><br><br><i>Parents Association Vacancies</i><br><i>Parents Association Website Updates</i><br><i>Other Announcements</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 7:10 – 7:40 | <b>Committee Reports</b> (as needed)<br><br><i>Arts &amp; Music Committee</i><br><i>Fundraising &amp; Events Committee</i><br><i>Health &amp; Safety Committee</i><br><i>Library Committee</i><br><i>Diversity Committee</i><br><i>Orientation/Welcoming Committee</i><br><i>Community Service Committee</i><br><i>PAC Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:40 – 8:00 | <b>Grade Representative Reports</b> (as needed)  | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 8:00 – 8:10 | <b>Other Reports</b> (as needed)<br><br><i>Education Committee (1<sup>st</sup> meeting October 4)</i><br><i>School Council</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 8:10 – 8:30 | <b>Executive Director Report</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 8:30 – 8:45 | <b>Old Business</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 8:45 – 9:00 | <b>New Business</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 9:00        | <b>Adjourn</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |

## Lunch Menu – October 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <i>Chicken Salad</i>  With lettuce	3 Cheese Pizza	4 <i>Roast Beef</i>  With American cheese and mustard	5 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	6 <i>Professional Development Day</i>  NO SCHOOL
9 <i>Columbus Day</i>  NO SCHOOL	10 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	11 Italian Cold Cuts  With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	12 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	13 <i>PB&amp;J Lunch -or- Tossed Salad</i> With Italian dressing and pita bread
16 <i>Ham, Salami &amp; Provolone Cheese</i> With lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	17 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	18 <i>B L T</i>  Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	19 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	20 <i>Tuna Salad</i>  With lettuce and tomato
23 <i>Ham</i>  With American cheese and mustard	24 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	25 <i>Turkey and American Cheese</i>  With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise	26 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	27 <i>PB&amp;J Lunch -or- Greek Salad</i> With Greek dressing and pita bread
30 <i>BLT</i>  Bacon , lettuce and tomato with mayonnaise	31 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	11/1 <i>Roast Beef</i>  With American cheese and mustard	11/2 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	11/3 <i>Tuna Salad</i>  With lettuce and tomato

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 October, 2006  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, September 28, 2006**

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

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

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

Week of 10/2 – 10/6	<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 #_____	Friday <b>No School</b>
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Week of 10/9 – 10/13	Monday <b>No School</b>	<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 10/16 – 10/20	<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 10/23 – 10/27	<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 10/30 – 11/03	<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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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>			_____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

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Attention all  
middle and  
high school  
string players!  
South Shore Conservatory invites  
you to an  
All-Star Orchestra  
OPEN REHEARSAL  
on Thursday, September 28, 2006  
4:30 – 6:00 pm  
One Conservatory Drive, Hingham

*Come and play with this string ensemble and find out why students return year after year. Students looking for more opportunities to play and perform will find a comfortable home with this energetic and supportive group of string musicians.*

*The orchestra's first semester starts Thursday, October 5, and runs through the end of December. The second semester starts the first week of February.*

*Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay and observe the open rehearsal and speak directly with Conductor Candace Kniffen.*

One Conservatory Drive, Hingham  
781-749-7565, ext. 10  
[www.southshoreconservatory.org](http://www.southshoreconservatory.org)