

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## *UPDATE*

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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/16</b>	<b>Technology Committee</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/16</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/16</b>	<b>Board of Trustees</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/16</b>	<b>SEPAC Workshop</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/18</b>	<b>Enrollment Open House</b>	<b>1-3pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/20</b>	<b>June's Pod Food Drive begins</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/20</b>	<b>Krista's Cooking Project Bake Sale</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/20</b>	<b>Development Committee</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/21</b>	<b>Level 3 Spanish Lunch</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/22</b>	<b>Early Release Day</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Thurs-Fri</b>	<b>11/23-11/24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving break – no school</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/28</b>	<b>Full Faculty Meeting</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>

### **IMPORTANT DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES**

The Norwell Police have visited the school during dismissal time and have brought some safety concerns to our attention. In order to make student pick up as safe as possible for all students it is important that the following rules are adhered to by all parents/guardians:

Students are not allowed to leave our property at dismissal time to walk to parents parked down the street. Students will no longer be allowed to leave our property to meet you down the street or on other properties in the office park. You will need to come onto our property to pick up your students.

You must pick up your students or car pool by pulling into the school and picking up students at the front or back entrances. Please remember that those of you from towns beginning with A-M use the front door and towns beginning with N-Z use the rear door.

Parents are not allowed to park and pick up students along Longwater Circle where the buses and school vans pick up students. This space is earmarked for buses and school vans only. Do not ask your children to wait on the grass along Longwater Circle. They will no longer be able to wait there.

Parents are not allowed to park on any other property in the office park other than our property.

Parents must be considerate of others and our neighbors. Please do not block other business's driveways.

Please do not cut or pull in front of other parents waiting in line for pickup. Keep the front of the building clear for emergency vehicles. The first car in the front entrance of the building should stop at the beginning of

the sidewalk on the far right side. This is the first car. Do not pull in front of this car and park along the front of the buildings entrance and along the right side of the road leading out of the entrance.

Please refrain from using cell phones. The use of cell phones during pickup is a distraction that could lead to accidents.

The speed limit for all vehicles on our property is 5 miles per hour. On Longwater Circle it is 20 miles per hour. Please respect these speed limits.

If you need to plan a meeting at the school, it is best to schedule these meetings after 3:15. This will allow for parking to be freed up for you to park during your meeting.

If you have any questions, please call 781-982-4202x106.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

The book fair was a great success! Hopefully all you were able to take advantage of the wonderful selection of books. The teachers will receive books from their wish lists to share with their students and the library will be receiving many new titles. Thanks to Bev Bruce and all of her accomplices for putting this together.

High school report cards went home Thursday. Due to the delay of Mr. Small's grades, honor rolls will not be published for a couple of weeks.

The first trimester for K – 8 ends on Wednesday and progress reports/report cards will be distributed on Friday, December 1. Parent teacher conferences for K- 8 will be held on Wednesday, December 6 from 1-4 PM. Please contact Mariclare at x100 to make an appointment with your child's teacher. Appointments will be scheduled at 10 minute intervals. If you are unable to make it on December 6, please contact the teacher directly to schedule an appointment.

Friday's Professional Development Day was the last in the series on Differentiated Instruction. This series has been very useful for the staff and we look forward to implementing the new strategies with our students.

Basketball season starts this week as practices begin. Please contact Will Glennon for further information. We are still looking for a varsity boys and middle school boys and girls basketball coaches. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them contact Will.

School Council met this week to continue its discussion on school improvement. We welcome input from the whole community. Please forward any information you would like shared with the council to me.

Open House is this Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3pm. Please encourage those interested in the school to attend.

*Dr. Tom Gorsuch*

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board voted unanimously to approve a statement from the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the review of Michael Munhall's website. You may read the Boards statement at: <http://www.jaguarstyle.com/sscps.org/governance/board%20of%20trustees/minutes/SSCPS%20Statement.pdf>

## **LUNCH ORDERS**

Enclosed please find the lunch order form for the remainder of November. Also enclosed is the menu and order form for December. Order forms for next week are due to the office by 12:00 noon Wednesday, November 22, 2006. Orders for December are due Wednesday, November 22 at 12 noon. Thank you.

## **FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**

There have been several cases of Head Lice reported to the Health Office over the past few weeks. This has affected all levels. This week there were a few new cases reported. It is strongly recommended that parents be checking their children, siblings and family members everyday. Remind your children not to share personal articles and to avoid close contact with other students. All students with long hair should wear it up and pulled back at all times. Notify the Health Office of any new cases found.

Some facts regarding Head Lice:

- **A lice infestation can happen to anyone.** Socioeconomic background or lack of cleanliness has nothing to do with determining who gets lice.
- **Lice are insects.** They are an easily treatable condition that can be eliminated once they are discovered.
- **You can prevent your child from getting lice.** Lice do not jump or fly. They crawl. Tell your child not to share combs, hats or other clothing.
- **Don't be embarrassed if you child is sent home because of lice.** Between 8 and 12 million children get lice each year.
- **Know the symptoms of a lice infestation.** If your child is constantly itching, check the scalp for lice or eggs. The eggs will appear as white specks stuck to the hair near the scalp.
- **Do not send your child to school if you suspect lice.** Check with your school nurse for proper instruction on how to treat a lice infestation.

For more information please contact the School Nurse, Susan Dupras at 781/982-4202 ext. 105.

## ON THE LEVELS

### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "If at first you don't succeed try, try again."

Level 2: "Once in a blue moon."

### LEVEL 1 NEWS:

**Level I Recess** - Recess is scheduled five times per week from 10:00-10:30 A.M. across the level. In addition, classroom teachers schedule Pod recess several times per week as their schedules permit. Teachers strive to balance time for fresh air and exercise breaks with academic time on task and within the playground schedule agreed upon between the Levels.

**Physical Education** - First and second graders participate in one 45 minute, structured PE class per week at the Y. Kindergartners have two 30 minute PE classes per week at the school.

While Will Glennon is on Family Leave time, Juvie Hartweg will be teaching fitness classes.

**Please Note:** As the colder weather approaches, please remember to send children with appropriate outerwear. Don't forget to check the lost and found on Level II for missing clothing items.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Parents Association is looking for Grade Representatives for grades 7, 9, and 11. Being a grade rep is a terrific way to volunteer for the school, and is an easy way to stay connected with the PA and to hear about what's going on in the school. Responsibilities of the Grade Representatives include: Attending all monthly PA meetings (1st Tuesday of each month); Serving as a conduit for thoughts, ideas, and concerns from families in your child's grade; Reporting each month on any happenings, events, or issues in our grade; Guiding parents in making appropriate connections to school staff and resources as needed; and Being available as a resource to new families. If you have any questions or have an interest in filling one of these positions, please contact David Whitemyer at [dwhitemyer@rcn.com](mailto:dwhitemyer@rcn.com) or 781.681.3586.

**Health & Safety Committee Update** - The November meeting (scheduled for 11/16) will be re-scheduled. Please look for the new meeting date in next week's update. Thank you.

## SEPAC - Assistive Technology Workshop

When: Thursday November 16, 2006 from 7pm to 9pm

Where: SSCPS Music Room

Speaker: Joan Manchester

Who: All parents and guardians are welcome to attend

What this workshop will provide: Technology can be as simple as the pencil grip or as sophisticated as computer software. Come and learn what may help your child. This workshop is an open discussion on what technology is available at our school. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle Ciambriello at 617-640-4443

## **ECO-TIPS FROM THE SSCPS GREEN TEAM**

### **ECO TIPS for the HOLIDAYS . . . !**

Another wonderful green gift idea is to give "Tokens" or "Certificates"!

This is a great way to plan time together and show your appreciation and love for someone . . . and it costs \*nothing!\* Kids can give their parents a hand-made-gift-card that says, "Good for two hours of leaf raking" or "Good for vacuuming 3 rooms" or "participate in the family recycling effort" or "help make 10 dinners." From parents to kids, "one Saturday do exactly what YOU want and have your favorite dinner" or "happy, cheery homework help good for 10 sessions" or "One big batch of your favorite cookies." Don't forget sibling to sibling, student to teacher (what an opportunity to give back!), grandchild to grandparent, and friend to friend. Package them with personality and love and give a gift that comes completely from the heart!

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Full Time Development Director

Part Time Learning Services 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**

**This year there's a new award** for a senior and their chosen lower classman group - **the Green Award** - awarded to the group with the most profound affect on the environment by their acts between now and graduation. Those acts may be of any sort - education though theatre, clean up, invention, maintenance, protection, and so forth. We are looking for ideas for such acts to inspire the students, and money to add to the pot for the award. So far three teachers have contributed substantial amounts. Help if you can!! **Contact – ext. 212 The Earth thanks you!**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

**TOYS FOR TOTS!** Toy collection will be running from November 16<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remember while you are doing your holiday shopping to pick up a toy for those less fortunate. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy in its original box to school. There will be a drop box in the lobby where you can leave the toy. This toy collection is sponsored by the Level 3's Cross Generational Project.

**DONATIONS FOR FATHER BILL'S** - Aidan White (Level 4-Grade 7-Scott's Pod) will be collecting donations for Father Bill's Shelter in Quincy as part of his community service. The shelter relies on donations for all of its residents. The following new items are desperately needed at this time:

Bath towels, disposable razors, deodorant, soap, men's cotton socks, underwear, gloves, hats, crossword puzzle books. Aidan will have a collection box placed in the lobby marked "Father Bill's Place" starting the first week of October. He will also be running a winter coat collection for Father Bill's beginning in November (details will follow).

**"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.

**WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.SSCPS.ORG](http://WWW.SSCPS.ORG)**

# Lunch Order Form

## Lunch for the Month of November, 2006

**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, November 16, 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
11/20 – 11/24	Sub	Pizza	<b>Early Release</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>
	½ sub	#_____			
	Wheat				

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/27 – 12/1	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

*Less credit due* \_\_\_\_\_

**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 – December, 2006

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
4 <b>Roast Beef</b> With American cheese and mustard	5 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	6 <b>Early Release</b> <u><b>No Lunch</b></u>	7 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	8 <b>Tuna Salad</b> With lettuce and tomato
11 <b>Ham, Salami &amp; Provolone Cheese</b> With lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	12 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	13 <b>Chicken Salad</b> With lettuce and tomato	14 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	15 <b>PB&amp;J Lunch</b> -or- <b>Tossed Salad</b> With Italian dressing and pita bread
18 <b>Turkey</b> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	19 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	20 <b>B L T</b> Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	21 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	22 <b>No School</b> Vacation Begins
25 <b>Vacation</b>	26 <b>Vacation</b>	27 <b>Vacation</b>	28 <b>Vacation</b>	29 <b>Vacation</b>

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Lunch Order Form  
 Lunch for the Month of December, 2006  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, December 1, 2006**

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

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

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

Week of 12/4 – 12/8	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <b>No Lunch</b> <b>Early Release</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Sub ½ sub Wheat
Week of 12/11 – 12/15	<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 PB&J Lunch - or - Salad
Week of 12/18 – 12/22	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Sub ½ sub	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday <b>No School</b> <b>Vacation Begins</b>
Week of 12/25 – 12/29	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday -----	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <b>Vacation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday -----	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday

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>

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