

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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Friday	12/01	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	12/01	Progress Reports K-8 distributed	
Friday	12/01	High School Semi-Formal	7-10pm
Sunday	12/03	Jaguars Basketball home vs. Health Careers – Hingham Middle School	6:00pm
Tuesday	12/05	Parents Association Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	12/06	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Wednesday	12/06	Education Committee	3:00pm
Friday	12/08	Jaguars Basketball home vs. Academy of Pacific Rim – ProShots Athletic Center, Pembroke	6:00pm
Wednesday	12/13	<i>Annual Winter Solstice Concert Hingham High School</i>	6:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST & FOUND -Please note that the Lost & Found will be cleared out on the LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH. This month's clear out will be on Wednesday, November 30th.

CALLING ALL COOKS AND BAKERS -

On Wednesday, December 6 we will be having a Teacher Holiday Luncheon at 12:00. This is on the 1/2 day next Wednesday. If you would like to donate main dishes, side dishes, salads, desserts, etc., we would greatly appreciate it. There are about 70 staff members that will be having lunch. Please email klb.rjc@verizon.net or call Karen at 781-792-1872 if you would like to donate. Thank you for your help. Karen Boyle and Kim Dalton

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

There have been several new cases of Head Lice reported in Level 2, 3 and 4. It is the parent/guardians responsibility to be checking their child's head on a daily basis. All cases must be reported to the Health Office. Any student who has had head Lice must report to the Health Office before returning to class. Please continue to remind your children not to share personal articles, hang up coats and no physical contact (i.e. hugging).

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Senior **Megan Weinstein** has been accepted early decision to Warren Wilson College in North Carolina! Warren Wilson is a small liberal arts college - one of six work colleges nationwide, Warren Wilson is further distinguished; by its longtime service-learning program that helps form a Triad of academics, work and community service. For more information on the college, you can visit their website at www.warren-wilson.edu. *Congratulations, Megan!*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thanks, everyone who helped out Saturday at the Open House on November 18. We had roughly 90 families who visited, with over 120 potential students. Many of our students and parents were present to answer questions, from all of the levels. 2006 SSCPS graduate Debra Greene came to be supportive as well. Many parents from the Welcoming Committee arranged a reception at the end of the tour offering baked goods and coffee. Daniel Alexandre and Keith Barry serenaded our guests, playing piano and percussion. Pedro even provided some vocals. It really was a great presentation, thanks to everyone for their contribution. (Our next Open House will be Wednesday, January 17th from 5-7pm)

Wednesday, December 6th, is parent teacher conferences from 1pm to 4pm. This is an early release day for the students. Parents should call Mariclare at x100 to book appointments with their child's teacher. If you are unable to come that afternoon, please contact your child's teacher to setup an appointment. It is most important that you come in to talk about your child's academic progress.

The Winter Solstice Concert is coming up soon! It will be Wednesday, December 13 at 6 PM at the Hingham High School. Please join us for a wonderful musical celebration.

During this holiday season June's Pod is conducting a food drive and John's project is collecting for the Toy's for Tots program. Please be a generous as possible in support of these drives.

Basketball season has begun and we are still looking for coaches for the boy's high school and boys and girls middle school teams. If you know of someone or are interested yourself, please contact Will Glennon as soon as possible.

This week the high school has been celebrating Spirit Week in anticipation of the Winter Semi Formal on Friday evening and the opening game of the basketball season on Sunday evening. Each day has been a different theme culminating with blue and white day and a pep rally on Friday.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all who have helped the school in so many ways. This community is so generous in terms of its time, talent, and resources. It makes it a very special place and it makes it a real joy to come to everyday. All of us here at SSCPS hope everyone had a very peaceful and joyous Thanksgiving Holiday!
Dr. Tom Gorsuch

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.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Don't cry over spilled milk."

Level 2: "One rotten apple spoils the whole bunch."

FOOD DRIVE - June's pod is having a food drive. You may bring food to the lobby now until December 15th. Please bring non-perishable and canned goods. The food will be donated to the Wellspring Food Pantry.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Part Time School Receptionist 20 hours per week

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.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The next Parents Association meeting is on Tuesday, December 5 from 7:00 – 9:00. Everyone is welcome to attend. The agenda is attached to the back of this Update, and is available online at www.sscpspa.org. The draft meeting minutes from the November PA meeting are also available online for review.

ECO-TIPS FROM THE SSCPS GREEN TEAM

ECO-TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

More household waste is produced between Thanksgiving and New Years than any other time of year . . . as much as *6 million additional tons*. The 2.6 billion holiday cards sold each year in the US could fill a football field 10 stories high! But the biggest trash generator is gifts. Make it a “green” holiday season this year:

Make your own gifts or plan your shopping trips ahead of time by writing out a list so you don't have to go back for something you forget . . . you'll save on two precious commodities: gas ***and*** time! For more great ideas, here is a link to Green*Light Magazine, A Guide to Earth-Friendly Living. Readers share 25 terrific tips on how to make your holidays more earth friendly. Enjoy! <http://www.greenlightmag.com/dept-community-dtl.php?recordID=271#trimming>

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Do you know a child that is struggling to read? “Demystifying Dyslexia”

Free Workshop

Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Osgood School Library (behind Deer Hill School)

210 Sohier Street, Cohasset

The Parent Advisory Council of Cohasset (southshorepac@comcast.net) welcomes back by popular demand Dr. Isabel Phillips, Massachusetts General Hospital.

What exactly IS dyslexia? This session will focus on the primary diagnostic “red flags” of dyslexia. Dr. Phillips will draw upon a century of research in the fields of neuropsychology, ophthalmology, linguistics and education to address case studies that distinguish “classic dyslexia” from other types of reading and language disabilities. A Question and Answer period will follow the presentation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

TOYS FOR TOTS! Toy collection will be running from November 16th to December 15th. 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.

“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

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

AGENDA – 5 December 2006 / 7:00 – 9:00 PM

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| 7:00 | Call Meeting to Order | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:00 – 7:05 | Review and Approve Minutes
<i>November 7, 2006 PA Meeting Minutes</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:05 – 7:10 | Announcements
<i>Parents Association Vacancies</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Board of Trustees email/contacts</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Next PA Meeting, January 2</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:10 – 7:15 | Presentation
<i>Steve Litcoff, South Shore YMCA, Re: SSCPS Extended Day program</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:15 – 7:40 | 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"/> |
| 7:40 – 7:45 | Student Representative Report
<i>Ryan Brenner</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:45 – 8:05 | Grade Representative Reports (as needed) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:05 – 8:15 | Other Reports (as needed)
<i>Education Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>School Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:15 – 8:30 | Executive Director Report
<i>Mike Munhall</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:30 – 8:40 | Board of Trustees Report
<i>Bill Smyth</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:40 – 8:50 | Old Business
<i>PA Budget Task Force / Treasury Report – KT Leary</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:50 – 9:00 | New Business
<i>Discussion RE: Board of Trustees Draft Fundraising Policy</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9:00 | Adjourn | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Lunch Menu – December, 2006

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

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 December, 2006
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, November 30, 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 No Lunch Early Release	<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 No School Vacation Begins
Week of 12/25 – 12/29	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday -----	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Vacation	<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>			_____
Total Amount Enclosed			\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

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