

*SSCPS INVITES YOU TO OUR ...*

**ANNUAL  
WINTER SOLSTICE  
CONCERT**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
6:00PM**

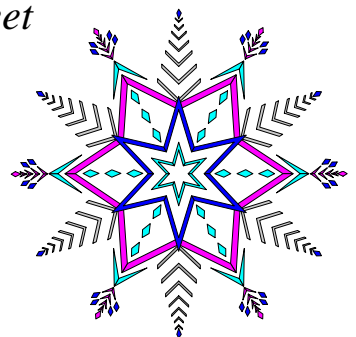
**HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM**

**STUDENTS SCHEDULED TO PERFORM:**

- ❖ *All Level 1 and Level 2 Students*
- ❖ *Members of the Middle School Singers & Players*
- ❖ *Level 3 Theatre and Music Project*
- ❖ *Members of the High School Music Workshop*

*Parents please note: Students performing should arrive at 5:45pm. Thank you!*

*Hingham High School is located at 17 Union Street*



# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## *UPDATE*

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### FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

We are making a few changes in staff and procedures in December. The School has been mindful of all the attention in recent years about the safety of students at school. Despite all our best intentions as a society we appear to be drifting towards greater and greater caution regarding schools and their activities. While we have no intention of banning the students from playing “tag” at recess as some other schools have seen need to, we want to make our environment as safe as possible. Even though we are an adult intensive community with about one adult for every eight students, we have come to feel that we need some added precautions on campus. Thus it is that during vacation week we are having several security measures installed in the building. This installation will include surveillance cameras at all the doors, the computer lab and the middle hallway and a buzzer at the front door. There will also be a camera on both the front and back of the building monitoring the parking lots and playground.

The buzzer will be the most noticeable change. After 8:15 AM arrival all exterior doors will be locked. All entries to the building will need to come through the front door. To enter, one will need to ring the buzzer and wait for the receptionist to let them in.

While these measures appear necessary there is a note of wistfulness attached to the whole change. One of the great things about our school has been the easy accessibility of parents and friends to the building. While all are still welcome to come, the buzzer puts a note of recognition of the world we live in today between the school and our community; we regret this. We ask for your support of these installations and before long we will probably see them as just a regular part of life here at SSCPS as they are at many schools today.

In addition, when we return from vacation, there will be a new face at the front desk in the afternoons. We are in the process of hiring a part-time receptionist to aid the administrative support staff. The school has been operating with the same administrative support staff it did in Hull three years ago when the school enrollment was 33% smaller than it is today. This added person will alleviate some of the workload that the staff has taken on with more students, staff and parents. Also, Dr. Gorsuch and Mariclare have moved their offices to the Level Two part of the building. This will also give greater administrative presence in that part of the building and be helpful in the supervision of activities there.

*Mike Munhall*

Wednesday	12/6	Professional Development Early Release & K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences	12:00pm
Friday	12/8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter High School Warnings issued	
Friday	12/8	Jaguars home vs. Academy of Pacific Rim at ProShots – Pembroke	6:00pm
Sunday	12/10	Jaguars home vs. MATCH at Hingham Middle School	6:00pm
Monday	12/11	School Council	3:30pm
Tuesday	12/12	Level 4 Frog Pond Field Trip	
Wednesday	12/13	Level 3 Frog Pond Field Trip	
Wednesday	12/13	Education Committee	3:30pm
Wednesday	12/13	SSCPS Annual Winter Solstice Concert Hingham High School	6:00pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Original Works** orders are being delivered on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and will be sent home with your child unless you contact Marianne at x304. When leaving a message, please leave your child's name, pod and pick up person. Order may be picked up **before or after** school in the Art Room. All orders will be delivered to students unless the Art Department is notified.

## 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).

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to senior Chelsea Talcott! Some of Chelsea's photography is part of an exhibit at the Cloud Foundation, "Art Institute of Boston: Alternative Photography Made by Teens" on Boylston Street, Boston. The opening night is Thursday December 7 and her exhibit runs through January 19, 2007. For more information see the website: [www.cloudfoundation.org](http://www.cloudfoundation.org)

The high school students really had a great time at the semiformal Friday night. Thanks, Mary Carter, for all your work on that. Thanks also to Rick, Julia, Claudia and Pedro for chaperoning that event. The high school also concluded their Spirit Week with a Pep rally for the basketball teams on Friday.

The Toys for Tots drive that John's project is coordinating and the food drive that June's pod is coordinating are off to great starts. Please continue to support these drives and thanks for all your help. Both collections are in the lobby.

**Levels I – IV: Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm are parent teacher conferences.** This is an early release day for the students. Mariclare has been booking appointments for parents. If for some reason you are unable to make it during this time, please contact the teacher directly to set up a mutually convenient time to meet. It is most important for parents to be involved in their child's education.

Parents, please be aware that the High School 2nd quarter warnings are to go out this Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Please look for them in the mail and use them as an opportunity to discuss them with your child.

The high school basketball season has begun. It opened Sunday, December 3 at the Hingham Middle School against Health Careers Academy. While the teams did not fare well, they are looking forward to an action packed season. We have hired a new coach for the boys team, Kevin Roach. He will begin working with the team later this week. A complete copy of the schedule is available on the website.

There is some traveling being done by our students in the next couple of weeks: Level II is going to the Museum of Fine Arts on Thursday, Ms. Stone's Child Development Workshop in the high school will be visiting the Home for Little Wanderers this Friday, and Level III and IV will be making their annual visit to the Frog Pond next week!

School Council will meet next Monday, at 3:30 in Room 100.

Education Committee meets NEXT Wednesday December 13 in Room 100 at 3:30. The rescheduling is due to parent/teacher conferences in levels I-IV.  
*Dr. Tom Gorsuch*

## **LUNCH ORDERS**

Enclosed please find the lunch order form for December. Orders are due Thursday, December 7 at 3pm. Thank you.

## **ON THE LEVELS**

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

Level 1: "Great oaks from little acorns grow."

Level 2: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

**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.

**ART FORCE NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Nicole's Level 2 Art Force Project is collecting donations for the Quincy Animal Shelter. The shelter needs paper towels and trash bags. There are collection boxes in every level. Please contact Art Force if you have any questions. Thank you.

## **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

- The Winter Semi last Friday night was a GREAT success! Mr and Miss Charter 2006 were announced at the dance - Congratulations to Seniors Jon Alexandre and Laura Goodale. A special "Thank-You" to all the students on Entertainment Sub-Committee for their hard work on Spirit Week and the Semi!
- PSAT scores were distributed on Friday, December 1st to all Sophomores and Juniors were took the exam. If you have any questions regarding your son or daughter's scores, you can go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for information or contact Mary Carter in Guidance at [mcarter@sscps.org](mailto:mcarter@sscps.org)

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

### **ECO-TIP for the Holidays**

For those of us who don't need any more 'things' . . . give a gift that truly keeps on giving! This holiday make a donation in the name of your gift recipient. Many organizations provide services, products and aid to people in need around the world: buy a goat for a family . . . set up a chicken farm . . . support a local crafts person in a third world country! If you are looking for unique, eco-conscious gifts, seek out fair trade companies selling products that support local economies, and look for eco-handcrafted gifts made from recycled materials. Here are a few web-sites full of wonderful ideas that give a great deal of momentum to your giving!

<http://www.oxfamamericaunwrapped.com/>

<http://www.heifer.org/site/c.edJRKQNiFiG/b.204586/>

<http://www.ourvoicestogether.org>

<http://www.wondersoftheworld.net>

<http://www.tenthousandvillages.com/>

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Part Time School Receptionist 20 hours per week

Part Time Learning Services Aide

Part Time Speech/Debate Coach

Middle School Boys & Girls Basketball Coach

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 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.

**"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 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>

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, December 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
12/11 – 12/15	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	PB&J Lunch
	½ Sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	- or -
	Wheat		Wheat		Salad

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
12/18 – 12/22	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	<b>No School</b>
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	<b>Vacation Begins</b>
	Wheat		Wheat		

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
12/25 – 12/29		-----	<b>Vacation</b>	-----	

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.

**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.**

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