

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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On behalf of the entire staff and faculty a big thank you to all the parents who contributed to the luncheon on Wednesday December 6th. It was a wonderful feast and very much appreciated by all.

Wednesday	12/13	SSCPS Annual Winter Solstice Concert Hingham High School	6:00pm
Wednesday	12/13	Education Committee	3:30pm
Thursday	12/14	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	12/14	Executive Committee	6:30pm
Friday	12/15	Level 2 Roman Play	
Friday	12/15	Art Force Sale	
Friday	12/15	Jaguars away vs. Boston Collegiate	4:30pm
Sunday	12/17	Jaguars home vs. CCSC Hingham Middle School	6:00pm
Tuesday	12/19	Level 3 Frog Pond	
Wednesday	12/20	SEPAC	8:30am
Wednesday	12/20	Development Committee	6:30pm
Thursday	12/21	All School Spanish Festival	
Friday	12/22	Holiday Vacation begins – No School	
Tuesday	01/02	Classes Resume	8:15am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June's Pod Food Drive - Please bring a canned food donation to the Winter Solstice Concert tonight for June's Pod Food Drive. All items will be donated to Wellspring. Thank you, Brooke Albert & Cassie Amicangelo

South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond December Vacation Program for Children in Grades K-5:

December 26-December 29, 8:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m., \$36/Day

Let your child enjoy their December vacation here at the SSYMCA at Mill Pond in Hanover. Children will have the opportunity to participate in sports, swimming, arts n' crafts, and special daily events. Please send your child with a bathing suit and a towel if they would like to swim. Daily snack is provided; children bring their own lunch.

Please contact Steve Litcoff at (781) 829-8585x262 to receive a registration packet and to register your child or pick up a copy in the front lobby of SSCPS. Registrations will not be accepted after Dec.15th.

Original Works orders are being delivered on Wednesday, December 13th 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.

Lost and Found-Please check the lost and found on Level II for lost items. All items left after Dec.21st will be donated to charity.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As many of you may already know, Leslie Jubinville, high school Biology teacher, has resigned for personal reasons. We regret her leaving and wish her well in her new endeavors. We are beginning to search for a new teacher immediately and want to fill the position as soon as possible. During the intervening time, we will do our best to maintain the continuity in all the classes and the workshop.

School Council met Monday, December 11 to continue its discussion about the school culture and improvement. The council has decided to focus its next meeting on projects and workshops and their role in the school. Anyone would like to weigh in on the matter can forward that information to any member of the council or to me directly. The next council meeting will be Monday, January 8 at 3:30 PM.

Education Committee meets this Wednesday December 13 in Room 100 at 3:30. The discussion will center on the Technology and Engineering standards in the Science curriculum.

The Winter Solstice is tonight, December 13 at 6:00 pm at the Hingham High School Auditorium. The kids have spent a lot of time preparing, and are excited for the performance. I hope you can make it!

It's Frog Pond time again! A Charter tradition! Level IV went on Tuesday December 12 and had a wonderful time with the weather cooperating nicely. Due to the poor impending weather, Level III has delayed its trip until next Tuesday, December 19. Let's hope the weather cooperates.

The basketball season is in full swing with new coaches. The girl's varsity one its fist game on Sunday against the MATCH School. The boys continue to struggle, but are making great strides with their new coach. We look forward to great success down the road. The middle boys team has a new coach, ?, and will be starting practices soon. We are still seeking a girl's middle school coach. *Dr. Tom Gorsuch*

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the lunch order form for the remainder of December. Also enclosed are the January Menu and Order Form. . Orders for December are due Thursday, December 14 at 3pm. Orders for January are due Thursday, December 21st 3pm. Thank you.

FROM THE SPANISH DEPARTMENT

First Hispanic American Community Festival

As you know, this is the time in the year when the expression 'having fun' cross our children's minds over and over, and so, at school, we really need to be part of that powerful stream while providing an authentic education. Thus, we decided to have a large Spanish cultural festival celebrating diversity and involving all students, teachers and staff as an excellent way to connect fun and education beyond the classrooms.

We are excited to inform you and your children of the **First Hispanic American Community Festival** at South Shore Charter Public School. This whole-school event will be held at our building, on **Thursday, December 21st from 1pm on** (right after lunch.)

It is our goal that your children participate actively in one of the many activities and tasks that will take place in the festival. Having said that, we would like to ask you to support your children's participation. Please, remember that your support to your children is always very important to us, and it will be essential in order to have a successful festival.

Depending on what kind of activity your children are going to participate in, there are certain resources or organizational support that they might need help with. It would be great if you are there to help them. Your children will be asked to wear Spanish clothes as it is the theme of the festival. "Sombreros" and costumes are very welcome too!!

Also, please notice that some Spanish teachers will require and evaluate their students' participation in the festival. All Advanced Spanish students will be assessed and required to participate in the festival as part of an academic project.

Should you have some good ideas and/or projects that you would like to share with your children and us, please let us know. We welcome any Spanish-related ideas or performances to be included in the festival.

There will be presentations in the following areas:

- Arts
- Cooking (Latino or Spanish food exhibition)
- Theater (short plays, monologues, etc.)
- Decorations, Graffiti, Posters
- Dance (Spanish-related)
- Music performances
- Fashion (Latino and/or Spanish)
- Video Taping and Picture-taking (to keep good record of our festival)

Thank you! **Muchas gracias!** Please see **Linda G., Juvy H. or Pedro** for additional information or any questions.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Let the cat out of the bag."

Level 2: "It's on its last legs."

Level 1 Cyndie Connolly is looking for volunteers to help with the kindergarten phonics classes on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays from 8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. If you could come in for one of these days, or a part of a day I would love to have help. The classes are ½ hour long with science classes in between on some days.

Please e-mail me at both cconnolly@sscps.org and cyndiegreenhill@comcast.net if you are interested in helping out.

Homework Club for the 2nd Trimester for Level's II & III Students

January 9th- March 7

Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays 3:00-4:00

Must pre-register with Tania or Claudia ext. 204 and ext. 212

CRAFT DAY on Level 3 will be held on Thursday Dec. 21st from 10am-12 noon.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help plan and supervise easy, 'make and take' craft activities for our students to make as gifts for the holiday season. Please contact either Bev Bruce (bruceleute19@msn.com), Katherine Kardok (kardoks@juno.com), or Claire Overlee (coverlee@sscps.org) if you would like to help.

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.

Art News

Congratulations to senior **Chelsea Talcott** on her student show at **The Cloud Foundation**, 647 Boylston Street, Boston. Chelsea is part of the Art Workshop here at the SSCPS and is also taking classes through the Art Institute of Boston. The Process Exhibit is part of her further classes. The exhibit runs from Dec. 4th through the 19th of January.

Please be sure to check out the cases in the lobby. High School student work is displayed in a series of glass cases. The collection is the result of some intense work on the part of the art students. They have experimented with plaster, metal embossing and fabric to create one of a kind art pieces. The embossed mirrors are actually being offered for sale for \$25.00 a piece. The proceeds will go directly into the workshop budget and assist in funding field trips. Come and pick up an original student work for collecting or gift giving.

Any teens (12+) interested in creating gifts for the Christmas/ Hanukah season can work with Marianne at the South Shore YMCA. Workshop style classes, 1 hour apiece, offering felt bags, tape bowls, embroidery and embossing. January classes in drawing with charcoal. Call the YMCA @ 781-829-8585 or see Marianne in the Art Room.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Full Time High School Chemistry/Biology Teacher
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 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.

Father Bill's Shelter Drive Update

I would like to thank all those who donated to the recent Father Bill's Shelter Drive. The response was incredible! As Father Bill's does not have the ability to store large amounts of clothing, and some of the items were summer items, donations of all the clothing items were distributed between Wellspring in Hull, St. Vincent's de Paul, and the Long Island Shelter in Quincy. All of the toiletry items were sent to Father Bill's.

Whoever said that the people of Massachusetts were not philanthropic, should take a long hard look at the community of SSCPS!!!

A special "Shout Out" to **Angie/Level III teacher** who helped me transport the many bags and boxes to my home in Hull for distribution to the various charities. Additional thanks to my aunt and uncle, **Kim and Kevin Davis of Weymouth**, who transported goods to Father Bill's and the Long Island Shelter.

Lisa Lennon of Father Bill's extended her thanks and asked that the good people of SSCPS help with a special food and small gift drive for the residents of Father Bill's for the upcoming holiday. **Items needed would be:**

Canned Goods and other Non-Perishable Food Items

Gifts: Decks of Playing Cards, Crossword Puzzle Books, Pocket,Calendar/Appointment Books, Address Books, Phone Cards, MBTA Charlie Cards, key-chains, and other similar gift items.

I admit I am more than a little late in getting this letter out (but we were having software/computer problems at home)...so this **drive will begin this week and end on Thursday, December 21st**. A box will be located in the lobby or with Ellen labeled **Father Bill's Holiday Drive**.

Ellis Gilbert of Level III/Claire's POD will be assisting me with this Community Service Project.

Thanks Again, Aidan White- Level IV Scott's Pod

"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

Lunch Menu – January 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School	2 Cheese Pizza	3 Roast Beef With American cheese and mustard	4 Cheese Pizza	5 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
8 Ham, Salami & Provolone Cheese With lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	9 Cheese Pizza	10 BLT Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	11 Cheese Pizza	12 PB&J Lunch -or- Tossed Salad With Italian dressing and pita bread
15 No School Martin Luther King Day	16 Cheese Pizza	17 Turkey With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	18 Cheese Pizza	19 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
22 Italian Cold Cuts With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	23 Cheese Pizza	24 Ham With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	25 Cheese Pizza	26 PB and J Lunch - or - Greek Salad with Greek dressing and pita bread
29 BLT Bacon, lettuce and tomato with mayonnaise	30 Cheese Pizza	31 Roast Beef with American cheese and mustard	1 Cheese Pizza	2 No School Professional Dev. Day

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 January, 2007
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, December 21, 2006

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 1/1 – 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday No School	<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 1/8 – 1/12	<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 1/15 – 1/19	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday No School	<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 1/22 – 1/26	<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 1/29 – 2/2	<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 No School
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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

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 Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of December, 2006
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, December 14, 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
12/18 – 12/22	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	No School
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	Vacation Begins
	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		-----	Vacation	-----	

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			\$_____

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