

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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HEAD OF SCHOOL

Tomorrow as we finish for the holiday vacation the school will be alive with activity. Following on the heels of the marvelous Solstice Concert last week the Spanish Department is holding its First Annual Hispafest on Thursday to celebrate the world of Spanish/American culture; students have been preparing for this for the last several weeks. Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 will be holding their traditional Craft Day on Thursday as well. Parent volunteers make the Craft Day happen with their organization of the myriad craft items and creative guidance for the students. Both of these events should be a great way to launch into the vacation week of celebrations.

Whatever celebrations your family observes at this time of year, on behalf of the entire school community, I wish you a joyous season of shared good tidings.

Mike Munhall

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| 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 |
| Tuesday | 01/02 | Parents Association | 7:00pm |
| Wednesday | 01/03 | Education Committee | 3:30pm |
| Friday | 01/05 | SEPAC | 8:30am |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

There are still several cases of Head Lice on Level 1. Please remind your children to be cautious at school. Also please continue to check your children's head over the vacation week and be aware of contact outside of the school setting.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Congratulations to Senior Jane Sullivan who has been accepted to both Wheelock College and Emanuel College.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the lunch menu and order form for the January. Orders are due Thursday, December 21st 3pm. Thank you.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thanks, Andre, Wardie, Lucille and everyone else who helped out in the Winter Solstice last Wednesday night. The kids really take a lot of pride in their work, and thanks to all of you who took the time out of your busy schedules to come and show support. It means so much to them.

The Toys for Tots drive was a huge success. Representatives of the Marine Corp and the Norwell Fire Department were here to personally thank the students for their efforts. Thanks, everyone for your generosity. The donations were impressive.

Aidan Wright from Scott's pod wrote a touching thank you to all who helped out in his Father Bill's Shelter Drive. He had such success, that he is now looking for donations for the upcoming Father Bill's Holiday Drive; canned goods & nonperishable items, decks of playing cards, crossword puzzle books, address and/or appointment books, phone cards, MBTA Charlie cards, key chains, and similar items. Ellis Gilbert from Level III is helping Aidan with this new drive. It is encouraging to see our students reaching out to the community.

Level III went to the Frog Pond for skating on Tuesday, December 19. This was rescheduled due to the rain last week. The weather was perfect for skating – clear and cold. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to all who made this annual trip possible. During Level IV's skating visit to the Frog Pond last week, a curator for the pond told one of the parent chaperones that he was impressed with the SSCPS students' behavior, and SSCPS is welcome back at any time. There is no greater compliment for me to receive as a principal.

The Spanish Fest is this Thursday, December 21. The Spanish Department has really been working hard on this. It will take place after lunch from 1-3PM on all levels. It should be a wonderful way to spend the afternoon before vacation.

Level II and III will be having their annual craft day on Thursday, 21. This will take place in the morning. Thanks to everyone helping with this event.

Thanks, everyone. Have a joyous and peaceful holiday season! Find time to relax and enjoy family and friends. See you all next year!

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

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: "Don't judge a book by its cover.."

Level 2: "On the warpath.."

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.

SEPAC WORKSHOP

Goals of Misbehavior - Managing the Behavior of Children – Thursday, January 18, 2007 - 7-8pm

This workshop will focus on some of the important principles of Individual Psychology and how they apply to dealing with misbehavior and encouraging appropriate behavior at home and in other places. Come with your sense of humor, questions, etc. We'll learn from each other! Dr. Ron Larrivee, Presenter

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Full Time High School Chemistry/Biology Teacher

Part Time School Receptionist 20 hours per week

Part Time Speech/Debate Coach

Middle School 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.

ECO-TIPS FROM THE SSCPS GREEN TEAM

After the holidays, a real Christmas tree keeps on giving! Most of the towns we live in either collect or will accept live trees, and they chip them for municipal mulch. But here are some other environmentally-friendly ideas for your tree après the holidays:

- ❖ Placed in the garden or backyard, the Christmas tree will provide winter shelter for small birds.
- ❖ Another good idea is to decorate the tree again. This time hang it with special treats for the birds: Orange slices and apples will attract birds, or hang suet balls (do not use peanut butter!) stuffed with mixed birdseed

and sunflower seeds. Do please remember to carefully remove all ornaments and tinsel. Birds will try to eat the shiny stuff and it will make them sick.

- ❖ A Christmas tree is biodegradable. Its branches and needles make a good mulch in any garden. Cut branches off of the tree and spread under shrubs or place over the crowns of your more delicate perennials.
- ❖ Fir tree foliage can be stripped from the branches and snipped into small pieces for stuffing into aromatic fir needle pillows for the sofa or bedroom. Some people also use fir foliage in dresser drawers to give clothing and blankets a lovely fragrance and act as a natural moth repellent.
- ❖ Large quantities of used trees make effective sand and soil erosion barriers, especially at beaches.
- ❖ Christmas trees stacked together in a forest provide much needed shelter for birds, rabbits and other small animals.
- ❖ Sunk into fish ponds, Christmas trees make excellent refuge and feeding areas.

Another thought for this holiday season is giving to others close to home. Local food banks are being hit with extremely hard times as demand is greatly exceeding supplies. GIFTS OF HOPE supports food banks in Abington, Braintree, Canton, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Raynham, Rockland, Scituate, Stoughton, Taunton, Wareham, Weymouth, and the Interfaith Social Services Pantry Shelf (serving 9 towns), as well as the Greater Boston Food Bank. Donations are gratefully accepted through the Mariner Newspapers for each of these food pantries; send donations to Anne Rodwell, CNC/South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050. Donations are published in the paper, unless the donor requests anonymity. This is a great way to say ‘thank you’ for all we have, and to reach out and spread the joy.

Have a wonderful, safe and restorative winter break! The Green Team will see you in 2007!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

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.

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| 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.

Talent Show

**All proceeds benefit the Biology Workshop
February 1st, 2007 at 6:00pm
Hingham High School**

Sign up early to ensure you get into the show!

Please fill out the attached form and email it to nbs3431@gmail.com or leave it at the front desk in envelope marked Talent Show

All sign up forms must be returned by the week of Jan. 2nd *

*A roster of acts will be posted in the weekly update and at the school.

Prizes for Top Three Acts:

Level 1 & 2- Gift Certificates for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places

Levels 3, 4, & High School- 1st- \$100

2nd \$50

3rd \$25

Talent Show Guidelines:

- ❖ All acts will be booked on a first come first serve basis.
- ❖ Students may appear in only one act.
- ❖ All acts must be 4 minutes or less and must be appropriate for all ages.
- ❖ All acts must be ready to perform and provide their own props and music at rehearsal.
- ❖ All acts must attend one mandatory rehearsal on the following dates:
 - Level 1 & 2- Jan. 25th at 3:15
 - Level 3, 4 & High School- Jan. 25th at 3:15
- ❖ Total Number of potential acts:
 - Level 1 & 2- 15
 - Levels 3, 4 and High School- 20
 - Staff and Faculty- 2

For any questions regarding acts, rehearsal or any other matter please contact the Biology Workshop in room 107.

Registration for Talent Show

All proceeds benefit the Biology Workshop
February 1st, 2007 at 6:00 pm
Hingham High School

All Students Performing In The Show Must Arrive By 5:15pm On The Day Of
The Event- No Exceptions

Auditions Will Be Held in Room 107 During the Weeks of
Jan. 8th and Jan. 15th
Level 1 & 2- 3:15pm
Level 3, 4, & High School- 12:30-1pm

There will also be a mandatory rehearsal on Jan. 25th in the H.S. Village
Green

Name of Student or Students in Act:

Student Level: _____

Name of Act: _____

Description of Act: _____

Due to time constraints all acts must be 4 minutes or shorter.

Once the # of acts in each level is full any remaining acts will be put on a
wait list.

Parent Signature: _____ Email: _____

Please return to the Front Desk in Envelope marked Talent Show by Jan 2nd.

Torri T Order Form

All profits go directly to The Torri Wightman Arts Scholarship

James Beggan

Torri T's were inspired by Torri. The design is everything Torri loves, made into something she would wear. There are three different types of shirts women's tees, men's tees and polos. All shirts fit well and shrink about a size in the dryer. Polos are ONLY available in men's sizes.

Item #
Use the type of shirt (W, M or P) and the size. So, Women's Small is WSM

Any Questions?

My E-Mail Address is: i.promised.myself@gmail.com
Checks can addressed to the South Shore Charter Public School. All payments will be required upon return of the order for. All order forms can be sent to:

James Beggan
48 Clifton Ave
Hull MA, 02045

Pricing

Men's - \$25
Women's - \$25
Polo's - \$40

An example of the original design is on the back of the form, it is in full color and will run along the left side of a white shirt or polo.

All orders due by January 10th

| Name | Address | Phone Number |
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| Qty | Item # | Description | Balance | Payment Type | Sub-Total |
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| EXAMPLE | PMED | Medium Polo | \$40 x 1 polo | Check | XXXXX |
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