

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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Thursday	01/17	Finance Committee Meeting	6:00pm
Thursday	01/17	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Thursday	01/17	SEPAC Workshop	7:00pm
Friday	01/18	SEPAC Meeting	8:30am
Monday	01/21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School	
Tuesday	01/22	High School 2 nd Quarter Ends	
Weds-Fri	01/23-01/25	High School Mid Term Exams – Early Release High School Students Only	
Friday	01/25	Level 3 and Level 4 Ski Trip	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW TRANSPORTATION OPPORUNITY - Accepting applications for transportation to South Shore Charter Public School. The tentative list of towns to be covered is: Whitman, Abington, Hanson, East Bridgewater, Rockland, Hanover and Brockton. Pending the necessary insurance and registry formalities I hope to begin service on Wednesday, January 2, 2008. If you would like further information or for an application packet please feel free to contact Tricia O'Brien c/o KC Transportation email kctransportation@hotmail.com or call 781-753-6738.

SEEKING HIGH SCHOOL SAILORS FOR SPRING SEASON. Sail Nantasket, a non-profit sailing organization, is focused on starting a joint sailing team between South Shore Charter and Hull Public schools this spring. Anyone who is interested in participating and can already sail should contact Andrew Tyler (at Tyler33@comcast.net), Kathy Arthur-Tyler (ktyler32@comcast.net) and Nick Sisson. Committed sailors are needed to make this happen. There will be courses at Hull Yacht Club this summer (for students who want to learn to sail).

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the Order Form and Menu for the month of January. Orders for January are due Thursday, January 17th.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thanks to all the parents and staff that helped out at last night's open house. We had many visitors to our school who all received a very warm and enthusiastic welcome from everyone. I received many compliments from visiting families about the dedication and caring of the parents and staff.

Thank you to Mary Carter for arranging for a member of MEFA to come and talk to our seniors and their parents about financial aid last Wednesday night.

Thanks to Pam, Kathy and Ellen for getting the intent-to continue and the new PE release forms in the mail last week. Please be looking for these forms in the mail and return them as soon as possible. The intent to continue forms are very important to establishing our enrollment for next year and openings for the lottery in February.

The Level I social was this past Saturday. Thanks to Kerry Griffin, (Julia and Zachary; Level 1) and all who helped organize this event.

Debate team news; the team competed this past Saturday at Newton South High. Ryan Brenner & Nick Sisson won 1 out of 4 rounds, but were close as they competed against the semifinalists in many of their rounds. Andrew Tyler & Kaila Millet and Pat Weed & Adrianna Perry made their debating debuts. The team is competing in a 3 day meet this weekend in Lexington. Good luck to all of them! We are so proud of the time commitment, and the diligence in learning both sides of the topic to prepare for these competitions.

Basketball news: Middle school girls were defeated, boys won by a wide margin. Both teams in the high school were defeated, although the boys team lost by one point, which came down to the last second of the game.

Midyear exams for the high school are coming up the week of January 21. Schedule for midyear exams:

Wednesday, January 23

8:30 – 10:00 – Block A
10:30 – 12:00 – Block B
12:00 – Dismissal

Thursday, January 24

8:30 – 10:00 – Block C
10:30 – 12:00 – Block D
12:00 – Dismissal

Friday, January 25

8:30 – 10:00 – Block E
10:30 – 12:00 – Make-up exams

Attendance will be taken during advisory at 8:15. Students will then proceed to morning meeting and then to their appropriate classroom for the first exam. Students who do not have a first exam may report to school at 10:00 for the second exam. They must sign into the school at that time. Students who do not have a second exam may leave at 10:00 following the first exam. They must sign out at this time. Students must remain in the exam room until all students have completed the exam. Students should bring something to work on if they finish the exam early. All high school students are expected to leave the building at 12:00. On Friday, all high school students are expected to leave the building at 10 AM following the exam.

High School Exhibitions of Mastery are on-going this week.

Today's Professional Development (early release) Day will be used for work on completing the Project/Workshop curriculum.

Visitors from the Core Knowledge Foundation will be visiting us this week, Wednesday thru Friday. They will be primarily focusing on the pilot reading program being implemented on Level I.

The January Board of Trustees meeting will be held on this Thursday, January 17, 7-9PM. All are welcome.

Friday, January 25th, is the Level III & IV ski trip!!

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Easier said than done."

Level 2: "A picture is worth a thousand words."

LEVEL 1 CLOTHING DRIVE – June's Pod is having a clothing drive. It is January 9th – February 14th. We need hats, gloves, mittens, boots, snow pants, scarves and coats. The box will be in Level 1 next to the stage. Thank you, Matt Freitas & Harrison Carter, Project Journalists

NOTES FROM THE GREEN TEAM

1. Limit your shower time. Even a one or two minute reduction can save you 700 gallons.
2. Never pour water down the drain if there's another use for it, such as watering your plants or garden.
3. Instead of letting the water run while cleaning your veggies, rinse them in a pot with water.
4. Freerice.com is a free website where for every word you spell correctly, the website donates 10 grains of rice to countries in the U.N to help stop world hunger.
5. Save a tree and send an electronic greeting. Instead of buying a card, which wastes trees, you can send a card over e-mail. A great website to go to is <http://www.e-cards.com>.

(Tips from Anne Nonnamaker, Level IV FourScore Project)

Sound interesting to you? The SSCPS Green Team is getting reorganized! This group is a collection of parents, teachers, and students interested in environmental issues. Please contact Amy Ruder for more information at aruder@sscps.org

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The minutes for last Tuesday's PA meeting are available on the PA website for reading:

<http://www.sscpspa.org>. Two items of interest that were discussed with school leaders at last week's meeting include the changes to the Level 1 classrooms beginning next year, and the process for finding a permanent Executive Director.

SEPAC COMMITTEE

SEPAC WORKSHOP - ADD/ADHD, THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008 - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

ADD/ADHD an Overview - How do you know if a child you know has ADD? In this workshop, focus is on children with Attention Deficit Disorder. What it is, what it is not, with discussion including: symptoms, diagnosis, and intervention. Coping with struggles that arise in the home and in school are presented. Various treatments including: medication, behavioral, emotional and organizational skills are discussed.

Presenter: Alan Jacobson, Ph.D. - Outpatient Director of the Providence Center.

Alan Jacobson is a licensed psychologist and certified school psychologist whose experience includes consulting to area school and community groups for the past eight years. Alan is presently the Outpatient Director of the Providence Center treating adults, children, and adolescents in individual, group and family therapy.

Alan is a noted and sought after speaker in the Community Consultation Program. He is also known as a columnist for the Patriot Ledger newspaper in which he writes a column concerning mental health issues.

If you are interested in attending this workshop or have any additional questions please email Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Full Time Director of Learning Services - Start date July 1, 2008

Responsible for overseeing Sped, Title I, ELL and Academic Support Services.

Cover letter, resumes and three references due by January 29, 2008.

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

Email cover letter, resume and list of references to Kristine Shipps, Business Manager, kshipps@sscps.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

"CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS" – Thank you for all of the cartridge and cell phone donations made to Cartridges for Kids this year. We were able to package and send off many boxes in return for money for our school. We will continue to collect again next year and would be happy to pick up any donations over the summer. Thanks again, Luke, John and Grace Ryan (781) 925-9541.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

CAMP FAIR – Saturday January 26th 1-4pm at Derby Academy (56 Burditt Avenue Hingham)

Admission is free. For more information email campfair@derbyacademy.org. or call 781-749-0746 ext.29.

CHOO-CHOO TRANS – Livery service currently transporting students to and from SSCPS to the Plymouth area has seats available. For more information or a quote for transportation, visit www.choochootrans.com or email choochootrans@gmail.com.

ABITIBI PAPER RETRIEVER RECYCLING

This is an easy way for you to recycle your paper every week and help us raise money for projects/workshops.

What Can Be Placed in the Retriever Bin?

Newspapers, Magazines, Office Paper, School Paper, Catalogs, Mail, Paperback books, Shredded Paper
(must be in clear plastic bag & tied with holes poked into it)

Please Do Not Place these items in the Retriever Bin:

Plastic, Glass, Metals, Trash, Cardboard, Phonebooks

The UPDATE is published on a weekly basis and is distributed on Wednesdays through email to the entire community and is posted on our website at www.sscps.org. If your family would like to receive a paper copy please email a request to palgera@sscps.org or contact Kathy at 781-982-4202 ext. 100.



SST IS PROUD TO PRESENT:

NEGOTIATION GENERATION
Take Back Your Parental Authority Without Punishment!

WHETHER YOU'RE RAISING TODDLERS OR TEENAGERS—
SOME BEHAVIORS ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE
Wednesday January 16th, 2007

Once upon a time, parents were parents and children were children. Today, our fast paced lives and changes in the popular culture have children claiming more independence than they can handle. Parents are losing their authority, negotiating with their children about everything from what to wear to school to when to go to bed at night. All this negotiating is exhausting and it doesn't teach children how to handle the intense pressure to grow up too quickly.

Lynne Reeves Griffin helps you reclaim your position of authority with a proactive approach to raising your children. By establishing clear boundaries for what is and isn't acceptable behavior, you'll win the tug-of-war with your children—and forge a stronger, more loving bond because of it.

- Influence your children's behavior—without controlling it
- Predict and prevent challenging behavior
- Let go of time-outs, groundings, spankings, and other punishments
- Teach by example—show *and* tell your children how you expect them to behave

With true stories from more than twenty years of parent counseling, the author reveals the real struggles parents face in raising today's children—and tells you how to step out of the negotiation generation and step back into control.

Lynne Reeves Griffin is the author of *Negotiation Generation: Take Back Your Parental Authority Without Punishment* (Penguin, 2007) and the novel, *Life Without Summer* to be published in winter 2009 by St Martin's Press. She lectures, writes, and consults with parents, teachers and health care professionals about issues affecting families and is a frequent radio and television guest expert. Lynne lives with her husband and two children in Massachusetts. For more about Lynne's work, visit her website www.LynneGriffin.com.

It is important that you call to register or return the registration form prior to the overview as space is very limited.

Fee: \$20.

For more information please call South Shore Therapies at (781) 335-6663

Registration Form: Negotiation Generation: Lynne Reeves Griffin
7:00 PM Wednesday January 16th 2007

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Total number of attendees: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Send to: South Shore Therapies: 163 Libbey Industrial Parkway; Suite 302
Weymouth, MA; 02189

Lunch Menu – January, 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 No School	1 No School	2 BLT Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	3 Cheese Pizza	4 Greek Salad With Greek dressing and pita bread
7 Turkey With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	8 Cheese Pizza	9 Italian Cold Cuts With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	10 Cheese Pizza	11 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
14 Roast Beef With American cheese and mustard	15 Cheese Pizza	16 No Lunch Early Release Professional Development	17 Cheese Pizza	18 Tossed Salad With Italian dressing and pita bread
21 No School Martin Luther King Day	22 Cheese Pizza	23 BLT Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	24 Cheese Pizza	25 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
28 Ham With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	29 Cheese Pizza	30 Chicken Salad With lettuce and tomato	31 Cheese Pizza	2/1 Greek Salad With Greek dressing and pita bread

2 % 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. For Level 1 a Lunchable and Milk will be provided for the same cost. A note from the office will go home that week for reimbursement.

Lunch Order Form
Lunch for the Month of January, 2008
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, January 17, 2008

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
1/21 – 1/25	No School	Pizza # _____	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza # _____	Sub 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
1/28 – 2/1	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza # _____	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza # _____	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
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
Total Amount Enclosed			\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Choice of 2% 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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