

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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SSCPS – a school that recognizes the importance of community, collaboration and respect for each other every day

Tom, Ted, Pam, Kristine, and Bob Jesus, Director of Technology, and I have been working with a web-design company to redo our web-site. A grant from the Foundation funds the start-up costs for this on-going project. One of the “assignments” from the company was for us to come up with three key words and a theme/symbol for the school logo on the web-page. We began working on this task in mid-December and on January 3rd, we reached consensus: the three words that should be included in the logo are independence, knowledge and community and that the logo would be the tree of knowledge.

In this update, I wanted to focus upon **community** and why we selected it as one of the three words for the new logo. From the day that the school opened its doors in Hull in 1995 to today, community has always been an integral part of SSCPS. According to Webster’s dictionary, community is “an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location.” Whether it is at the Level town meetings, Parent Association meetings, Board of Trustee’s meetings, hiring and selection of personnel, socials, or fundraising events, anyone newcomer quickly learns that SSCPS is a place that encourages everyone to become actively involved in the life of the school.

A number of events over the past ten days underscore how much we work together as a community. At our Open House, parents from the PA, teachers and students were on hand to greet prospective students and their families and answer questions about SSCPS. I am pleased to report that the number of applications is up from this time last year. THANK YOU teachers, students and parents for all that you do to promote and spread the good news about our school. On the early release day, parent representatives from the PA treated the staff to a Staff Appreciation Luncheon. MANY THANKS to the parents for a scrumptious lunch, elegantly presented. Also on Wednesday, two of our high school students, Ryan Schiffer and Carly Hayes, delivered the boxes of toys that students had donated to the Tufts New England Floating Hospital. THANK YOU students and families for your generosity and for providing toys for the play area at the Floating Hospital.

These are just a few examples and reasons why so many families would like to have their sons and daughters attend SSCPS and become part of this wonderful community of learners.

Prue Goodale

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

“If you are a parent, recognize that it is the most important calling and rewarding challenge you have. What you do every day, what you say and how you act, will do more to shape the future of America than any other factor.” -- Marian Wright Edleman, Children’s Defense Fund

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE: The Early Release Day scheduled for Wednesday, MARCH 26 has been CANCELLED due to MCAS testing. March 26 will be a FULL-DAY

Weds-Fri	1/23-1/25	High School Mid Terms – Early Release for High School Students Only	
Friday	1/25	Level III and Level IV Ski Trip to Pat’s Peak	6:15am
Monday	1/28	Level I Parent Coffee	8:30am
Mon-Thurs	1/28-1/31	8th Grade Move Up Week	
Thursday	1/31	Talent Show – Hingham High School	6:00pm
Friday	2/01	Professional Development Day – No school for students	
Wednesday	3/26	Calendar Change – Full day of classes (previously posted as early release day)	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TALENT SHOW– Thursday, January 31st – Hingham High School – Show starts at 6:00pm – Tickets: \$7.00 (All proceeds benefit the April trip to Europe). Come witness the many talents of members of the SSCPS community. Please note: anyone participating must arrive by 5:45pm.

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 Menu for the remainder of January which is due Thursday, January 24th. Also enclosed are the February Lunch Menu and Order Form. February orders are due Thursday, January 31st.

HEALTH OFFICE

Three students on level III have confirmed cases of Head Lice. Please check your child’s head frequently and report any cases to the Health office. Call x 104 for questions or additional information.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend, and the Pats game!

Thanks to all the parents, students, High School Music Workshop students, faculty and staff who were on hand at the Open House last week, and to all who contributed food donations. We had roughly 90 families visit.

Thank you to Kassandra Grant for arranging for Level I and the Dance Project students from Level II to see the University Dancers (from UMASS Amherst) perform on today's field trip to Hingham High School. The students are fortunate to have the opportunity to see this.

High school midyear exams are this week, today through Friday. Today's exams are blocks A & B, Thursday's are C & D, and Friday's are E & make-ups. Attendance will be taken during advisory at 8:15 AM. Students will then proceed to morning meeting and then to their appropriate classroom for the first exam. Students who not have a first exam may report to school at 10:00 AM for their second exam. These students must sign into the school at this time. Students who do not have a second exam may leave at 10:00 AM, and must sign out. 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 PM. On Friday, all students are expected to leave the school at 10:00 AM following the exam. Only high school students who have to make up an exam should be here until 12:00 PM on Friday.

Because of scheduling, 8th grade move up will span over two weeks this year, next week and the following week. Each 8th grade student will shadow a 9th grade student for one day during that time frame. Students will be notified by the end of this week which day they will be visiting the high school.

High school grades closed yesterday, January 22nd. Report cards will go home with the students on the 31st.

K-8 progress reports will be mailed home on Thursday, January 29 to students who are experiencing academic difficulty. Please review these reports with your child, and contact the subject teachers directly with any questions.

The annual Talent Show will be held next Thursday, January 31st, at Hingham High School at 6:00 PM. This is always a great take. 'Hope everyone can make it!

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "A place for everything and everything in its place."

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

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Girls Nite Out Fundraiser- I am looking for anyone who would like to sponsor a table at the upcoming G.N.O fundraiser. If you sell makeup, pocketbooks, jewelry etc. or have a skill like massage, nail or makeup artist, palm reader, card reader....anything GIVE ME A CALL!!!! If you know of anyone or have a business card from someone, I want to hear from you. I am also in need of a crew to help me pull this "oh so fab" night off. It will be a good time so make sure you tell all your lady friends and family to keep Friday, March 28th open. Thanks. Kim Dalton 781-878-5143 or email at TKDee3@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.

Learning Services Teacher's Aide 88% FTE 35 hours per week

On-Call Substitute Teachers

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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.

Lunch Menu – February, 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Roast Beef With American cheese and mustard	5 Cheese Pizza	6 Italian Cold Cuts With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	7 Cheese Pizza	8 Greek Salad With Greek dressing and pita bread
11 Turkey With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	12 Cheese Pizza	13 BLT Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	14 Cheese Pizza	15 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
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25 Ham With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	26 Cheese Pizza	27 Chicken Salad With lettuce and tomato	28 Cheese Pizza	29 Tossed Salad With Italian 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 February, 2008
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, January 31, 2007

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 2/4 – 2/8	<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 Sub ½ sub Wheat
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Week of 2/11 – 2/56	<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 2/18 – 2/22	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
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Week of 2/25 – 2/29	<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 Sub ½ sub Wheat
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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 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.

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.

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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	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub	# _____	½ sub	# _____	
	Wheat		Wheat		

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

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