

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## UPDATE

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### *A great place to visit . . .*

This month, a number of educators have visited SSCPS to observe our teachers in action. Our first guests were from Weymouth who is considering replacing their *Everyday Math* program with *Singapore Math*. Angie Pepin coordinated the visit. The middle school math coach and the other teachers were most impressed with the program, our teachers and, most importantly, how engaged the students were with the math problems!

Three curriculum writers and developers from *Core Knowledge* spent two days sitting in on phonics and reading lessons in Level 1 and meeting with the teachers to discuss the new programs. Our guests raved about our teachers and have asked if they can come back again later in the spring and bring more people so that they can observe outstanding reading instruction in action.

Last week, former Executive Director Ed Gotgart and two teachers from St. Johns School in Wellesley visited with teachers in Levels II and III and observed our multiage model. St. Johns is looking at different instructional models and, again, we received positive feedback from the teachers about our students and teachers.

### *Parents wanted to meet with our next visitors – the Department of Education . . .*

Once again this year, a team from the Charter School Office in the Department of Education will be visiting our school. Next **Tuesday, February 5**, a four person team will spend the day sitting in on classes and meeting with members of the Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty, parents, and students. They have asked us to put together a schedule for them. We have blocked out an hour, from **8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** for the parent meeting. We would like to have the DOE team hear from as many parents as possible during that hour so that the DOE can hear from our parents about our academic program and get the parents' perspective. Please email palgera@sscps.org or call Pam Algera 781-982-4202 ext. 103, if you will be able to attend the parent forum.

### *The recognition and awards just keep coming . . .*

By now, most of you know about Evan Whitemyer's *Summits for My School* project from the wonderful story that appeared in last Thursday's *Patriot Ledger*. In case you missed the story, here is a brief synopsis: Evan decided that his New Year's Resolution for 2008 would be to climb ten 4,000 foot (or higher) mountains, get pledges, and then donate the money to SSCPS. To keep family and friends updated on his climbs, Evan learned how to create a web-site. Originally, Evan and his parents did not want to publicize this at school but preferably to reach out to family and friends. However, as we all know, keeping a secret on the web is difficult and a local reporter learned about his fundraising efforts through a Google search! The rest is history.

Last Friday we learned that three of our high school students were chosen for recognition by the judges of the annual **Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards**. Congratulations to Sophomore Andres Butler, Honorable Mention, Senior Jimmy Beggan, Silver Key, and Senior Emily Doolittle, Gold Key. Later in the Update there is more information about these three students and our outstanding Art Program. Please check out our front lobby – more outstanding artwork is on display. Also, there should be an article on our art program in the *Patriot Ledger* in the next week.

## Going green. . .

The funds that Evan raises for his project will be used to help the school “go green.” We are in the process of forming a broad-based committee that will help SSCPS go green in every way possible – facilities, health/nutrition, curriculum, projects, etc. This committee will be comprised of parents, Board members, faculty, administrators, community/business leaders, and of course, students. If you would be interested in serving on this committee, please let Pam or me know. There will be much more detailed information on going green and the first meeting of the committee in a future update.

*Prue Goodale*

*“The old Lakota was wise. He knew that man's heart away from nature becomes hard; he knew that lack of respect for growing, living things soon led to lack of respect for humans too.” ~Chief Luther Standing Bear*

*“As we watch the sun go down, evening after evening, through the smog across the poisoned waters of our native earth, we must ask ourselves seriously whether we really wish some future universal historian on another planet to say about us: ‘With all their genius and with all their skill, they ran out of foresight and air and food and water and ideas,’ or, ‘They went on playing politics until their world collapsed around them.’ ~U Thant, speech, 1970*

**REMINDER: Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit applications for the Enrollment Lottery. Also due - the “Intent to Return” forms.**

Thursday	1/31	High School Report Cards Distributed	
Thursday	1/31	Talent Show – Hingham High School	6:00pm
Friday	2/01	Professional Development Day – No School for Students	
Tuesday	2/05	Department of Education Site Visit	
Tuesday	2/05	Parents Association Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	2/06	Intents to Return Due Applications for Enrollment Lottery Deadline	
Wednesday	2/06	School Council	3:30pm
Wednesday	2/06	Facilities and Development Joint Meeting	4:00pm
Saturday	2/09	Enrollment Lottery	10:00am
Wednesday	3/26	Calendar Change – due to MCAS testing Full day of classes (previously posted as early release day)	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TALENT SHOW– Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – 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.**

**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 February Lunch Menu and Order Form. Orders are due Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> by 3pm.

## ART NEWS

Welcoming students, faculty, staff and guests alike is a variety of original pieces created throughout the year by the high school **Art Workshop students**. The display is behind the front desk, as well as, in the glass cabinets as you come in the front doors. Please be sure to stop and take in the scope of these pieces.

Opening up **our new gallery space** in the front hall is work of student **Kyle Anderson**. Kyle displays nine separate yet cohesive pieces which give an insight to life through his perspective. Kyle's use of line and muted color palette creates an intimacy while portraying bits and pieces of the rhythm of daily life. Please plan on taking your time viewing these pieces, individually and as a body of work.

As you know, six high school and three middle school students were selected to represent our school at **The Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards**. Thousands of pieces of work are sent into this competition. Three of our high school students were awarded honors. Sophomore **Andres Butler** received an **Honorable Mention**, Senior **Jimmy Beggan** a **Silver key** and Senior **Emily Doolittle** a **Gold key**. All three of these pieces were in the design, fashion category and were exhibited during the Art Workshop's Fashion Walk in December. These pieces were their **EOM** for the first semester. Congratulations to these students. **FYI**, that is an impressive 50% of the high school entries!



## January 2008 College Acceptances

**Emily Doolittle**  
Ithaca College

**Bridget Hatch**  
Johnson & Wales

**Nora Jordan**  
Roger Williams University  
University of New Hampshire

**Adriana Perry**  
Wells College

**Samantha Wholley**  
Curry College  
Bridgewater State College  
University of New Hampshire

**Matt Zakrzewski**  
Norwich University

## HEALTH OFFICE

There have been a few new confirmed cases of Head Lice on Level III. The Health Office completed a check of all Level III students. Please check your child's head frequently and report any cases to the Health office. Call x 104 for questions or additional information.

## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

### Basketball:

The high school boys will be trying for their first victory...ever...tonight against Foxboro Regional at the FRCS school beginning at 4:30 with the girl's game.

The middle school boy's team is now 4-0 after this weekend's victory over McAuliffe Regional of Framingham and the girl's team is 2-2. Their next game will be February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Ski/Snowboard Club:** We are going on Friday! Be at the school at 3:00 pm for departure via the vans.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

The High School debate team is looking for Judges for two upcoming tournaments on Saturdays, 2/2 and 2/9. They are day long tournaments. The topic is Russia. Tara will go over the specifics before the tournament with potential judges. Anyone judging can drive themselves to the event, or travel with the team in the school van. The team stops for ice cream on the way home, and then they are picked up at the school. If you are interested in helping out, please see Tara in the Science Lab or call her at x331. Thanks.

Angie is pleased to announce the SSCPS MathCounts team for 2008; Katie Aucella, Jonathan Boyle, Chad Bruce, Josie Hirsch, Griffin Howard & Christopher Kardok. Angie is so proud of the team, and the entire math club. They have worked hard and remained focused during meetings this school year. They've had a chance to work their way through difficult problems and learned a great deal from one another (Angie included). The team will be competing this Saturday, February 2nd at Cherney School in Belmont. It is encouraging to see these students committed to such a project. I know everyone joins me in wishing the team well at this competition. Thanks to Angie for the dedication to this.

8<sup>th</sup> grade move up began Monday and will continue into the next two weeks. Each day, four 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will each shadow a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student for the entire day. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be checking in with their regular pod teacher for attendance, and then meet their designated 9<sup>th</sup> grade student in the high school great room, and follow that student's schedule through the day until dismissal time.

High school report cards will go home with the students tomorrow Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. A second copy of the report is enclosed for a parent signature that needs to be returned to the student's advisor by Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Please take the time to review these reports with your child. Please contact the subject teachers directly with any questions or concerns.

The District Attorney's office is here today to present a unit on Internet Safety & Cyber Bullying to Levels III through High School. Thank you to Judy Kaplan for arranging this presentation. The information is invaluable to our students.

The annual Talent Show will be held this Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at Hingham High School at 6:00 PM. The students have been working so hard on their performances.

K-8 progress reports will be mailed home to students who are having difficulty meeting with academic success on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Please go over these reports with your child and contact the subject teacher directly with any questions.

This Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, is a Professional Development Day, no school for students. We will be proceeding with the last session of our Skillful Teacher training.

*A reminder that Intents to return and applications for next year are due on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.*

Hope everyone enjoys the Super Bowl. Go Pats!

*Dr. Tom Gorsuch*

## **ON THE LEVELS**

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

Level I: "Never leave for tomorrow what you can do today."

Level II: "From here to Timbuktu."

**LEVEL I CLOTHING DRIVE** – June's Pod is having a clothing drive. It is January 9<sup>th</sup> – February 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **LEVEL III Spelling Bee results....**

Kevin Chao - 1st

Johnnie Jackson - 2nd

Christopher Kardok - 3rd

Congratulations to all the students who participated. We had a fantastic turnout! What great spellers on Level III. Kevin will represent SSCPS at the regional Patriot Ledger Spelling Bee in March!

### **COSTA RICA TRIP 2009**

A 10 day trip to Costa Rica is available to all high school students next year. The custom ecological adventure has been planned and will be led by Julia Silzer and Tara Turner over the February break. The trip explores many different ecosystems as the group tours across many parts of the country. While our intent is to focus on environmental issues, biology, and public policy, we will also have some fun as we take in many of the animals & plants found only in this area, as well as white water raft and take a ride over the canopy of the rainforest in our zip line adventures. We are hoping to have all applications to fill the 14 spots available by the end of the week. Julia and Tara are eager to answer questions via phone or e-mail. [jsilzer@sscps.org](mailto:jsilzer@sscps.org) and [tturner@sscps.org](mailto:tturner@sscps.org). (x331).

### **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

The next Parents Association meeting will be held Tuesday, February 5 from 7:00 to 9:00. The agenda is included in the back of this Update and is available online from the PA website.

**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](mailto: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

On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

Email cover letter, resume and list of references to Kristine Shipps, Business Manager, [kshipps@sscps.org](mailto: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**

**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](http://www.choochootrans.com) or email [choochootrans@gmail.com](mailto: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

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# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

AGENDA • 5 FEBRUARY 2008 / 7:00 – 9:00 PM

7:00	<b>Call Meeting to Order</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:00 – 7:05	<b>Review and Approve Minutes</b> <i>January 8, 2008 PA Meeting Minutes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:05 – 7:10	<b>Announcements</b> <i>Math Counts Club – Bev Bruce</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Next PA Meeting</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>2008 – 2009 Parents Association</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:10 – 7:30	<b>School Report</b> <i>Prue Goodale &amp; Tom Gorsuch</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:30 – 7:40	<b>Board of Trustees Report</b> <i>Jack Kelly</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:40 – 8:00	<b>Committee Reports (as needed)</b> <i>Health &amp; Safety Committee</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Library Committee</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Orientation/Welcoming Committee</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Community Service Committee</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>PAC Committee</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Fundraising &amp; Events Committee</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:00 – 8:10	<b>Treasury/Budget Report</b> <i>KT Leary &amp; Debbi Cerilli</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:10 – 8:30	<b>Grade Representative Reports (as needed)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:30 – 8:40	<b>Other Reports (as needed)</b> <i>Education Committee</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>School Council</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:40 – 8:50	<b>Old Business</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:50 – 9:00	<b>New Business</b> <i>Proposed After-School Enrichment Program – Deidre Lamourex &amp; Donna Walsh</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9:00	<b>Adjourn</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Lunch Menu – February, 2008

<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>Italian Cold Cuts</b> With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	7 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	8 <b>Greek Salad</b>  With Greek dressing and pita bread
11 <b>Turkey</b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	12 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	13 <b>BLT</b>  Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	14 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	15 <b>Tuna Salad</b>  With lettuce and tomato
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25 <b>Ham</b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	26 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	27 <b>Chicken Salad</b>  With lettuce and tomato	28 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	29 <b>Tossed Salad</b>  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, 2008**

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 Salad
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Week of 2/11 – 2/15	<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 2/18 – 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 Salad
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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 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 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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