

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## *UPDATE*

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### *The DOE Visit . . .*

Special thanks to the parents who were able to attend the DOE focus group meeting yesterday morning. We appreciate their taking time out of their busy work schedules to meet with the five member team and respond to questions about SSCPS and how the school meets the academic and social needs of their sons and daughters.

The Team was impressed by the great turn-out of parents and members of the Board of Trustees for their focus group meetings and the DOE noted that there was a nice cross section in each group— parents from all grade levels and different communities as well as new and veteran members of the BOT. Of course, our grade three through twelve students in their focus group were eloquent and had no difficulty forthrightly answering any of the questions posed to them.

At the end of the day, the two Team chairs met with the Leadership Team for a ten minute exit interview. According to Tom and Ted, the feedback that we received was the most positive of all of their recent exit interviews with the DOE. In fact, several members were so impressed by our Singapore Math Program and the projects that they asked if they could come back another time for a professional day to learn more about what we do to share with teachers in their charter schools! This is true dissemination --- and as a result of a site visit!

Clearly, SSCPS is a great place and, as more and more people learn about us, the more they want to enroll their students here. The deadline for applications is today, February 6. Although we know there will be more applications coming in today, we know that we will have more applications this year than last.

Thank you all for trusting in all of us at SSCPS to provide the best possible education for your sons and daughters AND for signing our praises to prospective students!

### *Condolences to the Mignosa family*

Our deepest sympathy to Olivia Mignosa and her family on the loss of her mother on Saturday. Lori Mignosa, age 44, died unexpectedly on Saturday. Olivia is an eleventh grader at SSCPS. Mrs. Mignosa leaves behind her husband, George, an older daughter, Justine and a son, Michael, ten years old. The funeral is today at Saint Agatha's Church in Milton. Sympathy cards may be mailed to the Mignosa's at 5 Meredith Way, Rockland, Massachusetts 02370.

*Prue Goodale*

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/06</b>	<b>School Council</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/06</b>	<b>Development/Facilities Meeting</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2/08</b>	<b>SEPAC Meeting</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2/09</b>	<b>Enrollment Lottery</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/11</b>	<b>Level 4 Parent Coffee</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/11</b>	<b>Education Committee</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2/12</b>	<b>Executive Committee – Panera Bread Derby Street Hingham</b>	<b>7:45am</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 are the February Lunch Menu and Order Form. Orders are due Thursday, February 7th by 3pm.

## ART NEWS

Another **Boston Globe Scholastic Art Award** for high school senior, **Caroline LaFauci**. Caroline received a **Gold Key** for the submission of her **Photography Portfolio**. Big thanks to **Photography Teacher, Heidi Harting**. Also thanks to **Photoshop Teacher, Joan Manchester** who helped her to digitize the winning images. Great team work for the ARTS!

**The high school students have started taking their Pottery and Costume Design classes at Duxbury Art Association** on Thursdays. Thanks to the fund raising efforts of the **Art Council** under the guidance of **Nanci Jaye**, from the last few years, the students are able to work in a facility which can provide these additional classes.

Keep a heads up for the high school workshop display at the South Shore YMCA, coming soon!

## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Ski/Snowboard Club: Since the club has had two dates rescheduled we have been offered to either use a Saturday or a Sunday to ski. We need to come up with a couple of dates that works for the majority of the club. Ninety percent is what I am looking for to make the date happen.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thanks to everyone – parents, faculty and staff, students, and Board of Trustee members, for all your preparation in getting ready for the DOE visit yesterday. The classrooms looked great, and the students were respectful and receptive of our visitors. The visit went very well. Several of the visitors were interested in our programs and wanted to know more. We will have more when we receive the draft of their report in 2-3 weeks. Great job everyone!!

Thank you to Angie for leading the Math Counts team to its first competition in Belmont on Saturday, Feb. 2. Thanks also to Bev Bruce and Ted Hirsch who accompanied the team. The team was comprised of 5 6<sup>th</sup> graders and 1 7<sup>th</sup> grader. They competed against 31 other teams from greater Boston area. While they finished 30<sup>th</sup> out of 32 teams, they came away with a wealth of experience that will serve them well for the next competition. Well done!

### THIS WEEK

8<sup>th</sup> grade move up continues. Thank you to all the high school teachers for making the necessary accommodations for these visiting students.

Levels II & III have their project Exhibitions of Mastery this week.

K-8 progress reports were mailed home yesterday, Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>,

Intents to return and applications for next year are due today. If students have turned them into you, please make sure they get to Kathy. Also, enrollment lottery will be on Saturday, Feb. 9.

School Council meets today at 3:30 in Conference Room near Paul's Office.

Level 4 Science Fair is coming up next week.

*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 II NEWS:

Congratulations to Aidan Wright and Kathleen Bowering who participated in this years Speaking American talk. Both Aidan and Kathleen will move on to the next round in Boston.

Level 2 is looking for families to donate healthy snacks. Often students forget their lunches or snacks at home and don't have much to eat. While we do have some extra snacks on hand, donations of extra snacks would be very helpful. Donations can be given to Kendra or the child's pod teacher.

Community Service reminder....several students have started some excellent community service projects. We applaud their great efforts and want to remind all students to continue working toward completing their 10 acts of community service.

### CALLING ALL SCIENCE LOVERS!

Level IV is having our science fair presentations on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week (February 11-13). We are looking for guest judges from outside the level as well as outside the school for the oral component. Each day the fair will run from about 1-3 pm. All the paperwork will be provided for you, and you will work with an experienced partner. Sound like fun but you can only commit an hour or even just 30 minutes? We'll take it! Please call Amy at ext. 309 or send an email to [aruder@sscps.org](mailto:aruder@sscps.org) for more information.

### 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 [turner@sscps.org](mailto:turner@sscps.org). (x331).

## 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](mailto:TKDee3@aol.com)

### TOUCH A TRUCK FUNDRAISER

Our first Touch-A-Truck fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Abington town office park from 10:00 – 2:00. We are looking for people who have or known businesses that have trucks to use that day. The trucks/equipment must be clean and accompanied by a driver for the entire time. Trucks must show up between the hours of 8:00 to 9:00 am the day of the event and cannot leave until 2:30 pm for safety precautions. Some examples of trucks/cars would be a police car/motorcycle, fire engine, ambulance, cherry picker, dump truck, mail truck, back hoe, skip truck, garbage truck, 18 wheeler –cab only, steam roller, and many others. We are also looking for volunteers the day of the event to help position trucks, direct traffic, take

tickets, etc. More details will be forthcoming in future updates and flyers. Coordinators are needed as well to help plan this event. If you know someone willing to donate their truck and time please contact Kirsten Mullen at [kirstenmullen19@hotmail.com](mailto:kirstenmullen19@hotmail.com) or call 781-982-4094.

## **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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## Lunch Menu – February, 2008

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Roast Beef</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With American cheese and mustard</p>	<p>5</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Italian Cold Cuts</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>8</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Greek Salad</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With Greek dressing and pita bread</p>
<p>11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Turkey</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo</p>	<p>12</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>13</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>BLT</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<p>14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>15</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Tuna Salad</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">----- V</p>	<p>19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A C</p>	<p>20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A T</p>	<p>21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I O</p>	<p>22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N -----</p>
<p>25</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Ham</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>26</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Chicken Salad</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With lettuce and tomato</p>	<p>28</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>29</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Tossed Salad</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With Italian dressing and pita bread</p>

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, February 7, 2008**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pod Teacher/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*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.*