

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

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MCAS Testing

It's that time again – MCAS testing. In recent Updates and letters from the Level Coordinators and teachers, there have been announcements about the specific dates and tests for each grade. The last MCAS tests (high school science) will be administered on June 3 and June 4. Over the course of the year, our teachers have been working with our students in all of the tested subject areas to prepare them for these important state-wide assessments. In addition to working with their students on the important content and skills that will be assessed, teachers have been coaching them on test taking strategies. At the same time, they have been doing everything that they can to reduce students' test anxiety. As always, parents are so important in instilling confidence and the right attitude toward learning at home. We would greatly appreciate it if you would make certain that your student has a good night's sleep before the MCAS tests and a healthy breakfast in the morning.

Touch-a-Truck – This Sunday in Abington: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Don't we have amazing parent volunteers here at SSCPS? Two weeks ago, approximately three dozen parents volunteered to work with Denise DeMaggio, Joanne Keegan and Bob Sibbald on the Great Esker Park Walk-a-Thon. Although this event was an important fundraiser for our school, all students in grades K-8 participated along with high school volunteers and, thanks to all of Joanne's research on the park, it was educational!

This Sunday at Abington Town Hall (500 Gliniewicz Way, off of Route 18) from 10am-2pm there is another great family event. For the past several weeks, Kristin Mullen, Lisa Aiello, Denise DeMaggio along with other volunteers have been planning this fun day. Invite your friends to join us at Touch-a-Truck. Along with several trucks to climb on and explore there will be a moonwalk, face painting, refreshments, and food provided by 99 Restaurant. Tickets are \$5.00 per child (one adult free with paying child).

REMINDER: South Shore Charter Public School's Annual Meeting: May 22nd
Ballots need to be returned and turned in the SEALED ENVELOPE no later than
4:00 p.m. on May 22nd.

It seems hard to believe that we are now in the final stretch and the school year is almost over. Thursday, May 22nd is SSCPS's Annual Meeting. It will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by our monthly Board of Trustees meeting. Although all of our meetings are open to the public, our Annual Meeting is the most important one of the year. In addition to announcing the results of the election, the Board of Trustees will be voting on our budget for next year, Ted Hirsch will report on the K-6 program for 2008-2009, our VERY active Development Committee will report on our progress with the Annual Fund and other fundraisers, and the Board will be voting on refinancing our loan (at a lower rate). In addition to all of these agenda items, from 6:30 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. there will be an open house in room for parents and Board members to see our new Black Box Theater.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: June 20th!

It has been brought to our attention that there is some confusion about the last day of school. At the April 17th meeting the Board of Trustees approved Friday, June 20th (the 183rd day of school) as the last day. Please note that this will be a half-day.

Prue Goodale

"If you can't be a sun, don't be a cloud." -- Anonymous

Thursday	05/15	Facilities Committee	4:00pm
Thursday	05/15	Development Committee	4:30pm
Friday	05/16	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	05/16	Level III Dance	
Friday	05/16	High School Prom – Scituate Country Club	7:00-11:00pm
Sunday	05/18	Touch A Truck – Abington Town Hall	10:00am-2:00pm
		MCAS Testing continues ... see schedule in Principal's Report	
Monday	05/19	Education Committee	3:30pm
Wednesday	05/21	SSCPS Annual Spring Concert – Hingham High School	6:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOUCH A TRUCK MAY 18TH 10 -2 ABINGTON TOWN HALL - A Cry for Help

Thank you to all who have participated in helping us acquire such a fantastic amount and variety of trucks for our 1st Touch a Truck fundraiser. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. **We need your help to make this fundraiser for SSCPS a success.** I, Kirsten Mullen, am due to give birth at any moment and Denise DeMaggio and Lisa Aiello can't do it all. If you have been looking for a chance to get involved with your child's school in some capacity now is the time. We need many volunteers. If you can only volunteer for 1 hour that's fine, whatever you can do. Please contact myself, Kirsten Mullen at 781-982-4084 or kirstenmullen19@hotmail.com, Denise DeMaggio at 617-653-8246 or ykeelpr@verizon.net or Lisa Aiello at 781-857-1834 or laiello@metlife.com ASAP. We have less than two weeks to get this together. Thank you in advance for supporting your child's school.

Without the following volunteers all the work that has been put into this could be for nothing.

This is what we need for volunteers

Someone to pick up moonwalk 9-10

Someone to set up moon walk 9-10

Someone to run the moonwalk 10-2

Someone to take down and return moonwalk 2-3

2 people to monitor bathrooms 10-2

@10 people to handle the food items 10-2

2 people to sell tickets 10-2 sitting

2 people to sell tickets walking 10 -2

2 people to be runners for anything we need 10-2

6 people to help set up for event 9-10 (tables, chairs, caution tape, signs, etc)

4 to 6 people to help break down tables and do trash 2-3

If Kirsten is in labor

2 men and a truck to get the tables, chairs, 10 cases of veryfine, freezer full of Edy's bars and anything else from my garage and bring to event 9-10 which is 1/2 mile from my house.

Please if you can help for one hour or more please notify Kirsten, Denise or Lisa ASAP. Thank you

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the May Order Form and Menu. Orders are due Thursday, May 15th by 3pm.

ART NEWS

This year the Cohasset based, **South Shore Art Center** will host a Middle School Forum. The opening **reception** for this event is **Wed., May 14th from 4:30 until 6:30pm** at the Center which is located in downtown

Cohasset. Representing us this year are our **Level IV** students. Each student was asked to contribute a piece of work to our board. The board is comprised predominately of ATC (Artist Trading Cards), their boxes and a sampling of scratchboard compositions. Please join the students at the opening this Wed. at the SSAC.

Combining **Nature and Art**, intern senior **Caroline LaFauci** is working with artist **Arnie Danielson** and the **Taunton River Watershed Alliance** to coordinate educational day trips down the river. The trips are scheduled for the next 3 Saturdays and are looking for students (high school age) and an adult to join in on the excursion. There are no fees, you will need to be ready and willing to paddle and canoe is supplied. Bring a camera, a video and/or yourself. Additional info, call Marianne at x304.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Golf: SSCPS will be offering golf again this spring. Registration forms can be found at the front desk and also at Will Glennon's office. The registration deadline is scheduled for May 23rd. The course will be offered on Monday's and Wednesday's beginning June 2nd at the Rockland Golf Course. All students of ALL ages are welcome to participate.

Nike 5K: The Nike 5K for Kids race is a race that benefits schools around the greater Boston area and all registration fees go directly to the school of choice. So for any runners out there that are interested, the race is May 31st. For more details go to <http://nike5kforkids.com/boston>

Donations: Are you spring cleaning? Do you have a bunch of athletic gear that is in good shape for is never used anymore? Then donate these items to SSCPS! Email Will Glennon for details.

HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

The Smart Smiles Dentist was here on May 5, and saw all the students who signed up to participate in the program. A letter was sent home with each student with the results of the screening. The follow-up visit will take place the first week of June.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Thanks to all who participated in the Walk-a-thon. This was a huge success! Thanks to Joanne Keegan, Bob Sibbald and Denise Demaggio who spent so much time in making this a safe and educational day!

We are in the process of interviewing and hiring new teachers. Thanks so much to the parents who have been involved in this process. We will let you know as positions are filled.

-REMINDER OF MCAS DATES-

This Week

Wednesday, May 14, Grades 5 & 6 Math, and Grades 7 & 8 Math

Thursday, May 15, Grades 5 & 6 Math

Friday, May 16, Grade 5 Science

Next Week

Monday, May 19, Grades 3 & 4 Math, and Grade 7 History, Grade 8 Science

Tuesday, May 20, Grades 3 & 4 Math

Wednesday, May 21, Grade 5 Science, Grade 7 History, Grade 8 Science, Grade 10 Math

Thursday, May 22, Grade 10 Math

May 26-30

Wednesday, May 28, Grade 5 Social Studies, Grade 11 US History

Thursday, May 29, Grade 11 US History

June 3-4

Tuesday, June 3, High School Science (Grade 9 & 10)

Wednesday, June 4, High School Science (Grade 9 & 10)

Tom Gorsuch

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level I: "Keep your fingers crossed."

Level II: "Beating around the bush."

JUNE'S LEVEL I SPONSORING FOOD DRIVE

Dear SSCPS Families: We are having a food drive for Wellspring. We need canned food, boxed food, toilet paper, cereal, diapers, formula, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, wipes, canned meat/fish, soap and deodorant. The collection boxes will be outside of June's Pod. Thank you, from Harrison Carter and Matthew Freitas; Project Journalists

The Patriot Ledger in Education Program along with the Brockton Rox has recognized Level 4 teacher, Julia Silzer, who was nominated by a student who wrote expressing their appreciation for the learning, caring and inspiration in her classroom. Congratulations!

High School Prom 2008

May 16, 2008 - 7:00-11:00pm Scituate Country Club - Scituate, MA

Cost: \$45.00 per person \$80.00 per couple

Tickets on sale now! See Mary Carter for information

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

2008-2009 PA ELECTION BALLOT

Please complete the Parents Association election ballot at the back of this week's Update and return it to the school's front desk no later than Friday, May 16. Your responses to the survey questions are very important. The PA election will be run through late April and early May, with the new Parents Association volunteers beginning in June. You'll notice that a couple of the positions still need to be filled. Please feel free to volunteer for those, or any, spots. Thank you.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Immediate 2007-2008

PT Temporary Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

Anticipated 2008-2009 job openings:

Elementary Teacher Gr.1-2

Middle School Math Teacher

Middle School Science Teacher

High School Math Teacher Gr. 7-12

Elementary Spanish Teacher Gr. K-6

Middle School Spanish Teacher gr. 7-8

Certified Occupational Therapist

Full time Receptionist (10.5 months)

Part time Phys Ed Teacher gr. K-2

Part time Development Associate

Send resume/cover letter/ references by May 15, 2008 to: Kristine Shipps, Business Manager

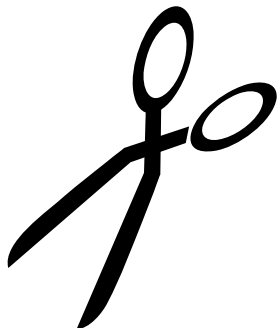
COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Once again, we have the opportunity to decorate the veterans' graves for Memorial Day. Last year this was a big success - fun, meaningful, and very interesting and touching. This year, we will be decorating graves at the Washington Street cemetery in Norwell. Washington Street is Route 53, and the cemetery is located across the street from St. Helen's Catholic Church. Because this is such a big cemetery, we will only be decorating a portion of the graves. Plan on coming right after school on Tuesday, May 20th. Our rain date will be after school on Thursday, May 22. I hope to see many students! *Katherine Kardok*

STUDENT COLLECTING RECEIPTS FOR HULL SEASIDE ANIMAL RESCUE

There is a kitten/cat shelter in Hull on L Street. The shelter's name is the Hull Seaside Animal Rescue. The shelter is collecting Shaw's and Star Market receipts to buy supplies for the kittens and cats. For every \$10.00 spent at Shaw's or Star Market, the shelter will get 10 cents. Their goal is to raise \$2,500.00 or more throughout

2008. There will be an envelope at the front desk to collect the receipts from students, parents and workers. The ending date of the collection is June 1st, 2008. I will give them to the shelter. You can contact the Hull Seaside Animal Rescue shelter (877-378-1195) for more information. If you have any more receipts after June 1st just bring them into the shelter on L Street. If you cannot bring the receipts to the shelter right away, you can mail them to HSAR P.O. Box 787 Hull, MA 02045. Collect as many as you can until June 1st. Thanks for your help! Sincerely, Maris Kaplan



The 6th Annual Big Haircut is Coming – MAY 30th

10 inches of hair required - come join *our* Big Give to give your hair to be sent to Locks for Love, an organization that makes wigs for children who lose their hair due to chemotherapy and other diseases. ALL are invited to participate. Let's beat last year's record of 140 inches of braid! (Total of 495 inches collected in last 5 years) Sign up on the bulletin board behind the auditorium, call ext 212 for questions or send email to cdarrow@sscps.org. Get ½ of your community service hours! The Big Count Down, Drum roll, & Cheers begin at 2:15 on the High School Green. JOIN US!

“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.. Thanks again, Luke, John and Grace Ryan (781) 925-9541.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research will be offering summer water research programs for student's grade 4 and up. There are many different programs for different age ranges. They can find more information at www.cccsr.org, seeing their science teacher or Mac.

Paper Recycling Promotion-Need Increase paper donations by 25% earn more \$ for SSCPS green initiatives South Shore Charter Public School recycles paper! Don't forget to tell your neighbors about our paper drive that begins May 1st through August 31st. If we increase our paper recycling 25% we can earn more \$ rewards from Abitibi Consolidated. It's time to clean your house of paper and bring all your newspapers, magazines, office paper and mail from home and our Green Team volunteers will help you load it into our Green and Yellow Paper Recycling bin. Our bin is located outside the front entrance and is accessible to your family to use at any time. The school is leading our paper recycling effort to earn money for their green initiatives. So please recycle all your newspapers, magazines and office papers in our paper recycling bin.

Sailing Anyone?

Available: Smiley Too, a beautiful 26' Pearson Sailboat--all sails available. Includes a 9.9 outboard motor
Location: Currently stored on land at the Waveland Marina, A Street Hull, MA Cost: Willing to discuss costs for mooring, approximately \$1500.00 Interested parties please contact Jared Rose at 781-982-4202 ext. 316

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South Shore Charter Public School - Parents Association

2008 – 2009 Officer Elections

Please check the candidate's box or write in a candidate on the line provided. Return this form to the school's front desk by **3:00 PM Friday, May 16, 2008**.

Also, please complete the brief survey questions at the end of the ballot.

OFFICERS

Chair

- Deidre LaMoureux
- _____

Vice Chair

- Karen Boyle
- _____

Treasurer

- Denise DeMaggio
- _____

Secretary

- Donna Walsh
- _____

GRADE REPRESENTATIVES

Kindergarten

- Melissa Freitas
- _____

Grade One

- Julianne Tilden
- _____

Grade Two

- Kim Dalton
- _____

Grade Three

- Michelle Amicangelo
- _____

Grade Four

- Deidre LaMoureux
- _____

Grade Five

- _____
- _____

Grade Six

- Malee Nuesse
- _____

Grade Seven

- Bev Bruce
- _____

Grade Eight

- Karen Boyle
- _____

Grade Nine

- _____
- _____

Grade Ten

- KT Leary
- _____

Grade Eleven

- Mariclaire Cheney
- _____

Grade Twelve

- _____
- _____

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Fundraising & Events

- _____
- _____

Library Committee

- Bev Bruce
- _____

Welcoming Committee

- Janet Coletti
- _____

Health & Safety Committee

- Michelle Amicangelo
- _____

Arts & Music Committee

- Kim Engle
- _____

Community Service Com.

- Jae Picard
- _____

SURVEY

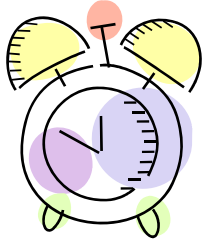
What would you like the PA to do over the next year? The next five years? _____

Have you attended any PA meetings this year? Why or why not? _____

Do you have any ideas about how the PA can help, improve, or support the school? _____

Do you have any concerns about the school with which the Parents Association can help? _____

How have you volunteered your time and talents to the school? _____



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!



Time to buy the whole school yearbook!
On sale for only \$35 until May 16th, \$40 from May
17th-30th. 80 pages in FULL COLOR packed with great
memories from the SSCPS 2007-2008 school year!

There are now three easy ways to buy yours!

- ❖ Online
- ❖ Order form

NEW!

- ❖ Through the school
- You can now turn in your check addressed
to SSCPS to order your yearbook!

BUY NOW AND SAVE \$5!!!!!!

After May 16th the price will go to \$40 so order now!



School Yearbook Order Form

South Shore Charter School

You may complete the form on line & then print out the completed form.

Child's First Name

Child's Last Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone - -

Number of Yearbooks

Email (Important. Your receipt will be sent by email.)

Child's Grade

Homeroom

If we need to notify you do you prefer contact by: Email Phone

Yearbook Cost

Yearbooks for South Shore Charter School are currently \$35.00 each if ordered before 5/16/2008. The price will be \$40.00 if ordered after 5/16/2008 and before 5/30/2008.

The **LAST** date to order yearbooks online is 5/30/2008.

Please print out this form & mail with a check, money order or credit card information to:

Coffee Pond Yearbook Orders
1239 Washington Street
West Newton, MA 02465-2128

Please make checks payable to Coffee Pond Photography.

To pay by Credit Card, Please enter Credit Card information below:

Credit Card Type: Visa Master Card AMEX

Credit Card Number: Exp. Month Exp. Year

Name on Card:

Thank you for your order! To return to our web site, click our logo in the upper left corner.

Lunch Menu – May, 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 <i>Turkey</i> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	6 No Lunch Early Release	7 <i>Ham</i> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	8 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	9 <i>Tossed Salad</i> With Italian dressing and pita bread
12 <i>Roast Beef</i> With American cheese and mustard	13 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	14 <i>BLT</i> Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	15 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	16 <i>Tuna Salad</i> With lettuce and tomato
19 <i>Italian Cold Cuts</i> With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	20 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	21 <i>Turkey</i> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	22 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	23 <i>Greek Salad</i> With Greek dressing and pita bread
26 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	27 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	28 <i>BLT</i> Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	29 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	30 <i>Tuna Salad</i> With lettuce and tomato

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 May 2008
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, May 15, 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
5/19 – 5/23	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	
	Wheat		Wheat		

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
5/26 – 5/30	No School	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Sub
		#_____	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	_____	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.

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.