

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

May 21, 2008

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## ***Touch-a-Truck – a HUGE SUCCESS!***

Our first annual Touch-a-Truck event was a huge success this past Sunday. The weather was perfect and so was the venue – Abington Town Hall and Library areas. The feedback from our sponsors, the folks with all the trucks, SSCPS families, and families from the area could not have been more positive. Many, many thanks to the event organizers, Kerry Griffin, Denise Demaggio and Kirsten Mullen for all of the hours that they put in to plan and publicize the event, line up sponsors, enlist truckers, and find the perfect spot for this event. May 18 will now be a very special day in the Mullen family since Kirsten went into labor early in the morning and later in the day gave birth to Lily Kate. Proud grandmother and Board of Trustee's member, Cheryl Peterson, helped out all day at the event along with babysitting her two granddaughters. "Grampa Dave" baked 600 cookies the night before and helped out from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Kudos also to Kerry Griffin and Denise Demaggio – in addition to all of the advance work, Kerry, Denise and members of their families were at the Abington Town Hall at the crack of dawn. Thanks also to the many, many volunteers who helped out throughout the day and to our high school students doing the creative face painting and assisting at the matchbox car station. All of us involved in Sunday's event hope that those who attended had a great time and that you will spread the word to neighbors and friends next year.

## ***Annual Meeting this Thursday evening***

Just a reminder that time is running out to submit your ballot for new members of the Board of Trustees. Ballots are due no later than 4:00 p.m. tomorrow (May 22<sup>nd</sup>). Thursday evening is SSCPS's Annual Meeting. The Board meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and the Annual Meeting will begin shortly thereafter. If you can get here a little early, we are showcasing our new Blackbox Theater in Room 103 from 6:30 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. We hope to see you tomorrow night – this is YOUR school!

## ***Spring for the Arts, Friday night, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. & Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Reception for our Volunteers, Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 a.m.***

Special invitations will be going out to our fundraising event coordinators and parent volunteers over the weekend to attend Saturday's Spring for the Arts and Volunteer Recognition program. The Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Spring for the Arts program begins at 11:00 a.m. and the recognition ceremony will start about 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will follow. EVERYONE is invited to attend this special event to honor all of those special parents who have supported SSCPS in and outside of the classroom and helped us raise money for our programs.

*All of us at SSCPS wish our students and their families a safe and memorable Memorial Day Weekend.*

*Prue Goodale*

***"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes! ~Maya Angelou***

**From the Students of the High School Art Workshop** - *"We the Students of the Art Workshop as some of you may know have had the pleasure to be in contact with a troop of military police stationed in Afghanistan. As we have just gotten over vacation, we ask that you turn your attention towards to troops fighting for our country. As we are fortunate enough to take a break in our seemingly hectic lives, we must not forget those who are not permitted to take leave from there treacherous duties. The Art Workshop has therefore created a gift basket drive for the troops, to show our appreciation. We ask that you bring in toiletries such as razors, shampoo, soap and toothbrushes along with hard candies and other trinkets that could remind them of home. Thank you!"*

Wednesday	5/21	SSCPS Annual Spring Concert – Hingham High School	6:00pm
Thursday	5/22	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	5/22	Board of Trustees Meeting and Annual Meeting	7:00pm
Monday	5/26	Memorial Day	No School
		MCAS Testing continues....	
Wednesday	5/28	Talent Show to benefit the Big Hair Cut	3:30-5:00pm
Friday	5/30	The Big Hair Cut	2:00pm
Friday	5/30	Spring for the Arts Open House	5:00-7:00pm
Saturday	5/31	Spring for the Arts Open House & Volunteer Reception	11:00am-1:00pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Attention Parents of Students in K-6 grade** – Attached is a letter from Ted Hirsch regarding Teacher Requests for the 2008-2009 school year.

## LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the May Order Form which is due Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> by 3pm. Also enclosed is the June Lunch Menu and Order form. June orders are due Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> by 3pm.

## ART NEWS

**Eliza Lunny**, working as an intern with **Harting Studios** is compiling a book of her new photography work. She also is scheduled for a **solo show** at the **Brockton Public Library** opening later this month. Please look for her work on **Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** and **31<sup>st</sup>** at the **Art Spring Fling**, both her and **Caroline LaFauci** will have a table set up with individual work and internship information. Also check out the web site [www.gbspa.org](http://www.gbspa.org) and click to archive to see C. LaFauci's work.

These past two weeks the **Second Parish Church in Hingham** has hosted its annual Art Show. **Thirty five** of our students (**K-12**) represented our school with original pieces. Of the 19 pieces which we submitted in an award category, 6 pieces were chosen for **Honorable Mentions**; Level II students **Chad Bruce**, Level IV students **Bobby Lehrer** and **Jennifer Philmond** and High School students **Emily Doolittle**, **Andres Butler** and **Samantha Wholley**. **Congatulations!!!!**

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. The course will be offered on Monday's and Wednesday's beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 Mary Carter for all her work on the high school prom that was held last Friday at Scituate Country Club. Thanks to Dorothy Scholz, Kathy Campbell and Andre Kim who donated their Friday evening to chaperoning this event. The kids really had a great time.

Thanks to Claire Overlee, Dan Falkner, Angie Pepin, and Dave Corbett for chaperoning the dance for Level III which was also last Friday evening but held in the High School Village Green. Parents have commented that their children really enjoyed themselves as well. Thanks also to Bev Bruce and Lisa and Josh Wright for their help in decorating for the dance.

Thanks to Maureen Hebert and all her parent and Brownie volunteers for their painting of the playground area. It is beautiful!

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at Touch a Truck! The event was a great success because of all the hard work and community spirit.

High school mid-quarter warnings were mailed out Tuesday, May 20.

### **Next Week**

Seniors will be presenting their work on the senior project next Tuesday and Wednesday. These are open to the public. Seating will be very limited. Please see Mary Carter for a schedule of the presentations.

### **REMINDER OF MCAS DATES-**

#### **This 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, and Grade 10 Math

Thursday, May 22, Grade 5 Social Studies, Grade 10 Math

#### **Next Week**

Wednesday, May 28, Grade 11 US History

Thursday, May 29, Grade 11 US History

#### **Week of June 2**

Tuesday, June 3, High School Science

Wednesday, June 4, High School Science

*Tom Gorsuch*

## **ON THE LEVELS**

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

Level I: "Where there is a will there is a way."

Level II: "As the crow flies."

### **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

## SEPAC

The SEPAC, or Special Education Parents Advisory Council will be having 2 important meetings which are open to all parents. If your child is on a 504, or an IEP you are welcome to run for a position on our council, or to vote. Please come participate. The SEPAC is a good resource for all parents of children with disabilities. Whether it be information on websites, materials, or even a place to talk to parents who have similar experiences with their children.

We are always open to ideas on workshops. If you would like to have a topic covered, please let us know. We would love your input. This Friday we are having a meeting at 8:30 to discuss our brochure, and to put names on the ballot for offices next year. On Friday, June 6th we will have the election, and a planning meeting for next year.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Anticipated 2008-2009 job openings:

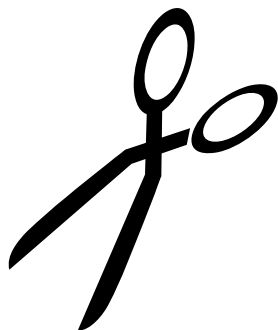
- Elementary Teacher Gr.1-2
- Middle School Math Teacher
- Middle School Science Teacher
- High School Math Teacher Gr. 7-12
- Elementary Spanish Teacher Gr. K-6
- Middle School Spanish Teacher gr. 7-8
- Certified Occupational Therapist
- Full time Receptionist (10.5 months)
- Part time Phys Ed Teacher gr. K-2
- Part time Development Associate

Send resume/cover letter/ references to: Kristine Shipps, Business Manager

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks for your help! Sincerely, Maris Kaplan



### **The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Haircut is Coming – MAY 30<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto:cdarrow@sscps.org). Get ½ of your community service hours! The Big Count Down, Drum roll, & Cheers begin at 2:00pm 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

**FCC Transportation** has a few seats for next school year. Transportation provided for parts of Randolph, South Braintree Square, Quincy/Braintree line and Rt. 53 Weymouth. Please call 781-267-1246

**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.ccscr.org](http://www.ccscr.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 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. 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

**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](http://www.sscps.org). If your family would like to receive a paper copy please email a request to [palgera@sscps.org](mailto:palgera@sscps.org).**

# South Shore Charter Public School

Inspiring students Kindergarten to grade twelve to excel in academics, the arts, career, and life

May 21, 2008

Dear Parents and Guardians of K – Sixth Graders,

One of the hallmarks of our school has always been that parents and guardians are involved in directly requesting which teacher their child will have. This has been our tradition in large part because this was a school founded by parents and we as educators believe that you know your children better than anyone. In this letter I want to make sure that everyone understands how the process of teacher requests works and how we weigh those requests.

We begin organizing next year's classes in May. The first step we make is to keep every student who is returning to a level in the same class. The assumption is that in most cases a child will be best served working with their current teacher or if the teacher is leaving with their current classmates. There will be times when we will want to move a child to a different classroom because we believe that new classroom will be a better fit for that child. In that case the level coordinator or I will contact you. From the list of returning students we try to weigh the needs of balancing the boys and girls in a classroom, the mix of learning styles, and the number of students of the various grades. It will help us greatly if your child is changing levels for you to write us a description of what type of classroom you feel will be the most beneficial for your child. In that request you may specify a particular teacher but the most important part of the letter is a description of what type of learning environment is best for your child. We think carefully about class placement and we share the lists with colleagues to try to construct successful classrooms.

From there we will have an idea of how many openings there will be for any given class and the first but not the only way we fill those spots is by looking at the parent description letter. We do not guarantee that we will be able to honor every request but I will let you know in June if we have not been able to fulfill your request.

Please make your request to me preferably in the form of an e-mail at [thirsch@sscps.org](mailto:thirsch@sscps.org) or if you do not have e-mail on a standard full sheet of paper enclosed in an envelope. It will help us in setting up effective classrooms if we could have this request by June 6, 2008. In your request it would also help us if you could briefly explain the reason for your request.

Sincerely,

Ted Hirsch  
Assistant Principal

100 Longwater Circle ~ Norwell, MA 02061

781/982-4202 ~ 781/982-4201 fax

[www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org)



# IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!



Time to buy the whole school yearbook!  
On sale for only \$35 until May 16<sup>th</sup>, \$40 from May  
17<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 for the Month of June 2008  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, May 29, 2008**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <b><i>Turkey</i></b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	3 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	4 <b><i>Ham</i></b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	5 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	6 <b><i>Tossed Salad</i></b> With Italian dressing and pita bread
9 <b><i>Roast Beef</i></b>  With American cheese and mustard	10 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	11 <b><i>Italian Cold Cuts</i></b>  With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	12 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	13 <b><i>Tuna Salad</i></b>  With lettuce and tomato
16 <b><i>BLT</i></b>  Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	17 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	18 <b><i>Turkey</i></b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	19 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	20 <b><i>No Lunch</i></b>  <b><i>Early Release</i></b>

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 June 2008  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, May 29, 2008**

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

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

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

Week of 6/2 – 6/6	<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 6/9 – 6/13	<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 6/16 – 6/20	<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 <b>No Lunch</b> <b>Early Release</b>
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----- HAVE A GREAT SUMMER VACATION -----  
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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	_____	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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 Lunch for the Month of May 2008  
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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
5/26 – 5/30	<b>No School</b>	Pizza #_____	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza #_____	Sub ½ sub 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>			_____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			<b>\$_____</b>

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