

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

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## ***Celebrating Spring and the Merry Month of May!***

The flowers are in bloom, the weather has been glorious, the end of another school year is fast approaching, and there is so much energy and excitement at SSCPS right now! In the last two months of the school year, there are so many important activities and events at SSCPS. First and foremost - - the academics. As we finish the year, our students are taking numerous assessments (MCAS, final exams, exit exams), demonstrating their mastery of what they have been studying in their courses/classes (Exhibitions of Mastery, Senior Projects), and performing for their fellow students, teachers and parents (Spring Concert, Level III play, Spring for the Arts performances.)

As you have been reading about in previous issues of the Update, **this Friday and Saturday**, our students' art work will be on display and many of our students will be performing for invited guests from Longwater Circle, parents, family, and friends. **On Friday, there are two Open Houses: 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. (primarily for the business folks to tour our building and see our students "in action") and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, Spring for the Arts will continue and we will be honoring our parent volunteers who have helped the school in so many different ways this year.** The Saturday program and reception begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. On Friday afternoon, Level III students will be performing in our new Blackbox Theater. Friday evening and on Saturday, the high school students in the Theater Workshop will be doing improvisations. Please stop in to see our new set up and watch our talented students perform.

**Special added attractions on Friday afternoon:** From 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the **Brockton Rox Baseball team's mascot, K.O.** will be visiting with our students. Jack Kelly, a member of the Board of Trustees, and I met with the Rox's Executive Manager, Jack Yunits, two weeks ago to reserve seats for the Rox's home game on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> will be SSCPS family day at the ROX so save the date. There will be more information about the event in June.

**This Friday is also our annual Big Hair Cut day.** Special thanks to Claudia Darrow for coordinating this event. The trimmed hair will go to "Locks for Love." Estimated starting time for the hair cuts is 2:15 p.m. Weather permitting, the hair cuts will take place outside.

If at all possible, please join us on either Friday or Saturday to see why SSCPS is such a very special place!

## ***More thank you's to Touch-a-Truck volunteers***

In my rush to get last week's Update out, I left out the names of some key members of the Touch a Truck committee. My apologies and profuse thanks to Maura Longueil, Chris and Lisa Aiello, and Bill Mullen. Maura was in charge of publicity for the event and got all the notices out to the newspapers, Comcast, and other locations making the public aware of the event. Since we had a terrific turnout – we know that she did an awesome job. Chris and Lisa Aiello were largely responsible for all of the truckers that volunteered for the event, including the U.S. Air force. Bill Mullen (proud new papa) worked with the town officials in Abington and made it possible for us to use the location and all of the town facilities.

**Clearly, here at SSCPS, the African expression, "It takes a village to raise a child" is alive and well.** We mailed out approximately 135 invitations (38%) to families that volunteered in some way at SSCPS this year.

*Prue Goodale*

*"An optimist is the human personification of spring." - Susan J. Bissonette*

**Take the  
Annual Satisfaction Survey  
on the SSCPS website at:  
[www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org)**

Wednesday	5/28	Talent Show to benefit "The Big Hair Cut"	3:30-5:00pm
Friday	5/30	The Big Hair Cut	2:15pm
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
		MCAS testing continues ...	
Tuesday	6/03	Parents Association Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	6/04	School Council	3:30pm
Wednesday	6/04	Level I New Student Open House (incoming 2008-09)	5:00-6:30pm
Saturday	6/07	Graduation	11:00am

#### 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 June Lunch Menu and Order form. June orders are due Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> by 3pm.

#### ART NEWS

**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!"*

#### FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

**Golf:** There are still a couple of openings for golf beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$85.00 for five lessons at the Rockland GC. Transportation will be provided to the course but the players will need to be picked up after the lessons. Registration forms can be found at the front desk.

**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.



## May 2008 College Acceptances

*Ted Cheney*  
Bridgewater State College  
Curry College

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## PRINCIPALS REPORT

I hope everyone had an opportunity to visit with family and friends over the weekend and remember all of those who have gone before us, especially those who died in the service of their country. To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, those who have died have given the last full measure of devotion.

MCAS exams are coming to a close this week for most of the school. Grade 9 will complete their science exams next week. They are schedule for sessions on Tuesday, June 3 and Wednesday, June 4. Results of the MCAS exams will not be available until next September/October. Thanks to all the teachers and parents for helping to prepare the students and to the students for putting forth their best effort on the exams.

Seniors are finishing the presentations of their senior projects this week. The presentations have been tremendous. The varied experiences of the seniors have been wonderful. Some have even come away with job offers as a result of their internships. It has been a great learning experience for all the seniors and we look forward to even better things next year.

On Friday and Saturday of this week, we will be having our Spring for the Arts reception. I hope everyone comes by to experience the tremendous artistic talent that abounds here at SSCPS.

*Tom Gorsuch*

## ON THE LEVELS

### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level I: "Practice what you preach."

Level II: "Put a feather in your cap."

### 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

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Attached to the back of this Update is the agenda for the next PA meeting. It's scheduled for Tuesday, June 3 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The June meeting is traditionally where the existing PA volunteers step aside and the new group takes the wheel. Please join us, at this last meeting of the school year, to say goodbye and thank you to the PA committee chairs and grade reps and other volunteers who have worked so hard, and to welcome in the very generous incoming PA volunteers.

## SEPAC

Friday, June 6th SEPAC will have the election, and a planning meeting for next year.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Anticipated 2008-2009 job openings:

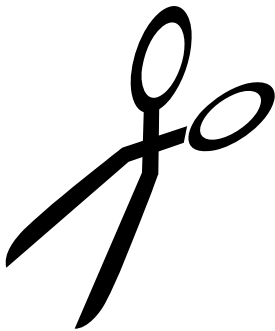
- Elementary Teacher Gr.1-2
- Middle School Math Teacher
- Middle School Science Teacher
- High School Math Teacher Gr. 7-12
- Elementary Spanish Teacher Gr. K-6
- Middle School Spanish Teacher gr. 7-8
- Certified Occupational Therapist
- Full time Receptionist (10.5 months)
- Part time Phys Ed Teacher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

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

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

### RECEIPTS FOR HULL SEASIDE ANIMAL RESCUE

Thanks for donating your Shaw's and Star's receipts to the Hull Seaside Animal Rescue Shelter. I collected over 50 receipts and the cat/kitten shelter will get about \$40 from Shaw's. I will drop them off during the HSAR adoption day on Saturday (May 31st). If you have more receipts, mail them to: HSAR, P.O. Box 787, Hull, MA 02045. Maris Kaplan, Level II student



### **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 [tcddarrow@sseps.org](mailto:tcddarrow@sseps.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

**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.

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)

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

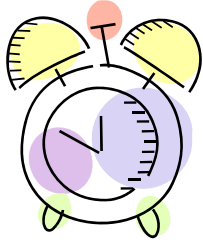
AGENDA • 3 June 2008 / 7:00 – 9:00 PM

## REGULAR MEETING

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| 7:00        | <b>Call Meeting to Order</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 7:00 – 7:05 | <b>Review and Approve Minutes</b><br><i>May 6, 2008 PA Meeting Minutes</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 7:05 – 7:10 | <b>Announcements</b><br><i>Summer Events</i><br><i>PA Ballot Questionnaire Results, distributed</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 7:10 – 7:30 | <b>Committee Reports (as needed)</b><br><i>Health &amp; Safety Committee</i><br><i>Library Committee</i><br><i>Orientation/Welcoming Committee</i><br><i>Community Service Committee</i><br><i>PAC Committee</i><br><i>Fundraising &amp; Events Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:30 – 7:50 | <b>Grade Representative Reports (as needed)</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |

## ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

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|-------------|---|--|
| 7:50 – 8:00 | <b>Reorganization</b><br><i>Announcement of new Parents Association officers, chairs, and grade reps</i><br><i>2008 – 2009 Parents Association calendar</i> | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:00 – 8:15 | <b>School Report</b><br><i>Prue Goodale &amp; Tom Gorsuch</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| 8:15 – 8:30 | <b>Other Reports (as needed)</b><br><i>Education Committee</i><br><i>School Council</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:30 – 8:45 | <b>Old Business</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| 8:45 – 9:00 | <b>New Business</b><br><i>Special Presentation – Cheryl Casey &amp; others</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| 9:00        | <b>Adjourn</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |



# 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
<p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Turkey</i></b></p> <p>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo</p>	<p>3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Ham</i></b></p> <p>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</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>Tossed Salad</i></b></p> <p>With Italian dressing and pita bread</p>
<p>9</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Roast Beef</i></b></p> <p>With American cheese and mustard</p>	<p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Italian Cold Cuts</i></b></p> <p>With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</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>Tuna Salad</i></b></p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>16</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>BLT</i></b></p> <p>Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Turkey</i></b></p> <p>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo</p>	<p>19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>No Lunch</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Early Release</i></b></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 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 -----

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.*