

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

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Best wishes to the Class of 2008 from all of us at SSCPS

South Shore Charter Public School's thirteenth graduation will take place this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. As you know, this is a very special year because four members of the Class of 2008 have been with us since the school opened its doors: Jimmy Beggan, Nora Jordan, Nick Sisson, Samantha Wholley. It is most fitting that the class officers chose Ted Hirsch, one of the four staff members who have been with SSCPS since its founding, as their commencement speaker.

On Thursday evening at Cushing Hall in Norwell, we will have the "traditional" Senior Dinner honoring our soon-to-be-graduates. Family members will be in attendance to celebrate and congratulate their graduate. I am certain that there will be many stories shared about the early years in Hull, some of the facility issues that they put up with, their amazing field trips, zany antics over the years, as well as tales about some of their favorite teachers and classes.

On behalf of all of the administrators, faculty and staff, I wish the members of the Class of 2008 all the best as they embark on the next phase of their lives!

Spring for the Arts and Volunteer Reception a Big Success

All of our guests, parents, and students who attended the Friday and Saturday Spring for the Arts events were so impressed by all of the art work on display and the performances by students in the music and theatre workshops. It was clear to everyone why we added "the arts" to our tag line –

"inspiring students to excel in academics, the arts, career, and life".

We were also very pleased that so many of the parents who were being honored for their volunteer work at the school this year were able to attend. The reception, awards, certificates, and book marks are just a very small token of our appreciation for all that you, our parents, do for the students and SSCPS. Without you, our strongest advocates, SSCPS would not be in its thirteenth year and thriving!

Parents Association . . .

Last night was the final meeting of the school year for the Parents Association. To borrow a much used phrase, "the torch was passed to a new generation". There were tributes to K.T. Leary and Greer Tocci for all that they have done over the years including their founding of the Longwater Transport so that Hull parents could fund a bus to the new Norwell location. I learned a great deal about how difficult it was to get the company going and the special commitment that these two ladies had to this school from Cheryl Casey's remarks. Of course, the big event of the evening was the tribute to David Whitemyer, outgoing PA president. Bev Bruce, with assistance from other PA reps, put together a nice tribute and "party" including thank you gifts AND a life-size cut-out of the amazing Fabio (with David's head)! The "inside joke" had something to do with David's pooh-poohing of the Girls Night Out event (a big success) earlier in the year. Thank you David for all that you did over the past three years to help move the PA to a whole new level. You have left the PA in a much better place for Deidre Lamoureux, the new PA president for next year.

More important events ...

Hingham Middle School is the place to be next week. On Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Dan Falkner's Level III Theater Workshop will be performing the musical "The Big Bad Wolf". Take a break and bring your family to this fun spoof on the fairy tale. Admission is \$6.00.

On Wednesday evening, SSCPS is proud to present famed author and educator, E.D. Hirsch. Professor Hirsch has written a special talk for us and this event is open to the public. We have invited members of the Board of Education, area superintendents and curriculum leaders, and teachers from the area. This event is open to the public and we hope that you can join us at the Hingham Middle School at 7:00 p.m. on June 11th. More information on this special event and Dr. Hirsch is included at the end of the Newsletter.

Staffing for next year . . .

Over the past few weeks, screening committees led by Dr. Gorsuch, Ted Hirsch or Jo Feldman have been interviewing candidates for teaching and learning services openings. Although there are still some openings, I am pleased to announce the following appointments: Level IV Math, Ellen Dresser; Level IV Science, Emily Merwin, School Psychologist, Sarah O'Loughlin, and Occupational Therapist, Carol Lewis-Wise. Later in the summer, we will provide you with detailed information about our new teachers. In addition, I am pleased to announce that Level I teacher, Shelley LaSelva will be moving to Level III next year. Shelley will be replacing Angie Pepin. Angie will be the Level IV Coordinator and teaching history.

Prue Goodale

"The object of art is to give life shape." --Jean Anouilh

**Take the
Annual Satisfaction Survey
on the SSCPS website at:
www.sscps.org**

Wednesday	6/04	School Council	3:30pm
Wednesday	6/04	Level I New Student Open House	5:00-6:30pm
Thursday	6/05	Shelley's Pod Used Book Sale	
Thursday	6/05	Senior Dinner	6:00-8:00pm
Friday	6/06	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	6/06	Shelley's Pod Used Book Sale	
Saturday	6/07	Graduation	11:00am
Tuesday	6/10	Dan's Level III Theatre Performance Hingham Middle School	6:30pm
Wednesday	6/11	An Evening with E.D. Hirsch – Hingham Middle School	7:00pm

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the June Lunch Menu and Order form. June orders are due Thursday, June 5th by 3pm.

HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

MEDICATION

Please come to the Health Office before or on the last day of school to pick-up your child's medication. Any medication not picked-up will be disposed of after June 20, 2008. All authorization forms and medications must be renewed for the 2008/2009 school year. Hope everyone has a great summer vacation!

ART NEWS

The Patriot Ledger has highlighted **high school student's** work from their design class with **Kathryn Hahn**. The students have designed a patch for an **MP Unit of the Army** which is currently serving in Afghanistan. The patch was a combined effort of seven students, **Joe Demore, Deven DeCoste, Hannah Hayes, Laurel McGrath, Zoe Estabrooks, Cory Bowker Kelly, and Jimmy Beggan**. The designs were narrowed down to two, that of Cory's and Zoe's and then reworked having **Laurel McGrath's** be the selected patch. The servicemen and women will be sent a shirt and mug with the designed crest on them. The **Rockland Fraternal Order of Eagles** will underwrite the cost for these service people. Big thanks go to Kathryn and her students for remembering our servicemen and woman and sharing their talents with them.

Weekend **Spring for the Arts** was a huge success. Please be sure to check out a special piece created by **Tessa Schaffer- Flynn** in the lobby. Tessa has incorporated Monet's Impressionistic style with 3D pieces to bring the water lily palette to life.

Also in the lobby will be several **EOM** from the Art Workshop. Be sure to check the cases and walls for new pieces.

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

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.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

MCAS is finally over for the year. The HS Science exams were concluded today. Thank you to parents and teachers for doing such a great job preparing our students. Now we wait until the fall for the results.

The seniors finished their Project presentations last week. There were some excellent projects. Thanks to all the faculty mentors, parents, and internship sites that worked with our students.

The seniors are down to their last few days. The high school will be having awards on Thursday at 1:30 in the high school great room. The senior parent dinner is on Thursday evening at the Cushing Center in Norwell. Finally, graduation will be at SSCPS on Saturday at 11 AM. We wish the seniors well as they leave us to pursue great things!

Over the next two weeks there will be many things happening around the school as the year comes all too quickly to a close. Remaining field trips for level 2 and 3, Exhibitions of Mastery, portfolio submissions and final exams will round out a busy two weeks. Thanks to everyone who will contribute to all these activities!

School Council will be meeting today for the last time this year. We will be discussing a number of changes to the student handbook that includes discipline and academic issues. These changes will be going to the Board of Trustees for approval on June 19. They will be included in the Student Handbook for next year. Thanks to the School Council members for all their work and support this year. *Tom Gorsuch*

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level I: "Turn over a new leaf."

Level II: "Let bygones by bygones."

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

TITLE 1 PARENT SURVEY - DUE JUNE 10TH

Parents of students receiving Title 1 support, we need your help to evaluate our Title 1 math and reading programs. Your input and ideas are critical to the success and continued development of our programs. Please use the following website to access the survey or request a paper survey from the front desk.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=eFhNMIsp9F2EuLrASmoUQ_3d_3d

Thank you for your valuable input and ideas.

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
- High School Math Teacher Gr. 7-12
- Elementary Spanish Teacher Gr. K-6
- Middle School Spanish Teacher gr. 7-8
- 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 Shipp, Business Manager

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Tenth Grade Student Needs Help for Supplies for Soldiers in Iraq

One of our students has a 21 year old cousin who was deployed to Iraq. As we had mentioned with the Art Project who are helping soldiers in Afghanistan, our soldiers in Iraq are also in dire need of supplies and letters from our students. We are looking for baby wipes, and toiletries as mentioned before but they also need Crystal Lite packages, Rice Krispie Treats, Protein Bars, etc. They like small items that they will be able to carry in their backpacks. They would also like paperback books (new or used) and **most importantly they would love to receive letters**. We would love to send the packages the last week of school. To offset the cost of the packages if you are able to donate \$.50 or \$1.00 we would greatly appreciate it. If you have any questions or would like to see a list of specific items we would like to collect please contact Kathy Sobol at 781-982-4202 ext. 113.

"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

Congratulation to Jody Regan! Her art work is on display at the Front Street Art Gallery (124 Front Street, Scituate Harbor, 781-545-6150). An opening reception will be held on Friday, June 6th from 6:00-8:00pm.

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.

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. If your family would like to receive a paper copy please email a request to palgera@sscps.org.

YEARBOOKS!
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**Get your yearbook before they all run out!!!
Bring in \$40 (cash or check made out to SSCPS) to the front
desk OR to Room 104**

**Yearbooks will be distributed on Tuesday, June 17th during
project time**



People can't keep their paws off them!!!

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

is honored to present

AN EVENING WITH E.D. HIRSCH

Wednesday, June 11th
7:00-8:30pm

Hingham Middle School Auditorium
1103 Main Street (Route 228)
Hingham, MA 02043

E.D. Hirsch is the founder of the Core Knowledge Foundation and the author of ten books. His views on education reform are widely published in articles such as "Plugging the Hole in State Standards, One Man's Modest Proposal" *American Educator*, Spring 2008, "The Knowledge Connection" in the *Washington Post*, Feb. 15, 2008, and "Narrowing the Two Achievement Gaps," a presentation at the Education Trust National Conference, Nov. 9, 2007. His acclaimed books include *Cultural Literacy* and *The Schools We Need and Why We Don't Have Them*. He is also editor of the Core Knowledge seven book series *What Your Kindergarten through Six Grader Needs to Know*.

Professor Hirsch has prepared a special talk for this event, "The Inspiring Idea of the Common School". He will be speaking about the importance of the common school and the need for a shared public sphere for discourse to restore the health of our democracy. He will advocate that powerful and purposeful public education is the key to the future success of our country.

This presentation is free and open to the public.

We encourage you to join us for this special evening.

Lunch for the Month of June 2008
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, June 5, 2008

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

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, June 5, 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 No Lunch Early Release
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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
<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.