

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

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## ***Graduation, a most memorable event!***

Amidst laughter, applause, and a few tears, members of the SSCPS community celebrated the graduation of twenty-five students on Saturday. Approximately 500 people were on hand for our 13<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony – alumni, former heads of school, faculty, parents, family and friends. The speeches of the five graduates were outstanding and spoken from the heart. The best one of all, however, was the keynote speech given by our own Ted Hirsch. If you did not catch the great write-up and photos in Monday's Ledger – you can still go on-line to view them. One of the best shots was of the one of five of our teachers laughing at some of Ted's remarks. All in all, it was a very special graduation and so appropriate to have one of the four original teachers at SSCPS be the commencement speaker.

In the graduation program, there were five students identified as members of the National Honor Society. To our dismay, we learned after the graduation that we had omitted the name of Adam MacLean. Although we were able to give Adam his well earned and deserved gold tassel before he and his family left the school, we apologize to Adam and his family for this oversight.

## ***A tough act to follow . . .***

This evening at 7:00 p.m. at Hingham's Middle School, Ted's Dad has prepared a special talk on "The Inspiring Idea of the Common School" for us and the larger education community. This event is open to the public. Please join us this evening for this special occasion and bring friends. This is an opportunity for everyone to learn more about SSCPS and the wonderful Hirsch family. Where would SSCPS be today without the Core Knowledge program created by Professor Hirsch and his colleagues at University of Virginia and his amazing son, Ted Hirsch! Hope to see you there tonight.

## ***SSCPS, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama --- Connections?***

At last, the long democratic primary season is over. Over the past year, we have all been barraged with sound bites, speeches, and media analysis of the campaigns of the two front runners, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. As a former history teacher, I closely followed the campaigns of the first woman and first Black American for the presidential nomination. For us at SSCPS, there are two important themes that we can take away from the campaigns and apply to our school: From Hillary Clinton her life-long commitment to children and education, with more details in her book, *It takes a village* (to raise a child) and from Barack Obama, "Yes, We Can" with specific lessons from his book *The Audacity of Hope*.

As you know, SSCPS has set high goals for this year's **Annual Fund Campaign**. We want to go from last year's very low parent participation rate of 14.5% to **100% this year**. This year's campaign ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>. For those who have not yet contributed, please send in a contribution ASAP. Thursday afternoon, Jack Kelly, member of the Board of Trustees and the Foundation, and co-chair of the Annual Fund, will be distributing fliers reminding everyone to get their contribution in by the 20<sup>th</sup>. **Remember: It takes a village for our school to be successful and YES WE CAN get to 100%!**

**Reminder:** Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am the 3<sup>rd</sup> Development Summit will be held at Jo Loughnane's home at 50 Andrew Avenue, Hull. Please contact Pam Algera for directions or more information.

**On a sad note:** Our thoughts and prayers go to student Kelsey Long and her family on the loss of Kelsey's father, Richard. Expressions of sympathy can be mailed to 25 A Street, Hull, MA 02045.

*Prue Goodale*

***"People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously. This is how character is built." – Eleanor Roosevelt***

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

Wednesday	6/11	Karen's Level I performance for parents	1:00pm
Wednesday	6/11	"An evening with E.D. Hirsch" Hingham Middle School	7:00pm
Thursday	6/12	Title I Parent Information Workshop	3:20pm
Thursday	6/12	Informational Meeting for spring 2009 Trip to Greece	6:30pm
Friday	6/13	Level IV Dance	6:30-9:30pm
Saturday	6/14	Development Summit – 50 Andrew Avenue - Hull	9:30am
Saturday	6/14	Parent Transportation Meeting – MJM Bathhouse – Hull	9:00am
Monday	6/16	Education Committee	3:30pm
Tuesday	6/17	Level I 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade performance for parents	1:00pm
Thursday	6/19	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	6/19	Board of Trustees	7:00pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS RESIDING IN COHASSET, HINGHAM, HULL

#### Transportation meeting Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse

Several parents are meeting to discuss the possibility of continuing the parent run Longwater Transport. If you are interested in finding out more contact Annmarie Webber 781-925-2967; Cheryl Casey 781-383-1401, or Tara Iorio trdmiorio@verizon.net. Bring your own coffee, breakfast and ideas...

**PARENTS STAY INFORMED DURING THE SUMMER** - You can still sign up for the GoogleGroups email list. To find out about SSCPS activities, to communicate with other SSCPS parents, to share information and ideas, join the group. The list currently includes about 200 parents, and is growing. If you'd like to be included, simply send an email to sscpsparents@googlegroups.com and say "Sign Me Up."

## LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the June Lunch Menu and Order form. June orders are due Thursday, June 12th 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

**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

Thanks and congratulations to the Level III students, Dan Falkner and Lucille Butler for the performance of "The Big Bad Musical." The wonderful performance was the culmination of many months of hard work. Well Done!

Graduation has come and gone for another year. Thanks to all who helped make it a great success. Please see Monday's Patriot Ledger for a great story on our graduation.

With the seniors leaving, the K-11 students are looking at completing the year in fine fashion. EOM's are being completed, Level III is looking forward to a trip to George's Island next week, and Level IV and high school will be having final exams next week. Levels I-IV will be having move up ceremonies on Friday June 20. Please consult your level coordinator for the exact time on that level.

High School and Level IV finals will be next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. High School students will be dismissed at 12 PM on Wednesday and Thursday and at 10:30 on Friday. Level IV students will be in school until 3PM on Wednesday and Thursday for studies and will be dismissed at 12PM on Friday following the move up ceremony.

Thanks to everyone for a great year and all you have done to make the school a special place!! *Tom Gorsuch*

## ON THE LEVELS

**Parents of students receiving Title 1 services are invited to:**

### **The Title 1 Spring Parent Information Session**

#### **Topics:**

- Meet with Title 1 staff.
- Learn strategies to strengthen your child's reading and math skills during the summer.
- Walk away with fun math and reading activities for the family.
- Share your thoughts and ideas for 2008-2009 Title 1 Grant.

#### **When:**

- **Thursday, June 12, 2008 @ 3:20-4:20**

(4:20-4:50 will focus on more intense summer reading practice, for those interested)

**Where:** Large Meeting Room (beyond Level IV, past the tan Level IV lockers)

**RSVP:** Please call Tania Phillips at 781-982-4202, ext. 204 or email [tphillips@sscps.org](mailto:tphillips@sscps.org)

by Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend, to ensure we have ample learning activities to take home.

Please also RSVP to **reserve childcare space** (for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade).

## SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level I: "Two heads are better than one."

Level II: "Bury the hatchet."

## **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

## **NEWS FROM LEVEL II**

- Congratulations to Hallie Ferguson and Faith Toma who raised \$130 selling bookmarks that they made. The money will go to the Weymouth and Rockland Food Pantry
- The Level II Coatroom has many coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, and other personal belongings of students that need to be removed ASAP. We will take all of the articles to the Goodwill store or Wellspring if they are not claimed by next week.
- Thank you to everyone who chaperoned the trip to Plimoth Plantation last week. The trip was a big success.
- Grade 4 Parents/Families are welcome to attend the Level II awards ceremony on the last day of school, Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. We will start the ceremony around 10:30am.
- Level II finished their Science Fair Exhibition Projects today. Everyone worked very hard and the presentations were excellent.

## **NEWS FROM LEVEL III**

- Thursday, June 12th - Informational meeting on the Spring '09 trip to Greece. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are eligible to travel with this group. Please come to learn about this fabulous trip to the land of antiquity! Meeting is at 6:30pm in Room 207. If you would like the informational packet, but can't attend the meeting, please contact Claire Overlee at [coverlee@scps.org](mailto:coverlee@scps.org), or at SSCPS, ex. 321.
- June 18th Level 3 Field Trip to George's Island
- June 20th- 6th grade awards assembly @10:30

## **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  
Full time Receptionist (10.5 months)  
Part time Development Associate

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

### ART - Summer Enrichment Classes

Summer classes for middle, high school students and adults will be offered on Mondays throughout July this summer. **Starting Monday, June 30th through July 28th.**

**Linoleum Sheet Printing** -(middle school and above) Working with linoleum cutting tools and printing supplies, students will design their print and then transfer to a linoleum sheet. The piece will then be cut, inked and finally printed onto paper using the standing press. Classes will be in offered **Mondays, June 30, July 7, 14 from 10-11:30am.** Supplies provided.

**\$85.00**

**Embossed Foil Journal**- (middle school and above) Working with foil students will emboss a design and adhere the foiling to a journal. Students will use metal embossing tools and self adhering foil. Provide your own journal or purchase one for an additional \$5.00. Classes offered **Mondays, July 21 and 28th, 10-11:30am. \$60.00**

**Portfolio Pieces**- (high school and above) work in graphite, pastels and/or acrylic. Create a grouping for your portfolio. Work with artists and teachers Marianne Buckley Curran and John Kilroy and develop work for inclusion into a presentation portfolio. Classes will be in traditional studio format. **Mondays, June 30th, July 7, 14, 21 and 28th, 12pm -2:30pm.** Please bring your own supplies. Classes will start off with graphite and paper. Cost is **\$220.**

**Adult Drawing/Painting**- Start with the fundamentals of drawing, composition and explore basic perspective (class 1 and 2) then move into painting in the medium of your choice. Student can opt to work on special project or create a composition from the still life provided. Class is geared to work at students' particular interest, all skill levels are invited. Mondays, starting **June 29th including July 7, 14, 21, 28, 3pm until 5pm. \$125.00**

Please register now with Marianne at x304 for summer enrichment sign ups.

**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).

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>  
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.

South Shore Charter Public School



## Brockton Rox!

Please join us on  
Friday, July 18, 2008

The game starts at 7:00pm.

Don't miss the fireworks!

Tickets are \$5.00 per person

Contact Kerry Griffin - 781-878-3762 or  
[rockgriff@verizon.net](mailto:rockgriff@verizon.net)



Lunch for the Month of June 2008  
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, June 12, 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <b>Turkey</b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	3 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	4 <b>Ham</b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	5 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	6 <b>Tossed Salad</b> With Italian dressing and pita bread
9 <b>Roast Beef</b>  With American cheese and mustard	10 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	11 <b>Italian Cold Cuts</b>  With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	12 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	13 <b>Tuna Salad</b>  With lettuce and tomato
16 <b>BLT</b>  Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	17 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	18 <b>Turkey</b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	19 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	20 <b>No Lunch</b>  <b>Early Release</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, June 12, 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
6/16 – 6/20	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	<b>No Lunch</b>
	½ sub	# _____	½ sub	# _____	<b>Early Release</b>
	Wheat		Wheat		

----- 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>				_____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>				<b>\$ _____</b>

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.*

**Hull Park and Recreation Summer 2008 Field Trips**  
**SSCPS students that are not Hull residents are eligible to participate**

Sunday June 22	Brockton Rox Baseball Game, Brockton Cost: \$5.00 per person. Bus Departs: 11:00 a.m. Bus Departs From Roller Skating Rink on George Washington Blvd.
Thursday July 10	Star-Land Amusement Park, Hanover Cost: \$15 per person (4 feet, 8 inches or taller) \$10 per person (under 4 feet, 8 inches) Bus Departs: 10:00 a.m. Bus Leaves Hanover at 2:00 p.m.
Thursday July 17	Water Whiz Water Park, Wareham Cost: \$20 per person (4 feet or taller) \$15 per person (under 4 feet) Bus Departs: 9:00 a.m. Bus Leaves Wareham at 3:00 p.m.
Thursday July 24	New England Patriots Training Camp Gillette Stadium, Foxboro Times and details TBA in early July
Thursday July 31	"Cinderella", South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset Cost: \$8.00 per person Bus Departs: 9:00 a.m. Showtime: 10:00 a.m.
Friday August 8	J.F.K. Library and Museum, Boston Cost: \$8.00 per person Bus Departs: 9:00 a.m. Bus Returns: 3:00 p.m.
Thursday August 14	TBD
Thursday August 21	Nantasket Landing and Paragon Carousel, Hull One round of mini-golf, one ride on the Carousel and one small soft serve ice cream. Cost \$5.00 Arrive at Nantasket Landing at 10:00 a.m. Parents pick up children by 12:00 noon. Advanced registration required.
Saturday August 30	New England Revolution Soccer Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, 7:30 p.m. Revolution vs. Los Angeles Galaxy and International star David Beckham Cost: \$20 per person. Bus Departs: 4:00 p.m.

Buses depart from the Hull Memorial Middle School, unless otherwise noted. Field Trip event tickets may be purchased each Tuesday night at Hull Town Hall between 6:30-8:00 p.m. or contact Field Trip Coordinator

Alan McCall at 781-925-9613. Email: alanmccall461@hotmail.com