

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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Wednesday	9/19	Parents Night Level 1 and High School	6:00 – 7:30pm
Thursday	9/20	Level 3 Field Trip	
Thursday	9/20	Europe Trip Information Meeting	6:00pm
Thursday	9/20	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	9/20	Welcome Committee	6:30pm
Thursday	9/20	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	9/21	School Picture and Bus Safety	
Friday	9/21	Auction Committee Planning Meeting	1:30pm
Tuesday	9/25	Massachusetts Charter Public School Association State House Meeting	
Thursday	9/27	Girl Scout Parent Night	6:30pm
Thursday	9/27	MEFA Financial Aide Parent Night Grades 9-11	7:00-9:00pm
Saturday	9/29	Fall Festival	11am-3pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 or contact Kathy at 781-982-4202 ext. 100.

MBTA Student Passes – Any grade 7-12 student who may be interested in purchasing a student discounted T-Pass please see Kristine Shipps for more information.

ANNUAL AUCTION

For those who don't know me, my name is Debbie Shepherd and I am leading this year's annual auction which is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 20th. For all the new parents at our school, the annual auction is a fundraiser to raise monies to help with the general running of the school including teacher's salaries and education programs. We have a silence auction as well as a live auction. Items are donated by local businesses and parents at the school. Attached is the donation letter and form, if you know a business that you frequent or have a business of your own, all donations are appreciated. If you do solicit a business please let me know ahead of time so I can make sure we don't duplicate requests. If you have a connection with a business let me know and I will let you handle it. If you have an item that you would like to donate you can leave your donation with your slip at the front desk. Some of the items parents donate include cooking a dinner for a small dinner party at the winners house or your own, art and craft items (quilts, painting, jewelry, dolls), services (computer classes, framing and carpentry).

Another way you can help is to volunteer to help out with the auction. We need volunteers to lead or help out with the decorations, student artwork, making follow up phone calls for donation requests, setting up the day before and of the auction, clean up, check out, check in, cooking for the auction, organizing the food and helping out in the food prep room the night of the auction. If you would like to make a food donation please

email Karen Boyle at klb.rjc@verizon.net. We are also looking for a pianist to volunteer to play the night of the auction.

We hope that everyone can attend. It's a fun night and a great way to meet parents. Kerry Griffin will be organizing a Chili cook off so get your recipes ready. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer you can email me at jdazdj@aol.com or call me at 781-585-6023.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The faculty had their third professional development day this past Monday as part of the Understanding Skillful Teaching class. The purpose of this class is to help us as a faculty develop a common language about teaching and learning as well as continue to improve student learning.

Parent Night for Level I and the High School is this evening, Wednesday September 19th from 6-7:30PM. Please come and meet your child's teachers.

The "all school photo" will be this Friday morning. Chris and Heidi Harting will be taking the photo. Many thanks for all their help. Bus safety drills will also take place this Friday, scheduling around the photo.

A reminder: On Tuesday, September 25th the K-12 Education Committee of the Legislature will hold a public hearing in Gardner Auditorium in the State House on proposed Charter School Legislation. The Superintendent's Association will be pushing hard their proposal to limit district funding for charters to \$5,000 per student. We are hopeful that many of our parents will attend this hearing. Testimony on our proposed legislation to raise the 9% district cap on charters will also be heard that day.

Again, parent volunteers are needed for School Council and Ed Committee. School Council will have its first meeting on October 3 at 3:30 in room 100. It consists of 3 students, 3 parents, 3 teachers, the Assistant Principal and Principal. School Council will focus on school culture issues, school improvement, and review of school policies as it relates to the Student Handbook. Please see me if you would like to contribute to this important committee. Ed Committee is composed of the Level Coordinators and two parents. We meet on the third Monday of the month at 3:30PM. Ed Committee will focus on curricula issues, especially related to Projects/Workshops and Social Studies. Please contact me directly if you are interested in serving on these committees.

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

ART NEWS

THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 IS THE 3RD ANNUAL WORLD WIDE PEACE DAY The Pinwheels for Peace Project stated in 2005 as a art and literacy installation. It is a way for students to express their feelings about what is going on in the world and their lives. To show support for peace, whether it be domestically, town, city, state wide or foreign country we will be installing 500 pinwheels at the entrance of the school early Friday morning. Students & faculty will combine their personal pinwheels to make this group statement. Please look for us on Friday. Join us & **Make a Statement**. Do what you can for peace. *The Art Department*.

HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

There has been one case of lice reported in Level IV. Please check your children and report any signs or cases to the Health Office. Signs include itchy scalp, excessive scratching and red areas at the base of neck. Also, please remind children not to share hats, coats or personal articles. Students with long hair should have it pulled up/back. Please call ext. 104 with any questions.

The Health Office is looking for donations of used clothing for both boys and girls. Thank you!

SPORTS NEWS

High School Soccer:

The Varsity Jaguars first game will be played this Saturday morning at 8:00 am at Danehy Field in Somerville. The field is located behind the Fresh Pond Mall on Route 2. The Jaguars first HOME game will be played on Tuesday September 25th vs. Master's Academy at Myrtle Park beginning at 4:00 pm.

Middle School Soccer has begun this year at SSCPS! The first game will be Thursday September 27th away against Advanced Math and Science Charter School.

Introducing Flag Football!! Beginning October 2nd and continuing for 6 weeks students in grades 3-6 have the opportunity to participate in Flag Football after school from 3:30 – 4:30. Please contact Will Glennon for more information. Registration forms will be handed out Wednesday and are due back to Will Glennon on Friday September 28th.

Other news: This season the MCSAO (Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization) will have its league scores and standing posted in both the Boston Globe and Boston Herald. Please check out the sports sections each week for updated standings.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the Lunch Order for September. All orders are due Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 3:00pm. Also enclosed are the Lunch Menu and Order Form for the month of October. Orders for October are due September 27th by 3pm.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Back to the drawing board."

Level 2: "Birds of a feather flock together."

ATTENTION 4TH GRADE PARENTS – Level II is missing many Singapore Math 4A soft cover textbooks. If your child has one of these books from grade 3 please return to Kendra as soon as possible. Thank you!

HOMEWORK CLUB

Levels II and III

Starting September 25

3:00-3:55 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

\$3.00/ session, scholarships available

To enroll please fill out an enrollment form available at the front desk.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

SSCPS YOU CAN STILL JOIN the online SSCPS Parents Discussion Forum at GoogleGroups. There are currently more than 100 SSCPS parents signed up. It's a great forum for sharing thoughts and ideas related to the school and our community, and for keeping up with Parents Association announcements and news. If you'd like to sign up, simply send an email to sscpsparents@googlegroups.com and write "Sign Me Up."

AUCTION MEETING

There will be an auction meeting this Friday, September 21 at 1:30. Every one is welcome to come. Bring your decoration ideas

Early Morning Drop-Off Program

This program has been reorganized to begin at 7:00 a.m. each school day morning. Level II Aide Geoff Overlee is the teacher. The cost is \$15 p/week for the first child, \$7.50 p/week for siblings. To register please contact gemagr@comcast.net with child name & grade, parent name(s), and day/evening phone numbers. No email? Call me at 781-963-7363 before 9:00 p.m. Thanks.

Gema Gray, Level III parent.

CHARTER SCHOOL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

-- PARENTS NEEDED --

-- PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL LEGISLATION --

The following is an important e-mail message from Marc Kenen, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association:

“On Tuesday, September 25th the K-12 Education Committee of the Legislature will hold a public hearing in Gardner Auditorium in the State House on proposed Charter School Legislation.

We understand that the Superintendent's Association will be pushing hard their proposal to limit district funding for charters to \$5,000 per student so it's very important that we have a large turnout of parents and supporters. Testimony on our proposed legislation to raise the 9% district cap on charters will also be heard that day.

As in the past, we are able to reimburse you for transportation for parents to the state house. The hearing will begin at 1:00. We're asking everyone to stay at least until 2:00, later if you can. We also encourage you to come early and visit with your local reps and senators before the hearing starts. Let me know if you need help setting up appointments.”

It is very important that we have a large turnout of parents to attend the hearing and show their support for charter schools. I am coordinating car pools. I am willing to reserve a bus if we have enough of an interest. Some folks might work downtown and plan on attending the hearing. I am open to any suggestions. Please contact me no later than September 17th if you are available to attend.

www.masscharterschools.org Judy Kaplan - Level II parent J_SKaplan@yahoo.com (h) 781-925-9151

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Level I Part Time 50% (20 hours per week) Teachers Aide

Level IV Part time 50% (20 hours per week) Teachers Aide

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

Send cover letter, resume and list of references to Kristine Shipps, Business Manager.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

“**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. We will continue to collect again next year and would be happy to pick up any donations over the summer. Thanks again, Luke, John and Grace Ryan (781) 925-9541

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Hurry only 5 openings left

NEW SSYMCA MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

HELD HERE AT SSCPS FROM 3:00p.m.-6:00p.m. Monday through Friday

Has 5 Openings. Please call Steve Litcoff at 781-829-8585x262 for registration information

PARENT TRANSPORTATION SURVEY - With the current need for additional transportation to and from SSCPS I am considering the possibility of starting up a fee for service transportation program (with the school's approval of course) similar to FCC Transportation. First I would need to find out if there is enough interest/need in the following areas:

Possible Towns: Whitman, East Bridgewater, Abington, Hanover, Rockland, Brockton

If you live in any of these areas and would be interested in paying for daily transportation for your child please let me know. If you have any questions or would like additional information please feel free to contact me at kcsmom@hotmail.com or 781-267-2163. Patricia O'Brien, Level 2 Parent of Casey O'Brien

GIRL SCOUT PARENT MEETING - There will be a mandatory Girl Scout Parent Meeting held at the school on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Please note it was originally scheduled for 6:30 p.m., but changed to 7:00 p.m. This meeting is for all parents who have a girl who is registered as a girl scout for this coming 2007-2008 year. (Daisy -Kindergarten, Brownie - 1st grade, 2nd, and 3rd, Junior - 4th grade, 5th, and 6th, and Cadets - 7th grade and 8th). This will also be a registration meeting for Juniors or Cadet's. Our Daisy and Brownie troops are full. If you have any questions, please contact, Stacy Rousseau at (781) 961-4071 at home or cell (781) 727-9784 or by e-mail at faemoon3@gmail.com or Michelle Amicangelo at (781)878-7710 at home or cell (781) 799-8098 or by e-mail at michelleamicangelo@verizon.net. Thank you.

WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SSCPS.ORG

6TH and 7th Graders are invited to
join us on our
trip to
“Storybook Europe”!!

**Includes:
Holland, Germany, Switzerland, and France**

**Trip planned for
April 18th- 27th, 2008**

A 10 day professionally guided tour including a canal cruise in Amsterdam, Anne Frank’s House, Cologne’s Gothic Cathedral, Heidelberg’s Medieval Castle, the Black Forest, Paris’ Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum, Versailles Palace, the Eiffel Tower and so much more!

Informational Meeting

Thursday, September 20th

6:00 pm

Claire’s Room - # 207

(Enroll by September 30th and travel in 2008 on 2007 prices)

South Shore Charter Public School

Parent Association

August 15, 2007

Dear Friend of South Shore Charter Public School (SSCPS),

The parents and students of South Shore Charter Public School need your help. SSCPS will be holding its 13th Annual Auction Saturday, October 20, 2007, at our Norwell campus. Thanks to the generosity of the local businesses, last year we raised over twenty five thousand dollars. Monies raised help to support our school in its annual expenses, enriching existing programs as well as supporting new ones.

South Shore Charter Public School serves students from 23 communities from grade K-12. Our programs include teaching our students to be independent, expressive and creative thinkers and doers.

Become an Auction Donor: Donate goods, services or a monetary gift to the Auction. Your donation will be acknowledged in our event program. Product donations will be advertised extensively. All donated items will receive a tax receipt from the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation.

Become a Corporate Sponsor: A one-thousand dollar donation will be rewarded with ten tickets to our 13th Annual Auction, as well as acknowledgment in our event program and school directory, which reaches the parents in twenty-three South Shore towns. In addition, your company's name will be listed in the School's and Foundation's Annual Report.

Advertising Donor: You can show your support by purchasing an advertisement in the Auction Program and as well as the school directory.

Business card	\$ 35.00	Full page	\$175.00
¼ page	\$ 60.00	Back cover	\$200.00
½ page	\$100.00		

Please find attached an [Auction Donor/Sponsor Form](#), which delineates the various forms of giving, as well as providing us with the information we need regarding your donation and acknowledgment information. We are available for any questions you may have and can be reached at 781-585-6023.

Thank you for your consideration and support of all of our South Shore students,

Debbie Shepherd
Auction Leader

South Shore Charter Public School

Parent Association

Auction Donor/Support Form

*On behalf of the Parents Association and the all students at South Shore Charter Public School,
we would like to thank you for your donation.*

Please complete this form and send to:

Mail: SSCPS
100 Longwater Circle
Norwell, MA 02061
Fax: 781-982-4201

Donor Information

Name of Business _____
Contact Person _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Type of Donation

Auction Donor: Value of donated item: \$ _____
Description of donated item or service: _____

Auction donors will receive a tax receipt for their donation.

Corporate Sponsor: minimum \$1000 Amount donating \$ _____

Advertising Sponsor:

Please check one: Advertising in auction program []

Advertising in auction program and school directory []

Size of advertisement

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business card | \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page | \$175 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 Page (3 3/4 x 5) | \$60 | <input type="checkbox"/> Back Cover | \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 Page | \$100 | | |

Please include a copy business card or artwork you would like to have printed in our program or school directory.

**Thank you,
Debbie Shepherd
Auction Leader**

Please enclose a check for the full amount made out to SSCEF (South Shore Charter Educational Foundation)

Lunch Menu – October, 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Turkey</i></p> <p>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo</p>	<p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ham and Salami</i></p> <p>With Provolone Cheese lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Dev. Day</p>
<p>8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Columbus Day</p>	<p>9</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>BLT</i></p> <p>Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<p>11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tuna Salad</i></p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>15</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ham</i></p> <p>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>16</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Turkey</i></p> <p>With American cheese and mustard</p>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tossed Salad</i></p> <p>With Italian dressing and pita bread</p>
<p>22</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Italian Cold Cuts</i></p> <p>With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Early Release</p>	<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Roast Beef</i></p> <p>With American cheese and mustard</p>	<p>25</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tuna Salad</i></p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>29</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chicken Salad</i></p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>	<p>30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>BLT</i></p> <p>Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<p>1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Greek Salad</i></p> <p>With Greek dressing and pita bread</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 October, 2007
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, September 27, 2007

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 10/1 – 10/5	<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 SCHOOL
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Week of 10/8 – 10/12	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday NO SCHOOL	<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 10/15 – 10/19	<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 10/22 – 10/26	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Early Release	<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 10/29 – 11/2	<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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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 ordered	_____	X	\$3.00

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed

_____ \$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

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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
9/24 – 9/28	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	PB &J Lunch
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	- or -
	Wheat		Wheat		Salad

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 ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
Number of PB&J Lunches ordered	_____	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, or snackable and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$2.00. A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.

The Fall Festival

• *To Benefit the SSCPS PA* •

Saturday, September 29 – 11am to 3pm

12–3pm Outside: Live entertainment by Andre’s All Stars

Featuring Cole/Kyle Prediger Band
VOTE for your favorite act! \$50 Prizes

12–2pm Inside: Chocolate and Pumpkin Tasting

Come try mini bites of dozens of goodies in the H.S. Great Room.
\$5 per person or \$20 per Family.

Also Featuring

Jewelry Sale table & misc “fun” items • Cookie decorating table
Pumpkin decorating table • Nail Painting • Face Painting
Body Painting • Apple Bobbing • Moon Walk • Edy’s Ice Cream

Donations graciously accepted.
All proceeds benefit PA programs.

Questions ? Call KT: 781-925-1257