

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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NEWS ON THE CHARTER SCHOOL FRONT . . .

On Tuesday, September 25th, a number of us from SSCPS attended the legislature's Joint Committee on Education public hearing on Senate Bill number 282, an act establishing a charter school working group "to study financing of, caps imposed upon, and innovations promoted by charter schools." The hearing was well attended and the majority of the speakers spoke in favor of charter schools. Senator Robert Antonioni, co-chair of the Education Committee, opened the hearing by stating that the debate over charter schools was over and that charter schools are here to stay. The supporters of charter schools were encouraged by his remarks as well as those of three speakers from the business community. The business leaders stated that Massachusetts charter schools in Massachusetts have prepared students well for higher education and the work force and that they should be viewed as lab schools.

As one of the first charter schools in the Commonwealth, South Shore Charter Public School has made great strides over the past thirteen years and we have a number of successful practices and "lessons learned" to share with our sending school districts as well as new charter schools. Later this fall, we plan to host a meeting with area superintendents and curriculum leaders to discuss our program, practices, and innovations. In addition to disseminating information about our program, we plan to discuss the possibility of forming a professional development partnership and applying for grants from the Department of Education.

CLOSER TO HOME . . .

Kudos to all of the parents for organizing another well attended event. We greatly appreciate all of the effort that goes into planning these special family programs. The Fall Festival was a hit and a good time was had by all. Thanks also to our talented high school musicians and their maestro, Andre Kim!

Next week I will be meeting with the officers of the Foundation and items on their agenda include the Auction, major fundraising, and coordinating the spring dinner with our "reunion" plans to celebrate the past thirteen years and the Class of 2008's graduation. We are tentatively looking at scheduling events for April 3-5, 2008. Look for more details and final dates in future updates.

FUNDRAISING . . .

We appreciate all of the fundraising activities of the Foundation, Parents Association, Levels, and Project Coordinators. Last February, the Board of Trustees adopted a new fundraising policy in response to concerns raised by parents and local businesses regarding the frequency of requests and the costs. At the last Board of Trustees meeting, I shared with the Board a fundraising request form that we will be using this year. Per Board policy, ALL funding raising requests must be submitted to the Executive Director for approval. In addition, I informed the Board that the school is in the process of reviewing its current field trip and international travel procedures. We plan to develop guidelines/parameters for the field trips for each level and for projects as well as how funds will be raised to support these initiatives. One of the strengths of SSCPS has always been its commitment to field trips, service learning, and international travel. It is not our intention to change this important focus of our school. It is, however, our goal to respond to the Board of Trustee's request that we consider equity and access.

Prue Goodale, Interim Executive Director

Quote for the week: "How wonderful it is that nobody needs to wait a moment before starting to improve the world." -
-- Anne Frank

Wednesday	10/03	School Council	3:30pm
Wednesday	10/03	PSAT Parent Night	7:00pm
Thursday	10/04	Auction Committee Planning Meeting	8:30am
Friday	10/05	Professional Development Day – No classes for students	
Monday	10/08	Columbus Day Observed – No School	
Tuesday	10/09	Executive Committee Meeting – Panera Bread – Derby Street	7:45am
Wednesday	10/10	Personnel Committee Meeting – Hingham School Department	7:45am
Thursday	10/11	High School Parent/Teachers Conferences and Senior Parent Night	6:00pm

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.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The high school academic warnings were mailed this past Tuesday. The reports accompanied a letter informing parents that parent/teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 11th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Parents please contact Mariclare at x159 to schedule appointments with your child's teachers. If these times are not convenient, teachers will be able to schedule a meeting at another time of mutual convenience or a phone conference. Please do not request updates by email, as teachers have been advised for reasons of confidentiality to not discuss student progress in an email.

Also on Thursday, October 11th, Mary Carter is hosting a Senior Parent Night at 8pm. Thank you to Mary for organizing the MEFA Financial Aide night last Thursday night.

The High School Speech and Debate Team went to Yale University this past Saturday and viewed a national high school competition. They are gearing up for their first competition in November; the topic; "a soft partition in Iraq". The morning of the event, there is a coin toss to determine which team is pro and which is con on the subject, so the students really have to know both sides well.

The Fall Festival was a huge success this past Saturday. The weather was perfect, and the kids were treated to a moon walk, cookie decorating, and other creative events. Entertainment was provided by our talented music students, Daniel Alexandre, Keith Barry, and Caitlyn Ford. Over \$1,600.00 was raised for the Parent Association.

School Council will be meeting today, October 3 at 3:30 in Room 100.

Education Committee will be meeting on Monday, October 15 at 3:30 in Room 100.

The faculty will be participating in their fourth professional development day this Friday, October 5. No school for students. The teachers are participating in the Research for Better Teaching course entitled, Understanding Skillful Teaching. This course will enable us to continue to enhance our instruction and speak with a common language about curriculum and instruction.

Sally Foster sales end Friday, October 12th. Orders are due to Claire's project by that date. Please support the sales drive. Thanks for your help.

From the Athletic Department;

- Ryan Brenner finished 1st overall in Saturday's cross-country meet at Jacob's Pond in Norwell.
- The middle school soccer team has a home game, tomorrow, 10/4, vs. Innovation CPS at 4:30 PM.

Reminder

In the Attendance Policy, if your child will be absent from school, parents are asked to call in their child absent by 9 AM for each day the child will be out. You can leave an absent message on the voice mail any time by selecting that option when calling in to the school. If we do not hear from you by 9 AM, we will be calling to determine the whereabouts of your child. Thank you for helping us with this most important task.

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

GENERAL GUIDELINES TO AVOID SPREAD OF INFECTIONS

Please review these general guidelines following them will go a long way toward keeping everyone healthier.

- **WASH HANDS...WASH HANDS...WASH HANDS...** this is the #1 way to stop the spread of germs - of course this also means making sure fingernails are clean.
- **PLEASE TAKE YOUR CHILD'S TEMPERATURE IF HE/SHE IS COMPLAINING OF THE FOLLOWING:** sore throat, upset stomach, diarrhea, general aches and pains, swollen lymph nodes, or headache. Let common sense prevail. Any of those symptoms plus fever most likely indicates your child needs to stay out of school.
- **SCHOOLS HEALTH POLICY dictates a child stay** at home or will be sent home with a temperature of 100 degrees.
- **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL** with any of the following conditions:
- If he/she appears to have redness and/or discharge from the eyes. It could be conjunctivitis, commonly called "pink eye" and can be highly contagious if caused by bacteria. (Viral or allergic conjunctivitis is not contagious, but can only be diagnosed by your child's health care practitioner.)
- Diarrhea
- Fever
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Sore throat with foul breath
- Children with a positive strep culture must stay home until after they have had at least 24 hours of antibiotic medication and the fever is gone.
- Please call your child's teacher and /or the health office to report confirmed cases of infectious diseases. This courtesy will help us alert others to any potential outbreak of communicable disease.

For any questions or concerns, please call the health office @ 781-982-4202 ext.104

Every child in Massachusetts is eligible for some type of low-cost health insurance plan through MassHealth or the Children's Medical Plan. Recently, affordable health insurance plans have been made to adults through a new program called Commonwealth Care. Please come to the Health office or call ext. 104 if you are interested in more information about these programs.

LUNCH ORDERS

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: "Like a fish out of water."

Level 2: "Like a bull in a China shop."

LEVEL I IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

- Two people to re-organize and maintain the upkeep of the literacy collection on top of the lockers
- A rotating group of parents to do photocopying for teachers, according to a system we have set up.
- Kindergarten and First Grade Curriculum Project helpers. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.
- Parent Assistants for Cyndie's science classes (one from each Pod per week.)

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

CALLING ALL COOKS AND BAKERS (AND PURCHASERS)!!!!

We need food donations for the Annual Auction on Oct 20. We need appetizers, finger foods, hot or cold hors d'oeuvre, desserts or whatever you like to make!!! You can drop the food off that night when you come to the auction or we can make arrangements. Please email me at klb.rjc@verizon.net or call me at 781-792-1872 and tell me what you want to bring. Please send me the email directly so we don't fill up everyone's email. Thank you for all of your help in making this year's auction another success!!! Karen Boyle - Food Organizer

The Library Committee will meet on Thursday October 11th from 8:15-9:15 am to discuss the upcoming Book Fair and other current business. Gather in the front lobby, as the meeting place is not yet determined. Questions? Email Bev Bruce at bruceleute19@msn.com.

Health and Safety Committee Meeting scheduled at the school for Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. has been cancelled. The meeting will be rescheduled later this month. If anyone was planning on joining or interested in attending, please contact me. Thank you, Michelle Amicangelo (781) 878-7710 at home or cell (781) 799-8098 or michelleamicangelo@verizon.net

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

High School Math Full Time

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

FURONG GARDNER'S STUDENT BENEFIT RECITAL IN HONOR OF ALISON HAYES

Saturday, October 6, 2007 ~ 3:00 – 4:30pm

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree MA 02184

Furong Gardner, a voice instructor at the South Shore Conservatory will give a student recital in honor of SSCPS student Alison Hayes. Alison was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in February 2004. Because the cancer has returned twice, Alison has been in active treatment since her initial diagnosis. Donations from this event will help to defray medical costs for Alison's ongoing treatments and numerous hospitalizations. Please support this event by making a generous donation for this very special Person. Participating students will help raise money for Alison by asking friends and family to sponsor their performances with donations. All participants are asked to obtain at least one sponsor and a minimum of \$25.00 in donations. You may make your tax deductible donation payable to: **Alison Hayes Benefit Account**. Checks may be sent to: Rockland Trust, 100 Sargent Wm Terry Drive, Hingham, MA 02043 Thank you for your support and for participating in this exciting event! For additional information, please contact Furong Gardner at furong_gardner@yahoo.com or by phone at 781-829-8769.

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

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

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New Parking, Pick up Procedures 2007-2008

The use of vehicles by students and parents has increased this year. In previous years, there were enough spots on campus to accommodate all the parking needs of both the faculty and students and leave space for visitors. We are finding that in the morning more parents are opting to park and enter the building to drop off their child. Unfortunately, parents are parking in the back lot in parking spaces earmarked for faculty and students. If you must park your car in the morning and enter the school at drop off time, please park in the "gated" parking area in front of the playground. The last two rows of parking spaces before exiting the back parking lot are earmarked for our students. Please do not park here. Due to these parking constraints, at this time we are unable to allow parents to use the playground in the morning after drop off for playgroups. Since school has been open a few weeks now, your child is comfortable in knowing where they are to go in the morning when they enter the building. We also have staff to help direct them. There is no reason for you to enter the building with your child.

Our neighbors in the office park have requested us to notify parents that there should be no parking on private property. Please do not ask your child to leave the property to meet you or your vehicle on Longwater Circle as this is a serious safety concern to us. We need to ensure that all students are dismissed in a safe and orderly manner. When you ask your child to disregard the rules we have set for safety reasons, it sets a bad example for all.

Here are some new guidelines for our school community:

Student Parking: There is limited parking available for students this year. The last two rows of parking spaces out back near the exit are earmarked for student parking. Parking stickers are issued by Lottery annually, and are issued by seniority to those senior's that applied for a sticker and then the remaining spaces to juniors. Under no circumstances is any student to park on any other property or roadway in Assinippi Park.

Visitor Parking: There will be very limited visitor parking at the front entrance parking area. These spots will be for a maximum of 1 hour at a time. Please do not block our "fire lane" in the front of the building by leaving your car unattended. Within a few weeks this space will be clearly marked. Out back, if you must enter in the morning, you can park for a short time in the "gated" area of the parking lot. This will be open until 8:20am. It will then be closed so that our students can use this area of the parking lot for recess. Parents should be prepared to leave the building by 8:15am unless they have signed in as volunteers.

Afternoon Pickup: Parents and others picking up students at 3:00 PM will need to get in the pickup line to come through the campus. Please remember that those of you from towns beginning with A-M use the front door and towns beginning with N-Z use the rear door. The pickup line goes down Longwater Circle and around the corner onto Longwater Drive if needed. Please do not block other business's driveways. The police have asked us to keep all student pedestrian traffic off Longwater Circle. Only busses may park in front of the school by the rotary. **PLEASE DO NOT USE CELL PHONES WHILE PICKING UP STUDENTS AS THEIR USE DISTRACTS FROM LISTENING TO DIRECTIONS FROM THE FACULTY/STAFF.**

How to deal with the change: If parents stagger their arrival for pickup, the line would not be too long and the movement of it would be continuous. Some parents like to arrive very early to get in the pickup line. Others can arrive as late as 3:20 to pick up their student. Whatever your family decides is best for them, will govern how your child can deal with the time. If you decide to pick up at 3:20, your child can do homework here at school. After 3:30 if your child is still not picked up, a phone call will be made to you. Thank you for your cooperation with the changes.

Your cooperation is always appreciated.

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, October 4, 2007

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
10/8 – 10/12	NO SCHOOL	Pizza #_____	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza #_____	Sub ½ sub Wheat

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/15 – 10/19	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza #_____	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza #_____	Salad

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/22 – 10/26	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Early Release	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza #_____	Sub ½ sub Wheat

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/29 – 11/2	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza #_____	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza #_____	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

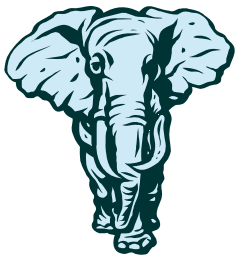
Less credit due _____

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

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13th Annual Auction



Check out some of the items that are being auctioned off

Six Course Dinner for 8 at Tosca

Boston/Quincy Marriot-One Night Stay Friday or Saturday includes Breakfast for two

South Shore Science Center 1 Yr. Family Membership

Complete Orthodontic Treatment by Locke & White Dental Assoc.

2- One Day Passes to Six Flags

Tour and Lunch with Garrett Bradley

Principal for the Day donated by Tom Gorsuch

Executive Director for the Day

**Sheraton Braintree Hotel-1 night stay including
Breakfast for two**

Seasons Cafe- Gift Certificate \$25.00

Plimouth Plantation- Family 4pack pass

**Sylvan Learning Center-Academic Ass.given
in reading, math & writing**

**Michael Nuesse- Reciprocal Wills for husband
and wife or partners**

**John F. Kennedy Library- discount passes
buy one get one free (4)**

**Summer Arts @ Derby (2) 1 day visiting days
at Summer Arts at Derby**

**(2) 3 month memberships to the 21st Century
Family Fitness Center in Norwell**

**Lady Cat Clock- White donated by the clock
Shop**

Bob's Furniture \$100.00 Gift Certificate

Baseball signed by Jim Longorb

(2) 53 South \$75.00 Gift Certificate

Ladies gift bed and bath basket

**Gift Certificate any class session at the
North River Art Society in Marshfield**

**(2) F1 racing certificates 15 laps on the
country or city track must be 18+ or 21**

**Hair cut/color in your home donated by
Jessica Lussier**

**4 live lobsters donated by Wendy Seigel
and Michael Mello**

**40 Hrs. of Genealogical research
over a yrs. time donated by**

Linda Davis

**A week for the family in April in a
two bedroom unit in the White Mts.**

**Creative Dance Center-8 week dance class
session gift certificate**

**A Massage at home 2-60 minutes sessions
by Geri Elliot**

Family membership & a \$100.00 gift

certificate towards art classes at Duxbury

**2 hours of Ebay training for up to 5 people donated
by Joan Manchester**

1 week sports camp at Kathy Corrigan Gym

2 Boston Aquarium passes

RI Zoological Society- Roger Williams Zoo-2 passes

Webbs Fitness-10 Classes at Webb's Profitness

AAA- 1 yr. basic membership

Edaville Railroad-2 passes

The Huntington Theatre-2 tickets to Streamers

Garber travel- Cooler bag

ZuZu's Sisters-Silk Embroided Pillow

Avedis Zildjian Company-1623 teeshirt

Avedis Zildjian Company- Glitter tee shirt

Roche Bros.-\$50.00 Gift Certificate

Cuisinart Coffee Maker with coffee items

Bernie & Phyl's Furniture \$25.00 gift certificate

**Flying Pie Circus Clowns Gift Certificate for entertainment &
basket**

6 Patriot Cinema Movie passes

Whitney Gordon Gift Certificate

Beautiful beaded necklace by Jewlery by Jane

Car Wash Basket all you need to wash your car

Party lite Candle holder donated by Shirley Chin

Hair cut/color in your home donated by Jessica Lussier

**S. S. Music Circus 2 complimentary tickets to mutually
agreed upon show**

appetizers for 8 by Prue Goodale (date to be arranged)

YMCA 3 month family membership

Face painting at a party donated by Lizanne Moffat

**Cosmopolitan 2 tier chandelier by Kichler (used as Lowes
(display no box)**

Verc Car Rental \$100.00 Gift Certificate

2-Museum of Science exhibit hall passes

2- Adult Whale watching passes by Yankee Fleet

Delicious Puopolo Candy basket donated by Quincy Credit Union

one month weight room Gift Certificate at The Workout Club

Framed autograph picture of Cam Neeley

Hingham Massage 2-50 minutes sessions

2 adult Whale Watching passes donated by Captain John Boats

Joan's Gymnastics & Dance School G.C. 1 recreational gym program

Framed autograph picture of Dennis Eckersley

Portrait session \$50.00 towards ordered B&W prints by Heidi Harting

****If you would like to make a donation email jdazdj@aol.com or fill out a donation form and leave it at the front desk. Invitations will be mailed out in a couple of weeks.**

Thank you and hope to see you there.

Debbie Shepherd