

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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WHAT A WEEK!

It will be extremely difficult to duplicate the extraordinary efforts and initiatives of our parents, teachers and board members this past week. It was one for the record books: on Monday afternoon the Education and Governance Subcommittees met. On Tuesday evening our teachers did a fantastic job presenting an overview of our Singapore Math program to parents. On Wednesday afternoon the Development Subcommittee met and on Thursday there was an open house for our new Science Lab and Level 1 classroom, the Finance Subcommittee met, and there was the October Board of Trustees meeting. Last, by no means least and best of all – on Saturday evening there was the truly spectacular 13th annual auction. WOW! I am exhausted just thinking about everything that went on between Monday and Saturday. On top of that everyone was sleep deprived because of our beloved Red Sox! Kristine Shipps informs me that ***\$20,500 was raised at the Auction!***

Special thanks to Auction Planning Group co-chairs Debbie Shepherd and Kim Dalton, SSCPS's two dynamos who will NOT take no for an answer and can convince anyone to donate and/or bid on items. It was my first SSCPS auction and when I walked into the building on Saturday evening I could not believe my eyes. The school was truly transformed into a jungle and the decorations were amazing! Kudos to our parents and other volunteers who spent hours setting up for the event, assisting all evening long with the many tasks, AND coming back on Sunday to help put the school back together for Monday's classes. As always, Paul Connick, our Facilities Manager is our go-to person and a great problem solver. His can-do attitude helps us conquer just about any snafu. Of course, I simply don't know what the school would do without Pam Alger and Kristine Shipps. Their help with the publicity, program, fund-raising, and set-up is indeed priceless!

Debbie did a fantastic job getting items for the auction and there was a nice variety of items for folks to bid on. Those in attendance were particularly impressed by the beautiful student art work that was submitted. The art items generated some of the liveliest bidding "wars". Thank yous to Marianne Buckley-Curran for coordinating the art projects and our art, Level 1 and Level II teachers for overseeing the student art projects. Special thanks as well to our multi-talented teachers and members of the Board of Trustees who generously donated some of their own art work for the auction! The arts are alive and well at SSCPS!

Jeff Seglin and Kim Dalton were great auctioneers. I especially enjoyed watching Ted stand on his head! A good time was had by all and we greatly appreciate the fact that so many found the time to attend, socialize with one another, make new friends, AND, most importantly, support the school. We faced some tough competition with the Red Sox game and family commitments. Many teachers and parents who could not attend made donations. We do have a few unsold items and which may still be bid on. Debbie Sheppard (after catching up on some much needed sleep) is compiling a list and she will be posting the list with descriptions on the web-site soon.

Please know that all of us at SSCPS are most appreciative of the many, many ways that you support our students.

FACILITIES EXPANSION AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

On Wednesday, November 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the Great Room there will be a joint meeting of the Development and Facilities Subcommittees. SSCPS needs to begin its next phase of its capital campaign and to complete the build-out of our school. We invite all members of our community to attend this important meeting so that you can learn more about the facilities plan and how you can help us reach our goal.

COFFEE HOURS

Between now and the winter recess, the school administrators and level coordinators are inviting parents to attend a series of coffee hours for each level. The coffee hours will held in the Music Room and begin at 8:30 a.m. and last for one hour. The schedule is as follows:

- Level IV: Wednesday, October 31
- Level III: Wednesday, November 14
- Level II: Wednesday, November 28
- High School: Monday, December 10
- Level 1: Wednesday, December 12

OPEN HOUSE

Our first Admissions Open House for the 2008-2009 school year is Saturday, November 3rd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please spread the word and invite your friends with school age children to visit us so that they can learn more about what makes this school such a special place.

Go Sox! Prue Goodale

Wednesday	10/24	Terra Nova testing continues...	
Thursday	10/25	Facilities Committee	6:00pm
Wednesday	10/31	Level 4 Parent Coffee	8:30am
Wednesday	10/31	High School Field Trip to Museum of Science	
Thursday	11/01	Auction Planning Group meeting	8:30am
Thursday	11/01	Level 3 Field Trip to Wheelock Theatre	
Friday	11/02	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	11/02	High School 1 st Quarter ends	
Saturday	11/03	Enrollment Open House	1-3pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FROM THE AUCTION PLANNING GROUP! Thank you once again to everyone who volunteered for the auction but the right way this time and not at 2:30 in the morning. Without your help the night couldn't have been the success it was. Thank you to Donna Walsh, Tim and Janet Coletti, Beth Toma, Jeremy LaMoureux and Lisa Hawes, The whole Bowker Kelly family, Kasundra Corbin Brown, Kathy and Brian Tyler, Gerry Elliot, Jae Picard, Colleen Whitmore, Jessica Lussier, Bethany and David Whitemyer, Mikey Ciambriello, Melissa Freitas, Denise and Joe Demaggio, Leslie Alden, David Kellem, Nancy Jaye, Jeff Seglin, Kim and Tim Dalton, Renee Hearn, Debbie and Joe Cerilli, Keith and Joyce Conforti, Judy Mahon and her husband but I am sorry I can't remember his name, Kim Beshere, Lizanne Moffat, Kerry and Bobby Griffin, Karen and Rich Boyle, Pam Algera, Damian and Kim Sullivan, Annette Golden, Helena McNulty and everyone I may have missed. I would also like to thank the art department and the students for

the wonder job they did on the bowls, planters and the decorations. A special thanks to Paul Connick all the work he did for three days helping us set up and cleaning up, Bobby Griffin and his son Zachery and Kim, Damian and their children Desmond, Molly and their two younger children for coming in on Sunday to finish the clean up.

In the next couple of weeks I hope to put out a survey on what you thought of the auction. Things you like and things that we could change to make run smoother. If you were not able to attend we would like to hear from you too. This helps us fine tune things including the date of the auction.

Thank you to everyone who attended.

Debbie Shepherd

CARPOOL FROM RANDOLPH OR BROCKTON - Mrs. Bibiana Aniagu has space in a car driven by Mr. Yvon Vrigneau to Randolph or Brockton. Please call Mrs. Bibiana Aniagu at 781- 771-2406 (cell) or 781-767-1885 (home).

UPCOMING EVENT...

PRESENTATION AND SURVEY ON BULLYING FOR SSCPS FAMILIES

Dr. Elizabeth Englander, a professor of Psychology at Bridgewater State College, is the founder and director of the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC) <http://www.bridgew.edu/MARC/>. As part of a SSCPS comprehensive K-12 anti-bullying program, she will be speaking to parents on **December 11th at 9 am** to raise awareness, and to provide support and education about bullying and cyber bullying.

The presentation will last about 1 1/2 hours and will be held in the Music Room. Please enter through the front doors and sign it at the front desk. Please look for parking at the school. If you cannot find a space, please park closest to the school next door at the Weichert Realty lot.

Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey about your perceptions of and experiences with bullying at SSCPS. Your responses will help the school to continue to develop programs and strategies that contribute to a safe and respectful learning environment. Your answers will be kept anonymous.

You can access the survey at the link below:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB22738DQ6DB7>

Please complete the survey by December 4, 2007.

If you need assistance, or don't have Internet access, Alicia Radl will be available to help families complete the survey. Please contact her at 781-982-4202 ext 206 or aradl@sscps.org to make an appointment.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Update from Tara Turner, our High School Science teacher and Speech & Debate Coach.....

The Speech and Debate Team had their first major competition this past Saturday at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School. Four members of the team participated in the competition; 11th grader Ryan Brenner, 10th graders Kristin Cheney, Austin Hill and Shanna Sobol. 10th Grader Patrick Weed attended as an observer. There were at least 10 other high schools at the competition including Hull, Silver Lake Regional, Fontbonne Academy, Catholic Memorial, Newton South, Lincoln-Sudbury and Dighton-Rehoboth Regional. Although the SSCPS team lost each round by 1 point, Tara said that the team did a "stellar" job. Tara has extensive experience with debating and said that it usually takes a beginning team a year to win a round, and a team needs to win four or five rounds to win a competition. The debate team meets after school twice a week to prepare for these competitions. Thank you to Julia for her time in coaching at the competition, and thank you to Tara for the endless enthusiasm and dedication to these students.

I hope everyone had fun at the auction this past Saturday night. The parents really worked hard on putting together our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thanks to Debbie Shepherd, who chaired the event, and the many others who spent countless hours putting this event.

We have hired a new HS Math teacher. Her name is Mary Ellen Cole. She is scheduled to start on Thursday, November 1. A sincere thank you to Andre Kim who has been so dedicated in keeping the students moving forward. He has spent much of his free time preparing lesson plans and grading assignments. Thank you also to parent Jeff White (Wheeler, Grade 6, and Lydia Grade 9) who has made himself available to help tutor any student who needs extra help during this transition time. We are fortunate to have such dedicated individuals.

Terra Novas testing will continue most of this week for grades K-8. These test have been able to give us some indication of how well are students do against national norms.

On Tuesday 10/23 the faculty participated in a professional development activity related topic of developing the project/workshop curricula. After a whole faculty meeting, each level broke out to begin the development of the curriculum. We will be spending some considerable time in developing and documenting these important curricula during the first half of the year. We expect to have the curricula completed by January.

The first marking quarter ends for the high school on Friday, November 2nd. Report cards will be distributed to the students on Thursday, November 8th. Parents should be expecting the report cards to arrive home with their child on that date

Enrollment Open House will be on Saturday, November 3 from 1-3PM. Please pass this information along to other families who have interest in the school.

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB:

Ski/Snowboard Club applications are now available for grades 7-12. Please see Will Glennon for more information.

BASKETBALL:

High School basketball practice will begin the week of November 12th – 16th

Middle School basketball practice will begin the week of December 10th – 14th.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the Lunch Order Form for the remainder of October which is due October 25th by 3pm. Also enclosed is the Menu and Lunch Order Form for the month of November. Orders for November are due Thursday, November 1st at 3pm.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Do unto others as you would have them do onto you."

Level 2: "Haste makes waste."

THE FIRST GRADE GLOBE PROJECT teachers are looking for volunteers to help with making globes on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:00-2:00. This is a multi-step, multi-day process. Please contact Velma at ex. 302 if you can help, or just show up in your "work clothes" for your assignment.

LEVEL 3 SCHOOL STORE PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH COMPLETING A FEW SALLY FOSTER ORDERS:

Renell Vonlen

Regine Montima

Georges Ducheine

These orders do not have the seller's name or addresses of the recipients.

We must have those parts in order to process them!

Please contact:

Samantha Doyle or Kaitlin Shipps @ 781-982-4202 ext. 321

LEVEL IV PROJECT LOOKING FOR RECIPES! One of the Level IV projects is required to create a product, make it and sell it Bobby Lehrer, Stacey O'Leary, Josh Sanchez, and Adam Thermitus all agreed on

making a school cookbook. The last SSCPS cookbook was produced in 2002. It is time for new families of SSCPS to submit their favorite recipes. In order to create our book, we need your recipes! There will be a drop box at the front desk. Please add your first and last name, the name of the recipe and all the details on how to make your recipe. The box will be out until Thanksgiving break. Breakfast, lunch, snack, dinner and dessert recipes will be accepted. We are looking forward to working with your recipes.

Thank you! Stacey, Bobby, Josh and Adam

HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TRIP TO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE - There will be a field trip for the entire high school on Wednesday, 10/31 to the Boston Museum of Science to view the CSI Exhibit. The cost for the trip is \$20.00 per student. (The cost includes transportation, exhibit and entrance fees). Please have students bring a bagged lunch. Any questions including scholarship information, please contact Mary Carter

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

UPCOMING PLANS FOR SSCPS COMMUNITY SERVICE

For a community service opportunity this month I was planning on having us do a school clean up like we did last year; collect leaves and put them in pumpkin bags, decorate the windows, etc. However, it has been so fantastically warm that no leaves are falling yet this year! Kristine Shipps has another great idea for us to help out the school, but I will wait until the plans are finalized before I broadcast this plan. In the meantime, the Norwell Food Pantry has let me know that they are in need of juice boxes for children's lunches. So, for the next two weeks when you and your child are shopping together, if you could pick up an extra package of juice boxes for the Food Pantry, you would be a big help to families who have hit a rough patch. I'll leave a box in the lobby for this.

If you want to start thinking ahead a month, in November we will be having a clothing drive for The Closet. The Closet is located in Norwell's town hall and it provides clothing, furniture, almost anything you can imagine to families who are having a hard time financially. As the weather starts to cool (if it starts to cool!) and you start going through your family's winter clothes to see what still fits and what doesn't, you can start putting aside outgrown/gently used items for The Closet. Last year we collected many, many bags of wonderful donations, and The Closet staff was overwhelmed and very grateful.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

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

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.

BONE MARROW DRIVE FOR ALISON HAYES



Alison, a 19 year old from Hull, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in February of 2004. A relapse in 2005 has kept her in treatment since the initial diagnosis. The cancer returned again this past July. A bone marrow transplant is the best treatment option for Alison at this time. It is anticipated the operation will take place in November.

BONE MARROW DRIVE

Date: Thursday, October 25th

Place: WellSpring, 814 Nantasket Ave, Hull 781-925-3211

Time: 3:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m.

Program: National Marrow Donor Program

There is a \$25.00 fee, which will be reimbursed by your insurance carrier.

If you are unable to attend perhaps you can sponsor another individual.

Donations are welcome.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of October, 2007
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, October 24, 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
10/29 – 11/2	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	
	Wheat		Wheat		

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.

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 Menu – November, 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 <i>Turkey</i> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	6 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	7 <i>Ham and Salami</i> With Provolone Cheese lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	8 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	9 NO SCHOOL Prof. Dev. Day
12 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day	13 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	14 <i>BLT</i> Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	15 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	16 <i>Tossed Salad</i> With Italian dressing and pita bread
19 <i>Ham</i> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	20 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	21 No Lunch Early Release	22 NO SCHOOL <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	23 NO SCHOOL
26 <i>Italian Cold Cuts</i> With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	27 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	28 <i>Roast Beef</i> With American cheese and mustard	29 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	30 <i>Tuna Salad</i> With lettuce and tomato

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 November, 2007
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, November 1, 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
11/5 – 11/9	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	NO
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	SCHOOL
	Wheat		Wheat		

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/12 – 11/16	NO	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	SCHOOL	#_____	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
11/19 – 11/23	Sub	Pizza	Early	NO	NO
	½ sub	#_____	Release	SCHOOL	SCHOOL
	Wheat				

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/26 – 11/30	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Sub
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	½ sub
	Wheat		Wheat		Wheat

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.

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.