

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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Thursday	11/01	Auction Planning Committee meeting	8:30am
Thursday	11/01	Level 3 Field Trip to Wheelock Theatre	
Friday	11/02	SEPAC	8:30am
Saturday	11/03	Enrollment Open House and Information Session	1:00-3:00pm
Monday	11/05	Art Fundraiser begins	
Monday	11/05	Library Committee sponsors Book Sale	
Tuesday	11/06	Library Committee sponsors Book Sale	
Tuesday	11/06	Executive Committee – Panera Bread, Derby Street, Hingham	7:45am
Tuesday	11/06	Governance Committee	5:00pm
Tuesday	11/06	Parents Association	7:00pm
Wednesday	11/07	Personnel Committee – Hingham School Department	7:45am
Wednesday	11/07	School Council	3:30pm
Wednesday	11/07	Facilities and Development Committee joint meeting	4:00pm
Thursday	11/08	High School grades distributed	
Friday	11/09	Professional Development Day – No school for students	
Monday	11/12	Veteran’s Day observed – No School	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN HOUSE

Enrollment 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.

TITLE 1 PARENT PROGRAM

To: Parents of Title 1 students are invited to:

- Meet Title 1 staff
- Learn about Title 1 and SSCPS tutorial programs
- Learn strategies to strengthen your child’s reading and math skills

When: Tuesday, November 13 @ 8:30-9:30 a.m. OR

Thursday, November 15 @ 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

*Childcare provided. Please call Tania Phillips at 781-982-4202, extension 204 to reserve childcare space.

ABITIBI PAPER RETRIEVER RECYCLING

SSCPS has joined the Abitibi Paper Recycling Program to raise awareness about the importance of recycling, allowing us to help our environment, and to raise money to support all of our K-12 project/workshops.

Did you know that you can recycle newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, paperback books, office & school papers and mail: 24 hours/7 days a week at our school? Did you know also that we earn money for paper dropped off at our green and yellow Abitibi Paper Retriever bin located in the front of our building?

This is an easy way for you to recycle your paper every week and help us raise money for projects/workshops.

What Can Be Placed in the Retriever Bin:

Newspapers

Magazines

Office Paper

School Paper

Catalogs

Mail

Paperback books

Shredded Paper (must be in clear plastic bag & tied with holes poked into it)

Please **Do Not Place** these items in the Retriever Bin:

Plastic

Glass

Metals

Trash

Cardboard

Phonebooks

Over the next few weeks, we will be gearing up to promote this fundraiser with area businesses in the office park. Hopefully, we will be able to generate a lot of interest in recycling and raising more funds for our projects/workshops.

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

I am sure everyone is a little tired after watching the Sox sweep the Rockies and the rolling rally yesterday. What a series! We are fortunate to be part of Red Sox Nation today. Also – how about those Patriots! All eyes turn to Indy this Sunday. Let's not forget BC! How great is that!

Our new high school Math teacher, Mary Ellen Cole, will be starting Thursday, November 1st. Mary Ellen comes to us from Pennsylvania. She has degrees in Math and Counseling and will be a great addition to our school. Please come by to say "Hi" and welcome her to our community.

Congratulations to Rick Small who was invited by the state to ride the MBTA commuter "inaugural train ride" on the Greenbush Line. What an honor.

Thanks to the Level IV teachers and students, as well as the high school Biology, Design Engineering, and Project X Workshops for their time and creativity in carving pumpkins for the "Pumpkin Walk" for the New England Wildlife Center. Over 175 pumpkins were carved and illuminated for the event. The Wildlife Center reported that they had over 300 visitors making it a successful fundraiser for them. I am proud that our students worked so well together to get this accomplished for the Wildlife Center.

The high school went to the Museum of Science this Wednesday, October 31st to view the new CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) exhibit and some new films. A great way to spend Halloween!

Level 3 students will be traveling to Wheelock Family Theater on Thursday, November 1st to see *To Kill a Mockingbird*. It should be a wonderful event for the students.

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

Enrollment Open House will be this Saturday, November 3rd from 1-3PM. Please encourage friend and families who may be interested in the school to attend.

The November Parent Association meeting will be Tuesday, 11/6, from 7-9PM.

School Council will meet Wednesday, 11/7/07, at 3:30 in room #100.

The next session of Skillful Teaching Professional development for the faculty will be next Friday, November 9th. Students get to enjoy a long Veteran's Day weekend.

Hope everyone enjoys Halloween festivities. Don't eat too much candy!

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.

ART NEWS

Our annual fund raiser from **Original Works** which provides each student with the option of purchasing their art on potholders, tiles, books, mugs, etc. is again available this year. Students will be coming home with their art, order forms and information the week of November 5th. Order forms, money and art work is due back to the Pod teacher on November 13th. If you have any **questions please call Marianne @ x304**. Also, if you have someone at home that would like to participate, extra paper can be sent home with your child.

Attention, Attention, First Outside Event of the Year!!!

Please be sure to check out the high school **art display at Starbuck's in Hingham on Route 3A**, Crow Point area. The students varied display will be there through the month of **November**.

LUNCH ORDERS

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: "Cold feet."

Level 2: "Laugh and the world laughs with you."

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

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The next Parents Association meeting will be held next Tuesday, November 6th from 7:00 to 9:00. The agenda is attached to the back of this Update.

Keeping Our Children Safe - Learn About Internet Use and Safety

Attorney Mary Lee of the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office will make a presentation to the SSCPS parents and guardians on **November 27th** at 7:00 p.m. about Internet Use and Safety. Attorney Lee's presentation is intended to supplement MARC's anti-bullying presentation scheduled for December 11th and will not duplicate information! Many of our children have a false sense of security on the Internet so please join Attorney Lee to learn about:

- types of technology;
- anonymity, frauds, scams and privacy issues;
- typical internet activities by children, including MySpace, YouTube, blogging and cheating;
- Internet safety tips for children;
- criminal law and real life consequences for certain on-line activities such as threats; and
- what to do and who to contact if your child has a problem on the Internet.

If you have any questions about this presentation, please direct them to J.SKaplan@yahoo.com. Thank you.

SEPAC COMMITTEE

SEPAC Committee will be hosting "Basic Rights" Workshop presented by Carolyn Moore on Thursday, November 15th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at SSCPS in the auditorium. The focus of this workshop is for families who may have a student receiving services under Special Education.

This workshop was presented last year and was very successful. If you did not come last year please join us this year.

Please RSVP if you would like to come or if you have any questions regarding the workshop to Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com.

For Community Interest:

TOPIC: "Redirecting Children's Behavior: Creating Peace with the Kids You Love and Care For"

SPEAKER: Stacey Zawel, Certified Parent Instructor Hingham, www.rcbsouthshore.com

WHEN: This Friday, Nov.2, 2007 at 7:15 pm

WHERE: New Location this year! PLYMOUTH NORTH HIGH SCHOOL (PNHS) (Rt. 3 to Exit 5, turn onto Long Pond Road, heading East. After 1st stop light, bear right onto Obery St. The school entrance is on the left - opposite the entrance to Jordan Hospital) (Go in school drive and turn left to go around to the side of the building. Go in the entrance on that side.)

Refreshments: proceeds to benefit Scholarship Fund. Information: 508-746-3959

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

Email cover letter, resume and list of references to Kristine Shipps, Business Manager, kshipps@sscps.org

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

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@sseps.org or contact Kathy at 781-982-4202 ext. 100.

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

AGENDA • 6 November 2007 / 7:00 – 9:00 PM

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| 7:00 | Call Meeting to Order | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:00 – 7:05 | Review and Approve Minutes
<i>October 2, 2007 PA Meeting Minutes</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:05 – 7:10 | Announcements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:10 – 7:30 | Committee Reports (as needed)
<i>Fundraising & Events Committee (PA funding structure – Debby Cerilli)</i>
<i>Health & Safety Committee (partnership w/new committees – Michelle Amicangelo)</i>
<i>Library Committee (Book Fair)</i>
<i>Orientation/Welcoming Committee</i>
<i>Community Service Committee</i>
<i>PAC Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/>
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| 7:30 – 7:40 | Board of Trustees Report
<i>Bob Gass</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:40 – 7:55 | School Report
<i>Prue Goodale / Tom Gorsuch</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:55 – 8:00 | Old Business | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:00 – 8:45 | New Business
<i>Presentation/ Vote of Ad Hoc Committee Bylaw Amendments – Gema Gray</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:45 – 8:55 | Grade Representative Reports (as needed) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:55 – 8:90 | Other Reports (as needed)
<i>Education Committee</i>
<i>School Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9:00 | Adjourn | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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.

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