

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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WISHING THE SSCPS COMMUNITY A SAFE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. It is a time for family and friends to come together, feast on turkey and all the fixings, and share memories of past gatherings. Of course, we give thanks that we are all able to be together for another year. An appropriate quote for this time of year comes from Meister Eckhart, “if the only prayer you ever say in your life is ‘thank you,’ that would suffice.”

Best wishes to everyone from the staff of South Shore Charter Public School!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

On Wednesday, November 14th, seven members of the Class of 2009 were inducted into the National Honor Society. Congratulations to Alyse Algera, Ryan Brenner, Kelly Garber, Carly Hayes, Ashley O’Neill, Michael Ryan, and Andrew Tyler. To be admitted into the NHS, students must meet four requirements: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The staff and administration at SSCPS is proud of the accomplishments of these fine young men and women. Well done!

WELL DONE TO SAMI

We recently learned that Governor Patrick recognized Samantha Wholley at a State House reception on November 13th. Sami and her teammates received a synchronized skating award for winning the National Championships in Blaine, Minnesota. Congratulations, Sami!

Prue Goodale

Thursday	11/21	Happy Thanksgiving	
Friday	11/22	No School	
Tuesday	11/27	South Shore Charter Educational Foundation Meeting	7:30am
Tuesday	11/27	Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying Parent Workshop	7-8:30pm
Wednesday	11/28	Level 2 Parent Coffee	8:30am
Friday	11/30	K-8 Progress Reports distributed	
Monday	12/03	High School Parent Coffee	8:30am
Tuesday	12/04	Deadline to submit online survey on BULLYING (see link below)	
Tuesday	12/04	Parent Association meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	12/05	Professional Development Early Release and K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences	12:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE AUCTION IS AVAILABLE – VISIT WWW.SSCPS.ORG AND CLICK ON THE ONLINE AUCTION LINK UNDER EVENTS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO BID ON ITEMS.

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 9am** 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

Sincere thanks to Tania Phillips and the Title I staff for their presentations last week to our parents. The dedication to educating our parents, which in turns breeds success for our students, is commendable.

The High School Speech and Debate team just keeps getting better! At this weekend's competition Ryan Brenner and Nick Sisson took a fourth place, and Kristin Cheney and Shanna Sobol took a sixth place. Olivia Mignosa and Tee Smith (who just joined the team) were strong contenders. Tara said that these students have already far exceeded her expectations as they are a novice team. Congratulations to them!

Thanks to Tania Phillips for arranging the Homework Club again this year. This program will run Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from November 27 to March 6th, from 3:00 to 3:55.

Level II had a field trip to the Museum of Science last week. The museum called Prue when the students returned to tell them how well mannered our students were. There is no greater compliment as a Principal, I am truly pleased. Thank you to the Level II students, teachers, and chaperones for leaving such an uplifting impression.

K-8 first trimester ends today, Wednesday, the 21st. The progress reports will go home with the students on Friday, November 30th.

The Internet Safety/Cyber Bullying Informational Night will also be Tuesday, the 27th, from 7-8:30pm.

Level II parent coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28th, at 8:30 AM.

Thanks to everyone for all that you do. To all our families and friends -Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

ATTENTION PARENTS OF THE 9TH GRADE HEALTH CLASS

The adjustment counselor and the school nurse will be presenting a Depression Awareness/ Suicide Prevention class for the 9th grade students. The class will be held on three consecutive Wednesday's in December during Advisory. Each student will attend one class. If you do not want your child to attend or have any concerns please call the school nurse @781-982-4202 x104.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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 November. Also enclosed is the Menu and Lunch Order Form for the month of December. Orders for December orders are due Thursday, November 29th at 3pm.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: **"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."**

Level 2: **"Once in a blue moon."**

LEVEL II NEWS!

The South Shore Publications Project will be selling its first edition of the Fun Book and Comic Book on November 20th. Each book will cost \$.25 and proceeds will go to charity.

Grade 3 Roman Plays will be held on Wednesday, November 21st. All families are welcome to attend our performances. The play starts at 10:45am for parent and guests. We hope you can join us!

HOMEWORK CLUB

LEVELS II AND III

2nd Trimester

- Offered November 27th through March 6th
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 3:00-3:55
- \$3/session; full scholarships available
- Registration forms available at front desk
- Contact Tania Phillips with questions, ext. 204

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

PROPOSED PA BYLAW AMENDMENTS ONLINE: Proposed amendments to the PA bylaws are available online for downloading and viewing. At the June 2007 Parents Association meeting an ad hoc committee was created and tasked with reviewing the existing bylaws and presenting any recommended amendments at an autumn 2007 PA meeting. Those recommended amendments were presented and explained at the November 6, 2007 PA meeting. In keeping with the adoption clause of the current bylaws, any revisions to the bylaws must be proposed at a regular meeting at least one month prior to a vote being taken, to allow all SSCPS parents and guardians an opportunity to review them. A motion, discussion, and vote will take place at the December 4, 2007 meeting to amend the existing bylaws: <http://www.sscpspa.org>

BOX TOPS - Please help our school earn extra money by collecting Box Tops for Education. Thank you to all of the families who have already submitted Box Tops this year. Our school has earned over \$100 since September! Box Tops can be found on hundreds of products, from Ziploc baggies and Kleenex tissues to Cheerios and Gogurt. Our school earns 10 cents for every Box Top we collect. The funds raised this year at our school will help develop our library. There is an envelope at the front desk where you can leave your Box Tops. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for more information about Box Tops, as well as recipes, coupons, and special offers. You can also earn money for our school by starting your online shopping at stores like Kohl's, Land's End, Wal-Mart, and more at the Box Tops website. A percentage of your total will be donated to our school. If you have any questions about the program, please feel to contact Bethany Whitemyer at bwhitemyer@rcn.com. Thank you.

SEPAC COMMITTEE

SEPAC Committee Workshop

The SEPAC Committee will hold their second Workshop on Thursday, December 6, 2007 from 7 pm to 9 pm... The title of this workshop will be "The Basics of Encouragement" by Ron Larrivee, Director of Special Education at the SSCPS will present this workshop. Please RSVP or if you have any questions to Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Interim Director of Learning Services Part Time (3 to 4 days per week as needed)

Level I Part time 88% (35 hours per week) Teachers Aide

Part Time Girls High School Basketball Coach

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

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.

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.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of December, 2007
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, November 29, 2007

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 12/3 – 12/7	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Early Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Salad
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Week of 12/10 – 12/14	<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 Sub ½ sub Wheat
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Week of 12/17– 12/21	<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 Early Release
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Week of
12/24 – 12/28 ----- V A C A T I O N -----

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.

Lunch Menu – December, 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Ham With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	4 Cheese Pizza	5 No Lunch Early Release Professional Development	6 Cheese Pizza	7 Greek Salad With Greek dressing and pita bread
10 Turkey With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	11 Cheese Pizza	12 Italian Cold Cuts With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	13 Cheese Pizza	14 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
17 Roast Beef With American cheese and mustard	18 Cheese Pizza	19 BLT Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	20 Cheese Pizza	21 Early Release Vacation Begins
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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.

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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

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