

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## *UPDATE*

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Wednesday	12/5	Professional Development Early Release & K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences	12:00pm
Wednesday	12/5	Development and Facilities Joint Meeting	4:00pm
Thursday	12/6	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Information Night	7:00pm
Thursday	12/6	SEPAC Workshop	7:00pm
Friday	12/7	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	12/7	Level 3 Frog Pond Field Trip	
Friday	12/7	High School Semi-Formal	7-10pm
Monday	12/10	Governance Committee	4:00pm
Tuesday	12/11	Executive Committee – Panera Bread, Hingham	7:45am
Tuesday	12/11	Parent Meeting with Elizabeth Englander regarding Cyber Bullying	9:00am
Tuesday	12/11	Level 2 Field Trip to Museum of Fine Arts	
Wednesday	12/12	Level 1 Parent Coffee	8:30am
Wednesday	12/12	Level 4 Frog Pond Field Trip	
Wednesday	12/12	School Council	3:30pm
Wednesday	12/12	ANNUAL WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT Hingham High School	6:00pm

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Thank you to those who participated in the on-line anti-bullying survey. With the assistance of MARC, the school will analyze and use your responses to develop programs and strategies that contribute to a safe and respectful learning environment

Dr. Elizabeth Englander, founder and director of the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC) will make her parent presentation on **Tuesday - December 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.** 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-in 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.

Dr. Englander will:

- define various types of bullying.
- provide tips to help parents recognize when their child is a victim of bullying and how parents can become active in preventing and resolving bullying situations.

- explain confidentiality laws – what SSCPS staff can and cannot tell you and how these laws affect your right to know as a parent.
- address cell phone abuse, what social networking sites are, their dangers, how dangers can be avoided and talking to your teens about uses and abuses of these sites.

**Child care** will be provided on-site by SSCPS students from the Child Development Workshop. Children must be at least 6 months old, and parents are to provide all *peanut free snacks*, drinks, diapers/wipes, and toys for their own children. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Contact Mariclare Cheney (ext. 159) for more information and to arrange pre-registration. The registration deadline is **Friday afternoon – December 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**ONLINE AUCTION ENDS TODAY – VISIT [WWW.SSCPS.ORG](http://WWW.SSCPS.ORG) AND CLICK ON THE ONLINE AUCTION LINK UNDER EVENTS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO BID ON ITEMS.**

The **EARLY MORNING DROP OFF PROGRAM** is currently enrolling for the second trimester. Children who are registered and prepaid can arrive at school from 7:00 a.m. The program meets in Velma's Level I Pod and is supervised by teacher Geoff Overlee. It is open to children K-12. The cost for the 14 week trimester is \$210.00 for the first child plus \$60 per sibling. Lower rates can be negotiated in cases of hardship, for partial registrations on certain weekdays, or for specific weeks. Registration form and details are attached. Questions? Please contact [gemagray@comcast.net](mailto:gemagray@comcast.net).

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It's school "School Spirit Week" in the High School. Monday was "Sports Day"; you may have seen many of the high school students (and Rick Small) dressed in their favorite teams' colors or uniforms. Tuesday was interesting as the students came dressed from another decade, and some another century. Today is "Goofy Goober Day", Thursday - "Opposite Day", and Friday is "SSCPS School Spirit Day"; the students will be dressed in the school colors of white, blue and silver. Friday afternoon will bring a pep rally for the basketball teams, followed by a round of "are you smarter than a freshman?" The students have really been having fun with this.

Thanks to Kristine Shipps for organizing the "In-Control" driving session for our high school students last week. The students will really benefit from this great program paid for by the Torri Wightman Safe Driving Fund.

News from Level III; the students have finished their biography presentations, and their photos can be viewed at the new bulletin board outside of Dave's room. The kids are currently working on designing their personal palaces after the completion of the study of Versailles. The level will be going to the Frog Pond in Boston this Friday, hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Level IV has its annual "Crazy Hair" day today. This is always fun and interesting.

High School basketball has begun and the first home game is scheduled for December 9th vs. Foxborough Regional Charter School at Hingham Middle School beginning at 6:15pm.

*Dr. Tom Gorsuch*

## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HEALTH CLASS

The adjustment counselor and the school nurse will be presenting a Depression Awareness/ Suicide Prevention class for the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the Menu and Lunch Order Form for the month of December. Orders for December orders are due Thursday, December 5th at 3pm.

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

**High School Basketball** begins their season on Sunday vs. Foxboro Regional Charter School. The games take place at the Hingham Middle School and will begin with the girls' game at 6:15 pm.

**Middle School Basketball** will begin next week. Forms and information will be available on Friday for potential players to take home. The girls' first meeting/practice will take place on Monday. The boys' team will have a meeting/practice scheduled for Tuesday. Both teams are open for students in grades 6-8 that are in good standing.

## ON THE LEVELS

### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Great oaks from little acorns grow."

Level 2: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

### HOMEWORK CLUB

#### LEVELS II AND III

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester

- Offered November 27<sup>th</sup> through March 6<sup>th</sup>
- 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 2 Art Force Project** will be having a Holiday Sale of key chains, ornaments, jewelry, bookmarks. Proceeds to benefit the Quincy Animal Shelter and replenish supplies. The sale will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The book fair orders are in and have been distributed to each class. If you requested any books to be held, they are in Pam Alger's office. Please see Pam to get your books. **Please note - if you owe any money for your books, please submit it to Kristine Shipps as soon as possible.** Thank you.

## SEPAC COMMITTEE

**Workshop, December 6, 2007, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

### "The Basics of Encouragement"

The workshop will focus on the "language of encouragement" and how important it is to find the right words to provide "in" courage. Many children (and adults) engage in what Ron calls "catastrophic" thinking... They tend to ruminate and obsess making "mountains out of mole hills." They also tend to fall apart because they only see what they did wrong and they are blind to what they did "right."

For these individuals, positive, sloppy feedback doesn't work as an encouragement because it's too vague and/or they simply can not "accept" it. Thus, a conversation needs to be had with these children about this.

As meaningful adults in their lives, we need to find ways to give them "believable" positive to specific feedback. The Adlerian Psychologists such as Rudolf Dreikurs, Don Dinkmeyer, etc. call this Encouragement. Please RSVP via separate email to Beth Toma [JToma85103@aol.com](mailto:JToma85103@aol.com) you would like to attend.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Level I Part time 88% (35 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](mailto: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](http://www.sscps.org). If your family would like to receive a paper copy please email a request to [palgera@sscps.org](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) or contact Kathy at 781-982-4202 ext. 100.**



December 5, 2007

Dear Parents,

It's time for our Annual Winter Solstice Concert! This year our concert is on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Hingham High School. The concert will begin at 6:00pm and end by 8:00pm. All parents, relatives and friends are invited!

When you arrive at Hingham High we ask that your children sit with you until it is time to go on stage and then return to sit with you after their performance. This will alleviate children running up and down the aisles of the auditorium and distracting the performers and other audience members. Thank you for your cooperation.

Concert attire: clothes that are neat and clean and have no writing or logos on them.

**Hingham High School is at 17 Union Street**

**Take Route 228 North.**

*Route 228 has several sharp curves so make sure you stay on 228.*

**Take a right on Pleasant Street.**

*Pleasant Street is to the right of the Congregational Church as 228 curves to your left.*

*Union Street will be your second right.*

**The school is on your right.**

Please stay at least until intermission. We appreciate your cooperation.

Your children have worked hard on the show. We hope you will all come and enjoy the fruits of their labors!

Prue Goodale,  
Interim Executive Director



# ATTENTION!



Do you have a child that is the age of 2 to 5? Well, the High School Childhood Development Workshop of South Shore Charter Public School is looking to put together an afternoon program called “**Mothers Day Out**” from 1:30-3:00 on Thursdays. We have 11 people in our workshop and are looking to take on 10 **potty trained** children per session. If you are interested there will be an **information meeting, Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30-2:30 in room 103**. Feel free to bring your children to the meeting with you. If you have any questions please contact the workshop.

**E-mail:** moms.dayout@yahoo.com

**Phone:** 781-982-4202

**Ext:** 324

**Room:** 103

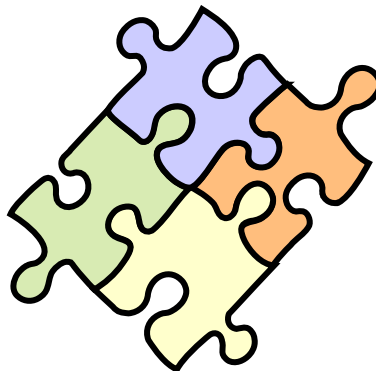
## WE NEED THE FOLLOWING!

Craft Supplies	Newspaper	Mirror
Paint	Kid scissors	Keyboard
String	Plant seeds	Computer mouse
Tape	Big mat	Phone
Glue	Lincoln logs	Books
Crayons	Big puzzles	Chalk/chalk board
Felt	Toy Vehicles	Briefcase
Pasta	Jewelry	Notebook
Play dough	Purses	Kitchen set
Brushes	Sunglasses	Fake food
Glue sticks	Costumes (plastic)	Fake pots/ pan
Paper plates	Runway	

Any other kid-friendly donations are also welcome.

<http://www.hot-new-toys.com/recalled-toys.htm>

**\*\*Please refer to this list when donating toys.**  
These are the items in the hazard recalled toys from China.



# South Shore Charter Public School

## Early Morning Drop-Off Program

### Second Trimester

The Early Morning Drop-Off Program has been up and running since the beginning of the school year and has proven very successful – both for the families benefiting from the service and for the teacher, Geoff Overlee.

The program is for children in all grades K-12 and begins at **7:00 a.m.** each school morning in Velma's Level I pod. Please note that only children who have been signed up for this program and paid in advance will be allowed to enter the building at 7:00 a.m. All other children will be subject to the regular opening times of the school.

The cost for the program is \$15.00 per week for the first child per family. The additional cost for siblings is \$60.00. This will allow Geoff to purchase some materials to make the mornings more enjoyable for the children and avoid using Level I materials.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Details:**

<b>Payment Due</b>	<b>Period Covered</b>	<b>Cost for 1<sup>st</sup> child</b>	<b>Cost per sibling</b>
Dec 7, 2007	Nov 26 - Mar 14	\$210.00	\$60.00

In cases of hardship, limited scholarships may be available depending on the response for the program. Please ask Gema Gray for details. Please complete the registration form below (one per family), attach a check/money order payable to "Geoff Overlee" and hand the form and payment to Geoff by the due date of Friday, December 7, 2007. If possible, please also confirm your registration and payment with Gema Gray at [gemagray@comcast.net](mailto:gemagray@comcast.net).

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**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone (day):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone (eve):** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Child(ren) Details:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies, medical concerns or additional information about your child(ren):**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of payment enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Order Form  
Lunch for the Month of December, 2007  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, December 5th, 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
12/3 – 12/7	Sub	Pizza	<b>Early</b>	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub	#_____	<b>Release</b>	#_____	
	Wheat				

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
12/10 – 12/14	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Sub
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	½ sub
	Wheat		Wheat		Wheat

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
12/17 – 12/21	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	<b>Early</b>
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	<b>Release</b>
	Wheat		Wheat		

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
<b>3</b> <b><i>Ham</i></b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	<b>4</b> <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	<b>5</b> <b>No Lunch</b>  Early Release <b>Professional Development</b>	<b>6</b> <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	<b>7</b> <b><i>Greek Salad</i></b>  With Greek dressing and pita bread
<b>10</b> <b><i>Turkey</i></b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	<b>11</b> <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	<b>12</b> <b><i>Italian Cold Cuts</i></b> With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	<b>13</b> <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	<b>14</b> <b><i>Tuna Salad</i></b>  With lettuce and tomato
<b>17</b> <b><i>Roast Beef</i></b>  With American cheese and mustard	<b>18</b> <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	<b>19</b> <b><i>BLT</i></b>  Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	<b>20</b> <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	<b>21</b> <b>Early Release</b>  <b>Vacation Begins</b>
<b>24</b>  V      A	<b>25</b>  C	<b>26</b>  A      T	<b>27</b>  I	<b>28</b>  O      N

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.