



Independence ~ Knowledge ~ Community

Building community, service to others, history in the making . . .

This Monday, January 19th, communities across the country will come together for celebrations, church services, and special events in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. While there are activities and events every year to recognize and acknowledge Dr. King's contributions to civil rights and our country, 2009 is a very special year. President-elect Obama and Vice-President-elect Biden have not only announced that their administration will be committed to service learning and reaching out to one's community, they have created a website, www.usaservice.org. They have called for a national day of service on January 19th to "Renew America Together."

The heading at the top of the USASERVICE web-site reads, "We are one people, We are one nation; and together, we will begin the next great chapter in America's story". At this site, a powerful case is made for service learning and a continuation of programs begun during President Kennedy's administration. The information on the site changes daily and there are a number of video clips AND a LINK that will direct you to activities and service projects in our local area that are planned to honor Dr. King and service to others. In the Tuesday, January 13th entry, the heading was "The Business of Service" and reads:

"We find ourselves at a unique moment: America faces a crisis of historic proportions amid equally historic levels of enthusiasm to repair our world. Everyone wants to serve. The President-elect has promised to expand AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps and to channel the civic energies of the American public through new vehicles, such as an Education Corps or Green Jobs Corps. Supplementing these efforts, nonprofit organizations like CityYear, Teach for America, and YouthBuild seem poised to explode."

CityYear began right here in Boston and it has been replicated in cities all over the United States. Our own Angie Pepin is a "veteran" of Teach for America" – another wonderful program that began in the Northeast.

The news report today that December retail sales dropped 2.7% -- the worst holiday season since 1969, underscores the seriousness of our economic situation right now. The road ahead for all of us will not be easy, but our citizens have always been up to any challenge and I believe that we are at our best when we work together, sacrifice together, and look out for those less fortunate.

Tuesday, January 20th is another historic occasion: the inauguration of our first African-American president. At SSCPS, we have only one cable/broadband drop but we do have five LCD projection carts with computers. Our plan is to set them up in Great Room, Level meeting areas, and the Music Room/Auditorium. We are not certain that the feed from the internet will be reliable (millions of people will be watching via the internet) so our back-up plan is to have radios ready to go if need be (just like millions of Americans listening to FDR's Fireside Chats in the 1930s). Note: Our long-range plan for the building includes cable drops in all classrooms and HD televisions but it will be awhile before we can accomplish this goal.

Important Date Reminders:

- Thursday, January 15: Level III and IV Parent Information Night on Cyber-Bullying***
- Wednesday, January 21- Friday, January 23: Mid-Terms for Level IV and High School****
****Half-day for HIGH SCHOOL ONLY***
- Wednesday, January 21: Level I Coffee Hour (Change in Date/Day)***
- Thursday, January 22: Education Committee Meeting, 3:40 p.m.***
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Prue Goodale

“President-elect Obama’s initiative begins now, but it ultimately demands an enduring commitment from every one of us to serve our communities well in to the future. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (in whose honor we’ll serve next week): ‘If you want to be important -- wonderful. If you want to be recognized -- wonderful. If you want to be great -- wonderful. But, recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That’s a new definition of greatness.’” Michelle Obama, January 13, 2009

Wednesday	01/14	Enrollment Open House	5:00-7:00pm
Thursday	01/15	Level II Field Trip to MFA	
Thursday	01/15	Level III and IV Parent Workshop	7:00-8:00pm
Friday	01/16	2 nd Quarter Ends – Grades 7-12	
Monday	01/19	Martin Luther King Day	No School
Tuesday	01/20	Grades K-6 Warnings Mailed	
Tuesday	01/20	Development and Facilities joint meeting	6:00pm
Tuesday	01/20	Fundraising Committee	7:00-8:00pm
Wednesday-Friday	01/21-01/23	Grades 7-12 Mid Term Exams <i>Early release at 12:00pm for students grades 9-12 only</i>	
Wednesday	01/21	Level I Parent Coffee	8:30am
Wednesday	01/21	Level III Frog Pond Field Trip	

**WEEKLY UPDATES ARE EMAILED AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE
AT WWW.SSCPS.ORG EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE
CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103 OR EMAIL PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cyberbullying Informational Meeting for parents of Level III and IV students on Thursday, January 15 from 7pm: Current and valuable information concerning the problem of cyberbullying and internet abuse by middle grade students to be presented by Claire and Angie who recently attended a Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC) Conference at Bridgewater State College. The meeting will cover age-appropriate limits on children's use of electronic communications, social networking guidelines (FaceBook, MySpace, etc.), and practical strategies for parents concerning cyberbullying, and confidentiality around cyberbullying issues.

PARENTS, STUDENTS AND STAFF WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR SSCPS?

The PA has funds to disburse this year and we want you to tell us what you think SSCPS needs! If you know of items or events that are not budgeted for and you think would improve the environment or education at SSCPS let us know! A few examples would be: funding an enrichment program or field trip, purchasing small items such as playground equipment or if the science lab needed a microscope. The PA has been fundraising for SSCPS and we want to hear what we can do for the school financially and hope with your help we will maximize our efforts through this new process we have created. Request forms are available at the front desk and need to be filled out by Tuesday, January 20, 2009 and submitted to the front desk. (There will be an envelope to leave completed request forms.) Requests will be reviewed by a group from the PA, PA Grant Review Task Force (PAGRTF), which consists of a parent from each level, the PA Treasurer, and both Principals. After reviewing the requests we will present them to the PA for discussion during the February PA meeting, voted on at the March PA meeting and funds will be disbursed by the end of April.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the Menu and Order Form for the month of January. Orders are due Thursday, January 15th by 3:00pm.

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Last week high school students and high school faculty began a discussion on improving our school climate. Students in Level IV have also been involved building community. Like any organization there are always areas of our program that could and should be improved. Working on improving the climate and building community in a school requires constant attention.

To begin our most recent discussion on climate, high school students were divided into six groups last Thursday. In student led discussions, the groups were asked their opinions on what they like about our school and what areas they would like to see changed or improved. The information coming from these group meetings was reported out at town meeting this Tuesday afternoon. One theme voiced by a number of students at Town Meeting was that as our school has grown there have been changes to the climate, that in some ways we may have loss the sense of community that once existed here.

It is true that our school has grown. It is also true that faculty and students are vested in continuing the work necessary to build community. We all value a culture of respect, and we all realize that the culture and the sense of community that permeates every aspect of our work here at SSCPS is part of what makes our school so special.

Next Thursday, January 22 at 7 PM, Level IV students will present to the Board of Trustees their efforts at building community. In the coming months, high school students and faculty will continue the work on improving school climate and building our school community.

Midterm Exam Schedules

Next week, beginning Wednesday, January 21, we have midterm exams. Please note the following schedule for Level IV and Level V students.

The high school schedule follows:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Wednesday, January 21</u>	<u>Thursday, January 22</u>	<u>Friday, January 23</u>
8:30 – 10:15	A Block	C Block	E Block
10:15 – 12:00	B Block	D Block	Make-Ups

Please note: High school students only attend school when they have an exam scheduled.

Level IV exam schedule follows:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Wednesday, January 21</u>	<u>Thursday, January 22</u>	<u>Friday, January 23</u>
8:30 – 9:45	7 th Math / 8 th English	7 th English / 8 th History	7 th Science / 8 th Span.
10:15 – 11:30	7 th History / 8 th Science	7 th Spanish / 8 th Math	Project Reflection

Please note: Level IV students attend school all day.

Jim Connolly – (781)982-4202 – jconnolly@sscps.org

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Basketball season has kicked off and is now in full gear! Last week both High School Jaguar teams came home with an exciting win after traveling to Boston Preparatory. The Jaguars will next play at home on Sunday, January 18th with the girl's game beginning at 5:00pm and the boys to follow at 6:15pm. (*Please make note of the time change!*)

The middle school boy's basketball team also took home a win last week when they traveled to Boston Collegiate and now currently hold a record of 1-1. The girls will look to even out their record this week as both teams travel to Rising Tide, Smith Leadership and Pioneer Charter. The Jaguar boys can be seen playing at home on Sunday January 18th at 4:00pm. (*Please make note of the time change!*)

Reminder: All basketball athletic fees are due to Athletics by Friday, January 16th. Questions or concerns please contact Heather Fredette.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "The more the merrier."

Level 2: "Seeing is believing."

Attention all Level I and Level II families please join us on Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 2:00 – 4:00 for an afternoon of fun and friends. There will be lots of fun and surprises. Our very talented community will provide entertainment. Admission is free. **Peanut free snacks** to be shared are greatly welcomed. Please contact Kerry Griffin @ 781 878-3762 or rockgriff@verizon.net with questions. Hope to see you there. Kerry

Fundraising & Development Corner



From Little Acorns Do Mighty Oak Trees Grow

The Annual Fund needs you! Thank you to all who have donated so far, but we are far from our goal and our participation level. As of 1/14/09, we have raised \$16,915. That's with only 21% participation. Just think if we reach 100% participation where that could put us! I know times are tough right now, so we're only asking for what you can give. No donation is too small. For each donation, you will receive a supporter decal for your car.

Thank you letters are still going out. If you have donated & have not received a letter by January 15th, please email me at gcalos@sscps.org Thank you!

Earn Money While You Shop

Just because the holidays are over doesn't mean we all stop shopping. If you shop online, please be sure to register at www.onecause.com as a supporter of SSCPS & visit One Cause before you shop so we get credit for all purchases. Just in the past two months, we were able to raise \$182.20 for SSCPS by shopping through One Cause. It's worth the extra click of the mouse. Not only do you raise funds for the school, but One Cause gives you coupon codes and special deals that you might be missing otherwise. Click here for a recent post holiday flyer: http://www.causeloyalty.com/oc_docs/cause/January_ShoppingFlyer_2009_Cause.pdf

Another way to earn more money through One Cause is by signing up for OneCause Visa. Send the link out to your friends & family and watch the \$\$ come in!

Show your support with the OneCause Visa® Platinum

Contribute to your chosen cause or school every time you shop with the OneCause Visa® Platinum!

Anywhere you shop, for anything you purchase, you will earn:

- a 1% contribution on total purchases made.
- extra contributions at the stores and catalogs of [Visa Rewards Merchants](#).
- a \$20 bonus contribution the first time you use your card!

Simply apply for and register your new card with OneCause, then use it to make all of your everyday purchases. The OneCause Visa Platinum also offers no cap, no annual fee and as little as 0% APR for the first six to 12 months. Learn more and apply now at our [secure online application form](#).

SSCPS Golf Tournament & Auction – Drive FORE the Future!

Thursday, May 28, 2009, Southers Marsh Golf Club, Plymouth, MA

The tournament will consist of a 1pm shot gun/scramble start, followed by a dinner & auction at approximately 6:00pm. If you are not a golfer, you can still get in on the fun & attend just the dinner/auction. More information will be forthcoming. We are still in the planning stages & would love more help. Please email Geri Calos at gcalos@sscps.org for more information. If you have a service/item to donate to the auction, please contact Geri as well. We have already received our first item donation – an Xbox 360. Thanks Jo!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING - JANUARY 20th, 2009 - 7pm SHARP - 8pm

TOPIC: ANNUAL FUND

CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE!

SSCPS Community needs to come together in these economic times to continue to be able to provide our children the level of education we have all grown so accustomed to. Our goal is to provide transparency to Annual Fund and its inner workings, please bring your questions and/or concerns and let's talk!

What is the Annual Fund?

- Why is it necessary?
- Why should I give to the Annual Fund if I've already given for other events?
- What is the money used for?
- How is the decision made to use the money?
- What has Annual Fund money done to help in the past?

Fundraising Video

Have a special SSCPS story to share? The fundraising committee would like to create a video to use at various fundraising and friendraising events that depicts why the school is so special and what it means to our students, faculty and parents. Email us today if you think you have the goods to help with this very important project or if you have other ideas to share! fundraising@SSCPS.org

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Parent Volunteers Needed: We all know about the traditional volunteering that takes place at SSCPS. We have parents in the classroom, parents helping to organize events and parents chaperoning field trips. What many people don't know - is that we need parents to help out "behind the scenes" as well. If you, or any parents that you know, are carpenters, plumbers or just all around handy-men (or women), we need you. On occasion - the school needs some work done. Occasionally the school might need someone to install a window into a door, fix a leaky sink, repair a hole in a wall or any other number of things that take away from our custodian's time, which is already stretched too thin.

We would love to compile a list of parents who are willing to be "on call" for some of these smaller tasks. If you would like to be included on this list, please send your name, contact information and what tasks you would be able to help with to me. Just because you might not be in a classroom working with the children, this is a way to help not just the children, but the entire community of SSCPS. Thank you, Melissa Freitas melissafreitas@msn.com

SEPAC

SEPAC Workshop – Let’s Get Organized

The SEPAC group invites you to join us for “LETS GET ORGANIZED”, our free skill-building workshop for families with **children of special needs**. This workshop may just be what you are looking for to answer your questions on how to create a more clutter free environment. This workshop focuses on organizing all of the paperwork and medical related information we receive when raising a child that has a special need. The following provides more information about this workshop that will be offered by Family Ties.

“Children do not come with instructions, and neither do the challenges you face when raising a child with a disability. This workshop will help parents work with their own strengths and successes with concrete written materials to strengthen their organizational skills. “LET’S GET ORGANIZED” With so much paperwork; so many doctors, reports, school papers—how do we keep it all straight?

The focus of this workshop is to:

1. Discuss the importance of developing good organizational skills;
2. Identify methods of organizing records;
3. Recognize the importance of emergency preparedness; and
4. Consider effective ways to build a community for your child.

Participants will bring home a three-ring binder, organizational supplies, and lots of ideas on ways to bring order to the mountains of paperwork that relates to their child’s medical and educational needs.”

When: Thursday, February 26th at 7:00pm

Where: SSCPS – Music Room

Presented by: Family Ties Organization

RSVP: Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com *Note: This workshop is limited to 15 families, pre-enrollment is required*

The focus of this workshop is for parents with **children in special education (students on IEP and 504 plans)** becoming better organized with the tremendous amount of paperwork that is required which can become very overwhelming to keep track of.

You must RSVP by February 9th to attend this workshop as we are inviting another school district to join us and will be opening up enrollment after this date to this outside school. We will not be able to guarantee you a spot in this workshop if you decide to attend after this date.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2008-2009 Vacancies:

- **On-Call Substitute Teachers**
- **On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides**

Send cover letter, resume and list of references to Kristine Shipps, Business Manager.

SSCPS Annual Talent Show

Come to the SSCPS Annual Talent Show on

**January 29th 2009 @ 6:30
@ Hingham High**

AUDITIONS

**Talent Show Auditions for Levels I, II and III Students:
January 12th & 13th @ 3:15pm**

**Level IV and High School "Charter Idol" Auditions:
January 15th @ 3:15pm**

All Auditions held in the High School Village Green

Registrations Due To Room 107 by January 9th

THE SHOW

Admission to show: \$5

6pm-Art Show in Lobby

The Art workshop will display some of their best creations in the lobby just outside the auditorium for display.

6:30pm-Talents Show Begins

7:30pm-Intermission

A short intermission after the Talent show will have a special guest playing alongside a presentation about the upcoming Costa Rica trip.

7:45-Charter Idol Begins

Pre auditioned students from Level IV and the high school will have a singing competition judged by you!

***Taking the part of Randy, Simon, and Paula are:
Tee Smith, James Guerrier, & Olivia Mignosa)***

Lunch Menu – January 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 <i>Chicken Salad</i> With lettuce and tomato	6 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	7 <i>Ham</i> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	8 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	9 <i>Greek Salad</i> With Greek dressing and pita bread
12 <i>Roast Beef</i> With American cheese and mustard	13 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	14 <i>BLT</i> Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	15 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	16 <i>Tuna Salad</i> With lettuce and tomato
19 No School Martin Luther King Day	20 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	21 <i>Turkey</i> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	22 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	23 <i>Tossed Salad</i> With Greek dressing and pita bread
26 <i>Italian Cold Cuts</i> With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	27 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	28 <i>BLT</i> Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	29 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	30 No Lunch No School Professional Development Day

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, yogurt, a fruit bar and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$1.75. For Level I and II a Lunchable and Milk will be provided for the cost of 2.75. A note from the office will go home that week for reimbursement.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of January, 2009
Due to the office by 12:00 pm, Thursday, January 15, 2009

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 1/19 – 1/23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monday No School	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Salad
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Week of 1/26 – 1/30	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday No Lunch
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Number of Subs/Wheat ordered	_____	X	\$5.00
Number of ½ subs ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
Number of Pizza Slices ordered	_____	X	\$1.75
Number of Salads	_____	X	\$3.00
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
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 yogurt, a fruit bar and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$1.75 For Level I and II a Lunchable will be provided at the cost of \$2.75. A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.

Level I & II Family Social



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Please join us on Saturday, January 24, 2009 from
2:00 - 4:00 for an afternoon of fun and friends.

There will be lots of fun and surprises. Our very
talented community will provide entertainment.
Admission is free.

Parent free snacks to be shared are
greatly welcomed.

Please contact Kerry Griffin @ 781 878-3762 or
rockgriff@verizon.net with questions.



Come eat at Moe's Southwest Grill for lunch or dinner!

When: January 23rd & 24th 2009

Address: 1775 Washington Street, Suite 204 in Hanover

Some foods they have there are burritos, tacos, quesadillas, nachos, salads, fajitas, and also kid meals.

Please support the Costa Rica trip funds by eating at Moe's Southwest Grill!

Moe's Dining Ticket <small>www.moes.com</small>
Support SSCPS Environmental Club & their February 2009 trip to Costa Rica Good January 23 rd & 24 th at the Moe's Southwest Grill in the Hanover Mall. Bring this coupon in order to have 10% of your bill donated to our cause.
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South Shore YMCA

Teen Fridays In January

Every Friday from 6:30 -9:30 pm the South Shore YMCA offers activities for teens.

- 1/2** **Zumba** 6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3
4 Square Mania 7:30 - 9:00 pm gym
Bead Surprise 7- 8:30 pm art room
Twister 8:30 - 9:30 pm art room



- 1/9** **NEW** **Definitions** 6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3
Dodge Ball 7- 8:30 pm gym
Performance Workshop
7:30 - 9:30 pm art room

- 1/16** **Zumba** 6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3
"Shrinky Dink" 7 - 8:30 pm art room
Wiffle Ball 7- 8:30 pm gym
Poetry Slam 7:30 - 9:30 pm art room
Game Night activity center 8:30 - 9:30

- 1/23** **NEW** **Definitions** 6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3
Capture the Flag 7- 8:30 pm gym
Performance Workshop
7:30 - 9:30 pm art room

- 1/30** **Zumba** 6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3
Kick Ball 7 - 8:30 pm gym
Performance Workshop 7:30 - 9:30 pm art room

Every Friday Night:

- NEW** **Cardio & Weight Training**
6:30-8:30 pm
- Mixed Martial Arts ***
7:30-8:30 pm studio 2
- Indoor Cycling**
7:30-8:30 pm
cycling studio
- Open Gym, Swim & Cardio**
6:30-9:30 pm

Teen Friday events are free to Members and \$5 for Non-Members. Participants must be 12 or older. Come 10 times & get a prize. Wear work-out gear to be active.