



*Update*  
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*Independence ~ Knowledge ~ Community*

### ***Projects, Workshops and Exhibitions of Mastery***

One of the questions as part of the renewal process that we have been asking staff, current and former students, parents, and the Board of Trustees has been “what makes SSCPS different from other public schools?” The response that I hear most often is “the projects, workshops, and Exhibitions of Mastery.” From the very beginning, the parents and educators who founded the school emphasized the importance of making connections between the subjects that were taught and the real world and making this happen during project and workshop time. In the projects, founders envisioned that students working together collaboratively on a common project and presents the results of their work to their classmates/level at least twice a year. In addition, students would also be expected to individually demonstrate their understanding of a particular topic through an Exhibition of Mastery. In the month of February there are many Exhibitions of Mastery and I have enjoyed watching students present to their classmates. On Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, graduate John Earle talked to students about how he started his Johnny Cupcakes business and some of the lessons that he learned while at SSCPS. Something that I learned after his visit was that he was editor of the first high school yearbook! I encourage everyone to go to his website and check out his blog for February 13<sup>th</sup>:

[www.johnnycupcakes.com](http://www.johnnycupcakes.com). He has a lengthy write-up about his day with us and some wonderful pictures of our students and SSCPS. I loved his introduction: “The other day I stopped by my old high school. Growing up, I had a hard time learning + focusing. However -- when I attended this project based, hands-on Charter School, I was able to learn at my own pace, which made my life that much less stressful and not so lost. It is where I've met some of my best friends, had some of my greatest adventures + memories, grew in my own troublesome entrepreneur ways via selling pranks + outselling the school store with slinging my own candy out of my back pack.”

When I returned from the break, I began my morning with a visit to Amy Vandenberg’s Level 1 classroom. Amy and Level II teacher, Krista Cafourek, invited me to observe the children in their projects building bat houses. The first, second, third, and fourth grade students were collaborating on the building of ten wooden bat houses that will be put on trees behind the school. The bats that visit these houses will help reduce the mosquito population. Over the past few weeks, the students have been learning about the environment, bats and their habitats, and how to use tools to construct the houses. The designer of the bat houses is Ken Ferguson. Monday morning, Ken and his wife Cynthia (parents of Haley, Level II, grade 4) were on hand with the all of the materials for the students to assemble the houses. It was so exciting to watch students from four different grades work together as a team on the project. Kudos to Amy, Krista, Ken, and Cynthia. The Founders’ vision of parents and teachers working together with students from different grade levels on projects is alive and well in 2009.

### **Snowplowing Problem and Call for Assistance**

Unfortunately, sometime between Saturday afternoon, February 14 and Monday morning, February 16<sup>th</sup>, someone stole our truck, snow plow, sander, and lawnmower. We reported the crime/theft to the Norwell Police as soon as we discovered them missing. The police have been most cooperative and they did inform us that the thefts of trucks and plows are quite common on the North and South Shore right now. This is a huge blow to us and winter is not over yet. We have been in touch with our insurance agents but, in the meantime, we do not have our own vehicle to plow out the parking lot. We are contacting local companies that plow but we may not be at the top of their list to plow. In the meantime, we would welcome the names and numbers of contacts who might be able to help us out in the event that we do get another snow storm.

## Reminders:

**February 26** Education Committee and Board of Trustees meetings  
**March 10:** Early Release Day: Dismissal at Noon  
**March 20:** No School, Professional Development Day

*Prue Goodale*

*"But we know that our schools don't just need more resources. They need more reform. That is why this budget creates new incentives for teacher performance; pathways for advancement, and rewards for success. We'll invest in innovative programs that are already helping schools meet high standards and close achievement gaps. **And we will expand our commitment to charter schools.**" President Barack Obama, February 24 Address to Congress*

Wednesday	2/25	Golf Tournament and Auction Meeting	5:00pm
Thursday	2/26	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	2/26	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	2/26	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Thursday	2/26	SEPAC Workshop – see attached flyer for more information	7:00pm
Friday	2/27	SEPAC	8:30am
Tuesday	3/03	Governance	5:00pm
Friday	03/06	High School Ski Trip – Money due Friday, 2/27 See Mary Carter or Luke Ryan	
Saturday	3/07	Parents Association Meeting	10:00am
Saturday	3/07	High School Drama Workshop performance	7:00pm
Sunday	3/08		2:00pm

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DAFFODIL DAYS FUNDRAISER** – Angie's Level IV Literary Magazine Project is taking part in the American Cancer Society's Annual Fundraiser, Daffodil Days. We would like to invite you and your child to participate and make a contribution to our community. Daffodil Days is a fundraiser that gives the opportunity for our school community to purchase a bouquet of flowers to benefit the American Cancer Society. Forms were sent home with you children before February vacation and need to be in by February 27<sup>th</sup>. Flowers will be delivered to the school for your child to bring home the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



## FEBRUARY 2009 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

*Ryan Brenner*  
University of Texas - Austin

*Jennifer Carmin*  
University of Hartford

*Yuji Dubisson*  
Anna Maria College

*Carly Hayes*  
Longy School of Music  
Eastern Nazarene College

*Anna Hill*  
Savannah College of  
of Art & Design

*Jordan Kelleem*  
Suffolk Univeristy

*DaNice Marshall*  
Quincy College

*Ashley O'Neill*  
Framingham State College  
Westfield State College

*Thomas Smith*  
San Francisco Art Institute

*Andrew Tyler*  
Colorado State College  
Honors College

*Rebecca Zakrewski*  
University of New Haven

### **LUNCH ORDERS**

Enclosed is the March Lunch Menu and Order form and order are due Thursday, February 26th by 3pm.

### **K-6 PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Last night in two far ranging speeches President Obama and Bobby Jindal Republican Governor of Louisiana used words to try to help us through a process where we “transform” our nation or renew ourselves. Charter schools figured prominently in both speeches. In both speeches charter schools were held up as an important part of the solution to our current difficult times. Both speeches stress new ways to deliver health care, energy and education as the key to making or remaking our country into a better place. We, all parties in the South Shore Charter community, parents, teachers/staff and students are part of what will make American a better and fairer place. This time of change and “transformation” is something that we will come through stronger and better if we stay together both as a country and as a school. It also happens to be taking place right at the same time as South Shore Charter goes through the Massachusetts Charter School Renewal Process. Massachusetts Public Schools are the most successful public schools in the nation and one of the most successful parts of the public system here in Massachusetts are the charter schools. One of the reasons that charter schools are so successful here (this success is not replicated in all charter school states) is accountability and renewal is at the heart of that accountability.

We have begun this very important work of renewal here at school. Every five years Charter Schools in Massachusetts are evaluated by the state. The state asks three questions in this evaluation:

- Are we true to our charter and mission?
- Are we successful academically?
- Is the organization viable?

That is what the word “renewal” has come to mean in this context. But when I really think about the word “renewal” I hear the same feeling/meaning I hear in the word “spring,” the making new again. This school began as a dream and it has turned into a reality. As a proud parent of three children who are, or have been educated in this school it is a dream that I know has been worth dreaming. As we begin the “making new

again” process there will be many complex conversations involving all three legs of our “three legged stool.” Yesterday and in professional development in January the faculty began a focused discussion of renewal. On Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> the families of Level 1 had a discussion of the essential qualities that we all value in the special commodity “a charter education.” One thing that is an essential quality of our school is that it is a place founded by parents for children.

Two other elements that I see as essential parts of who we are as a school are projects/workshops and Exhibitions of Mastery and yesterday I was lucky enough to see real Mastery in Karen Yelin’s Level I classroom. I saw four second grade dramatizations of Greek Myths and two first grade recitations of poems. The mastery that was most evident to me was the collaboration between a gifted teacher, hard working and motivated students and committed parents. I saw a truly magnificent manifestation of our “three legged stool.” The assignments had been planned with such precision and clarity, and the students had worked so hard and with such parental support, that all of the students showed mastery of their craft. The expectations of the second graders were appropriately more demanding than the expectations for the first graders. I sat mesmerized as each child met and exceeded the expectations. The second graders, without scripts or notes, retold stories with acting and props of Greek Myths. The dramatizations had beginnings middles and ends and either moral lessons or explanations of the physical reality of the world. The first graders gave word perfect recitations. I was proud of the children and prouder still of the teacher, the school and our collaboration with parents.

We are special and I hope as we go through the renewal process and the tremendous amount of work required of all three groups, we remember that all of this is worth the work. If we do it well, Charter Renewal will be a part of a cycle like spring, which is **renewal**. I close with a pep talk that Barack Obama gave last night that fits in so well with the dream we began our school with: “These education policies will open the doors of opportunity for our children. But it is up to us to ensure they walk through them. In the end, there is no program or policy that can substitute for a mother or father who will attend those parent/teacher conferences, or help with homework after dinner, or turn off the TV, put away the video games, and read to their child. I speak to you not just as a President, but as a father when I say that responsibility for our children's education must begin at home.” 02/24/09

The only thing I would add to that list as a father of three is to sing to and with your children.

*Ted Hirsch – (781)982-4202 –thirsch@sscps.org*

## ART NEWS

This is the last week to view high school **Art Workshop students** work at **Starbucks, Route 3A, Hingham** (Crow Point Area). Be sure to take in our varied collection of pieces from the workshop. Both high school and middle school students are working on their next competition, **Artsonia Linoleum Block Print Contest**. This contest is national and will be viewable on the Artsonia web site sometime in late March/April. The Art Workshop students are also creating their a sculpture piece for their second EOM at **The Duxbury Art Complex’s Outdoor Sculpture Contest**.

Also check out **lobby gallery** for the show, **One Piece of Paper**. **Art** students were supplied with one piece of paper and were to create a unique piece of art using only that sheet of paper. Anything that was cut out of the paper was to be utilized so the sum of all the parts equaled the area of the 9 x 12 sheet or 108 square inches. (**Math and Art again!**). Senior Anna Hill, Junior Cory Bowker-Kelly, Sophomores Maggie Reardon, Rachael Kent, and Zoe Estabrooks, and Freshman Kristeen Lau are exhibiting their black and white pieces in the art cases and on the wall of the main lobby.

Also be sure to view the show, **Farm Equipment**, in the **side lobby gallery**. The work, again, by **Art Workshop** students was created on site during a drawing exercise which utilized pastels and a brief time span (10 minutes)at **Holly Hill Farm** in Cohasset.

The **Art Department** is still **collecting bottle caps**. Please help us to recycle and create art with the caps. Any size will do. Plastic bags available in the art room. Please, clean caps only!!!

## ON THE LEVELS

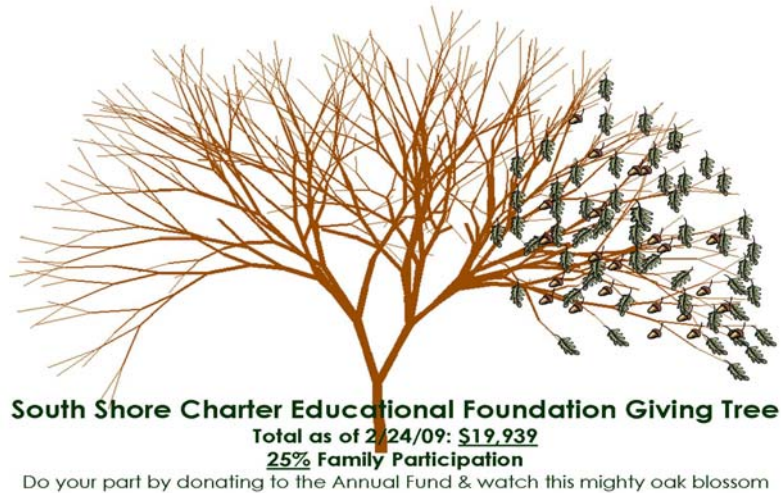
### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: “Eaten out of house and home.”

Level 2: “From here to Timbuktu.”

## FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT CORNER

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### Making Payments Online

If you are looking to pay online to make your Annual Fund donation, purchase golf tickets or purchase founders event tickets, please click here: <https://secure.entango.com/donate/t7xbpeyzaxr> and specify what your donation is for by the pull down menu under “program”.

### Golf Tournament & Auction – May 28<sup>th</sup> at Southers Marsh in Plymouth

Auction items are coming in & foursomes are being formed, but we still need you! Many hands are needed to make this event a success and it is a great way to meet other parents! We can use your talent, interest, and energy in the areas of the Golf tournament...recruiting players, (signing up yourself to play) soliciting sponsors for the tournament at the various levels and acquiring items for goody bags, check in or check out and helping in other ways on the day of the event, ...and the Auction... acquisition of auction items, advertising, reservations, check-in, auction catalog, silent auction, live auction, publicity, checkout, decoration, display, student art projects and more! If you are interested in helping, please contact Geri Calos, [gcalos@sscps.org](mailto:gcalos@sscps.org), or at (781) 982-4202 ext. 362. Please see the attached letter & donor form at the end of the update. These forms can be dropped off in the box at the front desk. Also, if you are making a payment online for the golf tournament/auction, you must still send in a donor form with the information on it explaining your donation (ie: sponsor, ad, ticket, foursome) You can just specify on the form that you paid online.

### Student Projects

Renee Leondike, a parent of a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, will be in charge of the class art projects for the younger grades that will be made into auction items. We are working with the teachers to make this work with their schedules & will have more information to follow. If you have any thoughts or can help Renee when the time comes, please email her at [rleondike@verizon.net](mailto:rleondike@verizon.net)

### A WIN – WIN Situation!

Make your annual fund donation today & you will be entered into a drawing for a pair of Dinner/Auction tickets to the SSCEF Golf Tournament & Auction being held on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at Southers Marsh in Plymouth! Everyone who has already donated will be entered to win a pair of tickets, and anyone who makes a donation from now until **February 26<sup>th</sup>** will also be entered to win an additional pair of tickets. This applies to everyone – BOT, Foundation Board, Staff/Faculty, Families, Alumni & Friends. You can drop your check off at the front desk attn: Geri Calos, pay online at [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org) under the SSCEF “donate now” button, or mail your check to SSCEF, PO Box 512, Accord, MA 02018. **\*\* A very important thing to note is that when we apply for grants, they look at our support participation rate. 100% participation by all constituents is going to give us a much better chance than a 25% participation rate. Your participation is key to the continuing success of our school.**

### **A Charter Gathering**

You're invited to a celebration of the founding of South Shore Charter Public School. The founding was a rare event spanning several years that was filled with fun, creative, and energetic learning. The dreams and actions of students, parents, and staff still resonate in the school culture and curriculum today.

Please come and join parents, staff, alumni and friends to celebrate the Charter School's story and honor the founders, Timothy Anderson and Pamela Cooney.

Saturday, March 28, 2009

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Clarion Nantasket Beach – Surf Ballroom

Tickets are \$25pp and can be purchased via check made payable to SSCEF, PO Box 512, Accord, MA 02018 or online: <https://secure.entango.com/donate/t7xbpeyzaxr>

### **Install the OneCause Toolbar for your chance to win \$100 gift card & \$500 for SSCPS!**

Install the toolbar between February 1 and March 31, 2009 for your chance to win a \$500 bonus for your cause or school plus a \$100 gift card to the OneCause merchant of your choice!\* [www.onecause.com/toolbar/install](http://www.onecause.com/toolbar/install)  
With the toolbar installed you could also earn up to 5x more contributions for your cause or school, just by making sure every eligible purchase counts!

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!

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### **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](mailto:fundraising@SSCPS.org)

**Reflective Vests are still available** – we still have some reflective vests available from the Harvest Run. They are \$15 each. Please email [gcalos@sscps.org](mailto:gcalos@sscps.org) to see if your size is available.

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

I know it's hard to believe but it's time to start thinking about next years Parent's Association. In the spring we will have our elections for next years Officers, Committee Chairs, PA Grade Reps, and Volunteer Coordinator. If you've ever wondered "What can I do to help?" this is it. As a mother of 3 young boys who also works F/T outside of the home, I assure you that none of these positions is so time consuming that they should be viewed as prohibitive.

The positions I ask you to consider are:

- PA Officer (Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer)
- Committee Chairs (Welcoming & Orientation, Arts & Music, Fundraising & Events, Community Service, Library, SEPAC, Health & Safety)
- Grade Reps (k-12)
- Volunteer Coordinator

If you are interested in running for any of the above please contact me ([jcalamoureux@comcast.net](mailto:jcalamoureux@comcast.net) or 781-335-5014) so that I may include your name on the ballot. I'm also happy to answer any questions that you feel may help in your decision making process.

Deidre Lamoureux, PA Chair



**SAVE THE DATE!** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Touch A Truck--PA Fundraiser - Sunday May 17, 2009 10 to 2  
At the Abington Town Hall, Abington, MA

**REMINDER:** to join the online SSCPS Parents Discussion Forum at GoogleGroups which is a great forum for sharing thoughts and ideas related to the school and our community, and for keeping up with Parents Association announcements and news. If you'd like to sign join you can email the group owner at [dwhitemyer@rcn.com](mailto:dwhitemyer@rcn.com) or log onto <http://www.sscps.org/parents/parents-association/index.cfmm>

## **SEPAC**

**SEPAC Workshop – Let's Get Organized (see attached flyer)**

When: Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Where: SSCPS – Music Room

Presented by: Family Ties Organization

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

## **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.*

**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
PARENT'S ASSOCIATION**

***AGENDA***

Saturday, March 7, 2009 10a-12pm

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|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10:00         | <b>Call Meeting to Order</b>                                                                                                               |
| 10:00 – 10:05 | <b>Review and Approve Minutes</b><br>February 10, 2009 meeting minutes                                                                     |
| 10:05 – 10:10 | <b>Announcements</b><br>Next PA Meeting & Calendar Items                                                                                   |
| 10:10 –10:40  | <b>School Report</b><br>Prue Goodale                                                                                                       |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | <b>Committee Reports</b> (as needed)<br>Fundraising<br>Arts & Music<br>Health & Safety<br>Welcoming<br>Community Service<br>PAC<br>Library |
| 11:00-11:30   | <b>Task Force Items</b><br>Discussion<br><b>VOTE</b>                                                                                       |
| 11:30 –11:45  | <b>Other Reports</b> (as needed)<br>Education Committee<br>School Council                                                                  |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | <b>Grade Representative Reports</b> (time permitting)                                                                                      |
| 12:00         | <b>Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                             |



**South Shore Charter Public School  
Parents Association Meeting  
February 10, 2009**

Minutes taken by Melissa Freitas  
Meeting called to order at 7:04pm  
January meeting minutes approved

**Announcements**

- Ballots need to be prepared for 2009/2010 PA. If interested in a position, please email Deidre. A new position on the ballot this year is the Volunteer Coordinator.
- Next PA meeting is Saturday, March 7th, 10am-noon. It is possible that babysitting will be available - more information will follow.
- Board of Trustee Meeting, Thursday, February 26th. Public welcome.
- Intent to Return forms due February 11th.
- Lottery is February 14th at 10am.
- Volunteers needed for the Auction - signup sheet passed around.

**School Report** Prue Goodale

- A potluck dinner was held this past Sunday night for the Title I/After School tutoring families at the Sons of Italy in Braintree. Ted Hirsch and parent Michelle Moisse worked hard to set this up. Close to 80 people attended.
- John Earle, AKA Johnny Cupcakes, is coming to talk to the students on February 11. He has agreed to waive his speaking fee and also is bringing t-shirts to be sold at a discounted price.
- Sarah Loughlin, school psychologist and founding member of the school, is putting together an event to celebrate the founders. March 28th, Clarion Hotel, Hull, 7-11pm. Asking people to come back and share information/stories from the early days. Cost is \$25/pp.
- Level IV Drug Incident - investigated by both principals. Followed the student handbook policy and held expulsion hearings for 5 students. All students were suspended for 10 days. 3 will be returning to school on Feb. 11 under restrictions. 2 students are not returning to the school. Students claim to have misunderstood the new law and thought that the drug was now legal. School feels that the administration has clearly sent a message to the students.
  - Q. -- Are we affiliated with any programs like DARE?
  - A. - Federal Government no longer funds DARE and we are not sure if Norwell schools use it.
  - Q. - Has legal action been taken against the students that are not returning?
  - A. - We must respect the privacy of the students and it is up to the Norwell Police Department if they plan on taking legal action.
- Recent Teacher Professional Day - administration and teachers met and discussed the current association (FASA) is a good representative body for the teachers. Some teachers have expressed an interest in forming a union. Teachers are requesting more information on FASA but right now most do not see benefits of unionization. One reason Charter schools were formed was to be free of bureaucracy of management and unions.
  - Q. - Has there been any change in relationships between teachers that are for the union and the ones that are against?
  - A. - To help teachers, the PA needs to let them know that we back them no matter what and yes- there is some tension.
- MTA had written to the school requesting names of the parents on our waiting lists. They planned on sending them letters informing them that if they go to a Charter school they will hurt their local school. We did NOT give them the names.

- We are up for Charter renewal and starting the process.
- Level I meeting held today to discuss going from multi-aged classes to looping.
- Comments from parents: Communication is a 2 way street - some parents actively search out a connection with teachers - other parents are spread thin and the school needs to reach out to them. Re: Unions - parents need to respect whichever decision teachers make. Lower Levels vs. Upper Levels - harder to stay in contact with teachers as in Level III and IV students have 4 different teachers.
- Jim Connolly - felt that the professional development day went well. Teachers welcomed the chance to voice their opinions and the administration learned that there are things that need to change.
- Theft from December - no progress. 4 different towns have been involved (Norwell where the theft took place and Braintree, Randolph and Stoughton where the card was used). Only one surveillance video is available and the person is wearing a hat and a hood and is unrecognizable.
- Math Counts Club - 6 students competed - the team finished 23rd out of 32 schools. One student, Griffin Howard, finished in the top 1/2 in the individual round.
- Sunday's Boston Globe featured the Scholastic Art Awards. Percentage wise our students received many more awards than most other schools.

**Student Rep.** Kelly Garber

- Do NOT park in Student parking. These spaces are reserved for and paid for by the students
- Celebrated the inauguration - watched it and saw a presentation on black history beforehand
- Senior countdown - 42 days
- Ski Trip planned to Cranmer on March 6th.
- Students excited about Johnny Cupcakes coming
- Will celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday this week
- Talent Show was a great success

**Board of Trustees,** Jo Loughnane

- The Board supports the PA
- Golf Tournament is May 28th
- Annual Fund is ongoing - it is not important how much money you give - but that you give. We need to have a high percentage of parent participation
- Have about 20K right now - need to have \$57,500 to break even. Some parent suggestions are to have grade reps email the families encouraging participation. Also having someone stand in the pickup line asking for on the spot donations.

**PA Grant Review Task Force,** Denise Demaggio

Members of the group are a parent from each level, the 2 principals and Denise, the PA treasurer.

17 requests were received, breakdown as follows:

***Approved for vote:***

Enrichment Program for Level I		\$300
"Athletics" supplies for Level II	\$300	
Easel on Wheels for Level III		\$161.57
Buzzer system for math comps for Level IV		\$220
Smart board for Level IV		\$4400
Calculator software for Level V		\$810
Filters and other fees for Veggie Van		\$500
Rug for Library		\$205.12

***Changed from original request and put in for vote with changes:***

Field trip Grant	\$750
This will give \$150 to each level.	

***Not put into packet for vote because already budgeted by SSCPS:***

"Move to Learn" balls and cushions for Sp.Ed.	\$900.00
Weighted vests for Sp.Ed.	\$535.85
Gas station for each pod for Level III Sp. Ed.	\$224.71
Lab Supplies for Level V	\$5462.11

***Not put into packet for vote because is a convenience item:***

Cable to 5 great rooms	\$3976.66
Music Room TV	\$3291.36

***Not put into packet for vote because items have been donated***

Supplies for Bat Houses	\$150.00
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**Total in packet to be voted on is \$7646.69.**

**We currently have \$9669 in our budget, this will rollover \$2022.31**

***Questions:***

Q - Why are we holding back so much money when we voted to spend it?

A - We agreed what amount we would spend - not that we would definitely spend every last dime. We need to keep money back as economy is tough and will only get tougher. This money will give us more flexibility in the future.

Q - Why didn't we agree to give all the field trip money requested if we have it? (\$350 for a kindergarten field trip and \$1000 for a Level II field trip)

A - We cannot afford to send every child on a field trip so task force decided to just help the ones who are in need. By giving a set amount to each level we can help the students who cannot afford to go otherwise.

Q - Were there other requests that were made?

A - Every request has been presented at the meeting.

Q - Why fund such a large ticket item as the Smartboard?

A - This will be used on a daily basis. The science teacher in Level IV said she does not need new text books - told the school to buy new Spanish ones instead. This Smartboard will help enhance the science curriculum.

The Task Force hopes that by approving the requests that they did and changing certain ones - this will encourage people to make well thought out requests. They do not want the PA to become a field trip fund.

Next month a vote will be taken to approve the packet as a whole. We cannot pick and choose to approve certain items.

If approved, money can be used this year or at the beginning of the next school year.

According to the bylaws we cannot vote on it at this meeting. It needs to be reviewed and put on next month's agenda.

Once the motion is on the floor at the March meeting, discussion can happen again.

**Committee Reports**

Fundraising/Dottie Kennedy Brooks

- Annual fund letter has been drafted.
- Some small fundraisers are planned.

**New Business**

Touch a Truck/Kirsten Mullen

Sunday, May 17th 10am-2pm, Abington Town Hall -Anyone with contacts for trucks or food, please contact Kirsten. Also need many people to work the event.

Providence Bruins/Brockton Rox - Is there any interest in attending either of these sporting events as a group? Please contact Kerry Griffin

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42



February 10, 2009

Dear Friend:

It's still very much winter, but SSCEF's Auction & Golf Committee is already in full swing, planning the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction and 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. Yes, the **Drive Fore the Future** events will be held at Southers Marsh Golf Club in Plymouth on **Thursday, May 28th, 2009** beginning with an afternoon scramble (12:00 p.m. registration, 1:00 p.m. shotgun start) and followed by a fabulous dinner auction with one-of-a-kind items to benefit the students of the school.

This tournament is not just a great day of golf; it's an important fundraiser for an institution that's near and dear to our hearts – South Shore Charter Public School. Each year, our efforts support programs from the arts to athletics, science to technology. If you have a child who has attended the school or if you're a graduate yourself, you know what a difference an SSCPS education makes. If not, take this opportunity to learn more about this wonderful school which educates students from grades K through 12 from 27 communities in the area.

Each year, our school graduates another fine crop of future leaders who have spent thousands of hours volunteering at such places as Cardigan Nursing Home, Cradles to Crayons, Habitat for Humanity (South Shore and International), Holly Hill Farms, Magical Moon Foundation, Hull Seaside Animal Rescue, South Shore Hospital, South Shore Wildlife Center, Special Olympics, Tufts Floating Hospital, and Wellspring Multi-Service Center. Since SSCPS opened its doors in the fall of 1995, we have been committed to service learning and students begin their service in kindergarten. We are most fortunate to have this unique school on the South Shore!

We've enclosed this year's registration form, but you can also make your sponsorship commitment, sign up your foursome or make dinner auction reservations online at [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org). Sponsorship opportunities start at just \$100 and our golf packages include your cart as well as dinner that night in coordination with our Annual Auction. In short, there's something for everyone.

All we need is you. While we can accommodate about 250 for dinner, our field of golfers is limited to 144, so please register today and join us for all or part of what promises to be a spectacular day for SSCPS. If you have any questions, please contact Geri Calos at [gcalos@sscps.org](mailto:gcalos@sscps.org) or at 781-982-4202 ext. 362, or any of the three co-chairs who signed below. On behalf of the entire South Shore Charter School Community, we thank you for your support.

Best regards,

Miriam Brownwall  
Golf & Auction Chairperson  
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Mark Stevenson  
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Maureen Hebert  
Auction Committee Co-Chair  
[mhebert@metlife.com](mailto:mhebert@metlife.com)



## DONOR /PLAYER CONTACT INFORMATION

Name/Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## GOLF SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### \$2,000 Tournament Sponsor

*Includes foursome, 4 additional guest dinner tickets, half-page ad in program*

### \$1,000 Contest Sponsor

*Includes foursome, 2 additional guest dinner tickets, contest sign and quarter-page ad in program*

### \$750 Hole Sponsor Foursome

*Includes foursome, hole sign and business card ad in program*

### \$275 Hole Sponsor

*Includes hole sign and business card ad in program*

### \$100 Cart Sponsor

*Includes sign on golf cart and listing in program*

### Corporate or Personal Auction/ Golf Donor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (please complete top section) *\$1000 donors will receive 4 tickets to Dinner Auction*

#### Advertising Donors

Business Card \$35.00    ½ page ad \$100.00    back cover \$200.00

¼ Page Ad \$60.00    full page ad \$175.00

I'd like to donate a prize for the raffle or auction: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Value \_\_\_\_\_ (continue description on reverse or attach information as necessary)

## PAYMENT

Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check / Money Order enclosed payable to SSCEF

Bill my credit card:   MasterCard   Visa

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLAYER / BANQUET REGISTRATION

\$450 Golfer Foursome x \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 if received AFTER May 15, 2009.)

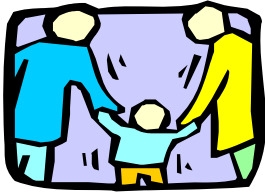
\$125 Individual Golfer x \_\_\_\_\_

\$35/65 per couple... Dinner Auction Only Tickets x \_\_\_\_ individual \_\_\_\_ couple

### My group includes:

	Golfer	Dinner Only	Golfer's Shirt Size (circle)
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	S M L XL XXL
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	S M L XL XXL
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	S M L XL XXL
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	S M L XL XXL
5. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

All golf and sponsorship packages include golf, cart, giveaways and dinner and auction. Field is limited to 144 players, so act now! Payment must be received with reservation to confirm spots. Please send registration form and fees no later than Friday, May 15, 2009 to: **Golf Tournament, SSCEF, PO BOX 512, Accord, MA 02018** or fax to (781) 982-4201. Online registration available at [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org)



# Let's Get Organized

*FAMILY TIES Of MASSACHUSETTS* INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR  
**A Skill-Building Workshop for Families of Children with Special Needs**

- Are you feeling overwhelmed by the volume of records that you need to keep for your child?
- Do you need to develop a method of organizing all of the information you collect about your child's special needs?
- Would you like to learn a way to effectively manage medical and educational paperwork?
- We will provide you with tools to put together a "system in a notebook" and share organizing and problem-solving tips.

Children do not come with instructions and neither do the challenges you face when you are raising a child with a disability. This workshop will help parents identify their own strengths and successes as well as give concrete written material to families as they continue to strengthen their skills

**DATE:** Thursday, February 26, 2009

**TIME:** 7:00-9:00 p.m

**LOCATION:** South Shore Charter Public School- Norwell

**Please RSVP to: Beth Toma (781)413-6910**

***Family TIES is a statewide information and support network***

*for families of children with special needs and/or chronic illness.*

*[www.massfamilyties.org](http://www.massfamilyties.org)*

## Lunch Menu – March 2009

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
2 <b>Italian Cold Cuts</b> With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	3 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	4 <b>Ham</b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	5 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	6 <b>Tossed Salad</b>  With Italian dressing and pita bread
9 <b>Roast Beef</b>  With American cheese and mustard	10 <b>No Lunch</b>  <b>Early Release</b>	11 <b>BLT</b>  Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	12 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	13 <b>Tuna Salad</b>  With lettuce and tomato
16 <b>Chicken Salad</b>  With lettuce and tomato	17 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	18 <b>Turkey</b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	19 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	20 <b>No School</b>  <b>Prof. Dev. Day</b>
23 <b>Italian Cold Cuts</b> With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	24 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	25 <b>BLT</b>  Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	26 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	27 <b>Greek Salad</b>  With Greek dressing and pita bread
30 <b>Ham</b>  With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	31 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	1 <b>Roast Beef</b>  With American cheese and mustard	2 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	3 <b>Tuna Salad</b>  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, 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 March, 2009  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, February 26, 2009**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pod Teacher/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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

Week of 3/2 – 3/6	<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 Salad
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Week of 3/9 – 3/13	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ Sub Wheat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <b>Early</b> <b>Release</b>	<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 3/16 – 3/20	<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 <b>No School</b>
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Week of 3/23 – 3/27	<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 Salad
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Week of 3/30 – 4/3	<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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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 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.**

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South Shore YMCA

# Teen Fridays In February

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



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NEW

**Definitions**

6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3

**Team Handball**

7- 8:30 pm gym

**Performance Workshop**

7:30 - 9:30 pm AHC

**Foosball Challenge** 8:30 - 9:30 pm Activity Center



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**Zumba**

6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3

**Volleyball**

7- 8:30 pm gym

**Eco - Art Project**

7- 9 pm AHC

**Shuffle Board Challenge**

8:30 - 9:30 pm Activity Center

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NEW

**Definitions** 6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3

**4 Square**

7- 8:30 pm gym

**Performance Workshop**

7:30 - 9:30 pm AHC

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**Zumba**

6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3

**Revenge**

7- 8:30 pm gym

**Special Event Sponsored by SSYMCA Leaders Club**

7:30 - 9:30 pm AHC

**Ping Pong Challenge**

8:30 - 9:30 pm Activity Center

## 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**

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 workout gear to be active.

Derby Academy presents...

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*Wednesday evening performance: March 11 at 7:30 pm*

*Thursday morning performance: March 12 at 10:30 am*

*Derby Academy  
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Larson Hall*

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Call Alice McWilliams at  
(781) 749-0746 ext. 20

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