



Independence ~ Knowledge ~ Community

Friday	3/13	Grades K-6 Progress Reports distributed	
Tuesday	3/17	Development Committee	6:00pm
Weds & Thurs	3/18-3/19	Senior Debates	
Friday	3/20	Professional Development Day – no classes for students	

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CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103 OR EMAIL PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Literary Magazine of Level IV would like to thank everyone who participated in and supported Daffodil Days 2009. Because of your generous contributions to the cause, we raised a total of \$805.00. The daffodils will be delivered the week of March 17th. Thank you and we hope to work with you again next year. Rossy Herrera and Carlee Russell.

The 7th Annual Big Hair Cut is coming . . . June 12!

10 inches of hair required – come join our Big Give to give your hair to be sent to Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs for children who lose their hair due to chemotherapy and other lose diseases. Everyone is invited to participate and cheer for everybody. Let’s beat last year’s record of 110 inches of braid! (we have collected 605 inches of hair in the past 6 years!) Sign-up on the door of Mary Ellen’s classroom, room 103, next to the front desk. If you have any questions please contact me by sending an email to amedeiros1106@hotmail.com. The Big Count Down, Drum Roll, and C heers begin at 2:15 outside, behind the school. (if it does rain we will be moving it inside into the High School Great Room. Everybody Come!



LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the March Lunch Menu and Order form and order are due Thursday, March 12th by 3pm.

K-6 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Last Saturday at the Parent’s Association meeting, the parents approved over \$7,000 worth of materials for educational equipment, support, and performances in the K – 12 programs. Last year Denise DeMaggio came to the Parents Association with a proposal to form a sub-committee to fairly and thoughtfully distribute the Parents’ Association money to worthy school projects. Denise, with the help of Parent Association Chair, Deidre Lamoureux, long time parent advocates Deb Cerilli, and K.T. Leary and many others were able to shepherd this new process. The sub-committee solicited about \$20,000 worth of proposals and carefully sifted through these grants to make a collective decision. Because of the parents work we will soon have a Smart Board in the Level IV science room, a rug in the library, supplies for the veggio van and many, many other educational tools of great importance. All of the teachers and the administration would like to thank the Parents’ Association for their work and generosity. It will make a difference to have these materials and it does make a difference to know we have such active and committed parents.

On Thursday March 26th Tony Ashton from the Charter School office will be leading a team on a one day site visit of our school. This visit is a prelude to the four day Charter Renewal visit the Charter School office will conduct next fall. **If you are interested in talking directly to this group on the 26th please contact Pam Algera to sign up for the parent focus group with the site team from 11:15 – 12:00.**

Also, please contact me or any other administrator if you have ideas for us as we work on Renewal. This spring we will be re-writing our accountability plan for the next five years and we want to be sure we have the best information to guide us in this planning and accountability process. As time goes on I feel we are gaining clarity in articulating and knowing who we are and why we are a school. A parent on Saturday told me about a visit her family had made to a school in Florida. They had visited because some of our Level II students are pen pals with some of the students there. She described a wonderfully equipped and productive school but she also said how different it was from us and how lucky we were to have this school. A school that she knows is so full of life and close relationships between adults and students, students and students.

As part of the package that we sent to the site visit team to explain to them who we are we described the current instructional practices that they would see when they visit our classrooms. I would like to share with you part of that document to give you a sense of who and what we are trying to do in our halls and our classrooms.

An overriding objective of the school's educational program is to teach students to be independent, knowledgeable members of the community. In our school we value dialogue and personal voice between teacher and student, students and students, and teachers or students presenting to the community.

I believe we are well on our way to doing something very hard and that is to be unified and cohesive as a school and yet staying true to our founding vision of having each teacher and student speak in their own voice.

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

ATHLETICS

The High School Basketball teams have just wrapped up their seasons, making it the most successful year yet for the Jaguars! Both the boy's and girl's teams were only one place away from making the post season tournament and look forward to coming back strong next year.

The Middle School Jaguars have also finished up their season with the boy's team also just missing post season play. *Congratulations to all of the Jaguar teams on a very successful winter season!*

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Sour grapes."

Level 2: "When it rains it pours."

The **Level II students** are participating in the Pennies for Patients campaign. This is a fund raising activity sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The students will be collecting spare change to help people with blood cancer. This year we will be raising money in honor of Alison Hayes, who was a 2007 graduate of SSCPS. Please consider donating your spare change to one of the level II classrooms. Every PENNY counts!!!

The **Smart Smiles Dental Program** will once again be offering free screening to our 2nd and 6th grade students. Please look for the information regarding this program in your child's backpack. If you are interested in having your child participate please return the permission slip to your child's pod teacher. Date of program to be announced in future newsletter.

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT CORNER

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

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

RSVP needed by March 21st to be sure there is enough food.

DRIVE for the FUTURE Golf Tournament & Auction

The Golf Tournament & Auction website is now live! www.sscefgolfauction.com Please visit the website daily to see what new & exciting auction items have been donated! Event information will be added shortly and the registration form can be downloaded from the website. Reserve your golf spots today! 30% of our golf slots are filled on promises, so get your forms in to be sure you get a slot! Ads, sponsorships & auction items are coming in. We now have over 40 items toward our 100 item goal. If you're wondering how you can help reach our goal and more, please see below.

Your Time is Valuable! One bittersweet upside to the current economic crisis is that many of us hardest hit may find ourselves with a windfall of time on our hands. If your business has experienced a downturn and you've got some time to spare, why not consider donating a gift certificate for your services to our Spring golf tournament and auction? Lawyers, handymen, landscapers, calligraphers, party planners – whatever your specialty – no doubt there is a family in our community willing to bid on your services. This is a great opportunity to build contacts and expand your business base, support our wonderful school, and lead by example in showing your children that 'community service' is a lifelong pursuit. It's a win-win situation. Contact Geri Calos today at (781) 982-4202 ext. 362 or by email at gcalos@sscps.org if you are willing to donate your time and expertise.

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

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! We received our first payment of \$167 this week, and the earning continues!!

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](#).

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

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 to see if your size is available.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE SOCIAL & Planning Session

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 24th 6:45-8:30pm SHARP

Location: Home of Dottie Kennedy-Brooks

Snacks will be served

Sorry. No Childcare Available

6:45-7:30 Social Time!

7:30-8:30 Fundraising Planning Session

We want to discuss some fundraising opportunities for the Spring and beyond. If interested in attending and sharing your ideas please email fundraising@sscps.org and we will respond with the meeting address. We'd love to have your thoughts and hope to see you on the 24th. *Paul Carberry & Dottie Kennedy-Brooks*

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The SSCPS PA Needs You!!!

If you've ever considered getting more involved at the school now is your chance. The PA Elections are fast approaching.

Please consider running this election for:

- PA Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer
- Committee Chair (Arts/Music, Welcoming/Orientation, Community Service, SEPAC, Fundraising, Health/Safety, and Library)
- Parent Grade Reps (k-12)

If you are interested in getting your name on the ballot, or have questions regarding roles and responsibilities, please email me at jcalamoureux@comcast.net.

Deidre Lamoureux, PA Chair

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 or log onto <http://www.sscps.org/parents/parents-association/index.cfmm>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2008-2009 Vacancies:

- **Part Time Afterschool Care - Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15-5:15 - \$25 Day**
- **On-Call Substitute Teachers**
- **On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides**

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Level I Parent, Yeemay Miller, will be running the Boston Marathon on April 20th on behalf of *GoKids* Boston. This organization helps children fight childhood obesity, asthma, diabetes, future heart disease and cancer. On Sunday, March 15 there is a family friendly fund raiser party featuring Steven Courtney at Joe's Bar & Grill, Hanover from 4-6pm. Proceeds will benefit *GoKids*. For more information please visit: www.umb.edu/gokids, www.stevencourtney.com or www.firstgiving.com/yeemaymiller.

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 29, 2009

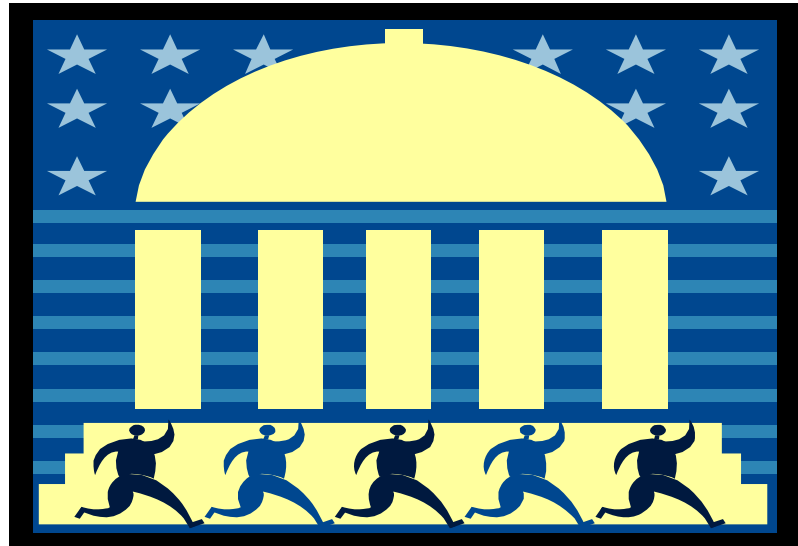
10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m.

STATE HOUSE
BOSTON, MA

CHARTER SCHOOL STATE HOUSE DAY

MA CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Our mission is to serve, support and advocate for Massachusetts charter public schools.



CALLING ALL PARENTS

Your attendance at our 5th Annual Charter School State House Day is very important. Budget cuts are jeopardizing the funding for our schools. We need your help educating legislators about charter public schools.

- Tell your story
- Advocate more choice for parents
- Ask your legislator for their support

We will provide you with:

Transportation to/from the State House

Box lunch

Speaking program with important legislators

South Shore Charter Public School
100 Longwater Circle
Norwell, MA 02064

Contact: Deidre Lamoureux
Phone: 781-335-5014
E-mail: jcalamoureux@comcast.net



February 10, 2009

Dear Friend:

It's still very much winter, but SSCEF's Auction & Golf Committee is already in full swing, planning the 14th Annual Auction and 1st 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. 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 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
Brownwall@comcast.net

Mark Stevenson
Golf Committee Co-Chair
gurnetinn@verizon.net

Maureen Hebert
Auction Committee Co-Chair
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

PAYMENT
 Total Amount: \$ _____
 Check / Money Order enclosed payable to SSCEF
 Bill my credit card: MasterCard Visa
 Account #: _____
 Exp. Date: _____
 Signature: _____

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)

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

Lunch Menu – March 2009

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

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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 No School
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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.

Please note: If your child has forgotten lunch, a yogurt, fruit bar and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$1.75. For Level I and II a Lunchable will be provided for the cost of 2.75. A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.



Teen Fridays In March

Every Friday from 6:30 - 9:30 pm we offer activities for teens. Come try a new activity. Find what moves you!



3/6	Definitions	6:30 - 7:30 pm	studio 3
	Wiffle Ball	7 - 8:30 pm	gym
	Performance Workshop	7:30 - 9:30 pm	AHC
	Foosball Challenge	8:30 - 9:30 pm	activity center

**Free
Pizza
March 6th**

3/13	Zumba	6:30 - 7:30 pm	studio 3
	Kick Ball	7 - 8:30 pm	gym
	Eco-Art Project	7 - 9 pm	AHC
	Shuffle Board Challenge	8:30 - 9:30 pm	activity center

3/20	Definitions	6:30 - 7:30 pm	studio 3
	3 on 3 Basketball	7 - 8:30 pm	gym
	Performance Workshop	7:30 - 9:30 pm	AHC

3/27	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:

Cardio & Weight Training
6:30-8:30 pm

Mixed Martial Arts
7:30-8:30 pm studio 2

New Format **Indoor Cycling**
7— 7:55 set-up
8 — 8:30 pm
Kick'in Class

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.

TEEN FRIDAY NEWS
Check out the March Calendar.

Teen Advisory Board – The CORE

If you: Have fresh ideas for Teen Fridays. Consider yourself a leader or role model. Or, want to be a leader. Ask us about the Teen Advisory Board – The CORE. A group of teens will be selected as part of a “think tank”, developing programs for all of you. So if you want a say in what happens at the Y on Friday nights – join in. Get an application at the Teen Friday registration table or ask any of the staff about it.

Accessories for everyone! Starting this Friday **everyone**, Member and Non-Members, will get a wristband at check in. Why do you have to wear them? To keep you safe (so we know who you are) and to give you access to Teen Friday activities. Look forward to seeing you all on Friday. Karen Hirsh 781-829-8585 x335