



*Update*  
April 1, 2009  
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*Independence ~ Knowledge ~ Community*

*Photos of students in Amy's and Krista's Level I and II building the Bat Houses*



**DESE teams have moved on and the 2009 MCAS testing has begun . . .**

Once again, I would like to echo my thanks to all of the parents, staff, students, and members of the Board of Trustees for their participation in the focus group meetings with our site visitors from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Two of the team members teach at charter schools in the area, Rising Tide in Plymouth and Sturgis in Hyannis. A third member of the team teaches at the Lyons Elementary School in Randolph. The other two members are from the DESE Charter School division. We should have the final report in about eight weeks. The chair of the team met briefly with administrators on Thursday afternoon to give us some feedback. There were no surprises and the team acknowledged all of the changes that the school has made since the beginning of the school year to improve student performance in reading, writing, and mathematics. Once we receive the final document, I will share it with everyone and post it on our website.

On Friday, we were able to briefly pause and catch our breath, only to have to get ready for the MCAS! This week begins the 2009 MCAS testing cycle for students in grades 3 through 10. From March 31 through April 15<sup>th</sup>, students across the Commonwealth are taking the MCAS in English Language Arts (ELA). There are two composition sessions for students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and three sessions of reading comprehension in grades 3 through 8 as well as grade 10. The MCAS tests in ELA, Math and Science are "high stakes." All high school students must score 220 or higher on the MCAS. In addition, beginning with this year's 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, local school districts are required to develop Education Proficiency Plans (EPP) for high school students scoring between 220 and 238 in ELA, Math and/or Science to ensure that they are proficient before they can receive a regular high school diploma. These requirements are part of the Massachusetts Education Reform and the federal No Child Left Behind laws. Since September, our teachers and support staff members have been working with their students to improve their reading and writing. We greatly appreciate all of the support that our families have given to help their sons and daughters become better readers and writers this year. One way that parents can help students this week and on future test days is to make certain that they have a good night's sleep and have a healthy breakfast. After the ELA testing, there is a "break" until the Math and Science tests in May. These tests will begin on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

***Program for 7-12 Parents on Depression and Youth Suicide***

Next Wednesday afternoon, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., we have scheduled a presentation with Dr. Barbara Green, Medical Director of Youth Health Connection. This program is open to parents and guardians of students in grades 7 through 12. More information about this program can be found later in this Update.

*Prue Goodale*

*"The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year?"—Mark Twain*

Wednesday	04/01	MCAS Testing	
Thursday	04/02	MCAS Testing	
Friday	04/03	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	04/03	Grades 2, 3 and 4 Field Trip to the BSO	
Friday	04/03	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends Grades 7-11	
Friday	04/03	Community Service Club Movie Night Level IV and High School Students – Tickets \$2.00 snacks available – High School Great Room	5-8pm
Monday	04/06	Facilities Committee	5:30pm
Tuesday	04/07	Executive Committee – Panera Bread – Hingham	7:45am
Tuesday	04/07	Personnel Committee – Panera Bread – Hingham	8:45am
Tuesday	04/07	Finance Committee	5:00pm
Tuesday	04/07	Development Committee	6:00pm

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

In light of recent events, Dr. Barbara Green, a Psychologist and the founder and Medical Director of Youth Health Connection will be coming to our school next Wednesday, April 8 from 3:30pm-4:30pm. She will be presenting on depression and suicide risk in teens. All parents and guardians with their grade 7-12 teens are invited to attend. There will be time for questions and answers with the opportunity to speak with the SSCPS counseling staff privately if necessary. The presentation will be held in the Auditorium. Please park in available spots and sign in at the front desk.

In addition, the support staff at SSCPS wanted to share some relevant resources with our families regarding death, loss and grief. With April break coming up, it's important to check in with your child and see how they are feeling. If you are worried, please do not leave your child alone during this time. If you are concerned about your child, please feel free to contact Alicia Scafidi, Mary Carter or Sarah O'Loughlin.

Alicia Scafidi, K-12 Adjustment Counselor ext. 206  
Sarah O'Loughlin, K-12 School Psychologist ext. 203  
Mary Carter, 7- 12 Guidance Counselor ext. 306

If you would like a paper copy of any of online articles please send an email to [ascafidi@sscps.org](mailto:ascafidi@sscps.org) with your name, specifying the article.

Resource for Teens on Death and Grief: [http://kidshealth.org/teen/your\\_mind/emotions/someone\\_died.html](http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_mind/emotions/someone_died.html)

Resource for parents:

Talking to Children about Death <http://www.hospicenet.org/html/talking.html>  
Helping Teens Cope with Grief <http://www.hospicenet.org/html/teenager.html>  
Helping Children Cope with Loss, Death and Grief Tips for Teachers and Parents  
[http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis\\_safety/griefwar.pdf](http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis_safety/griefwar.pdf)  
About Teen Suicide, Warning Signs, What parents can do  
<http://kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/behavior/suicide.html>

### Bereavement Groups

Compassionate Friends

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:30

St Paul's Parish, 20 Fearing Rd. Hingham

Parent and sibling group

Contact: Rick at 781-740-1135

### Children's Bereavement Group

Offered by: Hospice of the South Shore

When: Fridays 5:30 to 6:30

Starts: Friday April, 3, 2009 for 6 weeks

For Children ages 5-16 who have suffered the loss of a love one

Call Maureen Conneely at 339-237-1537

Cranberry Hospice

36 Cordage Park Circle Suite 326

Plymouth, MA 02360

(508) 746-0215

[www.jordanhospital.org](http://www.jordanhospital.org)

The Good Grief Program

Judge Baker Children's Center

"The Circle"

Children's Bereavement Support

One BMC Place, Boston, MA

(617) 414-4005

## **LUNCH ORDERS**

Enclosed is the April Menu and Order form. April orders are due Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **HEALTH OFFICE**

Please return the dental permission form if you would like your child to participate in this free program.

Contact the health office for additional forms or further information.

## **7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT**

### **The Learning Center**

In recent weeks high school faculty and staff have been involved in discussions on how to support struggling students. As the third quarter of the school year comes to an end, some of our students are failing or in danger of failing classes for the year. Currently, the high school has an Academic Workshop that serves some students who need academic support. Coming the second week of Quarter Four, The Learning Center (TLC) will be up and running, staffed to serve all high school students who need help with their studies.

The Learning Center will replace the Academic Workshop and continue to serve those students who had been assigned to the workshop. The Learning Center will also serve students, identified through our Student Support Team, who are currently failing or in danger of failing classes. Through conversations with students, parents/guardians, and teachers, students will be assigned to The learning Center for a portion of workshop time. For example, a student failing several courses may go to The Learning Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays and go to their workshop on Mondays and Fridays. Workshop teachers will allow students to take time from workshop to attend The Learning Center to catch up in their classes. The goal of The Learning Center is to allow teachers extra time to work with students struggling academically in order to shore up gaps and deficits in their learning before returning students to a full school day schedule. We will pilot this program in the fourth quarter to determine if intensive small group and individual tutoring will provide students the lift they need to succeed in their classes.

## Shout Outs

The Debate Team completed the season in fine form sending the following four teams to the state competition: **Alisha Tsang** and **Kristeen Lau**, **Jonathan Jackson** and **Ryan Brenner**, **Deanna Marshall** and **Kolin Perry**, and **Jonathan Hagberg** and **Matthew McAteer**. The Team did a great job representing SSCPS this season.

The Level IV and High School Environmental Workshop students sent out Earth Hour bags to the school community. This effort was led by **Christina Santiago** and **Yamiley Mathurin**.

*Jim Connolly – (781) 982-4202 – [jconnolly@sscps.org](mailto:jconnolly@sscps.org)*

## ON THE LEVELS

### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "It's raining cats and dogs."

Level 2: "Carpe Diem!"

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!!!

## FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT CORNER



### Attention Auction Advertising Donors

Act now to promote your business at a reduced rate during the Annual Auction. All advertising donors who submit their payments by April 21 will get a free upgrade to the next larger size. 1/4 page ad now \$35 (regularly \$60), 1/2 page ad now \$60 (regularly \$100), full page ad now \$100 (regularly \$175). All advertising donors who have already signed on will be automatically upgraded to the next higher size for free.

**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 share, 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](mailto:gcalos@sscps.org) if you are willing to donate your time and expertise.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Harvest Run – Save the Date!** The planning is underway and we have set Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> for the Harvest Run. Stay tuned for more information as we have it.

**Don't forget OneCause!** Money can be earned every day, all year long! Be sure to download the OneCause tool bar so you don't miss a single contribution! Click here for the most recent flyer:  
[http://www.causeloyalty.com/oc\\_docs/school/April\\_Shopping\\_Flyer\\_2009\\_School.pdf](http://www.causeloyalty.com/oc_docs/school/April_Shopping_Flyer_2009_School.pdf)

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

The Parents Association (PA) is an integral part of the SSCPS community. The PA plays a vital role in assisting the school in the critical areas of fundraising, community building, and volunteerism. The PA also has the ability to fund requests from the school community on items not included in the school budget. The Chair of the PA sits on the Board of Trustees thereby giving the parents a very strong voice in the governance of the school. In the coming weeks ballots will be distributed and you will be asked to select candidates for all PA positions as well as provide answers to a series of questions. To date the level of response from parents willing to participate in the election has been extremely disappointing. I am concerned that parents do not fully appreciate the importance the PA plays in the fabric of SSCPS. I realize that in the current economy, as parents struggle to meet the day to day challenges of raising a family, adding one more item or role to your To-Do List may seem daunting. I urge you all to attend our upcoming PA meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm and consider how you might more effectively serve the school through the Parent's Association.

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](mailto:dwhitemyer@rcn.com) or log onto <http://www.sscps.org/parents/parents-association/index.cfm>

## **SEPAC**

**SEPAC WORKSHOP** - Thursday, April 16, 2009 from 7pm to 9pm- Assisted Technology by Joan Manchester, M.Ed.ET from SSCPS.

Joan Manchester is a Learning Services Teacher at the SSCPS. In her practice Joan works with students with AD/HD, reading, writing and spelling disabilities, as well as executive function difficulties. Joan integrates assistive technology components into her practice.

Joan has presented Assistive Technology at MECC and NERCOMP. In October 2006, Joan presented Assistive Technology and E-Portfolios at the annual meeting of the Association of Educational Therapists national conference.

This hands-on presentation at the SSCPS will discuss software and hardware assistive technology options available to students. Assistive technology options addressed will include text-to-speech software and speech-to-text software. Also discussed will be talking text book options such as Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D). Low tech options such as Alpha Smart keyboards and "post-it notes" will be discussed and demonstrated.

This workshop is open to all families at the SSCPS. Please RSVP to Beth Toma at [JToma85103@aol.com](mailto:JToma85103@aol.com) if you would like to attend.

## **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.*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### **Looking for an hour-long important community service opportunity for early May?**

We've got the go-ahead to help with preparation for Norwell's Memorial Day observances by placing flags at veterans' graves at Washington Street Cemetery.

For a few years now, SSCPS has assisted with this. It will take an hour or less, and we'll gather at school right at dismissal, and then go over to the cemetery in our own cars.

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> (rain dates -- Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>)  
More details forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

**8th Annual Beacon Dash 5K Run/Walk/Wheel** to benefit the UMass Boston Early Learning Center. Sunday April 5, 2009 10:00am rain or shine. Flat course along the ocean on the campus of UMass Boston with scenic views of Boston Harbor. Entry Fee \$20.00. Prizes awarded to top male and female finishers in age divisions and wheelchair categories. T-shirts to first 200 participants. For more information contact SSCPS parent Gema Gray during business hours at 617-287-6195 or [gema.gray@umb.edu](mailto:gema.gray@umb.edu). Alternatively, contact Race Director, Hasan Bailey at 617-287-6788 or [hasan.bailey@umb.edu](mailto:hasan.bailey@umb.edu).

### **Penny Drive Level 3 & 4 – March 16<sup>th</sup> thru April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Grace & Nicholas Moore are raising money to donate to the Children's Inn at The National Institute of Health in Bethesda, MD. Their brother, Benjamin, spent 11 weeks receiving treatment at NIMH (National Institute of Mental Health) last April. Grace and Nicholas stayed at the Inn for 5 weeks last year. Their mom and Benjamin, stayed at the Inn for the 11 weeks while Benjamin received treatment.

The family had a chance to experience, first hand, how important a place like the Children's Inn is to families living with chronic and sometimes life threatening illnesses. The Children's Inn provides all services free of charge. Families can stay for up to 120 days or more, in some cases, while their child is being treated.

Here is some more information about the Children's Inn taken from their website:

In June 1990, The Children's Inn at NIH opened its doors to pediatric patients and their families. Since then The Inn has been in continuous operation: 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Our doors never close. During the past 18 years, 8,684 seriously ill children and their families have made 40,000 visits to The Inn.

Children and families travel from all over the world to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) because conventional treatments have failed to have sufficient impact on their illnesses. Located in Bethesda, Maryland, NIH is the world's premier biomedical research facility. Children receive treatment for illnesses such as cancer, heart, lung, blood, bone and growth disorders, mental illnesses, and HIV infection.

The warmth and camaraderie of The Inn stand in sharp contrast to the isolation of a hotel room. In the lively atmosphere of The Inn, the kids and their families can put aside the challenges they face. The Inn gives kids a place to be kids for a while, instead of patients. At the end of the treatment day, they leave behind the IV drips, the needles, the nurses and doctors to return to The Inn and, most importantly, to the comforting presence of their families and caring staff and volunteers.

The overriding philosophy at The Children's Inn is that families make a difference in the lives of their sick children. To treat a patient effectively, the healthcare team must care for the family and child as one. The emotional comfort a family gives to a sick child and the mutual support among kids and families who share the same experience together are invaluable.

**FREITAS FAMILY COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR TANZANIA!** Our Auntie Arlene will be traveling to Tanzania in East Africa at the end of June with Missions for Humanity. Their purpose is to provide medical, dental and humanitarian aid to those in the neediest communities. They will be working at the Ukonga Hospital in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and the outlying villages. We are very proud of our aunt for all of the work that she does to help other people and we thought it would be great for us, as kids, to help the kids that she will be working with. We are looking for donations of new or gently used backpacks.

Also flip flops and sunglasses for children. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to Danny Freitas in Krista's Pod on Level II.

*Thank you - The Freitas Kids: Danny (4th grade), Matthew (2nd grade) and Amelia (kindergarten)*

### **The Historic Jewel between the bay and the ocean is sparkling again!**

If you have not driven by the Paragon Carousel, you must make sure you do. More than 50+ volunteers arrived on Saturday to put a new coat of paint on this historic building and to also paint inside the Carousel as well. Each week a volunteer team of more than 150 people are doing the small but important tasks to restore the luster to our historic icon of old fashioned fun.

There is still more to do and we want to ask you to help out in any way you can.

Here are some options:

1. Attend a training session on Friday, April 3rd from 3:30 to 5:30 pm or Saturday, April 4th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm to learn how to be a volunteer operator at the Carousel. We will be asking folks to volunteer only 3.5 hours to help us run the Carousel with volunteer labor from April 11th until May 17th. During this time the Carousel is only open on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm. (functions include, ticket sellers, ticket takers, operators, gift shop sales, greeter who promotes membership & bricks)
2. Retrofit a cabinet on wheels to serve as the portable Membership and Memorial Brick advertising station.
3. Final power washing of the brick patio surrounding the Carousel to remove any paint that may have been spilled with caution not to spray the newly painted building.
4. Move display cases that are in the Carousel building into the Clock tower Building.
5. Move metal cabinets from retail space into the new office space.
6. Work on the door knobs and locks to be sure they close properly in the Clock Tower Building.
7. Create a Sandwich Board Sign to announce that the Gift Shop is Open.
8. Secure the dumpster for removal by flattening out the junk.
9. Packaging up remaining junk for removal.
10. Patch holes in the wall of the entry to the Clock Tower Building.
11. Locate a vendor to produce Paragon Carousel ride tickets that are numbered and perforated allowing visitors to keep one portion and the other portion stays with the Carousel.
12. Begin collecting Paragon Carousel Open House (May 2-3) Raffles so that every hour of the Open House we will give away a raffle prize to one person who rode the Carousel during that hour. We already have a Clarion Hotel prize and Johnny Cupcakes T-shirt to start us off. We will need at least 23 prizes.
13. Donation of 4 yards of black mulch for the garden areas.
14. Donation of evergreen bushes for the garden areas.
15. Donation of ornamental grasses for the planter boxes.

And the most important thing everyone can do is BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PARAGON CAROUSEL. Visit [www.ParagonCarousel.com](http://www.ParagonCarousel.com) and become a member or send your check to Friends of the Paragon Carousel, P.O. Box 100, Hull, MA 02045.

On behalf of all the folks who are smiling at a freshly painted building and all the people who will be riding the sparkling fresh Paragon Carousel, I say THANK YOU. Dennis Zaia

**The 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:amedeiros1106@hotmail.com). The Big Count Down, Drum Roll, and C cheers 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!



# HELP!



The History Workshop is looking for people who have been to and remember Paragon Park. We are making a public exhibit about the park and need information about the history and closing of the park, memories, pictures, artifacts, etc. If you have anything that might help us or would like to be interviewed, please be kind enough to contact us at [ldesalvo@sscps.org](mailto:ldesalvo@sscps.org).



# Take a Moment to Enjoy the View!

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction on May 28, 2009 will start with appetizers & cocktails, followed by dinner and a Silent Auction, all the while, enjoying this gorgeous view at Souther's Marsh Golf Club in Plymouth.

Reserve your dinner tickets now so you don't miss this opportunity to support our school!!!



Online payment and reservation forms can be obtained at [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org).  
Registration forms are also available at the front desk.

Don't forget to check out [www.sscefgolfauction.com](http://www.sscefgolfauction.com) to browse our updated list of fantastic auction items!

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

***AGENDA***

April 7<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm

- 7:00                    **Call Meeting to Order**
- 7:00 – 7:05           **Review and Approve Minutes**  
March 2009 Meeting Minutes
- 7:05 – 7:20           **Announcements**  
Next PA Meeting & Calendar Items  
PA Election Discussion
- 7:20 – 7:40           **School Report**  
Prue Goodale
- 7:40 – 7:55           **Board of Trustees Report**
- 7:55 – 8:20           **Committee Reports** (as needed)  
Fundraising  
Arts & Music  
Health & Safety  
Welcoming  
Community Service  
PAC  
Library
- 8:20 – 8:35           **Grade Representative Reports** (as needed)
- 8:35 – 8:50           **Other Reports** (as needed)  
Education Committee  
School Council  
Treasurer's Report
- 8:50 – 9:00           **Old Business / New Business**
- 9:00                    **Adjourn**

**South Shore Charter Public School  
Parents Association Meeting  
March 7, 2009 DRAFT**

Minutes taken by Donna Walsh  
Meeting called to order 10am  
February minutes approved

**Announcements**

- Next PA meeting April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm
- Saturday meetings have gone well
- Board of Trustees meeting 3/19, parents are encouraged to attend
- Trustees will hold April meeting on the 16th, due to spring break
- 3/25, 3/26 DESE (Dept. of Elementary/Secondary Education's Charter School Office) will have 2 teams visiting our school, they will be looking at our entire program. This is part of the oversight not renewal teams.
- Parent Focus Group is scheduled for 11:15 on 3/26, volunteers are needed for the group, if interested, contact Pam Algera
- 4/29 10a-2p is Charter Schools Day at the State House; MCPSA will provide transportation and lunch. More info to be distributed
- 3/28 7p-11pm alumni social to be held, more info in bulletin
- Elections are coming up, if interested e-mail Deidre

**School Report/Education Committee, Ted Hirsch**

- DESE visit will be looking at English as a second language & special needs
- Next week a letter will be going out to Level 1 parents informing them multi-age classes will continue. Decision made due to the feedback from parents & former students. Some of the concerns raised were, how does a student go from multi-age to non multi-age? What would the social emotional well being be like for the students?
- 2 weekend retreats are coming up to focus on renewal, we are looking for a five year renewal
- Successful Enrollment Lottery held – extensive waiting lists – 51 acceptances out of 400 applicants
- Sibling priority means: a sibling must currently be enrolled in the school on the first day of school - 8 siblings did not get in
- Plans being discussed to restructure the # of classes per level – Ted Hirsch to disseminate information in a clear and concise fashion – the result will be fewer classes – 18 classes of 22 students in K-8 to allow for approx 144 in HS to ensure that the HS remains viable - Due to restructuring there will be layoffs for next year, the budget will be finalized in March; employees will be notified ASAP.
- 100 students are currently enrolled from Randolph, payment for Randolph students has increased \$1,000 per student due to Prop 2 ½ override
- 3.2 million dollars from stimulus package will be available soon and our application for funds has moved on the phase of the grant process
- Suggestions for ways to help parents can help teachers: Bev suggested we put a wish list on the web-site for teachers to request items not on the budget, Sponsor a Classroom program, etc
- Reminder to Give to the annual fund, we currently have 26% participation or \$20,700, donations can be made on line under the Alumni tab

**Committee Reports**

*Fundraising/Dottie Kennedy-Brooks*

- Walk-a-thon is being reassessed, last year this event raised \$8,000
- Meet-n-Greet session to be held at Dottie's house on 3/24, 6:45-8:30pm
- More info to follow (No child care)
- Working on Meet-n-Greet with alumni

*Arts and Music-no report*

*Health & Safety/Janet Coletti*

- Last week's meeting went well, discussed future lunch vendors, get info for future lunch options, we will find out how to make changes with very complicated federal regulations.

- PE- supplementing indoor PE with Yoga a possibility
- Karate instructor willing to come in to discuss safety-free of charge
- Still need a list of all new families to send out welcome letters
- Due to communication problems, it was recommended that future ideas be brought to Education Committee

*Welcoming/Janet Coletti*

- Janet paid \$100 out of pocket last year for welcoming letters, it is suggested the school take over this task
- Janet will not be running for Welcoming Committee this year
- Annette Golden volunteered to take over the playground group
- Thank you Janet for all your hard work and dedication to this Committee

*Community Service/Jae Picard*

- Flag placing for Norwell vets
- Opportunities for community service to be put on the web-site
- Dog walking thru Weymouth PCA is an option for high school students
- Fundraising room/campus grounds need clean up
- A \$7,000 grant will be made available, world computer exchange, computers to be sent to Haiti
- A list of ideas were submitted for Level 1

*SEPAC/Beth Toma*

- Final workshop to be held in April. Assisted Technology

*Library/Bev Bruce*

- Ordered new books with Book Fair money
- Volunteers still needed
- Library is really helping kids, especially younger students

**Treasurers Report/Denise Demaggio**

- Motion to approve task force items voted. Vote open to all
- Voted in whole, unanimous approval, 0 abstained
  - Approved - \$300 Enrichment Program for Level 1
  - \$300 Athletic Supplies for Level 2
  - \$161. 57 Easel on wheels for Level 3
  - \$220 Buzzer system for math comps for Level IV
  - \$4400 Smart Board for Level IV
  - \$810 Calculator software for Level V
  - \$500 Filters and other fees for Veggie Van
  - \$205.12 Rug for Library
  - \$150 to each level for field trips, total \$750
- Denise will speak with Pam regarding how payment will be made
- Money is in an account with school, PA does not have their own account

**Grade Reps (abbreviated due to Task Force discussion/vote)**

- K – Play was fantastic, Exhibitions of Mastery went great
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - Jae Picard distributed teachers responses with a perspective on 1<sup>st</sup> graders - Here are a few of the responses: Students re-assessed on the Dibels instrument and results were impressive; students are using the Core Knowledge Listening and Learning Strand in project; Exhibitions of Mastery were impressive; Drama project helping the kids with poise, expression and ability to speak to an audience; Working hard on reading, math, writing.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>- Exhibitions went great, BSO trip coming in April
    - 6<sup>th</sup>-MCAS practice is ongoing; Teachers in need of paper towels
    - 7<sup>th</sup>- Carly Hayes and Rosie Herrera collected \$805 for Daffodil Days; We congratulate them for all their efforts.
- High School – Students working on Mothers Day Out project are doing a fantastic job, watching all the kids and all the help they provide in the Library.

11:50am-Meeting Adjourned

# SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 29, 2009

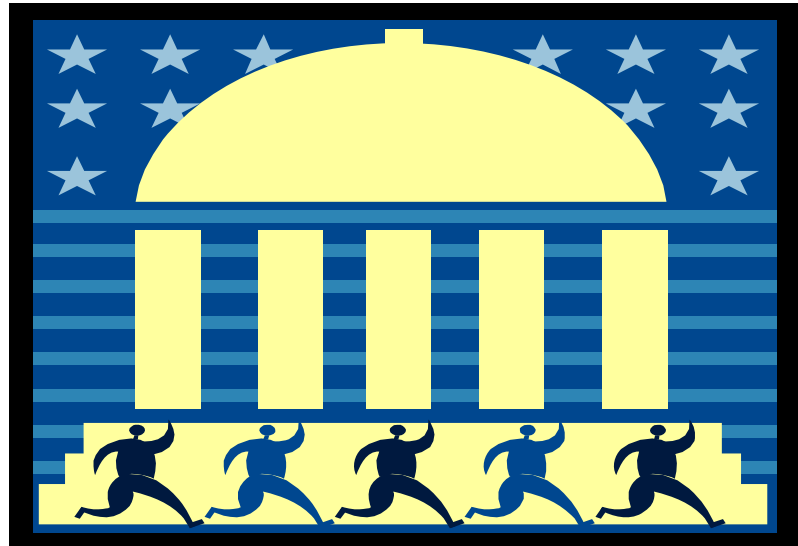
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STATE HOUSE  
BOSTON, MA

# 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

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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,

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Auction Committee Co-Chair  
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**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](http://www.sscps.org)

## Lunch Menu – April 2009

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>6</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Turkey</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo</p>	<b>7</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<b>8</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Chicken Salad</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>With lettuce and tomato</i></p>	<b>9</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<b>10</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tossed Salad</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With Italian dressing and pita bread</p>
<b>13</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Roast Beef</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With American cheese and mustard</p>	<b>14</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<b>15</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>BLT</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<b>16</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<b>17</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuna Salad</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With lettuce and tomato</p>
<b>20</b> <p style="text-align: center;">----- <b>V</b></p>	<b>21</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A      C</b></p>	<b>22</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A      T</b></p>	<b>23</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>I      O</b></p>	<b>24</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>N      -----</b></p>
<b>27</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Italian Cold Cuts</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<b>28</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<b>29</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>BLT</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<b>30</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<b>5/1</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greek Salad</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">With Greek dressing and pita bread</p>

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 April, 2009  
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 26, 2009

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

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

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

Week of 4/6 – 4/10	<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 4/13 – 4/17	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Sub ½ sub Wheat
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Week of 4/20 – 4/24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday
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Week of 4/27 – 5/1	<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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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

*Less credit due*

**Total Amount Enclosed**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

**Choice of 2% milk, chocolate milk, strawberry milk or orange juice is included with the purchase of a meal or can be purchased separately for 25 cents.**

Please note: If your child has forgotten lunch, a lunch of 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.