



Update
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Independence ~ Knowledge ~ Community

Celebrating 14 years as a Charter School and our 14th graduation

SSCPS's fourteenth graduation is a week from Saturday, June 6th, at 11:00 a.m. Members of the Board of Trustees, school administrators, faculty, family and friends will gather to honor the twenty-three members of the Class of 2009 for all of their accomplishments and wish them well as they move on to new challenges and adventures. At last year's graduation, we established a "new" tradition – recognizing students and staff who had been with the school for thirteen years – kindergarten through grade twelve. In 2008, there were four students and four staff members who had been with us since the opening of our school in Hull, Massachusetts in 1995. This year, there are four members of the Class of 2009 who have been with us since kindergarten – Alyse Algera, Kelly Garber, Carly Hayes, and Thomas (Tee) Smith. In addition to the four staff members recognized last year for their service and commitment to the school since its founding (Velma Begley, Claudia Darrow, Ted Hirsch, and Rick Small), there are three staff members this year who have been with us for thirteen years: Cyndie Connolly, Claire Overlee, and Helen (Wardie) Mannix. Dr. Gorsuch, our former K-12 principal, came up with the title, "Fraternity of Thirteen" to recognize students and staff who had been with the school for thirteen consecutive years. We have ordered plaques to be displayed in the front lobby that will recognize the "fraternity" and we will add names to these plaques each spring, after graduation.

Tomorrow's Golf Tournament and Bidding on Auction Items

As you know, tomorrow is the Drive Fore the Future Golf Tournament and Auction. We are pleased to announce that we have more than 150 folks signed up. As I have mentioned in the Alert Now messages and previous Updates, we have an amazing number of items to auction off and many of them are one of a kind. If you are unable to attend the auction, you can still send in a bid through a friend attending the auction or one of the school administrators. We have posted the program on our website. Go to www.sscps.org and click on the golf/auction link and you will see the program. Special thanks to parent Joyce Whitman Conforti for putting the program together. Personally, I think that we should enter it in a competition because I know that we would win first prize for its design and presentation. Last, but by no means least, many thanks to Miriam Brownwall, Development Committee Chair and member of the Board of Trustees, Geri Calos, Development Associate, Mark Stevenson, Golf Chair, Maureen Hebert, Auction Chair, and all of our parent volunteers who have been working on this event since February!

Reminders and Save the Dates

- Thursday, May 28: FIRST Annual Golf Tournament and Auction, Southers Marsh, Plymouth**
- Tuesday, June 2: Volunteer Recognition Celebration: 6:00 p.m. followed by the June Parents Association meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
- Wednesday, June 3 Kindergarten Open House 5:00-6:30pm**
- Saturday, June 6 Graduation: 11:00 a.m.**
- Tuesday, June 9 Spring Concert, 6:00 p.m. at Hingham High School**
- Thursday, June 11 Title I Year End Literacy Celebration 6:00-8:00pm**
- Tuesday, June 16 Level III Musical 6:30pm Hingham Middle School**

Prue Goodale

"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Wed-Fri	5/27-5/29	Senior Project Presentations	
Thursday	5/28	Golf Tournament / Auction Southers Marsh, Plymouth	
Friday	5/29	High School Prom – A Street Hull	7:00-11:00pm
Tuesday	6/02	Volunteer Celebration Reception	6:00pm
Tuesday	6/02	Parents Association meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	6/03	Level III Field Trip to George’s Island	
Wednesday	6/03	2009-2010 Kindergarten Class Open House	5:00-6:30pm
Thurs & Fri	6/04 & 6/05	High School MCAS Testing Science/Technology	
Friday	6/05	Graduation Rehearsal and Breakfast	10:00am
Saturday	6/06	Graduation	11:00am

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention - Families in Hull, Hingham, and Cohasset.

We are fortunate to have a reliable and safe bus service run from Hull, Hingham, and Cohasset to the SSCPS in Norwell. If you are interested in having your child(ren) ride 1-way or round trip, this is the time to make arrangements. Deposits and contracts are due by June 15th. For prices, contracts, and additional information; please contact: Amy Lemkin, amylemkin@gmail.com, 781-801-5557.

Support our Veggie Van and purchase this special T-shirt. We have a limited quantity of t-shirts available for \$10 each. We now have smaller youth sizes and adult XL. Contact Tara Turner at tturner@sscps.org.

We are looking to go it again! Wanted! a donated DIESEL van!

It would need to be one of the following:

FORD

1986-89 6.9L diesel (some have aftermarket turbos which are good)

1990-1993.5 7.3L NON powerstroke

1994-1997/8 1st generation powerstroke

1999-2002 2nd generation powerstroke

Chevrolet 1980s-2002 (unless it has a Duramax engine)

If you or if you know of someone who may be interested in please contact Tara Turner at 781-982-4202 x 331 or tturner@sscps.org.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the lunch order form and menu for June. Orders are due Thursday, May 28th by 3pm.

HEALTH OFFICE

Please remind all students to stay away from the wooded areas on the playground. There have been several staff and students who have reported tic bites. Also students should use bug repellent on any field trips that involve wooded areas. This should be applied at home.

K-6 PRINCIPAL REPORT

On Friday May 1st many people donated perennials for a new memorial garden. That afternoon The Conservation Workshop (Level IV) took those plants and put in the first stages of a Memorial Garden. The planting and work done by the students in the project went without a hitch as twelve students, their project leader, Emily Merwin, and three parent volunteers put in the garden. Now this was not a typical garden, for one thing it was designed by the students as they planted. That Friday afternoon there were leaders and independent thinkers. These students had design conversations and thoughts about some things then others; for example, special care was made about where to put the forget-me-nots. The garden was put in using a method of planting inspired by “no till agriculture,” a type of agriculture where the soil is not turned prior to planting and the seeds are drilled into the ground. This method is used to minimize erosion and is a appropriate method for the “Conservation Project” to use. When the students planted the garden they merely removed small sections of sod and inserted the perennials. In the month of May we have been blessed with sufficient rain and all of the perennials that were put in are living and look healthy, some of them are blooming and many look as if they have been there for years. This garden is an example of why we believe in the South Shore Charter Public School’s model of projects. The experience of working with these students, some of whom had never worked with a garden before was joyous and eye opening. One of them said, “Now I understand the reason for hard work,” and another student’s mother said, “I hope you are taking notes because you are going to do this at home for our garden.” The work of these students will be ongoing and last for years, which is one of the models that the founders of the school felt was essential to projects. This garden will help us to remember the wonderful people who have been a part of the school and are sadly no longer with us. In time I am sure with the steady help of the students this garden will become a show place and a beautiful garden not just a wonderful learning experience and an environmentally sensitive planting plan.

Last Friday, Cyndie Connolly and I took Cathe Hayes to show her the garden. Cathe is the mother of two of our high school students, who have been at SSCPS since kindergarten. Cyndie, Cathe and I admired how well all of the plants were doing and we talked about the garden. Cathe talked about how over time a path would appear and how the garden would become beautiful. We also talked about her senior Carly and her school experiences and her plans for the future. I learned that Carly is going to study voice at the New England Conservatory and I felt great satisfaction to hear about her successes and triumphs in the demanding and highly competitive world of classical music, where the New England Conservatory is world renowned.

Cathe then told me about Carly’s early years in the school when she had been with me in the “Garden Project” and Cathe told me how they had been talking about that time. What Carly had remembered best about the Garden Project was dead fish. At first I did not remember any dead fish but Cathe reminded me that whenever we found a fish carcass on the beach at A Street in Hull we would bring the fish to the garden and dig the fish into the soil. We had learned about how the Wampanoag had fertilized their gardens with dead fish and we did the same with ours. It had impact as the children would ask their parents to bring dead fish to school.

This is the last week the Conservation Project can take perennial plants if you would still like your plants to be a part of the Memorial Garden.

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

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: “Where there is a will there is a way.”

Level 2: “As the crow flies.”

Cradles to Crayons: Katie's Kalligraphy project is doing a drive for Cradles to Crayons that starts May 18, and goes until June 1. We're collecting clothes, shoes, school supplies and toys for babies through to middle school students. You can drop the materials off at Katie's room (201) anytime within the next two weeks. Please make sure that the materials and clothing are in good condition. Thank you!

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT CORNER

SSCPS's 1st Annual Golf Tournament & 14th Annual Auction is here!



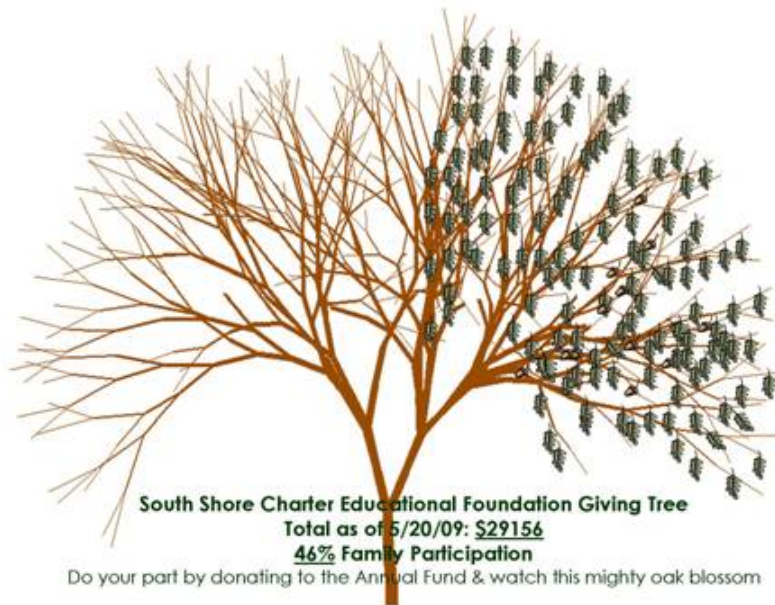
The 1st Annual Drive Fore the Future Golf Tournament & 14th Annual Auction is taking place on Thursday evening, May 28, 2009 at Souther's Marsh Golf Club in Plymouth. If you can't make it and would a friend to place a bid for you, please check out our [auction catalog here](#) for an amazing array of items! Visit www.sscefgolfauction.com for more info.

Special Thanks

Thanks to the Community Service Club for stepping up to the tee by donating two Movie Night Gift Baskets for the Annual Auction complete with choice of movies, drinks, candy and of course popcorn!

Annual Fund – Keep the Participation Momentum Going!! Make Your Donation Today

We have surpassed last year's family participation & are nearing \$30,000. Let's not stop here.. we can reach our goal together!



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

Don't forget OneCause! To date, we have earned \$223 by just a few of us shopping through OneCause. We have already received a check! Download the

toolbar & you won't forget! Money can be earned every day, all year long! Win a Dell Laptop by inviting your friends to OneCause!

http://www.causeloyalty.com/oc_docs/school/Invite_Friends_Flyer_School.pdf

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The **final meeting of the school year for the Parents Association** will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7pm. Next years PA officers and committee chairs should plan on attending

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 Blaire Schaefer-Flynn (bschaefer@gmail.com) or log onto <http://www.sscps.org/parents/parents-association/index.cfm>

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 INTEREST

Girl Scout Registration for next year has begun! Meetings for all grades will be held on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Daisies (grades K-1); Brownies (grades 2-3), and Juniors/Cadettes/Seniors (grades 4 and up). Meetings run from the end of September/early October through the end of May/early June. Dues are \$4.00 per meeting. Financial aid is available. No one will be turned away for inability to pay. To register or for further information contact a current a troop leader.

Daisy Troop Leader: Beth Farmer – H: (781) 826-2025; Email bfarmer12@verizon.net

Brownie Troop Leaders: Maureen Hebert – Cell (781) 837-8952, Email mhebert@metlife.com; Stacey Kirves – Cell (617) 510-8888, Email - kirv4@yahoo.com;

Junior/Cadette/Seniors Troop Leaders: Stacy Rousseau – H: (781) 961-4071, Cell (781) 727-9784; Email – faemoon3@gmail.com; Justine Notarangelo – H: (781) 982-8648, Cell (781) 985-4433, Email Justine@Notarangelo.com

If you are willing to help out as a troop leader next year, please let us know. We especially need a Daisy troop leader for next year. Registration is first come, first served. Please note that the Daisy troop this year was filled to capacity and some girls had to be turned away so the sooner you let us know the sooner you can secure your daughter a spot.

NAMI Plymouth presents Children's Challenging Behavior – Free one day workshop that provide information, hope and encouragement for parents, caregivers, professionals and anyone interested in childhood mental health disorders. The workshop will be held on June 6th at the Congregational Church (1981 Ocean Street, Marshfield) from 9am-4pm. Space is limited, reserve you seat in advance by calling: Plyllis Burns 781-834-6259; Jan Kerns 781-837-1162 or Teri Otis 781-294-4218.

Our Physical Education Teacher, Ashley Lorance, will be participating in the Cohasset Triathlon on June 28. Ashley is racing as part of the team, Sarah's Soldiers. Sarah's Soldiers is a team of friends and family supporting Sarah Bast and the great efforts of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, or JDRF. The team's goal is to help support the JDRF in its efforts to find a cure for juvenile diabetes. Last year the team raised over \$33,000 as they participated and competed in the Cohasset Triathlon. They look to surpass that number this year and need your help. Your donations are greatly appreciated on behalf of Ashley and the entire Sarah's Soldiers team. Please visit www.sarahsoldiers.com to learn more.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



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 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!)

Stop! Wait! You think you don't have enough Hair!?



There's a new thing in town! 2 inches of hair and you're In!! The Big Hair Ball is here!! Cut your hair at the Big Hair Cut for collects hair to make rugs for **Oil Spills**!! Hair is a super absorbent of oil products – hair-mats are used to soak up ocean oil spills from oil tankers. Go to <http://www.matteroftrust.org/>

and read all about it!! So join us at the BIG HAIR CUT on June 12th at 2:30. For more information and to sign up contact Ruth Pierre, Level IV, Angie's Pod or you can contact Ruth through Claudia at extension 212. ALL DONATIONS COUNT AS COMMUNITY SERVICE! Salons are sweeping up their hair clippings into plastic garbage bags and sending them to **Matters of trust** and so are we!!

Matter of Trust is the fiscal sponsor for Thomas Azwell's treatability study of hazardous waste oil collected by mats made from human hair clippings then detoxified by thermophilic compost of greenwaste. Finally, the mass is reduced by worms. After a few months the end result should be a rich worm castings fertilizer. This project is a practical, hands on study to further the cause of efficient closed loop systems for oil spill clean up.

You can still Buy your 2009 Yearbook!!!



- Go to Jostensyearbook.com to purchase
 - **\$45.00 pre-sale until May 31st**
 - After May 31st you can NO longer purchase your yearbook online... You will have to buy one from Jared, if there are any left, for \$55.00.
 - For more information and questions contact Jared in room 303 or ext. 316.
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You're invited to ...

Volunteer Appreciation Reception

South Shore Charter Public School
invites you to a celebration
honoring our many volunteers.

Please join us ...

Tuesday, June 2, 2009
6:00 pm
High School Great Room

Light Refreshments will be served.

Please note that the Parents Association
meeting will be held immediately following
at 7:00 pm.

South Shore Charter Public School Night at the



Please join us on Friday,
June 26, 2009

The game starts at 7:00 p.m.
Don't miss the fireworks!

Tickets are \$6.00 per person.

To order tickets please provide the following information and include a check made payable to SSCPS. Please return to your child's teacher or drop at the front desk. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of tickets: _____

Lunch Menu – June 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>1</i> Chicken Salad With lettuce and tomato	<i>2</i> <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	<i>3</i> Ham With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	<i>4</i> <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	<i>5</i> Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
<i>8</i> <i>Roast Beef</i> With American cheese and mustard	<i>9</i> <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	<i>10</i> <i>BLT</i> Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	<i>11</i> <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	<i>12</i> Tossed Salad With Italian dressing and pita bread
<i>15</i> Italian Cold Cuts With Provolone cheese, lettuce, pickle and oil	<i>16</i> <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	<i>17</i> Turkey With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	<i>18</i> <i>Early Release</i> No Lunch	<i>19</i>

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 June, 2009
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, May 28, 2009

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 6/1- 6/5	<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 6/8 - 6/12	<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 6/15 - 6/19	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thursday Early Release	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday
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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 lunch of Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$2.75. **For Level I and II a Lunchable will be provided.** A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.*

DO YOU WANT TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT?

Do you like to have **fun**?

Are you currently in **5th, 6th or 7th** Grade?

Are you **adventurous**?

Want to study **Science** this summer?

*Can you get **wet and muddy** for a good cause?*

Then you can become a

JUNIOR MARSH MONITOR

- **Learn about why our marshes are so important**
- **Know how to answer the question: “What’s a Watershed anyway?”**
- **Trap, identify and release fish**
- **Set up water wells in the marsh and sample for water quality**
- **Learn about Native and Invasive vegetation**
- **Sample marsh mud and find out what lives in it**

Registration is \$150 per student and can be completed directly with the instructor, Heather Murphy at hmurphy@hinghamschools.com or Mac Haran at iharan@sscps.org

Class size is small and spaces are limited.

Please visit our website for more information: ccscr.org

To sign up you must come with a parent to the CSCR Orientation Meeting on Tuesday, May 26th, at 6:30pm at the Lightkeeper’s House



South Shore YMCA

Teen Fridays In May

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



5/1 Definitions 6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3
Zumba w/ Jen 7:30 - 8:30 pm studio 3
Capture the Flag 7 - 8:30 pm gym
Rock Band w/ Leaders 7:30 - 9:30 pm AHC



5/8 Zumba w/ Toni 6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3
Wiffle Ball 7 - 8:30 pm gym

5/15 Definitions 6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3
Zumba w/ Jen 7:30 - 8:30 pm studio 3
Team Handball 7 - 8:30 pm gym
Performance Workshop :30 - 9:30 pm AHC

NEW

Every Friday Night:

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

Iron Core Yoga
6:45—7:45 pm
Studio 2

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

Indoor Cycling
7—7:55 set-up
8—8:30 pm
Kick'in Class
cycling studio

Open Gym, Swim &
Cardio 6:30-9:30

5/22 Zumba w/ Toni 6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3
3 on 3 Basketball 7 - 8:30 pm gym
Rock Band w/ Leaders 7 - 9:30 pm AHC

5/29 Definitions 6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3
Zumba w/ Jen 7:30 - 8:30 pm studio 3
Revenge 7 - 8:30 pm gym
Performance Workshop 7:30 - 9:30 pm AHC

Teen Friday events are free to Members and \$5 for Non-Members.
Participants must be 11—17 years old (* 12 + for Cardio & Weight Training program).
Every 10 times you come get a prize. Wear work-out gear to be active.