



Update
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Independence ~ Knowledge ~ Community



**Executive Director for the Day –
Nella Harting**

**Thank you to Nella's parents Christopher and Heidi Harting for
being the highest bidder!**

A message from Board Member and Golf/Auction Organizer, Miriam Brownwall:

There aren't things much more gratifying than the phenomenal feeling one gets when an event such as the golf tournament/auction is finally over and you realize how many people have stepped forward to work so hard to make the event such an amazing success for the students, the teachers and the community as a whole.

Thank you to Maureen Hebert and Mark Stevenson and their committees who made the event the rousing success it was. From those who successfully solicited items for the auction and sponsors for the tournament, to those who made sure we had attendees at both parts of the event as well as a publication that in my opinion is worthy of entering in a competition, to those who helped us the day of the event...I cannot thank you enough.

To those who came and golfed in the drizzle and the wind! Thank you!! To those who came and joined us for dinner and who bid on the myriad of items and made this such a financial and social success, Thank you!!

The entire event was so huge, that we have some items that are still available for bid. Please visit: www.SSCEFGolfAuction.com Any amount achieved in this post event auction will be counted toward the final numbers of the May 28th auction and make the children's educational experience here at SSCPS that much better. So if you couldn't join us that night it's not too late to bid on these items that just didn't catch someone's eye that night.

Thanks once again for all that each and every one of you do every day.
Miriam Brownwall, Trustee and Development Chair

Parents – the most important part of our three-legged stool

I would like to echo Miriam's words of appreciation to everyone involved in our first combined golf tournament and auction. Kudos to the three responsible for putting it all together, making it a reality, and a BIG success – Miriam, Maureen Hebert, and Mark Stevenson. In all, there were twenty-eight volunteers who worked before the event, during the event, and after (clean-up). Right now, we are close to the \$20,000 mark and there are still a few GREAT items to bid on. Please check out the link for our on-line auction.

I would also like to thank the 200+ parents who volunteered in some capacity at the school this year – from the picnic, to the after-school tutoring, to classroom assistance, to serving as "librarians" in our NEW library so that children could spend time there and check out books, to chaperoning field trips, to the winter social, and the Brockton Rox (coming later in June – don't miss out) to the major fundraising events – the Annual Fund Drive, Harvest Run, Founders Event, Touch-A-Truck, and the Golf Tournament and Auction. In many of the Updates, Jim, Ted and I have written about our three legged stool and the important role of parents at SSCPS. Thank you all so very much for everything that you have done to support your children, the teachers and staff, and the school this year.

Annual Report and Parent Survey

Yesterday afternoon, Dr. Connolly, Pam Algera and I joined other leaders from charter schools across the state in a conference call with Tony Ashton from the Charter School office at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. By August 1st, every charter school must submit its Annual Report to the Department. This year, there have been some changes in the requirements and in the format for the reports and Mr. Ashton wanted to discuss them with us. One important point that he stressed is the annual satisfaction survey and the participation rates of the faculty, students, parents and Trustees. Mr. Ashton and his team visited SSCPS in March and in their follow-up report, they noted that the parent participation rate in last year's survey was very low. Feedback from parents and participation in the annual survey is important every year but it is **CRUCIAL** this year because we are up for Charter Renewal. Tomorrow, Thursday, June 4, we will be emailing everyone the link to take the electronic survey about our school. PLEASE find the time to take the on-line survey. If you do not have internet access at home, we have several computers available in our computer lab for you to take the survey before school, after school, and even during the school day. **NO EXCUSES** - - we need you to take the survey. The last day to take the survey will be Monday, June 15. I will also be doing some Alert Now reminders.

“June is bustin' out all over
 All over the meadow and the hill!
 Buds're bustin' outa bushes
 And the rompin' river pushes
 Ev'ry little wheel that wheels beside the mill!”

From **Rogers and Hammerstein's** musical, **Carousel**

Reminders and Save the Dates

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: 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
Tuesday, June 16 **Level III Musical, 6:30 p.m. at Hingham Middle School**
Thursday, June 18 **Early Release – 12:00pm – Last Day of School!**

Prue Goodale

Wednesday	6/03	Kindergarten Open House	5:00-6:30pm
Thurs - Fri	6/04 & 6/05	High School MCAS Science/Technology Testing	
Friday	06/05	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	06/05	Senior Breakfast and Graduation Rehearsal	10:00am
Saturday	06/06	Graduation	11:00am
Monday	06/08	SSCEF Meeting	6:00pm
Tuesday	06/09	BOT Executive Committee Meeting – Panera – Hingham	7:45am
Tuesday	06/09	Spring Concert – Hingham High School	6:00pm
Thursday	06/11	Title I Year End Literacy Celebration	6:00pm

**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, June 4th 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.

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Senior Projects

In the past week seniors returned to campus after spending a month away from the school house. The seniors were away for Senior Project and returned to present what they had learned from their project experiences. It was impressive to see how much they had grown in the past month. The students were excited about their work on Senior Project and assured that the knowledge gained from this work better prepared them for the future.

Our seniors were involved in a wide range of projects, from internships in hospitals, businesses, science centers, and probate courts to research on forensic science. In presentations limited to twenty minutes, students spoke with confidence on their learning during the past month and all of them had trouble keeping their talk within the constraints of the imposed time limit.

It is a testimony to the progressive nature of our educational program at SSCPS that, while other schools struggle to make senior year meaningful to students, we offer our students a full-time Senior Project experience that places them in the world they will soon graduate into. Time and again at the presentations seniors spoke of the value of the projects. Whether the opportunity confirmed an educational and occupational direction, added further understanding of a professional field, or allowed students to acquire valuable experiences in the world, every senior voiced satisfaction and appreciation for the opportunity to participate in senior projects.

The 2009 Senior Project experience also highlighted the quality of the students who attend SSCPS. Representatives from South Shore Hospital took time from their busy schedules to watch the presentations of the three students who interned there. They told us how impressed they were with our students, and how our students stood out among the hundreds of hospital volunteers that work at the hospital. One of our seniors was the first student to ever do an internship at Boston Sympathy Hall. Because of her skill and poise pioneering an internship at the Hall, future students will now have the internship experience available to them at one of the premiere concert venues in the world. It is worth noting that despite these difficult economic times, half our student interns were offered jobs at their internship sites. And it is also worth noting that while students across the country suffer from “senioritis” the majority of our seniors completed their academic work at SSCPS making the honor roll.

As the school year winds to an end in these uncertain times, it is comforting to know that a progressive school, grounded in academics, service, and life, can help to educate young people who have and will continue to make a difference.

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

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: “Practice what you preach.”

Level 2: “Put a feather in your cap.”

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS! Thank you for bringing food for the Hanover Food Pantry. We are going to bring the food to the Food Pantry next week. From, June’s Pod

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Golf Tournament & Auction – A SUCCESS! – Items still up for bid on the golf/auction website!



The First Golf Tournament and Auction raised over \$19,000! Golfers were treated to up close inspections of operational cranberry bogs, challenging contests, and SSCPS T-shirts. Later in the evening all had a chance to sample some tantalizing food, participate in the Head or Tails Game and bid the night away!

The high school students had the highest number of individual student contributors between volunteering their services during the event (“Tee” Smith who along with his assistant, Luke Ryan photographed the golfers during the tournament; Alana Greene braved the cold monitoring the Hole in One Contest and helping set up for the auction) and donating services and goods for

auction items (Zoe Estabrook, Anna Hill, Cory Bowker-Kelly, Kristeen Lau, Jonathan Jackson, Kolin Perry, Alicia Tsang, Maggie Reardon, Regine Desgrottes, Andrea Butler, Hannah Hayes, Kristen Cheney, Shawn O’Leary, and Evan Davis-Drennan). The Community Service Club also chipped in with two movie themed gift baskets. Thank you high school students!!



The top income producing student group project was the Decorated Storage Bin created by Level II students in Sarah Roberts’ pod raking in \$310. Level II also had the highest faculty attendance rate at the dinner. Way to go Level III!!!

The musical entertainment was outstanding with several guests asking how they could reach alumni Daniel Alexandre, Keith Barry or Andre Kim for an encore!

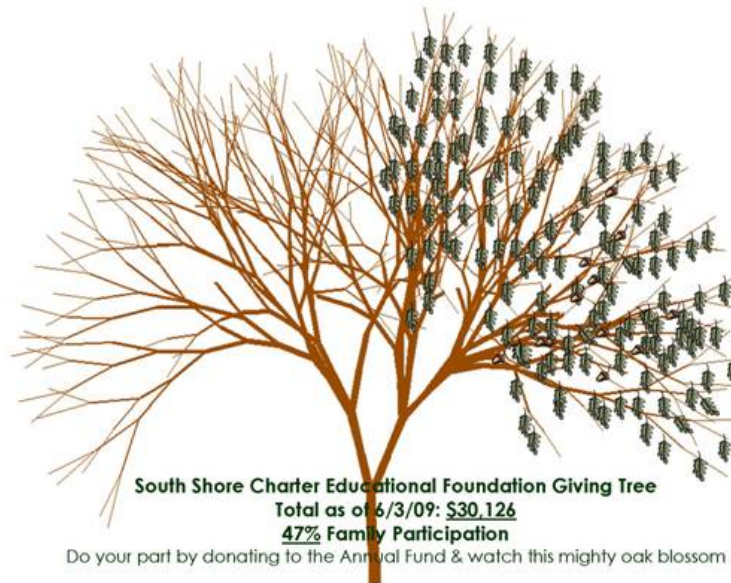
Parent Maura Longueil captured the evening festivities on camera. Her shots can be viewed and purchased by clicking on the link through www.sscefgolfauction.com



The entire event was a group effort with Board of Trustee Members (Miriam Brownwall, Jeffrey Seglin, Cheryl Peterson, and Jo Loughnane), Administrators (Prudence Goodale, James Connolly, Ted Hirsch, Kristine Shipps, Pam Algera, and Geri Calos), Faculty (Marianne Buckley-Curran and Bev Bruce), and parents (Mark Stevenson, Maureen Hebert, Brian Tyler, Heather Dans, Kristen Taylor Yarranton, Joyce Whitman, Nanci Jaye, Renee Leondike, Lisa Aiello, Leslie Alden, Ryan Benjamin, Kerry Benjamin, Deb Brown, Debbie Cerilli, Michelle Ciambriello, Karen Currie, Kim Engle, Melissa Freitas, Kathleen Hargrove, Jae Picard, Dan McCabe (brother of Jae Picard), Laura Rivera, Stacey Rousseau, Kathy Tyler, Donna Walsh, Kasundra Brown Corbin, Denise DeMaggio, Annette Golden, Eric Greene, and Nancy Schaefer-Flynn) all helping out. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

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

Thank you to the two faculty members that answered my plea to bring us up over \$30,000 yesterday! Now, let's work together and get to \$35,000 to surpass last year's total of \$33,900!! It takes a "village"....



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

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

LIBRARY UPDATE

The South Shore Charter Public School Library has completed it's first successful year of being opened. We have had many students visit our library checking out many books with enthusiasm and excitement. The success of our library would not have been possible without the commitment of parent volunteers and high school students that volunteered their time to assists students during their visits to our library. Thank you for all of your help this past year.

We have been asked by families if the library takes donations. We are looking for donations on the following book series.

1. Goosebumps
2. June B . Jones
3. A Series of Unfortunate Events.

We are also looking for the following magazines.

1. Kids National Geographic
2. Kids Sports Illustrated

As we go through the books in our library we will let families know what other books our library can use. All library books that have been checked out are due back the end of this week Friday, June 5th. If books are not returned overdue notices will be sent to students through their teachers. If overdue books are not returned by the last day of school a fee will be placed on any missing book(s).

The Library Committee is looking for members next year. If you are interested on being on this Committee please email Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com. Have a great summer and see you in the fall.

Library Committee

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

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 Lorange, 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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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, June 4, 2009

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
Total Amount Enclosed			\$_____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

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

*Please note: If your child has forgotten lunch, a lunch of 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 6/5 & 6/12

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



6/5

Zumba w/ Toni	6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3
Wiffle Ball	7 - 8:30 pm gym
Wii Games w/ Leaders	7 - 9:30 pm AHC
Art w/Beth	7 - 9 pm AHC

6/12

Definitions	6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3
Revenge	7 - 8:30 pm gym
Art w/Beth	7 - 9 pm AHC
Performance Workshop	7:30 - 9:30 pm AHC

Summer Break:

Our last Teen Friday is June 12th
(Until the Fall)

Watch for a Teen event this summer!

Every Friday Night:

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



Yoga Fusion
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 pm

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.