



Update
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Independence ~ Knowledge ~ Community

New Beginnings ...

Today marks our fifth day of school. All of us at SSCPS are committed to making this an extraordinary year for our students and their families. Last Tuesday, we had a great parent turn-out at our Open House. Last evening at the Parents Association meeting, the PA officers, Ted Hirsch, and I were so pleased to see so many new faces and to listen to each person's story about why they chose to have their children attend SSCPS and their hopes for this year.

As Ted and I wrote in our summer letters to faculty and parents – SSCPS was started by a group of parents and teachers who believed that the key to student achievement and success in school was a strong partnership between parents and students. Ted and I would also like to thank those parents who attended the volunteer orientation session before the PA meeting. Twenty parents signed up to volunteer last night – a great start. Volunteers make a huge difference in what goes on at SSCPS each and every day and we greatly appreciate whatever help you can give us this year. True to our word, the orientation lasted only twenty minutes, was painless, and parents were able to fill out the two documents – the CORI form required by the state and the Confidentiality Agreement. The next three scheduled times for the orientation are September 8, 15 and 22 at 8:30 a.m. You will be out by 9:00 a.m. If you cannot make any of these times, please call me or Ted Hirsch and we will find a time to meet with you individually. Volunteering keeps the founders dream for SSCPS alive and well.

Tomorrow afternoon, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. is the PA Family Picnic. This is another opportunity for parents and their children to meet other families and learn more about SSCPS in an informal setting. The weather forecast is for another fine day and we hope that you will be able to join us. Middle and high school students will be providing some musical entertainment and there will be some face painting.

The picnic is the culmination of a number of special summer events organized and run by members of the PA to provide families from our twenty-three communities with opportunities to socialize and get to know one another better. Parents organized the July 18th Brockton Rox baseball outing and they organized and “staffed” the morning play group for Level 1 students and their families that ran every Thursday in July and August. PA members of the Welcoming Committee were also on hand for the Open House. Because so many parents were involved in organizing and running these events, I am not going to name them all because I know that I will overlook someone. Suffice it to say, we don't know what we would do without the PA and the committed parents who volunteer day in and day out to help our students and build community at SSCPS!

Parking

All of us at SSCPS would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding with the pick-up procedure. Yesterday we tried something new to ease the traffic flow in the back. It did not work so we have gone back to the “old” system and the N-Z towns will continue to drop-off and pick-up out back. We have also been in touch with our neighbors to see if we could rent parking space from them and so far we have received a resounding no. Our best hope was Weichert and, again this year, the on-site manager informed us that corporate headquarters would not entertain any on-going parking agreement/arrangement with us. We wish that we had received a different response and please know that we gave it our best effort. Again, thank you all for your cooperation, suggestions on how to improve a very tight parking situation, consideration of others (drivers, abutting property owners), and concern for the safety of our students.

September Education Committee and School Council meetings . . .

This year, the School Council will meet on the second Thursday of the month and the Education Committee will meet on the third Monday of the month. The first Council meeting of the year will be Thursday, September 11 and the Education Committee will meet the following Monday, September 15. The meetings begin at 3:30 p.m. and all parents are invited to attend.

Annual Fund and September Fundraising Summit . . .

We are kicking off our 2008-2009 Annual Fund Drive earlier this year. In the next few days, you will be receiving a letter from a member of the Board of Trustees who serves on the Development Committee. Last year, we were able to increase the percentage of parents contributing to the Fund from 14.5% to 46%. This increase was significant and we thank everyone who made a donation. However, we need 100% participation to help us make a persuasive and convincing case to corporations and foundations when we ask them to support our school. When you receive the letter and the enclosed pledge card, please take the time to fill it out and make a contribution. Also, by popular demand, there will be a 4th Development/Fundraising Summit at Board member Jo Loughnane's home in Hull on Saturday, September 20th at 9:30 a.m. In a future update, we will provide you with directions. Save the date!

School Photos and Code of Conduct Agreement

McGrath Studios will be taking school photos next **Friday, September 12th** and we will be sending home the photo information with your son or daughter this Friday, September 5th.

Finally, a reminder that the signed **Code of Conduct** agreement was due last week. As we have done in the past, if we have not received the signed agreement by this Friday, September 5th, your son or daughter cannot come to school. Please tear out the form from the back of the Student Handbook and send it in with your son or daughter.

Working together, we will make the 2008-2009 school year at SSCPS the best ever.

Prue Goodale, Interim Executive Director

"The purpose of life is a life of purpose" - Robert Byrne!

Wednesday	9/03	Eco Committee	7:00pm
Thursday	9/04	Annual All School Welcome Back Picnic	5:00-7:00pm
Tuesday	9/09	Back to School Parent Night Level 2 and Level 3	6:00-7:30pm
Thursday	9/11	School Council	3:30pm
Thursday	9/11	Back to School Parent Night Level 4 and High School	6:00 -7:30pm
Friday	9/12	School and Class Photo's	
Friday	9/12	SEPAC – Finagle-A-Bagel (Rt. 53 Norwell)	8:30am

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the September Lunch Menu and Order form. All orders are to be received by Thursday, September 4th by 3pm.

K-6 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Even though today is only day five of the school year, it feels like we are well begun. The introduction to the year and the school are complete and routines are becoming established and the year has begun in earnest. Last night fifty or more parents attended the PA (Parents Association) meeting. At the PA meeting we heard a few words from each of the parents about their goals for the year. The goals were varied and ranged from concrete wishes like attending all of the PA meetings, to social development hopes like a child separating confidently, to academic goals like a child understanding math. I was so pleased to see everyone there and to

get to know people a little better. The purpose of this weekly update is to let you know a little bit about what I am thinking about what is going on here at school. The short answer for this week and all weeks to come is a great deal, but I will try to be concrete and specific and short. In writing this update my goal is to be transparent and clear. I also want you to know I want feedback on how we are doing as a school; I want you to tell me: in person, by phone or e-mail, thirsch@sscps.org what is going on for your student at this school.

School has begun and it feels like we have started a rich and full year of study. I hope that every day we have purpose and focus. We are a community that believes in children, in children's learning, in children's happiness, and children's abilities to make this world better. Welcome and help make us better. *Ted Hirsch*

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "A place for everything and everything in its place."

Level 2: "Let's break the ice."

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

JOIN the online SSCPS Parents Discussion Forum at GoogleGroups. There are currently more than 100 SSCPS parents signed up. It's 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 up, simply send an email to sscpsparents@googlegroups.com and write "Sign Me Up."

LONGWATER TRANSPORT offers reliable and safe bus service from Hull, Hingham, and Cohasset to SSCPS. We offer 1-way and round trip options, and have several vacancies. This may be your opportunity to enroll your child(ren) on the bus. For further information, please contact: Cheryl Casey, ccasey@redtreeprod.com, 617-966-3339 or Amy Lemkin, amylemkin@comcast.net, 781-801-5557.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - Please help our school earn extra money by collecting Box Tops for Education. Last year we earned over \$500 through the Box Tops program- all from parents clipping those little cardboard pieces! Box Tops can be found on hundreds of products, from Ziploc baggies and Kleenex tissues to Cheerios and Gogurt. Our school earns 10 cents for every Box Top we collect. The funds raised this year at our school will help develop our library. There is an envelope at the front desk where you can leave your Box Tops. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for more information about Box Tops, as well as recipes, coupons, and special offers. You can also earn money for our school by starting your online shopping at stores like Kohl's, Land's End, Wal-Mart, and more at the Box Tops website. A percentage of your total will be donated to our school. Box Tops do expire, so please check the date before you drop them off at school. If you have any questions about the program, please feel to contact Bethany at bwhitemyer@rcn.com. Thank you.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Immediate Part Time Openings:

Speech & Language Pathologist/Therapist (15-20 hours per week based on student needs)

Learning Service Teachers Aide

Anticipated 2008-2009 Coaching Vacancies:

Boys High School basketball

Girls High School basketball

Middle School Boys basketball

Middle School Girls basketball

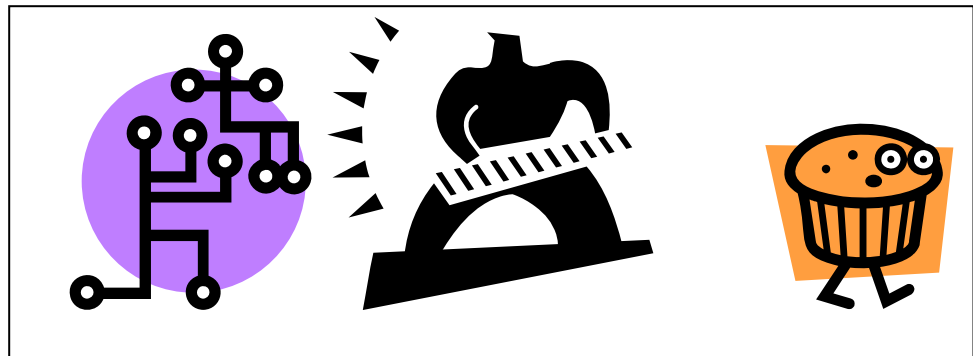
On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

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

**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**

SSCPS Welcome Back Picnic



Who: All members of the SSCPS community

What: An evening of fun, food and friends

When: Thursday, September 4, 2008 5p.m.-7p.m.

Where: SSCPS 100 Longwater Drive Norwell, MA

Why: See old friends

Meet new friends

Listen to the music of our very talented students

How: Bring your family

Bring a blanket

Bring a picnic dinner for your family

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share

Bring a smile

If you have any questions please contact Kerry Griffin @ 781 878-3762 or rockgriff@verizon.net.

**PLEASE REMEMBER ALL SHARED FOOD
MUST BE PEANUT FREE !!!!!**

Lunch Menu – September 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School Labor Day	2 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	3 Ham With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	4 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	5 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
8 Roast Beef With American cheese and mustard	9 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	10 BLT Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	11 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	12 Tossed Salad With Italian dressing and pita bread
15 Chicken Salad With lettuce and tomato	16 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	17 Turkey With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	18 Early Release NO LUNCH	19 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
22 Italian Cold Cuts With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	23 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	24 BLT Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	25 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	26 Greek Salad With Greek dressing and pita bread
29 Ham With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	30 Cheese Pizza	10/1 Roast Beef With American cheese and mustard	10/2 Cheese Pizza	10/3 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, a Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$2.50. For Level 1 a Lunchable and Milk will be provided for the same cost. A note from the office will go home that week for reimbursement.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of September 2008
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, September 4, 2008

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 9/1 – 9/5	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday No School	<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 9/8 – 9/12	<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 9/15 – 9/19	<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 type="checkbox"/> Friday Sub ½ sub Wheat
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Week of 9/22– 9/26	<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 9/29– 10/3	<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	_____	X	\$3.00
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
Total Amount Enclosed			\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

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