



Update
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Update on the 7-12 Principal Search

On behalf of the faculty, students, parents, and Board of Trustees, I would like to thank staff members Ted Hirsch, Chair, Jo Feldman, Mariclare Cheney, Jared Rose, Angie Pepin, and Lennie Chin; students Griff Howard and Olivia Mignosa; parents Karen Boyle and Debbie Cerilli; and Board of Trustee's member, Jo Loughnane, for agreeing to serve on the 7-12 Principal Selection Committee and taking the time to commit to many hours of meetings and interviews. The Committee's first meeting was on Monday, September 8th. Over the past several weeks, they individually read the fifty applications and collectively identified the candidates to invite in for interviews. The Committee interviewed five candidates. I am pleased to announce the two finalists for the position of 7-12 Principal based upon the feedback forms from the eleven members of the Screening Committee. The two candidates that were the unanimous choice of the Committee to forward as finalists are:

James F. Connolly, Ph.D. Dr. Connolly received his Ph.D. from Boston College in School Leadership/Administration, his Masters in Education degree from Boston College with a concentration in Administration and Supervision, and his Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in Government from Franklin and Marshall College. He has administration experience as a high school principal at Hampshire Regional High School in Westhampton, Massachusetts and at Kearsarge Regional High School in North Sutton, New Hampshire. In addition, Dr. Connolly taught U.S. History, geography, world history, and criminology at Pelham High School before moving into school administration.

Timothy G. MacKenzie, J.D. Mr. MacKenzie received his Juris Doctor degree from Suffolk University Law School and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary Education/History from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Mr. MacKenzie began his teaching career at South Shore Charter Public School in 1995. At SSCPS he was a social studies teacher, teaching grades 6-12 until 1999. From 1999 to 2002, Mr. MacKenzie served as Head of School. From 2002 to the present, Mr. MacKenzie has been teaching history and social studies at Hull High School. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he has chaired the School Council, and the NEASC Committee. Mr. MacKenzie also is an adjunct professor at University of Massachusetts/Boston, teaching the Law School Admissions Test Preparation Course.

Save the Dates: Finalist Site Visits

The next step in the process is for both candidates to visit SSCPS, meet with teachers, parents, and administrators and observe Level IV and high school classes. **Dr. Connolly will be at SSCPS on Tuesday, October 14th and Mr. MacKenzie will be visit on Monday, October 20th.** Each finalist will begin the day meeting with the school's Leadership Team (11:00 to noon). After this meeting, the candidate will visit classes and then meet with 7-12 faculty and staff in the Music Room from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., there will be an open meeting for parents and members of the Board of Trustees to ask questions of the finalist.

Update on the Level IV and High School Coffee Hour and 7-12 Parent Conferences

The Level Coordinators and their staff and the administration would like to thank all of the Level IV and High School parents who attended the first quarterly coffee hour on Monday and the parent conferences on Tuesday. We were pleased that so many parents attended the coffee hour and scheduled appointments to meet with their student's teachers Tuesday afternoon. We had a nice exchange of ideas and we tried to respond to as many questions as we could in the "hour" (it flew by). Everyone at the meeting agreed that we should continue these coffee hours. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher(s) on Tuesday, you are also welcome to make appointments directly with the teachers. I was also pleased to learn from the parents that they liked my using our "Alert Now" message system to remind them of the meetings. I will be using the Alert system on occasion throughout the year when we have important meetings and due dates that we want to remind you about. The Level III Quarterly Coffee Hour is Monday, October 20 at 8:30 a.m.

Important Events Next Week: First Green Committee Meeting of the Year and October Board meeting

I have sent out a group email to parents, staff and students who attended the newest committee at SSCPS – the Green Committee - last spring. Our first meeting of this school year is next Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. We are always looking for new members and you do not have to attend every meeting. If you want to be part of our green initiative and cannot attend, just email me so we can include you on our email list and we will keep you posted on upcoming meeting dates and initiatives.

This month’s Board of Trustee’s meeting is Thursday, October 16th. Note: the agenda for each month is posted on our website five days in advance of the meeting. This month we will be introducing a new “regular” agenda item – presentations by students and faculty about their level and/or projects. In last year’s Board survey, we heard from members that what they liked most about the meetings was when teachers and students presented. To kick off this new agenda item, there will be two student/faculty presentations. One will focus on a service learning project from last year that produced a book that highlighted some of the unique student projects and initiatives at SSCPS. The second presentation will be the “rolling out” of the Veggie Van that was prompted by Evan Whitemyer’s *Summits for My School* project. High School teacher, Tara Turner, and students in her biology project will explain how they researched alternative fuel sources for vehicles and provide a demonstration of how the veggie van works. We will also recognize Evan for his initiative, achieving his goal three months early, and reaching his goal of raising \$5000+ to help us make this project happen.

Kudos to the thirty-nine plus students and family members who participated in the CoastSweep last Saturday at Nantasket beach! Special thanks to parent Jae Picard who planned, organized, and coordinated last Saturday’s CoastSweep in Hull. Thank you also to Nancy Kramer, regional coordinator for CoastSweep. Protecting our coastline and service to the community have been a priority of SSCPS since it opened its doors in 1995. The Patriot Ledger did a story on our volunteers and there was also a video posted on their website. Way to go!

Reminder: Harvest Road Race is Saturday, October 18 ... Volunteers and Runners Needed!

As I noted in last week’s Update, we need a **minimum of forty volunteers** (parents, students, and friends) and **LOTS** of runners for our race to be successful, we need your help – we need **forty volunteers** for registration, water table stops, course markers, and we need **runners**.
Prue Goodale, Interim Executive Director

“Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can.” Danny Kaye

Thursday	10/09	School Council	3:45pm
Friday	10/10	Sally Foster orders due	
Monday	10/13	Columbus Day – no school	
Tuesday	10/14	James F. Connolly, Ph.D. – 7-12 Principal Finalist – see schedule above	
Tuesday	10/14	K-6 Warnings mailed	
Wednesday	10/15	PSAT Testing – grades 10 and 11	
Wednesday	10/15	Green Committee	7:00pm
		<i>Upcoming ...</i>	
Saturday	10/18	Harvest Road Race – Wompatuck State Park	
Monday	10/20	Timothy G. MacKenzie, J.D.– 7-12 Principal Finalist –see schedule above	

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

HARVEST ROAD RACE – October 18th – Wompatuck State Park – Registration & Sponsor Sheets attached

Register online: www.racersresource.com

Parents – we are trying to spread the word about the road race. If you belong to a gym and would not mind grabbing some flyers to leave there, copies are available at the front desk...

In need of community service hours? Get your hours by volunteering your time at the Harvest Run on Saturday, October 18th. Please contact Geri Calos gcalos@sscps.org or (781) 982-4202 ext. 362 for more information.

ANNUAL FUND REMINDER!

The Annual Fund campaign has officially begun. Thank you to all who have given so far! All letters have been mailed, but it has come to my attention that some have not received them. If you have not received your letter, please contact Geri Calos (781) 982-4202 ext. 362 or via email gcalos@sscps.org. Pledge cards and envelopes will be at the front desk as well. Thank you in advance for helping achieve 100% participation in the Annual Fund Campaign!

REMINDER: If you have not completed and returned an emergency form your child will not be permitted to participate in field trips.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed are the October Menu and Lunch Order Form. Orders are due by Thursday, October 8th by 3pm.

ART NEWS

All call...the Art Room is collecting **clean plastic caps** (water, soda, milk etc.) and an additional item...**Dryer lint** (it's true). Bagged in clear plastic is best. There are clear bags available in the Art Room if you need one for your lint. Thanks for the support.

Original Work orders will be going home the week of the 20th and will be due back the following week. If you are new, your students will be bringing home their work which is available to be purchased as mugs, pot holders, etc. You may keep the work or return it with an order form and a check with your items selected. The products will be available for holiday gift giving.

There was a spelling error last week when announcing selected students for the State Regulation Poster Contest (winners on the entrances to the school). Tyler Zakrzewski's name was incorrectly spelled. Sorry about that! High School student display, **TIME FLYS**, a series of imaginative clocks, is now hanging in the front lobby and in the glass cases.

Keep **October 25 and 26** open for the artist showing of **If I Could Change the World**. The work of professional artist and the art students from the **South Shore Charter Public School** will be displayed at the artist studios in the **Wright Building in Rockland**. Show is hosted by artist and instructor, **John Kilroy**. Keep posted for further updates.

ATHLETICS

Physical Education: Levels II and III with the Patriots in mind, have been learning the art of football with throwing, catching and punting skills. The main focus is on sportsmanship and teamwork!

K-6 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last night more than thirty parents/guardians came to the second Parent's Association meeting. It was a productive and encouraging meeting. I left thinking about the discussion and how wonderfully creative, community oriented and sophisticated it was. On Monday morning 23 parents/guardians came in to talk about Level IV and the High School and yesterday afternoon 38 parents/guardians came in to meet teachers in those two divisions of the school. The word I have gotten from teachers is how grateful they are of your support and open communication. All year Prue and I in our correspondences have been stressing how we want to be active partners with you and your children in their education. I am thrilled by the above numbers and the commitment

that goes along with those numbers. I am hearing messages of support and team work from you and I just want to say thank you. Let's keep this energy going.

I am so pleased to see all of the clothes that are coming in to support the people of Haiti in this time of their suffering. Please keep sending them in. Also on the topic of clothes, as the weather turns and it is colder the children are wearing jackets and sweaters. Many children get hot during recess and at times forget their clothes. It is very helpful if you could put your child's name in the clothes so that we can more easily return the clothes to their owners.

I believe one of the basic tenets of being a parent is to protect/nurture our children at the same time that we prepare and toughen them for the vagrancies of a tumultuous world. At South Shore Charter we also want to give the children opportunities to be effective in molding and shaping a piece of that world. Right now as a school we have set goals for ourselves. They boil down to maintaining our mission and vision while at the same time helping our students do their best on the MCAS. At the parent meetings we have been talking with you about strengthening these principles. We continue to seek feedback and please let us know not only where we are meeting your hopes for your child but also where we are not meeting your expectations.

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

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Hit the nail on the head".

Level 2: "Haste makes waste".

LEVEL I KINDERGARTEN CLASS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS - Cassandra's Pod is looking for old tap shoes that you do not need back for her dance project in for her class. The sizes could be anything up to 2, starting at size 5 or 6 maybe. Please contact Cassandra Grant or Hope Malnati at (781) 925-6096 at home or on her cell (781) 820-1537 or by e-mail at hmjtb@verizon.net for any questions or to get the shoes to them. Thank you.

LEVEL III NEWS:

Sally Foster Fund Raiser – Orders due October 10th!

PSAT's will be held at SSCPS on Wed, 10/15/08 for all 10th and 11th graders. The cost of the test is \$13.00 due before the test. Please give your money to Mary Carter.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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

2008-2009 Vacancies:

Re-opened: Level IV Part Time Learning Services Aide

Executive Director – visit www.sscps.org for details

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.



Presents

An Evening with Richard M. Lerner, Ph.D.

Author of

The Good Teen:

*Rescuing Adolescence from the Myths of the
Storm and Stress Years*

Competence, Confidence, Connection, Character, Caring

Learn more about these attributes. Why they are of such importance during adolescence and how to help guide your teen to attainment of these attributes.

OCTOBER 21, 2008

7-8:30 PM

Notre Dame Academy
Hingham, MA

This is a free community event for parents and teens!

For more information contact Karin Farrell 781-794-7849 or karin_farrell@sshosp.org

Books, provided by Barnes & Nobles-Hingham, will be available for purchase at the event

**Program made possible through the generous support of the
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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

HARVEST RUN

5M Road Race – Fitness Walk – Free Kids Fun Run

Registration form

Date:	Saturday, October 18, 2008
Race Start:	10:00 a.m. sharp at Wompatuck State Park*, Hingham – Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
Course Length:	5 miles - Walkers Welcome
Entry Fee:	\$20 Pre-registration (postmarked by 10/10/08 or online at www.racersresource.com \$25 Registration (From 10/11/08 until Race Day)
Awards:	Award ceremony will follow the race at the finish line

*USATF Certified Course

(entrance form – please print)

Name: _____ Gender: M F

Age Group: 11-15 16-19 20-29 30-39
 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

T-shirt size: S M L XL T-shirts guaranteed to first 150 runners

In consideration of this entry being accepted, I hereby, for myself waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the race organizer, The South Shore Charter Public School, The South Shore Charter Educational Foundation, Inc., The Town of Hingham, Wompatuck State Park, their agents, representatives for any and all injuries suffered by me on the way to take part in this race, during the race, and leaving the scene of the race.

Signature of Competitor: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature required if competitor is less than 18 years of age: _____ Date: _____

Send completed application with your non-refundable check payable to **SSCEF** to:
Geri Calos, SSCEF, 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061 or register online at: www.racersresource.com



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Sponsor form

We are offering Harvest Run sponsorship at several different levels. If you have any questions re: sponsorships, please contact Geri Calos via email: gcalos@sscps.org or by phone: 781.982.4202 ext. 362
Please include your sponsorship check with application, made payable to **SSCEF** to the address below.

EVENT SPONSOR - \$2,500

The entire event will be sponsored by your company along with the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation. Your company name and logo will appear on all media correspondence, the event banner, tshirts and any other form associated to the event.

Business Name: _____ **Name:** _____
Address: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

GOLD MEDAL SPONSOR (2 AVAILABLE – START/FINISH LINE) – \$500

As a Gold Medal Sponsor, your business name will appear on all media correspondence, t-shirts, and on the Start/Finish Line banner. **Business Name:** _____ **Name:** _____

Address: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

SILVER MEDAL SPONSOR (4 AVAILABLE) – \$250

As a Silver Medal Sponsor, your business name will appear on a banner on one of 4 water tables, as well as on print media & t-shirts. **Business Name:** _____ **Name:** _____

Address: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

BRONZE MEDAL SPONSOR - \$100 (UNLIMITED)

As a Bronze Medal Sponsor, your business name will appear on a lawn sign along the race route and on print media. **Business Name:** _____ **Name:** _____

Address: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

MERCHANDISE SPONSOR

If you have a special item or service relating to the race that you would like to donate, your name will be recognized as a sponsor on your item as well as on print media. **Business Name:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____ **Item or service to donate:** _____

If you cannot participate as a sponsor, but would like to make a monetary donation, please send your tax deductible donation to **SSCEF, Attn: Geri Calos, 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061**

Lunch Menu – October, 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Chicken Salad With lettuce	7 No Lunch Early Release	8 B L T Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	9 Cheese Pizza	10 Tossed Salad With Italian dressing and pita bread
13 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	14 Cheese Pizza	15 Italian Cold Cuts With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	16 Cheese Pizza	17 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
20 Ham and Salami With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	21 Cheese Pizza	22 Roast Beef With American cheese and mustard	23 Cheese Pizza	24 Greek Salad With Greek dressing and pita bread
27 Ham With American cheese and mustard	28 Cheese Pizza	29 Turkey With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise	30 Cheese Pizza	31 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 \$2.75. **Level I and II will be provided with a Lunchable.** A note from the office will go home that week for reimbursement.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of October, 2008
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, October 8, 2008

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/13 – 10/17	No School	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Sub
		#_____	½ sub	#_____	½ sub
			Wheat		Wheat

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/20 – 10/24	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	
	Wheat		Wheat		

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/27 – 10/31	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Sub
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	½ sub
	Wheat		Wheat		Wheat

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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