



Update
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Independence ~ Knowledge ~ Community

Invitation to the October Board of Trustee's Meeting

Tomorrow is our monthly Board of Trustee's meeting. We have a packed agenda with a presentation by the Biology Workshop on the Veggie Van, recognition of Evan Whitemyer for his completion of the "Summits for My School" project that raised more than \$5100 for the Veggie Van project, a presentation by Ted Hirsch and high school students on their Service Learning project publication, and a presentation by the administration on our students' 2008 MCAS results and our MCAS Action Plan for this year based upon our analysis of these results. We hope that you will be able to attend this important meeting. The Board meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. and all of our meetings are open to the public.

Update on the 7-12 Principal Search

Yesterday, Jim Connolly spent most of the day meeting with teachers, administrators, and parents and visiting classrooms. Next **Monday, October 20th**, Tim MacKenzie, the other finalist for the 7-12 principal position, will be visiting SSCPS. Tim will follow the same schedule as Jim, meeting first with the "Leadership Team" in the late morning and then touring the building and observing classes. From 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m, Tim will meet with faculty and answer questions. From 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m, he will meet with parents and members of the Board of Trustees. We welcome feedback from faculty, parents and the Board on these two highly qualified candidates for the position. I hope that you can find the time in your busy schedule to spend an hour asking Tim questions about his experience and interest in SSCPS and help us determine whether he would be a good fit for our school at this time.

Reminder: Level III Coffee Hour, Monday morning, October 20th

We had an excellent turnout for our first Level IV and High School Quarterly Coffee Hour. The next one is for Level III parents and is this Monday, October 20th. We begin the Coffee Hours at 8:30 a.m. and they are held in the Music Room/Auditorium. Ted, Jo Feldman, Claire, and I will be there to answer all of your questions. Remember that two-way communication and parent involvement are essential to the academic success of your son or daughter and our school.

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

Please join us this Saturday for our First Annual Harvest Road Race at Wompatuck State Park. Our fundraising committee intends for this to become an annual event that runners from across our region (and hopefully the state) want to participate in every year. We need to have a good turnout from our school community (students, parents and faculty) so that everything runs smoothly and all of the runners have a great time (as well as the spectators!). A huge thank you to event planner, parent Annette Golden, as well as parent Kerri Griffin and our new Development Associate, Geri Calos.

ALERT on possible abductor in the Rockland area

In last night's news, there was a story about several recent reports of abduction attempts by a man (about 6') driving a red sedan in Rockland. If you drive in the Rockland area, please be on the lookout and remind your children to never talk to a stranger or get in his/her vehicle. http://www.patriotledger.com/news/cops_and_courts/x2037961988/Rockland-police-search-for-leads-in-attempted-abductions

Prue Goodale, Interim Executive Director

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all." ~Stanley Horowitz

Wednesday	10/15	Green Committee	7:00pm
Thursday	10/16	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	10/16	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	10/16	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	10/17	SEPAC	8:30am
Saturday	10/18	Harvest Road Race – Wompatuck State Park	
Monday	10/20	Level III Parent Coffee	8:30am
Monday	10/20	Timothy G. MacKenzie, J.D.– 7-12 Principal Finalist – Parent/BOT meet	4:30pm
Monday	10/20	SEPAC Meet and Greet	7:00pm
Thursday	10/23	Individual Picture Make up / Retake Day	

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 15th by 3pm.

ART NEWS

Original Works information, order forms and student work should be arriving home **next week**. Please return orders and money (if you are interested in participating) by Halloween. The forms should be returned to the Pod teacher and will be collected by the Art Dept. If you have any questions please call Marianne in the Art Dept. at x304.

Any student interested in joining a **middle school Art Club** on Mondays after school please call, email or send a note into **Marianne**. The club will be comprised of interested students **Level III and IV** and include an opportunity to explore interesting and more advanced projects. There will be a moderate supply fee. If there is enough interest in the club it should start in November.

Any ADULTS looking for a drawing/painting class- Marianne is running a class starting on October 30th, through Dec. 4th, 3:45-5:45 pm, in the Art room. Classes will start with **Seeing and Drawing Shapes (1), Perspective and Composition (1)** and then work into **Painting (3)** your choice of medium. The session runs for 5 consecutive Thursdays and is \$125. or \$30 for an individual class. Please call **Marianne** at X 304 for questions. Leave your email address for a flyer to be sent to you.

Please inspect **Level II** faces and matching shoes on the walls adjacent to the Art Room. **Kathryn Hahn** has worked with the students to develop **line, color and illusion** for these projects. The results are very interesting make sure you take a minute to figure out who is who.

ATHLETICS

The **High School Soccer** team will be taking on Boston Collegiate today at Myrtle Field, game time 4:00pm. They currently hold a record of 3-3-1 and are in the running to make the post-season tournament.

The **Middle School Soccer** team traveled to Marblehead Charter yesterday and lost a hard fight 4-1. They will be competing against AMSA at Myrtle Field on Monday 10/20, game time at 4:15pm.

It's almost that time! **The Ski Club** forms are being distributed through out the school. They are due back to Athletics by November 1st in order to be eligible to participate.

K-6 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Over the weekend I went apple picking with my family and then used some of those apples to make apple sauce. When my wife went into the hardware store to buy canning jars the gentleman at the store told her that she was the third person that day who had bought canning jars. It was a sign of the season. We collectively were all busily preparing for winter. Schools have seasons too and we are entering one of the most powerful parts of the school year. The routines are established and the adult to child relationships are personal and direct. It is a moment we need to seize; I hope that you encourage your children to keep up with all of their work and to be reading independently. If they are not fluid readers **please read to them or have them listen to books on tape**. There is a famous bit of reading research by Keith Stanovich called the Matthew Effect (based on the Gospel of Matthew where it says something to the effect that rich get richer and the poor get poorer.) The research tells us that those students who read often when they are young, read more and more as they get older and those who read rarely read less and less. We need your help in developing a school full of readers. It is of great importance not just for your student's school work but also for the fullness of their adult lives. If you want to talk directly with me to discuss how your child is doing please do so. We want to work with you because this school is founded on the principle that parents know their children best and together we can be most effective in helping your child become the best student that they can be.

Yesterday we had a visit from one of the two very fine final candidates for 7 – 12 Principal, James Connelly. Dr. Connelly was here for about five hours and for two of them we traveled around the school. It helped me see the school freshly and see it from the eyes of an experienced educator. I saw a place that fostered independence and creativity. As chance would have it I got a call last night from my son Ben who is now a sophomore in college but who was "Charter". We talked about what I had seen and he talked to me about what he valued in his and his friends' education here. My son told me that he thinks that he and his friends were much more able to talk and think than others they know from similar backgrounds.

The collection of clothes for Haiti is going very well. We now have 27 boxes of labeled and sorted clothes for Haiti. We will be collecting clothes for another week or so and would love to have even more clothes to send to Haiti. Thanks to you all and don't forget to run or help out with this Saturday's race at Wompatuck State park in Hingham. The race starts at 10:00 and volunteers are needed beginning at 8:30.

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

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Cold feet".

Level 2: "The show must go on".

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 – Sales Extended - Orders due Friday, October 17th!**
- Students please remember to bring appropriate clothing as the weather gets cooler for both PE and recess.
- **Congratulations to all students on Level III!** 100% of students have reached “Fact Master” status! All are proficient in multiplication facts 0-12. A special treat was given to the entire level on Friday 10/10 for their awesome accomplishment. Wow! Level III sizzles!
- **Come visit** the Level III bulletin board to view the 1st Independent Reading Program. Puppets of famous people are on display.

High School Child Development Workshop Book Drive – Please donate your gently used books to the Child Development Workshop who is collecting the books for Carolina Hills Family Shelter. There will be boxes in every pod/advisory. The pod/advisory with the most donated books will win an ice cream sundae party.

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.

Community Service

Students, Chloe and Abby Cerilli, will be walking in the "Walk Now for Autism" event this Sunday, October 19th at Suffolk Downs. Chloe has a sponsor sheet if you would like to support their efforts.

Buy your 9 Yearbook!!!

- Go to Jostensyearbook.com to purchase
 - \$40.00 pre-sale till December 11th
 - For more information and questions contact Jared in room 303 or ext. 316.
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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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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.

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

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