



*Update*  
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*Independence ~ Knowledge ~ Community*

### ***Board Retreat, Charter Renewal and Long-Range Planning***

Last Saturday the Board of Trustees, school administrators and faculty representatives met with consultant Janice Kinder to review our mission, academic achievement goals, our financial viability, and board development. This was a follow-up to our full day retreat in July. While we accomplished much over the two days, there is still much to do for the Board, school administration, faculty, and parents as we prepare for our fourth charter renewal. By law, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) conducts ongoing performance reviews of each charter in the fifth year of the school's charter term determines whether or not to renew the school's charter. The DESE's decision is based upon our faithfulness to the terms of our charter, the success of our academic program, and the viability of the school as an organization. Our charter renewal application is due no later than August 1, 2009.

Over the next few months, the Board, school administrators and staff will be preparing our application and we will be looking for feedback from you. An important part of the process is the role and involvement of parents in our school. One way to get feedback from everyone on how we are doing and our faithfulness to our mission and charter is to survey all of our stakeholders. Normally we do this at the end of the year as part of our Annual Report. This year, we plan to do two surveys: one in January and one in June. Over the past several years, parent response to our survey has been extremely low. Just as we need to get to 100% participation for our Annual Fund, we also need to get a better response from all stakeholders on our important surveys. We will do the surveys electronically and I will not only include an announcement about the survey in the Update, I will also use ALERT NOW to remind everyone to participate.

### ***Another "election": Proposed By-Law Changes and Ballot***

No matter which candidates we voted for in yesterday's election, we should all be so proud to be Americans. What a record turn-out in this state and across the country. From the news reports last evening and this morning, I learned that record numbers of citizens around the world followed our election results on radio, television, the worldwide web. It is truly wonderful to see democracy in action.

Which leads me to SSCPS's own ballot that you will be receiving electronically or by mail today or tomorrow. Last spring and over the summer, members of the Board of Trustees's Governance Subcommittee have been going over our school's by-laws with a fine tooth comb as we prepare for our charter renewal. Many of the proposed by-laws changes were discussed and voted upon by the Board of Trustees in April and, due to the refinancing of our loans, we were unable to include the proposed changes in last spring's ballot to elect trustees. In keeping with our "Go Green" initiative, we will be electronically emailing most of you the ballot to download and print up. We will also mail the printed ballot to those parents that do NOT receive the Update electronically. There are ELEVEN proposed by-law changes. Please follow the directions and RETURN the HARD COPY of the ballot to us. All ballots must be received by noon on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. As Ted and I keep writing in the Update, parent involvement is a key part of this school and we need you to exercise your right to vote and have a say in what goes on at SSCPS.

### ***Update on Executive Director Search***

Jo Loughnane, Chair of the Personnel Subcommittee and Board of Trustees member is overseeing the Executive Director Search Process. We received twenty-eight applications and the fourteen member Search Committee has identified three candidates to interview. The semi-finalists are being interviewed this week and next. Many thanks to Jo, Board member and Vice-Chair, Jeff Seglin, administrators, parents, faculty, and students for agreeing to serve on this most important committee.

## ***Unexpected Plumbing Problem Today***

For only the second time since our move to Norwell, we experienced a back-up in our drainage system. Of course, the problem occurred right at lunch time. Kudos to staff, students, and our parent volunteers for helping us to come up with a temporary solution – using the facilities of our kind neighbors on Longwater Circle. Thank you parent volunteers Melissa Freitas and Nancy Schaefer-Flynn who extended their time here to help us out and guide the students, along with their teachers, to the neighboring businesses. Thank you Driscoll Agency, Weichert, Nobles, and Norwell Family Medicine for letting our students use the facilities. Thank you students and staff for all your cooperation and patience. Special thanks to Kristine Shipps and our facilities folks--Paul Connick and Mark Flanagan--for their quick thinking and identifying the problem in a really short span of time. It takes a village and everyone responded so positively to the unexpected plumbing problem.

## ***Save the Dates:***

***Saturday, November 8: PA Meeting, 10:00a.m. – Noon***

***Saturday, November 15: New Student Open House, Grades K-11***

***Tuesday, November 18: Information Session, Grades 7-11***

***December 10: Grandparent and Special Friends Day: More info to follow***

***Prue Goodale, Interim Executive Director***

*“The citizen can bring our political and governmental institutions back to life, make them responsive and accountable, and keep them honest. No one else can.” – John Gardner*

<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/07</b>	<b>SEPAC</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/07</b>	<b>Grades 7-12 Progress Reports Distributed</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/08</b>	<b>Parents Association Meeting</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/10</b>	<b>SSCE Foundation Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/11</b>	<b>Veteran’s Day – No School</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>Level III Field Trip to Wheelock Theatre</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>Facilities Committee</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/13</b>	<b>School Council</b>	<b>3:45pm</b>

**WEEKLY UPDATES ARE EMAILED AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE  
AT [WWW.SSCPS.ORG](http://WWW.SSCPS.ORG) EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE  
CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103 OR EMAIL [PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG](mailto:PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BOOK FAIR TO BENEFIT THE SSCPS LIBRARY**

Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. 8:00am – 2:00pm in the lobby

Don’t have any spare time to do your holiday shopping? Get your shopping done & help out the school at the same time. Please join us for the SSCPS Book Fair, brought to you by *Storybook Cove, Hanover*

### **EARN MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP**

SSCPS have partnered with One Cause to help raise money for our school while doing what we do every day.

Please visit the following link & register as a supporter of the South Shore Charter Public School.

<http://www.onecause.com/b1a173082>. SSCPS will earn up to 20% from your online shopping, as well as \$20 per One Cause Visa approval. With your One Cause Visa, SSCPS will continue to earn an additional 1% on all purchases made. The holidays are coming, so please register with One Cause today!

**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 is the November Order Form and Menu. Orders are due Thursday, November 6th by 3pm.

## **ART NEWS**

Be sure to view the **show** by High School Art Students, **If I Could Change the World**, which has been relocated to our front lobby/gallery area. The show was original hung in John Kilroy's studio in Rockland and is now here. Students have expressed themselves and their desires to alter the world with 2D and 3D pieces. The show received extensive press coverage in the **Hanover, Norwell and Rockland Mariners**. We are very proud of our students and are pleased that they represent our school so well.

The side gallery in the lobby/hall area has 3 framed pieces by high school students **Anna Hill, Cory Bowker-Kelly** and **Zoe Estabrooks**. The pieces are of a still life and are rendered completely in graphite.

The Art Department is rounding up all Original Works orders. Please bring in to your students Pod teacher.

## **ATHLETICS**

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**

On Friday I met with the Level I students at their "All Pod Meeting" and talked about the upcoming election. I told them that, whatever the outcome, the idea and beauty of our country was far greater than any one president or office holder could ever be. I told them that in my life sometimes a candidate I wanted to win an election would win, and that other times they would lose, and that I had even at times cried about the outcome of an election. They thought that was odd and gave each other looks of puzzlement. Then I told them that I hoped that one day one of them might be President. When I said that there was a reaction among 140 young children I had never heard before. Immediately there was a buzz that began; I heard the quiet focused sound of students talking to their neighbors about the possibility of being President. They were quiet and serious and of course as the oldest child was eight, their understanding of what it is to be President was incomplete. But from what I have read everyone's understanding of that office is incomplete until they take the oath.

Two months of the school year have passed and most of us spent yesterday working together in teams to improve our work. It was a great day, a day of teamwork and collaboration and achievement on the part of the staff. One of the plans that the faculty and administrative team made last year was that this year we would spend much of our professional development on professional work. The previous two years with outside consultants we had work on developing a common language of teaching and that we needed to solidify that work in our own practice by using our professional development time to work collaboratively on our teaching. Yesterday many of us worked on one of our most pressing needs as a school – the development of "formative assessments." Over the past few years research has shown the value of "formative assessments" in improving students' performance and learning. Many people who study schools believe that these types of assessment (where that goal of the assessment is to measure students on their learning and not to evaluate or rate their work) is a very powerful tool to guide instruction and keep our focus on not simply what we are teaching but more significantly on what the students are in fact learning. Yesterday we made great strides in that task and we will be giving our first assessment in the next few weeks.

I have found that the meetings that I have had with parents to discuss the academic direction of our school and the success of their children in school has helped me think about how our school could be better. This summer Prue and I in our communications with you consistently stated that we wanted to make sure this South Shore Charter was a school of collaboration between parents and teachers. I urge you to call me and set up a meeting.

*Ted Hirsch, 781-982-4202 ext. 108 [thirsch@sscps.org](mailto:thirsch@sscps.org)*

## ON THE LEVELS

### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Don't cry over spilled milk."

Level 2: "Once in a blue moon."

### LEVEL III NEWS:

- Sally Foster is IN!!! Pick up is on Friday, November 7th in your child's Pod.
- Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Sally Foster Fund Raiser a SUCCESS!! We appreciate all your help to help "build" our Library!
- Please make sure your child has appropriate warm clothing for outside recess and PE. We will be going out even as the weather becomes colder.
- Level 3 is going to Wheelock College on Wednesday, November 12th to see their production of "Joan of Arc"
- Level 3 would really appreciate donations of: Kleenex, wipes, paper towels and GLUE STICKS! Thanks!

**LEVEL IV LITERARY MAGAZINE PROJECT** will be collecting the UNICEF boxes on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rossy Herrera and Carlee Russell from Level IV. Thank you!

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Our next PA meeting is this Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 10a-12p at the school. We will be offering childcare provided by the students in the Early Childhood Project and they will accept a maximum of 15 children. All children must be potty-trained. If you're interested in using the baby-sitting service please contact me via phone (781-335-5014) or email ([jcalamoureux@comcast.net](mailto:jcalamoureux@comcast.net)) to register. All children must be registered prior to the meeting.

*Deidre Lamoureux, Chair, Parents Association*

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** - Thank you to everyone who has submitted Box Tops for Education this year. We have already earned over \$200 this school year. Please keep them coming! Most Level One students received a Box Top collection sheet a few weeks ago. Remember to return them to school by October 31. A new collection sheet will be given out next month to help you save your Box Tops. If you have any questions about the Box Top program please email Bethany Whitemyer at [bwhitemyer@rcn.com](mailto:bwhitemyer@rcn.com).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### 2008-2009 Vacancies:

Part time (28 hour) Title 1 Reading Tutor (reading certified)

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.*

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## Buy your ☺ 9 Yearbook!!!

- Go to [Jostensyearbook.com](http://Jostensyearbook.com) to purchase
  - \$40.00 pre-sale till December 11<sup>th</sup>
  - For more information and questions contact Jared in room 303 or ext. 316.
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**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
PARENT'S ASSOCIATION**

***AGENDA***

November 8, 2008 10-12pm

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|---------------|--|
| 10:00         | <b>Call Meeting to Order</b>   |
| 10:00 – 10:05 | <b>Review and Approve Minutes</b><br>October 7, 2008 PA Meeting Minutes  |
| 10:05 – 10:10 | <b>Announcements</b><br>Next PA Meeting & Calendar Items   |
| 10:10 – 10:30 | <b>School Report</b><br>Prue Goodale   |
| 10:30 - 10:50 | <b>Committee Reports</b> (as needed)<br>Fundraising<br>Arts & Music<br>Health & Safety<br>Welcoming<br>Community Service<br>PAC<br>Library |
| 10:50 – 11:10 | <b>Grade Representative Reports</b> (as needed)  |
| 11:10 – 11:25 | <b>Other Reports</b> (as needed)<br>Student Rep<br>Education Committee<br>School Council   |
| 11:25– 12:00  | <b>Old Business / New Business</b><br>PA Spending Proposal – Denise Demaggio   |
| 12:00         | <b>Adjourn</b>   |

Minutes taken by Donna Walsh  
Call to order 7:05pm  
Sept Meeting Minutes Approved

### **Announcements**

- Next PA meeting is Sat Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am at SSCPS
- MS & HS Coffee hours a success
- 1<sup>st</sup> Green Committee Meeting Wed Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm
- Next BOT meeting Thurs Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, meetings are open to public
- Recognition of Evan Whitemyer's Summits for My School Project
- Grandparent's Day Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, more info to follow

### **School Report – Prue Goodale & Ted Hirsch**

- Grade 7-12 progress reports sent out last week
- Ed-Line is up and running – useful communication tool
- K-6 teachers being trained in Collin's Writing style
- MCAS still needs improvement – failed to make AYP
- No longer using Terra Nova – results not timely enough to be useful
- Collecting clothes to send to Haiti – boxes in front lobby
- Number of students receiving Title I support down dramatically – see Prue/Ted w/?s

### **Board of Trustees – Miriam Brownwall**

- Last years Annual Fund raised over \$40k
- 4 major fundraising events this year; road race, founders celebration, touch-a-truck, and golf tournament/auction
- Contact Miriam Brownwall ([brownwall@comcast.net](mailto:brownwall@comcast.net)) about joining the Dev Committee
- Currently there are openings on the BOT
- Golf Tournament/Auction set for May 28, 2009 at Souther's Marsh in Plymouth

### **Committee Reports**

- Fundraising – Paul Carberry and Dottie Kennedy Brooks
  - Will be working in tandem with Development
  - Working on Elevator Pitch
  - Meeting to be schedule for November
  - Contact Dottie ([KennedyDottie@hotmail.com](mailto:KennedyDottie@hotmail.com)) to join committee
- Arts and Music – No Report
- Health and Safety – Deidre Lamoureux for Michelle Amicangelo
  - Working on policy for dealing with lice
- Welcoming – Deidre Lamoureux for Janet Coletti
  - Working on calendar of events to afford parents more notice
- Community Service – Jae Picard
  - Coastal Sweep was a huge success
  - Working with Kristine Shipps to organize SSCPS grounds clean up day
  - Contact Jae ([starling@beld.net](mailto:starling@beld.net)) to join committee
- PAC – Mickey Ciambrello
  - Letter going out on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> open discussion meetings
  - Work shop dates to be announced
  - PAC brochures in front lobby
  - Organizing a sub-committee to get library on-line
- Library – Bev Bruce
  - Target date for library opening is Oct 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Book fair Nov 19 – 20

### **Grade Rep Reports**

- Kindergarten
  - Separate K classes working great;
  - Dress kids appropriate for the weather – label clothes
- 1<sup>st</sup>

- 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Globe projects started; still need volunteers
  - Pickup is going well – thank you parents
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Mystery project ongoing; students having fun as CSI's
  - Fire safety presentation on 10/08
- 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Working on Fact Masters; students are doing great
  - Sally Foster is on-going
- 6<sup>th</sup>
  - IRP's are due 10/08
- 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Ed-line codes being sent home; see Mariclare if you don't receive one
  - Wheelock Theatre field trip next week
  - Math Club starts 10/8 3-4pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> - No Report
- 9<sup>th</sup> – No Report
- 10<sup>th</sup>
  - PSAT practice 10/15
  - 2 cameras stolen from video workshop
- 11<sup>th</sup>
  - \$13 fee for PSAT scores; See Mariclare
  - Mary Carter looking into SAT prep course; more info to come
- 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Kelly Garber introduced at Student Rep to PA
  - Students adjusting to lunch at 11am
  - Student upset about camera theft
  - Apple picking coming up

**Education Committee – Prue Goodale**

- Next meeting is 10/16 3:45-5pm; open to all parents

**School Council – Prue Goodale**

- Next meeting is 10/09 3:45-4:45pm; open to all parents

**Treasurer's Report – Denise Demaggio**

- Balance in PA acct will be \$12,669, after we receive grant from school
- Request balance not dip below \$3,000 to account for unexpected expenses
- Proposal presented on how to fund requests from teachers, students, etc
- Presentation/further discussion to take place at November PA meeting

Meeting Adjourned – 9:05

## Lunch Menu – November, 2008

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
3 <b><i>Chicken Salad</i></b> With lettuce and tomato	4 <b>Prof. Dev. Day</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	5 <b><i>BLT</i></b> Bacon, lettuce and tomato with mayo	6 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	7 <b><i>Tossed Salad</i></b> With Italian dressing and pita bread Tossed Salad
10 <b><i>Turkey and American Cheese</i></b> With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise	11 <b>Veterans Day</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	12 <b><i>Roast Beef</i></b> With American cheese and mustard	13 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	14 <b><i>Tuna Salad</i></b>  With lettuce and tomato
17 <b><i>Italian Cold Cuts</i></b> With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	18 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	19 <b><i>BLT</i></b> Bacon, lettuce and tomato with mayo	20 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	21 <b><i>Greek Salad</i></b> With Greek dressing and pita bread
24 <b><i>Ham</i></b> With American cheese and mustard	25 <b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b>	26 <b>Early Release</b>  <b>No Lunch</b>	27  <b>Thanksgiving</b>	28  <b>No School</b>

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 November, 2008  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, November 6, 2008**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pod Teacher/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/3 – 11/7	Sub	<b>No School</b>	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub		½ sub	#_____	
	Wheat		Wheat		

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/10 – 11/14	Sub	<b>No School</b>	Sub	Pizza	Sub
	½ Sub		½ sub	#_____	½ sub
	Wheat		Wheat		Wheat

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/17 – 11/21	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	
	Wheat		Wheat		

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/24 – 11/28	Sub	Pizza	<b>Early Release</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>
	½ sub	#_____			
	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 ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			<b>\$_____</b>

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.**

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We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.



South Shore YMCA

# Teen Fridays In November

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



## Spotlight Events:

**11/7**      **Zumba 6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3**  
**Jewelry Making 7-8 pm art room**  
**Capture the Flag 7- 8:30 pm gym**  
**Dance Par-Tay 8 - 9:30 pm art room**

**11/14**      **Dodge Ball 7- 8:30 pm gym**  
**Performance Workshop 7:30 - 9:30 pm art room**

**11/21**      **Zumba 6:30 - 7:30 pm studio 3**  
**“Last Bag Bracelet” 7-8 pm art room**  
**Ultimate Frisbee 7- 8:30 pm gym**  
**Dance Par-Tay 8- 9:30 pm art room**

**11/28**      **Soccer Challenge 7- 8:30 pm gym**  
**Performance Workshop 7:30 - 9:30 pm art room**

**11/7**  
Bring in **non-perishable** food items & get extra Teen Friday Reward Points toward prizes. Food donations go to the Hanover Food Pantry.

**Free  
Pizza  
11/7**

**Find What Moves You**

### Every Friday Night:

**Free Weights 7-8 pm “Ask Sean”**  
**Mixed Martial Arts 7:30-8:30 pm studio 2**  
**Indoor Cycling 7:30-8:30 pm 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 12 or older. Come 10 times & get a prize. Be sure to wear work-out gear if trying the active stuff.**

For more information contact Karen at 781-829-8585 x335  
Check us out on Facebook at SSYMCA Teens.