



**Update**  
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### ***Cell Phones and Text Messaging***

Whenever I meet with administrators and teachers from other school districts, one of the “hot topics” is the serious problem that we all are experiencing with cell phones and text messaging. Over the past several weeks, an inordinate amount of my time, Ted’s time, and the Level III, IV, and High School Coordinators’ time have been devoted to discipline problems related to cell phone use and text messaging during the school day as well as text messages and cyber-bullying over the internet off school grounds that spills over into our school. The on-going problems with text messaging and inappropriate MySpace and Facebook entries that have caused students and their families’ distress and have resulted in disciplinary consequences at school have prompted the administration to propose a change in the consequences for cell phone use during the school day at tomorrow’s School Council meeting. We are asking that the policy be changed from returning the confiscated cell phone to the student’s parent/guardian at a meeting with an administrator or Level Coordinator and a Saturday detention to returning the confiscated cell phone to the student’s parent/guardian after a week. The parent/guardian would still have to meet with an administrator and, for the first offense, there would still be a Saturday detention. We have shared the proposed change with the faculty and there is consensus that it is a serious problem at SSCPS right now and that we need to tighten up the policy.

### ***Reminder: Download your ballot and vote on the proposed the by-law changes***

As I noted in last week’s Update about the special meeting and the proposed by-law changes, we would electronically email the ballot for everyone to download and print up. We are emailing the ballot to everyone AGAIN today (separate email). Last week, we mailed the printed ballot to those parents that do NOT receive the Update electronically. PLEASE VOTE. 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 4pm on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you do not receive the email with the ballot attached, please contact Pam Algera. Note: I will also do an Alert Now at the end of the week to remind everyone.

### ***More Reminders and Save the Dates:***

- ***New Student Open House for grades K-11 this Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.***
- ***Welcome Reception for New 7-12 principal, Jim Connolly, Tuesday, November 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Sponsored by Administration and PA)***
- ***Student Information Session for current and new students grades 7-11, Tuesday, November 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.***
- ***Grandparents and Special Friends Day, Wednesday, December 10 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon***

*“The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, not to worry about the future, or not to anticipate troubles, but to live the present moment wisely and earnestly.” - Buddha*

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

Wednesday	11/12	Facilities Committee	4:30pm
Thursday	11/13	School Council	3:45pm
Thursday	11/13	Development Committee	5:00pm
Friday	11/14	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	1:30pm
Saturday	11/15	Enrollment Open House	1-3pm
Tuesday	11/18	In Control Driving Course	
Tuesday	11/18	Grades 7-12 Parent Information Session	6-8pm
Wednesday	11/19	Book Fair	8am-2pm
Thursday	11/20	Book Fair	8am-2pm

**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*

### SUPPORT SSCPS THROUGH ONECAUSE

Our school has teamed up with OneCause to provide you with a simple way to turn your everyday purchases into much-needed contributions for our school. Our current goal is to raise \$2500 by June 2009.

To date, one supporter has already raised \$25. If we all sign up & shop for the holidays, that amount will multiply quickly! If 100 of us can shop & raise just \$25 for the school, we will have met our goal!

You can help by always starting your everyday shopping at OneCause.com, where every eligible purchase you make contributes up to 20% to our school. Even your friends and family can get involved!

Hit your family & friend email list - ask them to shop & support SSCPS.

Don't delay, join OneCause today!

1. Go to [www.onecause.com](http://www.onecause.com) and click "Join."
2. Choose our school to support.
3. Start shopping through OneCause.com to make a difference today!

**Join OneCause to help our school 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 13th 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 originally 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.

## **ATHLETICS**

**Last call for Ski Club!** Completed **Ski Club** forms are due no later than Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to participate. Any questions, contact Heather Fredette at [hfredette@sscps.org](mailto:hfredette@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:**

Level 3 would really appreciate donations of: Kleenex, wipes, paper towels and GLUE STICKS! Thanks!

## **SEPAC**

SEPAC Committee will hold their first workshop on **Basic Rights on Thursday, November 20, 2008 from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm**. This workshop will review all rights students have on special educational plans. Jo Feldman, Director of Learning Services at the SSCPS will be presenting this workshop. If you are interested in attending this workshop please email Beth Toma at [JToma85103@aol.com](mailto:JToma85103@aol.com).

## **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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## 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 13, 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.

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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.