



Update
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SSCPS Golf Tournament and Auction – Drive Fore the Future! This Friday June 11, 2010



The weather is cooperating for a terrific day of golf with projected sunny warm temperatures of about 75 degrees! Following a memorable day on the green for “Green”, for all who attend there will be appetizers, live music, dinner, entertainment, super giveaways, dancing, and more! Not only an important fundraiser it is the party everyone will be talking about. It is not too late to join the 200+ others who are already planning to be there!



Thank you to parent Joyce Whitman for again putting together an outstanding program for the auction! A sneak preview is available on the event website, (www.DriveForetheFuture.homestead.com) If you can't make the dinner, Auction or End of the Year Blow Out Party ending with Bogey Nights be sure to send someone in with your buying power so you don't completely miss out!

Annual SSCPS Satisfaction Survey

Everyone uses surveys to get important information from their constituents – voters, customers, clients, employees, parents, students, etc.. One of the major ways that the Charter School Office of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education evaluates a charter school's performance is the results from the annual satisfaction survey. Each year at this time, we ask four groups to give us feedback on how we are doing as a school in educating our students, how well we communicate to everyone, and the effectiveness of our working relationships with faculty, parents, and members of the Board of Trustees. The four groups surveyed are faculty/staff, parents, students, and the Board of Trustees. **The deadline to complete the survey is next Monday, June 28th.** It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that we have large percentages of each group completing the survey. The survey is on-line and it does not require a lot of time to complete. Ideally, we would like to 100% participation from ALL four groups. **The information from the survey is reported to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as part of our Annual Report and our Renewal Documents.**

Parents/Guardian: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TYFV2DR>

Students: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TYP8Z2F>

Faculty/Staff: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T2LX2NB>

Board of Trustees: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TY9TVHV>

Thursday	06/10	“Where the Wild Things Are” Performance	1:15pm
Friday	06/11	Ellen & Marianne Field Trip	6:30am
Friday	06/11	2 nd Annual Golf Tournament & Auction	See below
Monday	06/14	NE Rain Barrel pick up at Wearguard parking lot	2:00-6:00pm
Monday	06/14	Development Committee	5:30pm
Tues-Thurs	06/15-6/17	Grades 7-11 Finals – see below for schedule by Level	
Thursday	06/17	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	06/17	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	06/18	Last day for students – Early Release	12:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SSCPS Green Initiatives Fund By Students in the Waste Watchers Project

As America’s Greenest School, SSCPS has started a Green Initiatives Fund. The money raised will fund future projects to help continue our green efforts. Maybe you have seen our rain barrel or composter... we hope to sell these environmentally friendly products at a discounted price. SSCPS will receive a portion of each item sold. Please spread the word about our New England Rain Barrel and Composter sale by posting our flyers. People can order items until June 10th. On June 14th there will be a rain barrel drop at the Wear Guard parking lot, close by our school. Last week we announced that we can’t stop working hard and we won’t stop helping the environment... please lend your support in helping us keep this pledge. The money we raise could help send more teachers to service learning workshops, buy books on recycling, and anything else we at SSCPS want to do!

HEALTH OFFICE

Please pick- up any medications your child has in the health office *by* the last day of school. EpiPens may not be picked up *until* the last day of school. Any medication left in the health office will be disposed off after June 18, 2010.

Please remember if your child needs to take medication during the 2010- 2011 school year that you have medication forms completed and the medication dropped off at the health office prior to or on August 31, 2010 .

K-6 PRINCIPAL REPORT

I have enjoyed writing these updates this past year as it gives me the chance to take stock and reflect. I want to thank everyone who has read them and given me feedback. The first Update of the year began by stating my hope that this would help us communicate and be transparent, both about what is going on in school and how school seems to be going. As this is my last piece this year I went back and looked at all of the others I had written. I looked back at the Updates to get a sense of the year and what we had done. I also looked at the word count on these documents.

The word counts of my updates ranged from a short of 389 (first one) to a long of 1113 (week of the Poetry Slam benefit, Parent’s Appreciation Lunch, The Maine concert, and the temporary arrival of the bus). The median length of the pieces was 597 words and the mean was 581.* (Those on the inside will see that that was a reference to an open response MCAS math question.) It is a silly idea to reduce the school year to a simple list of numbers with a range, a median and a mean that have only the most tangential relation to what has gone on here at school, but it is a silly idea that helps me.

It also helps me to list the topics I have written about – they refer back and show the cycle of the school year. Open House, Family Picnic, New Mission – “Inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life”, Student Government, happy students, NCLB Above Target, Mission, Literacy Night, site visit, MCAS growth results, Thanks, Volunteerism, Faculty, strive for this to be a happy and loving place, schools are complex, Progress Reports, Thanks to Jim, Angie the new 7 – 12 Principal, limits on gifts to staff, pick-up in winter weather, Solstice Concert, Happy New Year, lost and found, only male, recess and weather, earthquake in Haiti, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Poetry Workshop, Charter is renewed, new Accountability Plan, Coins for Haiti, Mission, FATEM, planting a garden, Math Night, work that is meaningful, slogan seen in Level II “MCAS – Bring It ON!,” field trips, class requests, Kendra says goodbye, Bullying and Harassment Taskforce, winning Greenest School, no complacency, bus, rock concert, Hope for Haiti Poetry Slam, Heritage Day, planning while being present, visitors want to bottle great teaching.

I would like to end the year with one big thanks to all the families, students, faculty, support staff, administrators and Board who have worked so hard and worked so hard together. There is one person though who has done so much that I have to say a name – Prue Goodale. Thanks, Prue, for taking our school, which has always been a vision of something that had great heart and might be great, and turning us into a good school that will become great.

*With this note this piece is 514 words and this piece is included in the figures above.

Ted Hirsch – thirsch@sccps.org

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: “Turn over a new leaf.”

Level 2: “Let bygones by bygones.”

Level IV Final Exam Schedule June 15-17

	Tuesday 6/15	Wednesday 6/16	Thursday 6/17	
8:15-8:30	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	
8:30-10:00	7 th Math 8 th English	7 th English 8 th History	7 th Science 8 th Spanish	
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	10:00-11:30	Movie
10:30-12:00	7 th History 8 th Science	7 th Spanish 8 th Math	11:30-11:50	Lunch
			11:50-12:00	Level IV Video
12:00-1:00	Lunch and outdoor break	Lunch and outdoor break	Field Day	
1:00-3:00	Movie/Study Rooms	Movie/Study Rooms		

High School Final Schedule 2010

Tuesday June 15

Block A 8:30-10:00

Block B 10:15-11:45

Students who are staying after school need to see Jared ASAP. Arrangements need to be made for a space for students after 12:00

Wednesday June 16

Block C 8:30-10:00

Block D 10:15-11:45

Thursday June 17

Block E 8:30-10:00

Make up 10:15-11:45

Friday June 18 Only students who need to make up a final need to attend school Friday. Please see Jared if you are planning to be at school Friday.

National Honor Society News - The junior class members of the National Honor Society helped serve lunch to a full dining room at St. Paul's soup kitchen in Boston on Monday, June 7. NHS students, Jackie Perry, Anaise Trocher, Maggie Reardon George Yazbeck, Kyle Algera, John Ryan, and Jonathan Hagberg took the red line to Park St, and after lunching in the fine weather on the Common, they joined the other volunteers in the cathedral's undercroft to provide hot meals to the homeless.



This NHS trip is the second time the organization has participated in the lunch program. In March the senior class members also went into the city to help feed those in need. The National Honor Society at SSCPS assists in-house at Grandparents' Day, open houses, the senior dinner, and graduation as well as with outreach to the wider community.

YEARBOOK CLUB

Buy Your 2010 Yearbook Now!!

- Only \$45.00!
- Go to Jostensyearbook.com to purchase
- Or pay with check or cash see Jared Rose
- **Preview pages posted throughout the school.**
- For more information and questions contact Jared in room 103 or ext. 324

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Thank you to everyone who has collected **Box Tops for Education** this year. We have raised over \$700 for our school because of you. Please keep clipping Box Tops over the summer and bring them back when school starts. If you want a special space to store your Box Tops over the summer months please visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Projects.aspx> for collection projects. If you have any questions about the Box Tops for Education project please email Bethany at bwhitemyer@rcn.com.

REMINDER: to join the online SSCPS Parents Discussion Forum at GoogleGroups. This is 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 join you can email sscpsparents+subscribe@googlegroups.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Food Drive - June's Level I Pod is collecting healthy lunch items to assist families at Wellspring over the summer months. The Food Drive will run until June 9th and collection boxes are at each level. Please donate healthy lunch items such as :Peanut butter, jelly, fruit cups, water or juice boxes (with low sugar), Raimen noodles, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna, spaghetti and sauce, pasta,, juice boxes, pretzels, jello, applesauce, and/or healthy cereal.

Zachary and Julia Griffin (Level II) will be walking again this year in the PDA walk, Steady Strides for Parkinson's. They are walking on Jerry's team with their very special friends and "grandparents". If you would like to sponsor our team please make a donation to PDA and leave it in the envelope at the front desk.

Calling all students, teachers, and parents. Children's Hospital in Boston runs a program called "Booking It In the Waiting Room" that provides free books to underprivileged adolescent patients to take home. With approximately 13,500 visits to the division every year, it is estimated that more than 3,640 of their patients do not own a single book. There is a box in the front lobby where you can drop off new and gently used books appropriate for adolescents at both middle and high school levels including general fiction, mysteries, science fiction, biographies, and autobiographies. With your help we can open us the world of reading and improve the quality of life of adolescents in need. Donations accepted through June 4th.

Thank you, Ellis Gilbert, 9th Grade

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Anticipated Openings – 2010-11 School Year

Elementary Teacher Grades. 3&4

High School Spanish Teacher

High School Special Education Teacher

Level I Teaching Intern (Elementary Grades 1-2) –Full Time 10 month academic position

Level IV Teacher's Aide/Paraprofessional (Middle School Grades 7&8) –Part Time 10 month academic position 35 hours per week

Technology and Maintenance Assistant-Full Time 12 month administrative position

On-Call Substitute Teachers Grades. K-12

On-Call Substitute Nurse

APPLICANTS MUST MEET HQT IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED

Cover letter, resume and 3 references are to be submitted via email to kshipps@sscps.org

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Saturday June 26 at 8 p.m. in Concert Aldo and Anna Minella in their only Boston area performance open to the public. The classical guitar master and his equally talented violinist daughter will be in concert at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom (1112 Main St. Hingham)--reserved tickets \$20 at the door \$25--to reserve your tickets send a check to the synagogue. Information: (781) 749-8103 or e-mail: admin@shaarayshalomcomcastbiz.net

Looking for some extra math help this summer? If you are looking for someone to help your child review math over the summer, please contact SSCPS High School student, Jackie Perry at 781-826-3382 or email jfmp33@yahoo.com about low-cost tutoring. Thank you.

Girl Scout Registration for next year has begun! Meetings for all grades will be held on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Daisies (grades K-1); Brownies (grades 2-3), and Juniors/Cadettes/Seniors (grades 4 and up). Meetings run from the end of September/early October through the end of May/early June. Dues are \$32 per semester. Financial aid is available. No one will be turned away for inability to pay. To register or for further information contact a troop leader. Daisy Troop Leaders: Katie Tierney (617) 794-6565, tierneyrock@verizon.net; Jenn Jordan, (781) 413-6304, skylarcamper@yahoo.com Brownie Troop Leaders: Maureen Hebert (781) 837-8952, mhebert@metlife.com; Kim Beshere (781) 961-2220, Tessapink1@yahoo.com Junior/Cadette/Seniors Troop Leaders: Stacy Rousseau (781) 961-4071 or (781) 727-9784; famoon3@gmail.com; If you are willing to help out as a troop leader next year, please let us know. Registration is first come, first served. Please note that the Daisy troop this year and last year was filled to capacity and some girls had to be turned away so the sooner you let us know the sooner you can secure your daughter a spot.

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



2010 FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
WWW.HAYSA.ORG

REGISTRATION FEES

\$55.00 per player or \$125.00 max per family of 3 or more players

NEW SHIRT/REPLACEMENT SHIRT FEE

\$28.00 (IF NEEDED)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 30, 2010

**ANY REGISTRATIONS AFTER DEADLINE WILL BE ASSESSED A LATE FEE*

COACHES ARE WELCOMED AND NEEDED!!!!

**IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN COACHING, PLEASE CHECK THE COACHING BOX ON THE ONLINE REGISTRATION.*



Longwater Bus offers safe and reliable transportation from Hull, Hingham, and Cohasset to SSCPS.

We are expanding our route for next year, and hope your child will ride with us.

For more information, please contact Amylemkin@gmail.com or 781-801-5557

New England Rain Barrel and South Shore Charter Public School, *America's Greenest School*, invite you to join in this special offer!

Purchase the New Englander Rain Barrel for the discounted price of \$84.95



Purchase a Bio-Orb Composter for the discounted price of \$99.95

To order, call: (877) 977-3135 or order online at www.nerainbarrel.com.

Be sure to click on the South Shore Charter Public School link

Please order before June 10.

Pickup from 2:00 – 6:00 on June 14 at Aramark Wearguard, 141 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA.

A percentage of each item sold will be donated to **SSCPS Green Initiative Fund**



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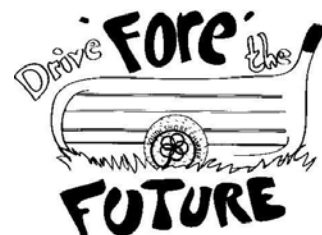
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The following items and more will be available on June 11 at the 15th Annual Auction...

Quincy College Class
Handpainted Shelf With Hooks
Cape Cod Getaway
Quilt Used in School Play
Handmade Tapestry
Deep Sea Fishing Trip
Farm Project Planter with "Bejeweled" Trellis
White Mountains Vacation
Poetry Tablecloth
Billiard Party at Big City in Allston
Painted Flower Pot
Weekend at Scituate Beachhouse
Decorative Planter
Gourmet Dinner for Eight at Tosca
SSCPS Football Helmet
North Carolina Golf Getaway for Two
Handpainted Flower Planter
"Compliments" Herb Planter
Cooking Project Drink Stand
Red Sox Tickets, June 17
Hand Painted Rain Collection Barrel
Ride in Hybrid Bus
Art by Parent Artist Judy St. Peter
Historic Haitian Painting of Cabel Blain
Paper Jewelry by High School Art Workshop Students
Pillowcases by High School Art Workshop Students
Birdhouse by Andres Butler
Heidi Harting School Portrait Session
\$50 Gift Certificate to Bob's Discount Furniture
\$25 Gift Certificate to Lyn Evans for Potpourri Designs
\$30 Gift Certificate to Dependable Cleaners
Framed All School Photograph
Princess House Cookware Collection
Framed Photograph of the Ponte Vecchio in Venice
Photograph of West Bork
Handmade Queen Size Quilt
"In the Distance" Photograph by Midge Lawlor
Vintage Farm Equipment Photograph
Original Stained Glass Art

Entertainment Themed Basket by Level II
95.9 WATD FM CO-DJ for 1/2 an Hour
Personal Nutritional Consultation

\$50 Gift Certificate to Sunshine Pet Parlor
One Crash-Prevention Training Course
Private Yoga Class for Up to Five
Ten Hours of Tutoring With Nora Broderick
Four Classes at Open Doors Power Yoga Studio
Two 60 Minute Massage Sessions
Financial Profile
Chinese Medical Exam and Acupuncture Treatment
45 Minute Organization Session
3 Month Membership to Healthtrax
Ten Classes at Webb's Pro Fitness
Two Passes to Edaville Railroad
Three \$20 Gift Cards to ZYP Fitness Plus
One Month Membership to Weymouth Club
Two Whale Watch Excursion Passes
Boston Duck Tour Passes
Two Passes to Six Flags New England
South Shore Natural Science Center Membership
60 Day Membership to Community Boating
Paul Revere House Passes
Ten Passes to Providence Children's Museum
Two Passes to Water Wizz
Children's Museum in Easton Passes
Karaoke Machine
Leather Hard Rock Café Jacket
Autographed T-Shirts from The Maine
Sea Glass Jewelry
Set of three Vineyard Vines Ties
Brighton Handbag
Jewelry
\$75 Gift Certificate to Sunset Grill, Boston
Four Live Lobsters
\$75 Gift Certificate to Atlantica
\$75 Gift Certificate to Vin & Eddie's Restaurant
Wine Themed Gift Basket
Weinberg Bakery & Café Mug and \$10 Gift Certificate
Pampered Chef BBQ Set
Four Boxes of Thin Mint Girl Scout Cookies
Level III "Mexican Fiesta" Themed Basket and Tray
Boston Harbor Boat Cruise
Sailboat Tour for 8
Clamming Trip
Ten Free Passes to the MIT Museum
Two Night Getaway at Bayside Resort Hotel
Huntington Theatre Tickets
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Membership
Decordova Museum Guest Pass
JFK Library and Museum Discount Passes
Four Tickets to Atlantic Symphony Orchestra
Round Trip Passes for Two on Hy-Line Cruises

20% Discount for Sedan or Limousine Service
Free Parking for the Day at Nantasket Beach
Cape Cod Gift Basket
Premier Seats for Four at 2011 SSCPS Graduation
Personal Parking Space at School
Priceless SSCPS Collection
Set of Three Historic School Lockers
Set of three Birdie Balls
Autographed Boston Bruins Hockey Stick
Children's Golf Clubs
Ame & Lulu Golf Head Covers
Autographed Baseball signed by David Ortiz
Baseball autographed by Jim Longborg
Red Sox Tickets, Friday July 15
Boston College Football Tickets
Golf Foursome at Pembroke Country Club
Foursome at Harmon Golf
After Work Billiard Party for Up to 25
Waterville Valley Ski Resort Lift Tickets
Two F1 Boston Racing Packages
Cooper-Atkins Kitchen Timer
K-8 Principal for the Day
9-12 Principal for the Day
Executive Director for the Day
Nautical Rope Table Set
Kathy Corrigan's School of Gymnastics Sports Camp
Birthday Party for 10 at Children's Museum Easton
Four Tickets to Empire State Building NYC
Skin Care Basket from Gabriel Cosmetics
Handcrafted Jewelry
Panera Bread for a Year
Golf Bag
Hockey Puck Autographed by Blake Wheeler
Golf Balls