

## Update June 16, 2010

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#### **Auction and Golf Tournament a Huge Success!**

From all accounts, our combined Second Annual Golf Tournament and Fourteenth Annual Auction was a big hit with everyone. The Pembroke Country Club provided a perfect setting for both golf, dinner, and an auction. Kudos to outgoing Board of Trustee's member Miriam Brownewall, and parents Maureen Hebert and Mark Stephenson for cochairing this event. Miriam has served on the BOT for twelve years and she vowed that before she moved on she would see that SSCPS had a golf tournament. On behalf of all of us at SSCPS, I would like to thank Miriam for her years of service and dedication to SSCPS. Many thanks also to Maureen and Mark and the DOZENS of parents who worked on this wonderful event from January on. Although we do not have the final numbers, it is safe to say that we raised 10% more than we did last year – truly remarkable given the tough economy. Thanks also to all of the parents, grandparents, and friends of SSCPS for attending and bidding on the great items on the auction block. Later in this Update, there is a wonderful summary from Maureen about what was indeed a labor of love for this school.

#### **Annual Fund Reminder**

Next week, Kathy Arthur Tyler from our Foundation, Kristine Shipps, and I will be attending a full-day conference on Green School Solutions for Massachusetts. We will be using what we have learned from the Green School Audit that will be presented tomorrow evening at the Board of Trustees meeting along with information from the conference to write for grants to help our school go green. One of my goals for this year was to raise the Annual participation rates for all groups. Yesterday, the faculty and staff surprised me with a fabulous send-off party. Pam Algera had asked my husband Geoff what I would like and he told her that rather than a gift (although they did give me a beautiful SSCPS rocker), I would like to have everyone contribute to the Annual Fund. THEY DID IT! We have 100% participation from our faculty and staff – a first. Last year, the participation rate of our families reached a new high 51%. Right now, we are at about 41%. In our goals for the year, we set a goal of 60% participation for our parents. As a final request as your Executive Director, please give to our Annual Fund. Our "books" close on June 30<sup>th</sup> so it is not too late. The amount that you can give us is not important – just donate. It will make a huge difference in our ability to raise funds for the school and a future capital building campaign if we can show STRONG participation rates from all groups.

#### **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 Monday, June 28th. It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that we have large percentages of each group completing the survey. The survey in 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: <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TYP8Z2F">http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TYP8Z2F</a>
Faculty/Staff: <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T2LX2NB">http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T2LX2NB</a>
Board of Trustees: <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TY9TVHV">http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TY9TVHV</a>

#### **SSCPS T-shirts!**

As a year end celebration of the America's Greenest School award, each student and staff member received a t-shirt today as a gift from the school. We hope that the shirts will be proudly worn over the summer. A limited number of shirts in adult sizes are available for purchase at a cost of \$10 each. Please contact Dee Delaney at <a href="mailto:ddelaney@sscps.org">ddelaney@sscps.org</a> or 781-982-4202 ext. 159 if you are interested.

#### Til we meet again . . .

One week ago, I sat down to write my final update and I wrote the above words and then could go no further. It is so difficult to express my gratitude to all members of the SSCPS community for welcoming me to your "family;" the support that you have given me in good times and in bad (thank goodness there were far more good ones); the trust that you have had in me and your wonderful administrators and teachers; and your openness to discussing new approaches and new ideas. There are too many achievements and successes of our students and faculty over the past three years for me to highlight. However, I will refer to one of the most memorable ones for me that truly helped me to understand that SSCPS was indeed a unique and special school. In February of my first year, I presented a new logo to the Board of Trustees along with a proposed upgrade to our school website. Miriam Brownewall asked me if I had "vetted" it with the students, parents, and faculty before submitting the logo for approval. Board discussion followed and, while there was agreement that a tree would make a good logo, it could not be just any tree. The Board voted to table the vote and I then met with key parents, teachers, and students. Several months later, parent Tim Coletti was asked to share his PowerPoint presentation on how he came up with the design and the Board unanimously approved our new logo. Throughout this process, I learned a lot about this school and the fact that one should NEVER forget the three legged stool and the importance of communication and collaboration.

It has truly been a joy to serve as your Executive Director the past three years and like all of those Directors who preceded me, I promise to find ways to stay connected and to support this wonderful school.

Have a wonderful summer. Prue Goodale

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.-- Irish Blessing

Thursday	6/17	7-12 Finals - see schedule below	
Thursday	6/17	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	6/17	<b>Board of Trustees</b>	7:00pm
Friday	6/17	Awards Ceremonies  4 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Level II Great Room 10:30am 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Level III Great Room 10:30am 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Level IV High School 10:00am Early Dismissal	12:00pm
Save the date!	6/25 Friday	SSCPS Night at the Brockton Rox – see enclosed flyer	

#### GOLF TOURNAMENT & AUCTION

South Shore Charter Educational Foundation's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Drive Fore the Future Golf Tournament sponsored by Boston Private Bank & Trust Company started out under sunny skies with golfers treated to a box lunch and gift bags containing certificates for a free golf club, SSCPS T-shirt, golf balls from First American Title Insurance Company, and numerous items from Franklin American Mortgage. Registrants were greeted by volunteer parents Kerry Benjamin and Tessa Misiaszek. After welcome remarks by Prudence Goodale the golfers headed out onto the links. Men and women



competed in contests for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. New alums Alana Greene (10') and Brianne

Watson (10') ran the Get on the Green Contest while Debra Greene (06') ran one of the four Hole in One Chances sponsored by First National Corporation. Thanks to the efforts of Dottie Kennedy-Brooks and Tim Coletti golfers unfamiliar with the school encountered Hole Profile Signs at the tees highlighting the special characteristics of our school. Warm thanks to our Hole Sponsors: Garden Craft, Joseph Ingle Bus Service, Maniscalco & DiOrio, Northeast Mediation, South Shore Savings Bank, Robert Gass and Watch All.

When the 19th Hole started off the 15th Annual Auction, the smiling faces of Lisa Aiello and Melissa Freitas checked guests in and sent them off to enjoy appetizers and cocktails accompanied by the wonderful sounds by the band composed of keyboardist Daniel Alexandre (08'), drummer sophomore Derek Wholley, and student singer sophomore Sarah Martin along with Ryder Cambronne on saxophone and Zach Rochester Stage hand Jad Jason (08') helped pull it all together. Michelle Ciambriello and Miriam Brownewall showcased the Silent Auction Display. Parent Deb Brown created the gift certificates and too many to mention contributed their goods and services as auction items. The Student Art Projects were organized with the help of Michele Campion, Marianne Buckley Curran, and the numerous parents who volunteered in the classrooms assisting the younger students with their masterpieces. June Fontaine's handprint handpainted shelf was the high seller raking in \$260. In total the student pod art projects generated sales of \$1,645. Kristen Swanson had photographed the pods in order to produce the hot items of the night, these signed and matted pod photographs generated \$1,805 in sales. Of special note with their help obtaining donations were parents Mary Oxner, Mark Stevenson, and Alexis Leavitt. Parent Joyce Whitman of Twist Creative Group once again created an amazing Auction Program to guide guests throughout the evening. Thank you to advertisers in the program: South Shore Savings Bank, Virginia Harvey of William Raveis Real Estate, Attorney Michael Nuesse, Getti Gear, and Quincy College.



The fun continued with remarks by BOT member Jeffrey Seglin, Tournament Results by Mark Stevenson, and the Heads or Tails game run by parent Karen Currie and bead sales by Kristen Larson. Outstanding live auctioneers John Horrigan and Ted Hirsch kept the crowd entertained with spectacular voices and handstands ably assisted by Vanna White impersonator Heather Dans. Behind the scenes runner Ryan Benjamin, spotters Beth Farmer, Thomas Farmer and Marie Grable along with Maureen Scioscia, and recorders BOT members Cheryl Peterson and Debbie Cerilli kept things running smoothly. Parent Leslie Alden worked the computer generating the

custom invoices for guests to pick up their winnings with the assistance at checkout by Annette Golden, Priscilla Kelly, Kathleen Hargrove, and Gwen Watchorn. Everyone in attendance was treated to a canvas tote and flip flops from Talbots along with t-shirts donated by parent John Kelleher.

The entire day was captured by parent photographer Maura Longueil of Abbey Knoll Photography. Special thanks to 11<sup>th</sup> grader Giovanni Ciambriello who along with his father Giovanni Ciambriello, Sr. helped transport all the items to the club on Thursday. Mark Flanagan continuously helped out over the course of the year along with Prudence Goodale, Pam Algera and Kristine Shipps.

Early calculations indicate we topped year's earnings coming in just under \$23,000. Thank you to all who participated and we look forward to another great year in 2011!

#### 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.

#### ON THE LEVELS

#### **SAYING OF THE WEEK:**

Level 1: "Two heads are better than one."

Level 2: "Bury the hatchet."

**JUNE'S POD FOOD DRIVE UPDATE** – Thank you everybody for bringing food to June's pod. We are bringing it to Wellspring in Hull.

**Level IV Literary Magazine "Falling Up The Stairs" is now on sale for only \$1.** The magazine is filled with precious stories and poems from SSCPS students in grades kindergarten to eighth. The magazine has over one hundred pages and is covered in beautiful illustrations for each story or poem. Please buy the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of "Failing Up The Stairs" now. Students will be around the school selling them along with copies in Rachel Jones' Level IV classroom until Friday.

#### Level IV Final Exam Schedule June 15-17

	Thursday 6/17		
8:15-8:30	Morning Meeting		
8:30-10:00	7 <sup>th</sup> Science		
	8 <sup>th</sup> Spanish		
	10:00-11:30	Movie	
	11:30-11:50	Lunch	
	11:50-12:00	Level IV Video	
	Field Day Friday 6/18		
8:15-10:00	Morning Meeting/Clean up/Set up for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Award Ceremony		
10:00	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Award Ceremony – HS Great Room		
12:00pm	Dismissal		

#### **High School Final Schedule 2010**

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.

#### YEARBOOK CLUB

## Buy Your 2010 Yearbook Now!!

- Only \$45.00!
- Pay with check or cash see Jared Rose
- For more information and questions contact Jared in room 103 or ext. 324

#### PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Parent's Association. Once again we had increased participation which is a true testament to our amazing community. Everyone is so committed to making SSCPS the best it can be for our children. I was my privilege to serve as the PA Chair for 2 years and I've had the opportunity to meet so many amazing families and make some pretty terrific friends. Please enjoy your summer and I hope to see you all next year.

\*\*Deidre Lamoureux\*\*

**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 <a href="mailto:sscpsparents+subscribe@googlegroups.com">sscpsparents+subscribe@googlegroups.com</a>

#### **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 <u>kshipps@sscps.org</u>

#### **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: <a href="mailto:admin@shaarayshalomcomcastbiz.net">admin@shaarayshalomcomcastbiz.net</a>

**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 <a href="mailto:ifmp33@yahoo.com">ifmp33@yahoo.com</a> 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; faemoon3@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 <a href="https://www.sscps.org">www.sscps.org</a> every Wednesday – to receive a paper copy please contact Pam Algera ext. 103 or email <a href="mailto:PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG">PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG</a>

# South Shore Charter Public School Night at the



Please join us on Friday, June 25, 2010

The game starts at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss the fireworks!

Tickets are \$6.00 per person.

To order tickets please provide the following information and include a check made payable to SSCPS. Please return to your child's teacher or drop at the front desk. If any questions please contact Kerry Griffin at <a href="mailto:rockgriff@verizon.net">rockgriff@verizon.net</a> or 781-878-3762. Thank you!

Name:	
Phone:	
E-mail:	
Number of tickets:	



#### 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 ONLIINE 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