



Wednesday	09/23	Parents Grades 4-8 Cyber-Bullying Workshop	6:00pm
Thursday	09/24	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	09/24	Finance Committee	5:30pm
Thursday	09/24	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
<i>Upcoming Events ~ Save these Dates</i>			
		Parents Association Meeting – Saturday, October 3rd – 10am	
		Grandparents Day – Grade K-4 – Thursday, October 15 th – 10-11:30am	
		Harvest Road Race – 5mile – Wompatuck – Saturday, October 17th	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The SSCPS Second Annual Harvest Run is right around the corner! The Harvest Race Committee and the Development Committee of the Board of Trustees need your help!

The Harvest Run is set for October 17 at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham. Last year’s event brought together hundreds of members of the SSCPS community and friends from all over the South Shore. It takes place on a 5-mile course in a beautiful state park. To make this year’s race a success, we need your help in preparing for the race and on race day. And you can help in many ways that include:

Securing race sponsors who provide either cash support or in-kind gifts of prizes, beverages and food. Please use your contacts with local merchants and businesses you know well. Supporters will be recognized on race t-shirts and on signage.

Sponsorship levels include:

- Event Champion -- \$2,500
- Gold Medal Sponsor -- \$1,000
- Silver Medal Sponsor -- \$500

Volunteering on race day. We need volunteers to help with:

- Set-up and clean-up
- Registration tables
- Distributing shirts and goodie bags
- Assisting at the finish line
- At water tables on the course
- At key directional points on the course

Equipment and Supplies. We need to borrow such items as:

- Tables
- Rakes and brooms
- Pens and markers
- Barrels and trash bags

You can also help by spreading the word among family and friends to register as either a walker or a runner and by registering yourself! To register, click below and look for the Harvest Run on the event calendar.

<http://www.runreg.com/events/>

If you would like to volunteer or can assist with a sponsorship, please contact Annette Golden via email: harvestrun@sscps.org or by phone: 781.982.4202.

SPOTLIGHT ON SSCPS Counseling Services

Mary Carter, Guidance Counselor and Alicia Scafidi, Adjustment Counselor are sponsoring guest speaker, Coach Doug Merrill, President and Founder of the Power-Up Foundation and author of "Fighting the Demon of Suicide" to speak to the high school students on Thursday, October 1st at 2:00pm. Coach Merrill will give a talk about achieving positive mental health through positive physical health. He will also be discussing his goal of raising awareness and funds for his organization through his "Run to the Keys" campaign. Starting on October 4th, Coach Merrill will leave Boston on a run to Key West, Florida. The run is scheduled to last 6 months- average 13.1 miles per day. Along the way, Coach Merrill plans to speak at Universities, Colleges, community organizations, and high schools to spread his message of achieving positive mental health through positive physical health. For more information, please visit the website at www.powerupfoundation.com. Coach Merrill's book, "Fighting the Demon of Suicide" will be available for purchase on October 1st.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the September Lunch Order form which is due by Thursday, September 17th 3pm. Also enclosed is the October Menu and Lunch Order form. October orders are due Thursday, October 1st by 3pm.

7-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Program Changes

Last year administrators, teachers, students, and parents reviewed our math program and decided to change the grade 7 – 12 program. The school continues to use the Singapore Math program for grades K – 6 but a decision was reached to change the 7 – 12 program and use a textbook series from McDougal Littell beginning this September. During the 2008 – 2009 school year, we worked on the transition of our math program by supplementing Singapore materials with McDougal Littell materials. Some credit for our much improved MCAS math scores from the 2009 testing should be credited to this transition.

With the new 7 – 12 math program in place, 7th graders are now taking Pre Algebra and 8th graders are taking Algebra. These Level IV students will go on to take Algebra II in 9th grade, Geometry in 10th grade, Pre Calculus in 11th grade, and Calculus in 12th grade. This shift of our math program will add rigor and give our students an advantage in the college application process. Currently, there are seven students in Calculus who are considering taking the Advanced Placement exam in May.

We are also changing our high school Spanish program. This year the high school offerings are titled Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III, and Spanish IV. The Spanish teachers are currently working to map our high school Spanish curriculum with the goal of having students who have been with us for four years of high school Spanish speaking, reading, and writing in the target language. As I write this piece for the Update, we are having conversations about adding an Advanced Placement Spanish course to the high school program of studies.

In the coming months we will be having conversations in the high school about what programs we should offer next year and in the future. We will continue to examine our math and Spanish programs and look at our English, history, and science programs. I will use the Update and other venues to keep the community informed on these discussions. Please continue to share with me your thoughts on these program changes and any other school-related matter.

Jim Connolly – (781) 982-4202 – jconnolly@sscps.org

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Better safe than sorry."

Level 2: "Live and let live."

LOST: On 9/22 a Level III Student lost a bottle cap jewelry with a J on it at the playground. It was a birthday gift. If found please return to Mac's pod. Thank you, The Malnati Family

Cyber bullying Informational Meeting for parents of students in Grades 4-8 on Wednesday, September 23rd 6pm:

Current and valuable information concerning the problem of cyberbullying and internet abuse by middle grade students to be presented by Claire and Angie who recently attended a Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC) Conference at Bridgewater State College. The meeting will cover age-appropriate limits on children's use of electronic communications, social networking guidelines (FaceBook, MySpace, etc.), and practical strategies for parents concerning cyberbullying, and confidentiality around cyberbullying issues.

6TH and 7th Graders are invited to join us on our proposed trip to Italy!

April 15 – 24, 2010
Informational Meeting Tuesday, September 29th 6:30 pm Claire's Room - # 207 A 10 day professionally guided tour through Italy including: Rome, Florence, Venice, Sorrento and Capri (Enroll by November 1st, and you qualify for a discounted tour price!)

Request from the High School Engineering Class

Dear SSCPS Community Members,

We are the Engineering the Future Class members. We are building and designing locker organizers, cities, boats, and decks. Our class is requesting supplies so that we are able to create our prototypes. Being an eco-friendly class we are attempting to reduce our impact on the environment.

To further our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, our class would like you to donate materials that you are no longer using. Some suggestions are:

- Cardboard (large & small pieces)
- Clean aluminum cans
- Milk cartons (gallon-size)
- Discarded game pieces
- Paint and paint brushes (acrylic paint)
- String, wire, pipe cleaners, straws, toothpicks, elastics
- Paper towel tubes
- Aluminum foil
- Large plastic storage bins (to organize our projects)
- Tape (duct tape, masking tape, packing tape, etc)
- Remnants (cloth, vinyl, etc)
- Crayons, colored pencils, markers
- Velcro
- Magnets
- Plastic onion sacks
- Glue sticks
- Glues (rubber cement, etc)
- Broken jewelry
- In-tact (used) school supplies
- Yarn
- Pencil pockets
- Hot wheels cars, legos
- Lincoln logs

Thank you in advance, *members of C Block Engineering the Future*

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The next Parent's Association meeting is Saturday October 3rd from 10a-12p at the school. One topic on the agenda will be the proposed disbursement of funds as recommended by the Parent's Association Grant Task Force. If you are in need of baby-sitting services please contact before noon on Tuesday September 29th.
Deidre Lamoureux, PA Chair

Welcome back to school and a new year of **Box Tops For Education**. Our school earns cash for each General Mill Box Top that we collect and send. You can help by clipping box tops from the 100s of products that participate, and by signing up to support our school at www.boxtops4education.com. Last year we raised

over \$700 with this program. Let's try to make it an even more profitable year. Please bring your box tops to school and leave them in the envelope behind the front desk. Level One students can tape or staple their box tops onto the monthly collection sheets that are distributed to the classrooms. If you have questions about the General Mills Box Tops program, please contact me at bwhitemyer@rcn.com. Thanks. Bethany Whitemyer

Longwater Transportation offers a reliable and safe bus service run from Hull, Hingham, and Cohasset to SSCPS. If you are interested in having your child ride the LW Bus either one way or full time, please email AmyLemkin@gmail.com.

REMINDER: to join the online SSCPS Parents Discussion Forum at GoogleGroups which 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@googlegroups.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Farm Day at Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary - September 26 – is looking for volunteers -

Farm Day at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield is set for Saturday, September 26 from 10am to 4pm. Our annual Farm Day celebration takes on special meaning this year—25 years ago the community and Mass Audubon joined together to protect this amazing site. Come on down for Blues, Swing, and Jazz all day by Johnny Carlevale & His Band of All-Stars, live birds of prey, hayrides, farm animals, fine arts and crafts, see a blacksmith at work, children's games and crafts, face painting, giant hay maze, soup kitchen, homemade baked goods. Admission is \$7 or \$5 for Mass Audubon members. Children 3 and under are free. Bring the family down to the farm and enjoy the day. **Volunteers are needed to help out all day or part of the day.** Let us know if you can help! Email us at southshore@massaudubon.org or [download a form](#)



Memory Walk – Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association in an effort to end Alzheimer's. There are 13 regional walks scheduled throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The one that is probably the most convenient is the South Shore Walk in Plymouth MA on Sunday October 4th at the Plimouth Plantations. For more information, please go to their website – www.memorywalkMANH.org

****SAVE THE DATE**** - The SSCPS Fall Clean-Up has been scheduled Saturday November 7th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at South Shore Charter Public School. More information will follow in the near future but mark your calendars today!

I am always looking for opportunities where students can earn hours towards their community service requirements and appreciate any and all leads that you send me so I can get the information out to everyone so.... Keep them coming!
Jo Feldman -Director of Learning Services -jofeldman@sscps.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Immediate Part Time Openings:

Part Time Elementary Teachers Aide (20 hours per week)

Full Time High School Spanish

Anticipated 2009-2010 Coaching Vacancies:

Cross Country/Running Club Supervisor

On going for 2009-2010

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

Send cover letter, resume and list of references to Kristine Shipps, Business Manager.

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

TEEN FRIDAY

We're Back

Y TEENS

South Shore YMCA

Every Friday starting 9/18

6:30–9:30 pm

Teens spend Friday nights at the Y...

Trying new activities

Working out

Singing & Spinning

Or just hanging with your friends

9/18

Zumba	6:30 - 7:30 pm	studio 3
Art	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Art Room
Karaoke	7:00 - 9:15 pm	Art Room
Indoor Cycling	7:30 - 8:15 pm	Cycling Room

9/25

Definitions	6:30 - 7:30 pm	studio 3
Yoga	7:30 - 8:15 pm	studio 3
Charades	7:00 - 9:15 pm	Art Room

Every Friday:

Open Gym, Swim & Cardio	6:30 - 9:30 pm
Cardio & Weights Training	6:30 - 8:30 pm
Gym Games	6:45 - 9:00 pm
Snacks & Drinks	7:00 - 9:30 pm

Teen Friday is included with membership and just \$7 for non-members. Participants must be 11- 17 years old. Participants register upon arrival and receive a wristband. When participants leave, wristbands are removed with no re-entry. Every 10 times you come get a prize. Activities are subject to change. **WEAR WORK-OUT GEAR TO BE ACTIVE.**

Contact Karen Hirsh & Caitlin Cavanagh
@ 781-829-8585 x335

khirsh@ssymca.org/ccavanagh@ssymca.org
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Follow us on Twitter: twitter.com/SSYMCA_Teen_Dep

SPARK!

The Mind Body **Math** Connection

Build Math Confidence!
Have Math FUN!
See Math in *Real Life*

Grades 2-3 Thursdays 4:30-5:30 pm MHUM13F9

Grades 4-5 Thursdays 5:45-6:45 pm MHUM14F9

Classes October 8th—November 19th

Classes here at YMCA Mill Pond Arts and Education Center

YARTS™

South Shore YMCA

experience cultivate celebrate

Registration Begins Sept 1

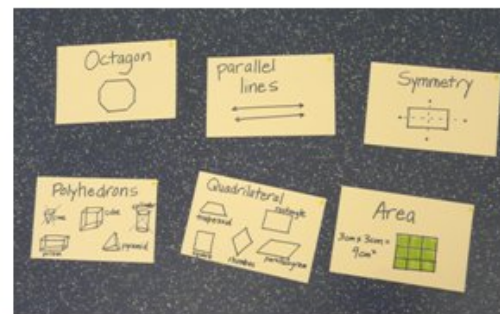
(see program guide for registration guidelines)

\$140 YMCA Members

\$210 non YMCA Members

Register on line at SSYMCA.ORG

Class sizes are LIMITED
Please *REGISTER EARLY*



Financial aid available

Contact:

[kim engle](mailto:kim.engle@ssymca.org)

arts and education director

South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond

75 Mill St Hanover, Ma

781 829 8585 x321 Kim@ssymca.org

Look for us on

South Shore YMCA Arts and Education



Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of October, 2009
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, October 1, 2009

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 type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/5 – 10/9	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	
	Wheat		Wheat		

Week of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/12 – 10/16	No School	Pizza	Sub	No Lunch	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/19 – 10/23	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	No School
	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
10/26 – 10/30	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	
	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

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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.

Please note: If your child has forgotten lunch, a lunch of yogurt, a fruit bar and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$1.75 For Level I and II a Lunchable will be provided at the cost of \$2.75. A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.

Lunch Menu – October, 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Chicken Salad With lettuce	6 Cheese Pizza	7 B L T Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	8 Cheese Pizza	9 Tossed Salad With Italian dressing and pita bread
12 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	13 Cheese Pizza	14 Italian Cold Cuts With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	15 No Lunch Early Release	16 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
19 Ham and Salami <i>With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</i>	20 Cheese Pizza	21 Roast Beef <i>With American cheese and mustard</i>	22 Cheese Pizza	23 Professional Dev. Day NO SCHOOL
26 Turkey <i>With American cheese. lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</i>	27 Cheese Pizza	28 Ham With American cheese and mustard	29 Cheese Pizza	30 Greek Salad With Greek dressing and pita bread

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 September, 2009
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, September 24, 2009

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 type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
9/28 – 10/2	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			\$ _____

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